

# Hammonds Plains Historical Society

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## Hammonds Plains – Views From the Past



Above – Using a bull to haul logs to Pockwock Lake. Below – Bringing logs from Log Boom into mill on Pockwock Lake



## Upcoming General Meetings:

**May 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** – at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church – 7pm.

**Presentation:** The History of the Hammonds Plains Baptist Cemetery

Election of new **Board of Directors** will take place at this time. If interested in being on BOD, contact us at:

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## Upcoming Presentation

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society will be making a presentation on 'Boxes and Barrels – Part of Hammonds Plains Heritage' at the Tantallon Library on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (7pm). This is part of the Tantallon Library Lecture Series. This is a repeat of the presentation that was done at the September HPHS meeting.



## Becoming a HPHS Member:

You can become a member of the Hammonds Plains Historical Society by filling out a registration form and e-mailing it to Dave Haverstock

([haverstockdave@gmail.com](mailto:haverstockdave@gmail.com)) or mailing to 1541 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia B4B 1P6. **Annual fee is \$10.**

Registration forms are available during one of our general meetings or by copying from our web site.

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## **NEWS FROM THE PAST – FROM HALIFAX MAIL-STAR – DECEMBER 23, 1968**

**Did you know that we have a separate village within Hammonds Plains? We go back to 1968 to learn about the creation of the village of Uplands Park.**

### UPLANDS PARK NAMED VILLAGE

Come January 1, Halifax County will have a brand new village – Uplands Park. Its three-person commission will have all the powers to build sidewalks, acquire land, collect garbage, purchase dumps, install sewer and water systems and provide police and fire protection. They can even build a village jail and appoint local building inspectors.

None of this can be done, however, unless its residents have said so by resolution passed at a meeting.

Three people appointed by the government to hold office until February 4<sup>th</sup> are Richard Windsor, Bruno Dombrowski and Gerald Verge. As soon as they are sworn in, one will be selected as chairman. Then they plan to find some office space, hire a clerk-treasurer, and open up for business.

At the meeting in February, it will be up to the ratepayers to appoint their own village commissioners.

## **News From the Past (Cont.)**

Property taxes will still be collected by the Municipality of the County of Halifax but the funds needed to provide the village with services will be turned over to the commission to carry out the operation.

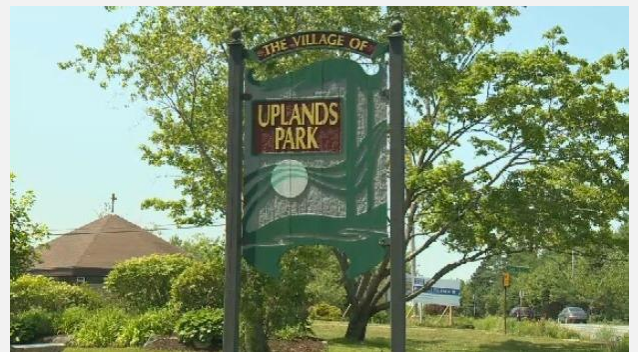
Under the Village Service Act, the commission will even be able to levy a \$10 poll tax. All its books, records and accounts, shall also be open, without fee, to the inspection of any elector.

An interesting section in the same Act, under which the village must operate, is one dealing with planning legislation now in effect in Nova Scotia.

If, in the opinion of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Halifax County Council and its planning board have provided and are enforcing adequate zoning, subdivision control and services under the Town Planning Act, then he shall not approve any planning by-laws passed by the village.

And, again, if the council has prepared an official master plan of development and as such in effect in the new village, then the commissioners shall not have the power to prepare an official plan or to pass any zoning by-laws.

The boundaries of the new village are: on the north by the new Hammonds plains Road; on the west by property now or formerly the estate of Clifford Eisenhower; on the south by lands now or formerly owned by Haverstock and Pender; and on the east by lands of Haverstock.



## The Founding Fathers of Hammonds Plains:

The Founding Fathers is the name given to the settlers of the early 1820's who were prominent in the formation of the village of Hammonds Plains. We are profiling a Founding Father in this and future editions of our newsletter. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> in the series of 11.

### Founding Father - Jacob Haverstock

The Founding Father who probably had the most lasting effect on Hammonds Plains would be Jacob Haverstock, mostly due to the fact that he laid the foundations for the most common family name for six generations of families in Hammonds Plains (from approximately the 1830's to the 1960's). Jacob came to Hammonds Plains in 1802 or 1803. He was the son of Christopher and Catherine (Burgogne) Haverstock. Christopher had come to North America after being recruited by the British Royal Military, even though he had come from Germany/Austria. In the 1780's, Christopher and Elizabeth had moved to Lower Sackville area, setting up a farm around the lands where the Bedford Rifle Range is today.

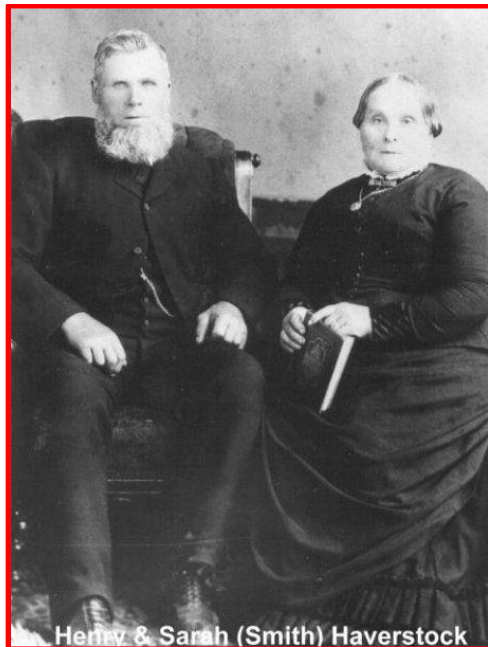
Jacob was born in 1782 in Lower Sackville. He married Nancy Anderson as a very young man. It was through her that he became connected to Hammonds Plains, as she was the daughter of Robert Anderson, (one of the other Founding Fathers of Hammonds Plains) who was a leading figure in the community at the time. It is believed that he and Nancy married in 1798-99, and then purchased a lot of land in the Yankeetown area. Jacob and Nancy had 3 children but unfortunately, Nancy died prematurely soon after the death of their third child. However, within a year, Jacob married Nancy's sister Ellen (also known as Helen). Together Jacob and Ellen had 13 children. The children, along with their future connections to Hammonds Plains are listed below: (The first three the mother was Nancy, the rest the mother was Ellen).

- Robert - Mother was **Nancy** (Moved to Halifax)
- Nancy Anne – Mother as **Nancy** (Married Michael Kearney – lived in Hammonds Plains area)
- Christopher – Mother was **Nancy** (Married Caroline Melvin - lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Susan (Married John Thomas – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Elizabeth (Married William Carson – moved to Halifax)
- Eliza ( Married David Thomas – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- James ( Married Mary Stuart Romans – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Sarah Ann ( Married Joseph Giles – lived in Hammonds Plains area)
- Mitilda – Moved away
- Emily (Married Henry Rafter – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Eleanor – Passed away as a child
- Jane (Married Elisha Melvin – lived in Piers Mills area)

- John (Married Moriah Hays – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Henry (Married Sarah Ann Smith – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Ellen (Married Samuel Thomson – lived in Hammonds Plains)
- Isabel – Passed away as a child

Jacob operated a family farm and from that he was able to support his large family. He was listed as a farmer on the census of 1831. His legacy in Hammonds Plains was firmly established in 1823, when his father in law sold him and Ellen three original Hammonds Plains Lots. These lots were located on the hill between the Voyager Way and Lucasville Road and became known as Haverstock Hill, and where Haverstock's still live to-day. It is thought that Jacob, Ellen and family lived in the Yankeetown area until the 1830's. Their children attended the school in Upper Hammonds Plains until the early 1830's. Jacob was active in community affairs and served several positions in early Hammonds Plains. Jacob passed away in 1844 and was buried in the Baptist Cemetery (at the time was the community cemetery).

During the 1800's, the Haverstock name became the most common in the Hammonds Plains area, as Jacob's sons, Christopher, James, Henry and John remained in the community and produced large families. All four lived on Jacob's property that he obtained from his father-in-law. Haverstock blood was connected to almost all the larger families in the community as Jacob's daughters married into the Thomas, Smith, Thomson, Melvin, Hays and Romans families. While Jacob was thought to be involved in farming his whole life, some of his sons became involved with the lumbering business, laying the foundation for the lumbering empire that the Haverstock established in the late 1800's and first half of the 1900's in the Hammonds Plains area.



Henry & Sarah (Smith) Haverstock

Picture of one of Jacob's sons, Henry and his wife, Sarah. Henry was the son who became prominent in the Lumbering trade in Hammonds Plains.