

DAVID McCULLOCH'S HOUSE

David McCulloch is a son of Rev. Dr. Thomas McCulloch who live at 26 West Cottage Street.

At the time it was built, this mid-Victorian, 2 ½ storey building was the largest and most intricately designed brick home in Pictou. The home was constructed in 1863 by the Customs Collector, David McCulloch, and his wife Elizabeth Dawson.

Elizabeth's mother, Eliza, left Elizabeth and her 8 siblings when Elizabeth was 9 years old, but taking the tenth child with her – 5 year old Margaret. Eliza was formerly married to wealthy Pictou merchant John Dawson. Eliza caused quite a stir within the Town considering that soon after her husband's death, she ran off to Boston with a prominent local man. Elizabeth was adopted into the McCulloch family, and eventually married Dr. McCulloch's son , David.

The house has a projecting central bay with double lancet windows above the door. Decoratively cut pediments on the gable called bargeboard trim add to the exterior elegance. There are eight fireplaces and carved archways which add to the interior elegance.