

# Hammonds Plains Historical Society

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## Hammonds Plains News From the Past – From Halifax Mail Star June 25, 1937

### Many New Homes Being Built

The Temperance Society met on Monday Evening in the Baptist Church. The Baptist Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Carl Haverstock on Tuesday Evening. The St. Nicholas Church will hold their annual tea & sale at the A.O.F. hall on Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Ralph Fielding and daughter Margaret of Dartmouth and Mrs. Donald Sutherland of Moose Jaw, Sask., visited her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Haverstock recently.

Mrs. Aubrey Haverstock and two children, Ross and Audrey left on Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, Caledonia, N. S. who on June 22 will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, when all their family of six children will be together for the first time in 28 years.

Miss Laura Smith spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith.

Councillor Tremaine Thompson who took suddenly ill while on a visit at Musquodoboit, was removed to the V. G. Hospital for treatment on Sunday.

The annual school meeting will be held at the A.O.F. hall on Monday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Among those who built new homes during the past year are Mr. and Mrs. Parker Romans, Stewart Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Haverstock, Cecil Thomson. Some are completed and occupied while others are being completed. Edward Melvin has started his bungalow.



## General Meetings for 2016-17:

Look for more interesting presentations next year. We are looking forward to a talk on the Cooper Shop Heritage of Hammonds Plains.

Our next meeting is **Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more details in the fall.

## Hammonds Plains Speaks

**Do you know about a new radio program devoted to Hammonds Plains?** Every Sunday morning at **10:30am** on **Community Radio 97.5** you can listen to Hammonds Plains Speaks with Brian Murray. The Hammonds Plains Historical Society will be a regular contributor to the program. Give it a listen!



## 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.

## Pictures from the Past

*A Great Day Fishing at Wright's Lake - 1950's (Cecil Wright, Bill Mallard, Ed Wright)*



*Warren Haverstock Making Hay in Hammonds Plains – 1930's*



## Hammonds Plains Heritage Day

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society will be participating in the first ever Hammonds Plains Heritage Day on **August 13<sup>th</sup>** from **3-6pm** at the **Hammonds Plains Community Hall**.

This one day event has been created to celebrate the community of Hammonds Plains. The objective of this event is to foster community spirit, through collaboration and friendly neighbourhood competition. In addition to a neighbour competition, interactive, family-focused activities will be set up inside the Hammonds Plains Community Centre and outside under temporary fair tents, allowing local businesses and organizations to participate. The intent of these activities is to showcase our rich history and thriving and diverse community.

The day will conclude with a dance from 9pm – 1am.

# 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. This is the second in our series promoting our Founding Fathers.

## Founding Father - Ebenezer Smith

Ebenezer Smith was one of the very first residents of European descent to move to the Hammonds Plains area. He was believed to have come from Maryland, as a loyalist during the American Revolution. Legend has it that he had fought during the revolutionary war and had a Yankee musket ball embedded in his shoulder until his death.

There is evidence that Ebenezer came from Maryland to Shelburne in 1786, with his wife Mary and young family. After spending the winter at Sheburne it appears that he moved to Halifax in the spring of 1787. We don't know exactly what year that Ebenezer came to Hammonds Plains but it is believed he acquired his grant in 1787. We do know that he is listed on the 1791 record for Hammonds Plains.

Noteworthy, is that he became the only permanent settler who acquired his land by grant and not purchase. His original lot (lot 22) was in the Yankeetown area.

There is no official record of Ebenezer's birth. However, it is generally thought he was in his 40's when settling in Hammonds Plains. That would mean that he was born around 1750. We do know that he was married to Mary, when he arrived here. They had three sons; Nathaniel, Christian and Ebenezer Jr and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. Nathaniel and Ebenezer Jr. went on to produce big families and it was from these families that the generations of Smith's in Hammonds Plains came from.

In the 1791 records, Ebenezer is listed as a farmer. However, future generations became coopers within the community and the Smith family were known for their expertise in making barrels. Ebenezer became known as "Old Eben" to his neighbours. He is listed as the first Overseer of Highways for the Hammonds Plains Road, being appointed in 1808.

The Smith family also came to be known in Hammonds Plains for their good health and longevity. These genes can be traced back to Ebenezer.

There are no official records for his death. He is listed on the 1827 census, which would put him around 75+ years at the time.

## Lindsay Moren – A true ‘Hammonds Plains Community Builder’



Lindsay and Eliza Moran & Family (Lindsay is on far left)

One can not have a conversation about past influential citizens of Hammonds Plains, without bringing the name Lindsay Moren into the conversation. Lindsay was definitely one of the most respected and best liked residents who has ever lived in the area.

He was born in Black Point, N. S. in 1863, where he spent his childhood years, the son of John & Sophie Moren. He moved to the Hammonds Plains area around 1880, when he was in his late teens. In 1888, he married Eliza Romans. Together they produced a large family consisting of 10 children (Tupper, Laura, Gladis, Marian, Charles, Norma, Della, Frank, Beulah, and Audrey).

Around the time of his marriage, he purchased half of the Hays Brothers Mill Operation at Pockwock Lake, including the Hays house near the mill site. It was this house overlooking Small Pockwock Lake that he and Eliza called home and raised their family. The home was well known in the area and was called the ‘House of Hospitality’ by some because of all the visitors and large gatherings the Moren’s hosted. The lumber business that he became manager of was a leading maker of wooden boxes in the Hammonds Plains area during the late 1800’s and early 1900’s.

Lindsay was very community minded and as such, was active in community affairs. He was the first Treasurer of the Hammonds Plains Phone Company, a member of the local Foresters Group, a Road Overseer and was active in the Baptist Church. He was respected within the community as ‘an upright straight talking man’ and became interested in politics in the late 1890’s. He was elected the Halifax County Councillor for the Hammonds Plains area in 1900 and served that role until his death in 1915. He was also a member of the executive of the Halifax County Liberal Consecutive Party during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In November of 1915, he suddenly had an appendicitis attack and passed away shortly after surgery (November 6, 1915). His funeral was one of the largest ever in Hammonds Plains, with many political figures attending, including the Mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth and the Warden of Halifax County. Hammonds Plains had definitely lost a great friend.

In January 1916, C. E. Smith, the Warden of Halifax County issued the following statement at the next council meeting after Lindsay Moren’s passing. “... He (Lindsay Moren) was a favorite with his associates through his kind disposition and earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Municipality. He attended the Council regularly and the Councillors regret that they will see his face at Council no more”