

Hammonds Plains Historical Society

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Hammonds Plains News From the Past – From Dartmouth Free Press – Dec. 5, 1957

Hammonds Plains News by Mrs. P. B. Romans

A card social sponsored by the Hammonds Plains Community Club will be held in the Hall on Saturday December 14th. Proceeds for Hall.

There was a good attendance at the Hammonds Plains Home and School Association which was organized on Wednesday of last week by the County Organizer, Kenneth MacMillan of Sackville. Officers installed were President, Harry Smith; Vice President, Mrs. T. Hunter; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Douglas Haverstock, Program Convenor, Mrs. Henry Haverstock; Membership Convenor, Lawrence Crow. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday December 11th.

Entertaining at the Baptist Sewing Circle held on Tuesday of last week were Mrs. Edwin Haverstock and Mrs. Aubrey Haverstock, this was the final meeting until after the Christmas Holidays.

Saint Nicholas Sewing Circle held their final meeting until after the holidays, at the home of Miss Mae Wright, they will resume their meetings on January 9th, when they will be entertainment at the home of Mrs. D. Allison.

Congratulations are being extended to Wilbur Wright, C. M. Bezanson and Sidney Eisenhower all having celebrated their 83rd birthday within a few days of each other, all have been live long residents of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller of Kentville were visitors during the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Haverstock, while Mr. Miller attended The Atlantic Regional Conference of Chartered Accountants of Halifax.



Upcoming General Meetings:

**November 27th – A Look at
the Halifax Explosion –
John Boileau**

**January 28th – Open House
at Hammonds Plains
Community Center (Visual
Displays and Presentations)**

Upcoming Presentation

The Hammonds Plains Historical Society will be making presenting 'A Look at Old Hammonds Plains through Vintage Pictures' at the Tantallon Library on October 26th – 7pm. This is part of the Tantallon Library Lecture Series.

The presentation will be a look at Hammonds Plains from days gone by, by looking at 50 pictures from the Historical Society picture collection. Come and see some of the vintage pictures of old Hammonds Plains, along with a historical explanation of each.



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) or mailing to 1541 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia B4B 1P6. **Annual fee is \$10.** Renewals don't need new forms.

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

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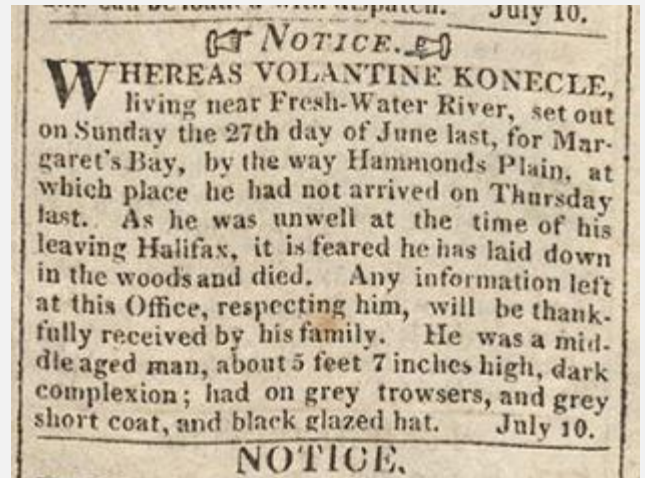
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Old Photos of Hammonds Plains

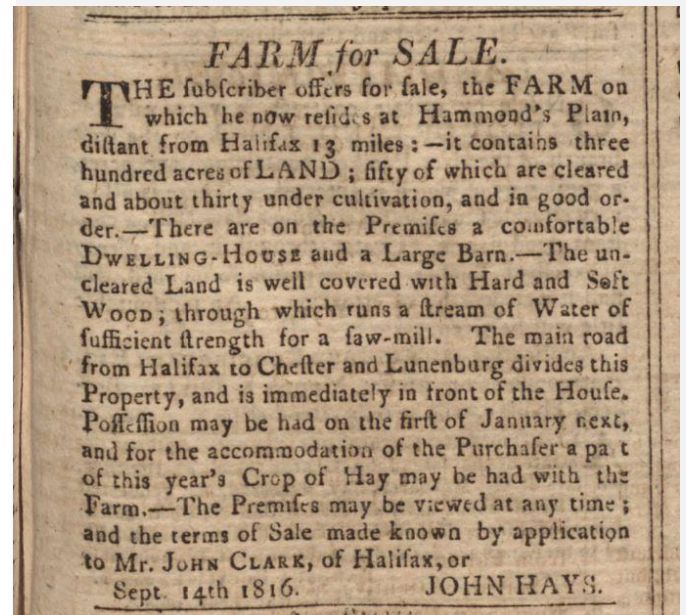
If you have old photos of the community, we would love to be able to scan them into our resource file. Please let us know if you would be interested in sharing them with us. Originals will be given back to you. E-mail Cathy Munroe at cathy_munroe@hotmail.ca, if you can help us out.

How Things Change!

The way we express things in media has really changed over the past 200 years. Check out the wording of these early 1800 notices in the Acadian Recorder (related to Hammonds Plains).



Notice in Acadian Recorder – 1819



For Sale Notice in Acadian Recorder - 1816

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 8th article in a series of 11.

Founding Father - George Frizzell (1756 - 1824)

The Frizzell family were leaders in the community during the early years, contributing in establishing the lumbering industry in the Yankeetown area and in the creation of a Baptist Church in Hammonds Plains.

George Frizzell was from a Loyalist Family, migrating to the Windsor area in the late 1700's. Details of his early life are vague, but we know that he married Elizabeth Graham in 1781. George, Elizabeth and family purchased a lot in the Yankeetown area between 1792 and 1811. It was during this time they moved to Yankeetown and set up a residence there.

In 1811, George and Son, Daniel petitioned for land behind the McCrea Lot (behind present day Uplands Park). It is unclear whether they were able to acquire these lots, but if they did acquire the land, they sold it off relatively soon afterwards.

George and Elizabeth had 10 children: David, Daniel, Hannah, Letitice, William, John, Hugh, Matilda, Sarah and George. Daniel, Hugh, George and William remained in the community and set up families here during the 1800's.

George passed away in 1824. Buried location is unknown. Elizabeth lived in Hammonds Plains until her death in the 1850's. Sons William & John became involved in the forest trade and set up a saw mill and cooper shop in the Yankeetown area during the mid-1800's.

The Frizzell family were active Baptists and were one of the families who were instrumental in building the First Baptist Church in Hammonds Plains in 1843.

Members of the Frizzell family remained in the Hammonds Plains area until the mid 1900's. Maude Frizzell (pictured below) who passed away in 1956 at the age of 94, was a well-known resident in the community and believed to be the last remaining Frizzell connected to George Frizzell, to have lived in the Hammonds Plains area.



1867 Hammonds Plains - At the time of Conferderation

The Hammonds Plains that existed in 1867 looked very much different than to-day. Here are some of the highlights of 1867 Hammonds Plains.

- The population of the area, including Hammonds Plains, Upper Hammonds Plains, Kemptown & Yankeetown was approximately 715
- Located in the community were two Schools, five Churches, ten saw mills, one blacksmith shop, eleven cooper shops, one store, one temperance hall and one boarding house
- Births took place at home, no doctor was present. A doctor would make visits to community
- People walked or took horse (and buggy) to work, to school, to shop and to visit. Residents could go to Bedford to catch train for travel to other areas or to Halifax to traffic by ship
- Horse and carts for heavy loads and transport of local goods
- Forestry Industry provides economic engine to the community, although farming was still prominent. Small farms in community supplied fresh milk, eggs, butter, meat, vegetables
- Families live in small homes on or near main road. Many large families, generations lived together
- Oil lamps or candles were used for light, heat provided by wood, water hand pumps or outdoor wells used for water. No indoor bathrooms – just outhouses or chamber pots
- Communication by hand written letters
- Card games, singing or square dancing / fiddle music or piano often in the kitchen
- No electricity or telephones
- All clothes washed by hand
- Hang clothes on clothes line to dry
- Clothes pins were invented
- Deaths were at home, Funerals were often at home, as well

