

## **The Scenic Route to Peggy's Cove** *A Visit to Peggy's Cove and Nearby Coastal Villages and Vistas*

### **Village of Lower Prospect**

Lower Prospect is at the east entrance to Prospect Bay. The village was first settled by the Powers family in 1811, and their home still stands close to the old post road that leads down to the Government Wharf. Other fishing families followed, some Protestants from Lunenburg, but mostly Irish Catholics. By the early 1900s, Lower Prospect was prosperous fishing village, with a church, post office, stores, and a number of recreational facilities, including a bowling alley, tavern, and bowery (for church suppers and dances). According to popular legend a conch shell was sounded each day at twelve noon and the people would stop whatever they were doing to say their "angelus" - five minutes of silent prayer. Three nuns from the Sisters of Charity religious order arrived in 1876 and had a nunnery and a small chapel erected that doubled as a schoolhouse.

More recently, with the completion of the Prospect Road, many residents moved away from the village, and today there are more commuters than fishermen.



One notable descendant of the earliest settlers was Irene Ryan (born in the U.S.A.) who gained fame starring as "Granny" on the iconic T.V. show "The Beverly Hillbillies". Other local notables include the artist brothers Joe and Charles Norris (the former now deceased), renowned for their maritime Folk Art..

