

## **Registered 1999 - Eldridge / Dickson Property - Circa 1844**



**John Squires Eldridge was the first resident of this home circa 1844. The home is a fine example of the early colonial style. In 1847, John was the master mariner of the brigantine “Caroline” which was built in Digby. John was also listed as one of three master mariners of the brig “Highland Nancy” that was built in Sandy Cove and named, in part, after his wife.**

**Charles Ellis, of Meteghan, married Marjorie Eldridge, John’s only daughter. They lived in the house until 1925. George Morrell lived here from 1925 to 1928 and John and Richard Bancroft lived here from 1928 to 1934. Captain Walker McKay and his wife Margaret (Saunders) MacKay, lived here from 1934 to 1963. In 1963, Ms. Marion Hayes purchased the property from the MacKays. Ms. Hayes was adored by the children of Sandy Cove and enjoyed making crafts with them. A special craft made by the children in 1973 is still in the house today. In 1977, Helen Dickson, a retired school teacher from Halifax, bought the property and resides here during the summer months.**

**This lovely old colonial home is possibly one of the oldest in Sandy Cove.**