

“David McCulloch”

David McCulloch was the third son of Rev. Thomas and Isabella (Walker) McCulloch. He was born in Stewarton in the Paisley district near Glasgow, Scotland along with his two older brothers. In 1803, Thomas and Isabella left Scotland in hopes to settle in Prince Edward Island, Canada. The first three children born to Thomas and Isabella would have been very young when they embarked on their journey to Canada. David, would have been barely half a year old and his older brother, Michael, around 2 years of age, and Robert, around 1 year of age, survived a harsh 3-and-a-half-month voyage across the Atlantic to the North American Colonies.

When the voyage was delayed and forced to harbour in the town of Pictou due to the lateness of the year, David’s parents were forced to wait until Spring to continue their voyage. It was then that his parents felt warm and welcome in Pictou by the previous settlers and decided to stay. In 1806, David’s family purchased and built the McCulloch house and homestead on present-day Haliburton Road where David, his two older brothers and his six other siblings that soon followed, were raised and educated by their beloved father and mother.

David McCulloch as a young man took after his father and became well educated in order to benefit their beloved home in Pictou. In 1863, David designed and helped construct his very own homestead not but a five-minute’s walk from his family home off Haliburton Road on the present-day West Cottage Street. There David and his young wife, Elizabeth (Dawson) McCulloch lived and worked. David became one of Pictou’s Custom’s Officer working at the Old Custom’s House on present-day Depot Street that was built in 1873. David later studied medicine in Truro and held a temporary surgery in his own home for a few years before later moving to Halifax with his wife and family to work and study at Dalhousie University.