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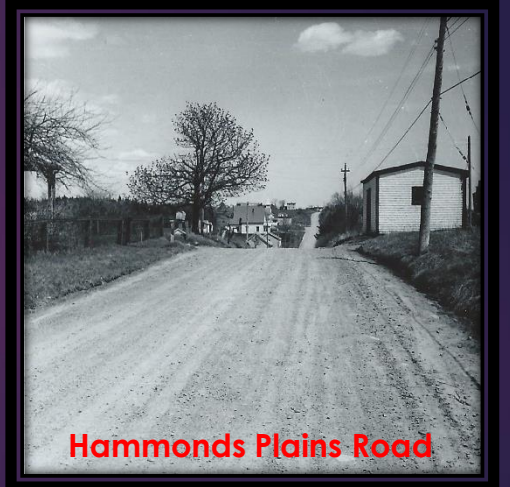
WHAT'S IN A NAME? A HAMMONDS PLAINS PERSPECTIVE

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Hammonds Plains Road

How Hammonds Plains Got it's Name?

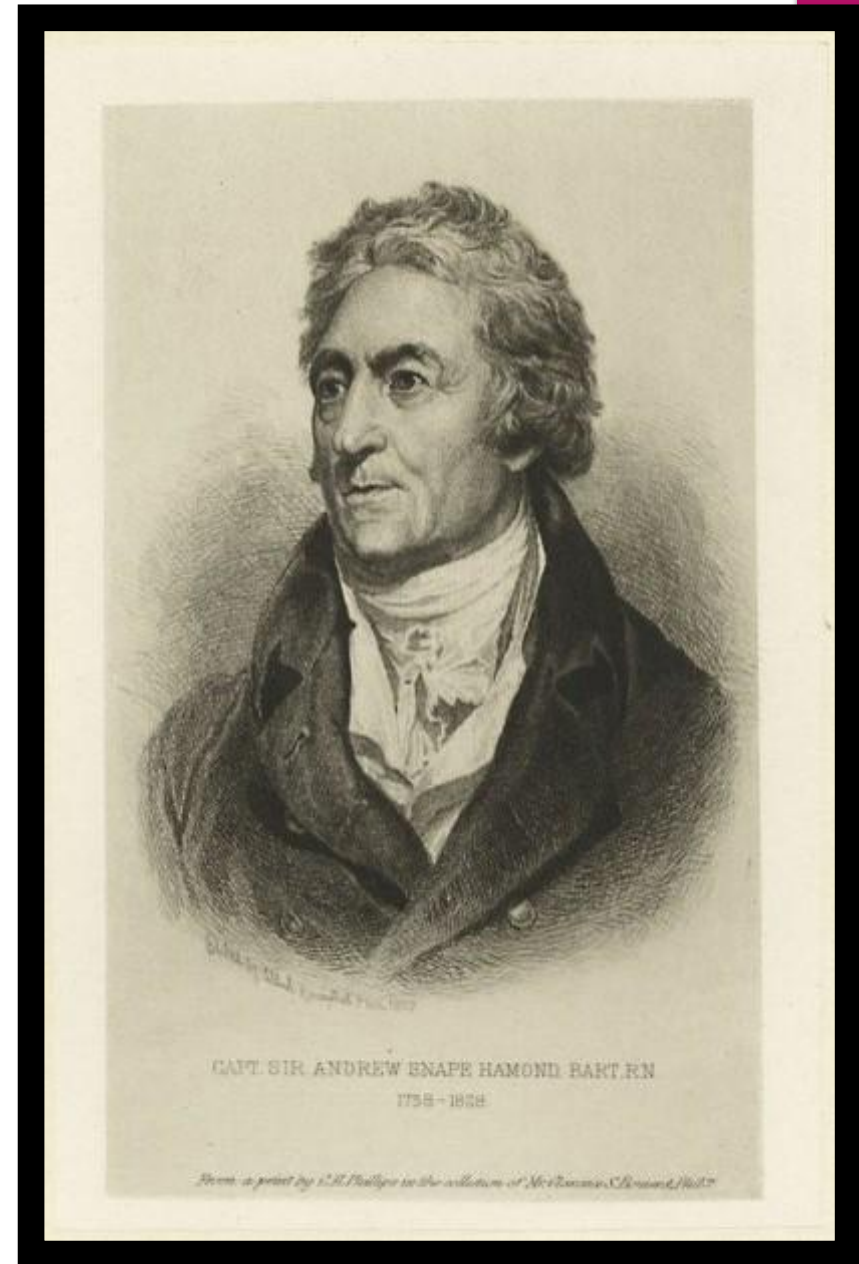


**Named after Sir
Andrew Snape
Hamond – by
original land
grant owners.**



Sir Andrew Snape Hamond

- Born in 1738 in England
- Was an officer in Royal Navy. Advanced to be a Captain.
- Was Knighted in 1778, due to his service in American Revolutionary War.



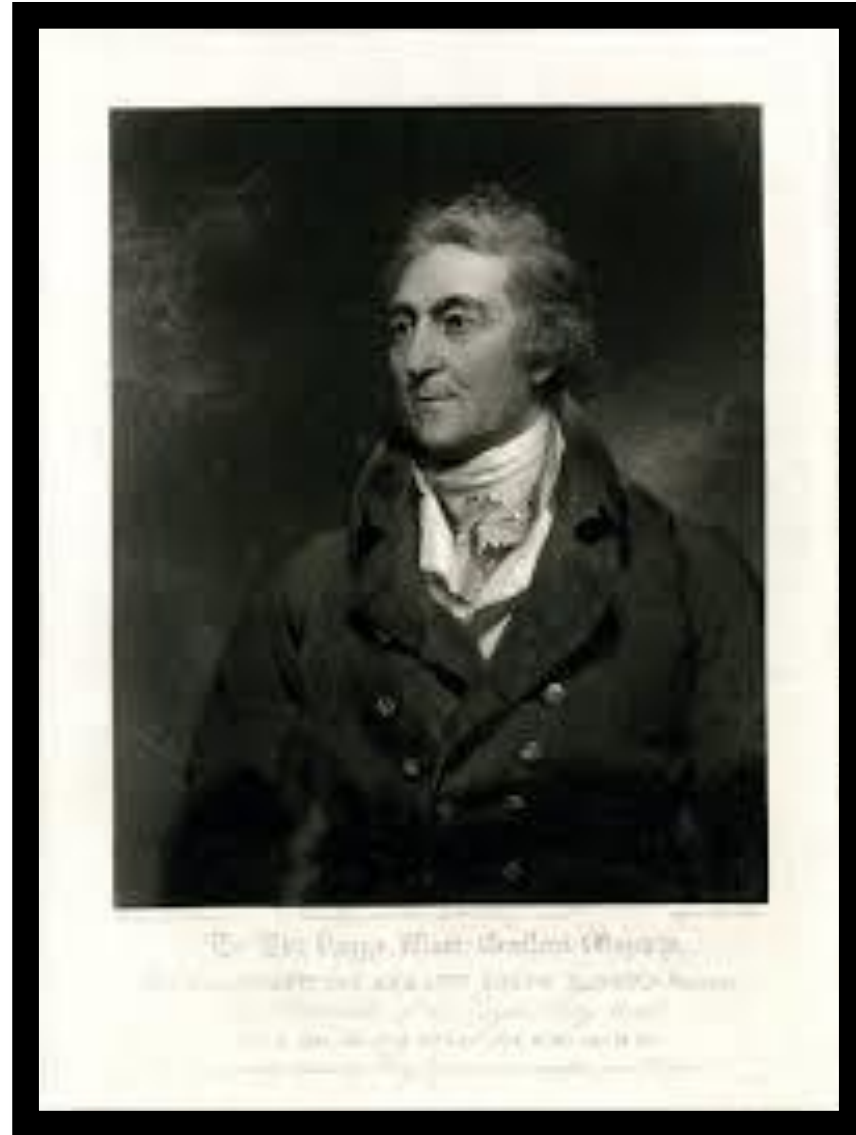
Sir Andrew Snape Hamond

- Was offered position of Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of Nova Scotia in 1781.
- Served as Lieutenant-Governor from July 1781 – October 1782.
- Resigned because he was overlooked for position of Governor.



Sir Andrew Snape Hamond

- Remained in Nova Scotia performing his duties as Naval Commissioner until January 1783.
- Back in England, he held a number of Naval related positions and then in 1796, he was elected as Member of Parliament.
- Resigned in 1806.
- Passed away at 90 in 1828.



The 3 Mysteries

- Why and when the second `m` was added in `Hammonds`?
- Why the `s` was added in `Hammonds`?
- Where did the `Plains` come from?



Upper Hammonds Plains



- ▶ In 1816 when Upper Hammonds Plains was established, no name was attached to the grants.
- ▶ In 1800's, the settlement was referred to by various names (Originally referred to as Vieth's Land Tract).
- ▶ In 1946, the residents was given permission by province to select official name for village – which was named Upper Hammonds Plains. Officially known as 'African Section No. 37', before that.

Hammonds Plains Names

AREAS: YANKEETOWN, KEMPTOWN, ENGLISH CORNER, KINGSWOOD, HAMMONDS PLAINS GOLD MINES

HILLS: MACEACHERN'S, HAVERSTOCK, MELVIN'S, WALLACE, JEFFREO'S HILL

LAKES: LONG, MCQUADE, SCHMIDT, BAPTIZING (FIRST), SECOND, COX'S, THOMPSON'S POND, MASONS MILL POND, BARTLETT, BOTTLE, HALFWAY, BEAVER, TAYLOR, TOMAHAWK, POCKWOCK, WRIGHT'S, LIZARD

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Hammonds Plains Names

Gold Mines

Kemptown

Jeffery's Hill

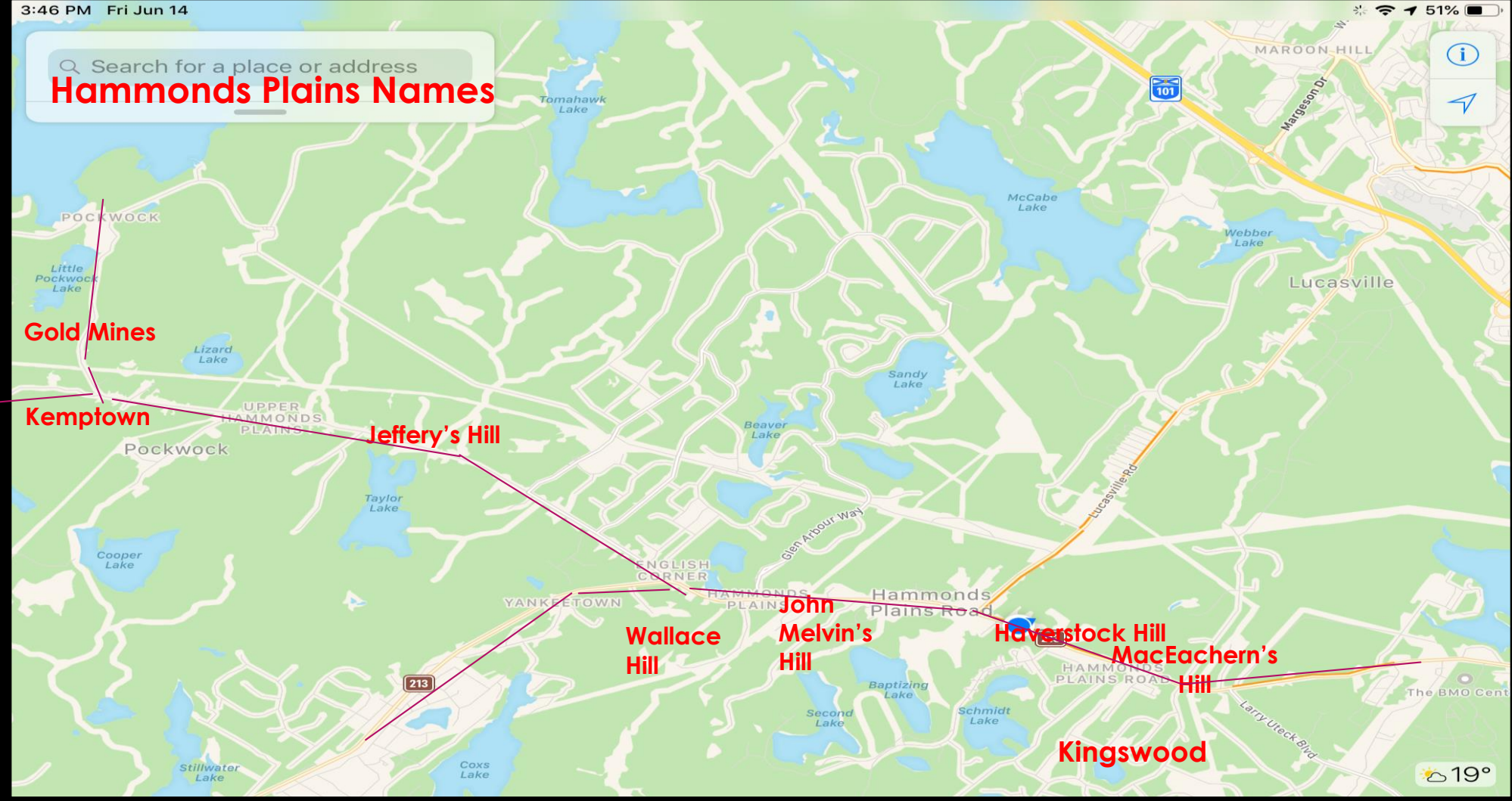
Wallace Hill

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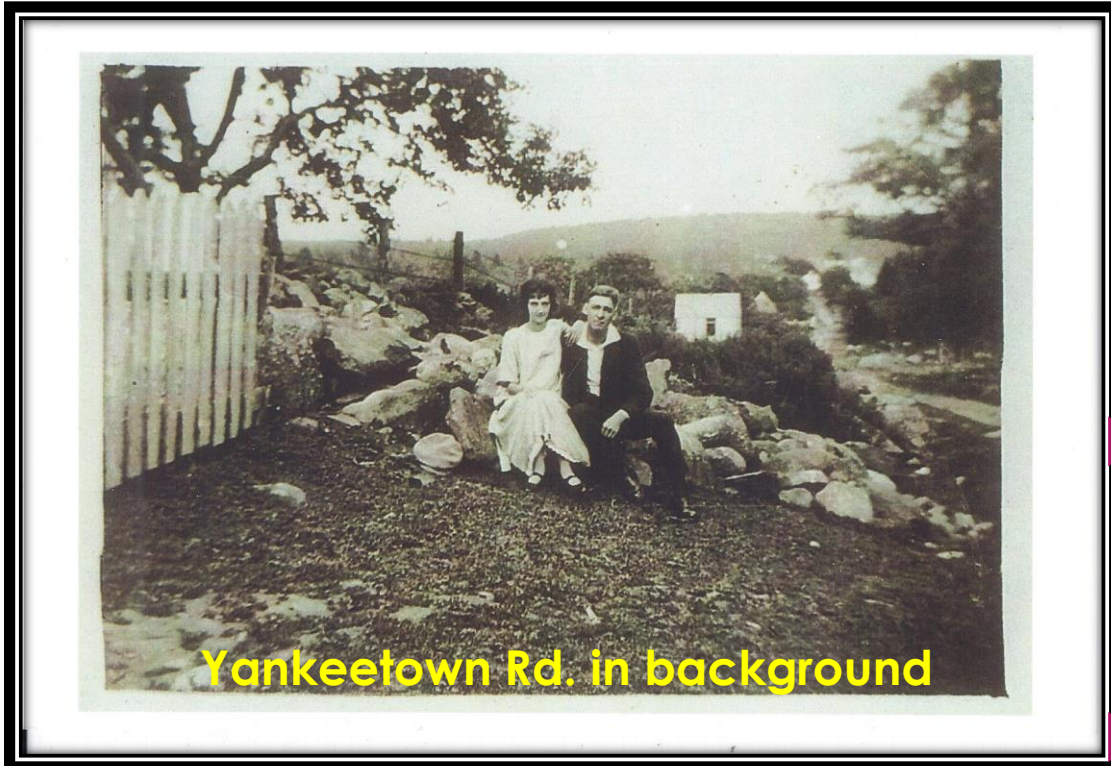
Kingswood



Hammonds Plains Areas – Past & Present



Yankeetown



- ▶ It is thought that the area was named because the original citizens were Loyalists from New England (known as Yankees)
- ▶ Originally formed a cluster of 4-5 homes (Smith, Hinty, Hays, Wallis & Frizzel)
- ▶ Part of original Hammonds Plains grant – Lot 22.

English Corner



- ▶ Located in the area where Hammonds Plains Rd. made the turn towards St. Margaret's Bay.
- ▶ Named after John English, who lived there in early 1800's.
- ▶ It was John English who built the first mill on Mason's Pond.
- ▶ English Corner was listed as a separate sub community on Canadian Census during 1800's.

Kingswood



- ▶ Established as a subdivision within Hammonds Plains in 1991.
- ▶ Named because in the late 1700's the area was known as the Kings Woods.
- ▶ The Kings Woods was an area reserved for the crown, in which the biggest trees were marked to be used as ship masts. To be cut, sent to Halifax and then to London.
- ▶ Residents were not allowed to cut marked trees down.

Kemptown



- ▶ Settled as granted land in 1818, by a group of Irish. Located on the old Annapolis Road between Indian and Ingram Rivers.
- ▶ Later included settlement of Wellington (Indian River to Pockwock River).
- ▶ Known as Lumbering community in the 1800's. Had at least 5 Mills.
- ▶ Last residents moved out during early 1920's.

Kempton



- ▶ Named after Sir James Kempt.
- ▶ Was a soldier in British military, rising to quartermaster general of British North America.
- ▶ Was Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia (1820-28).

Hammonds Plains Gold Mines



- ▶ Area of south end of Little Pockwock Lake – Near Pockwock Falls was surveyed for gold in 1863.
- ▶ It was reported that 3 veins were opened in the following years and three shafts were sunk, with the largest being 130 feet.
- ▶ Project was abandoned in 1868.

Hammonds Plains Lakes



Long Lake - Kingswood



► Named because of it's shape

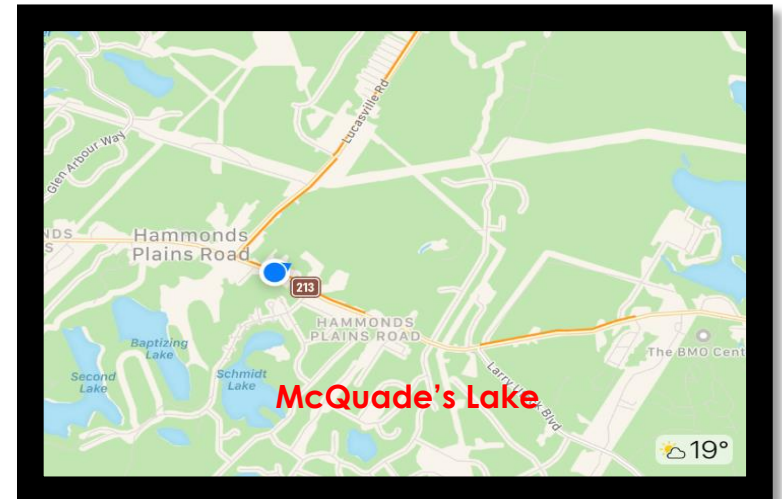


McQuade's Lake - Kingswood



Sitting on shores of McQuade's Lake – 1920's

- ▶ Name after the McQuade Family (Arthur McQuade), who lived at the top of hill next to the lake during the 1800's.



Schmidt's Lake – Voyager Lakes

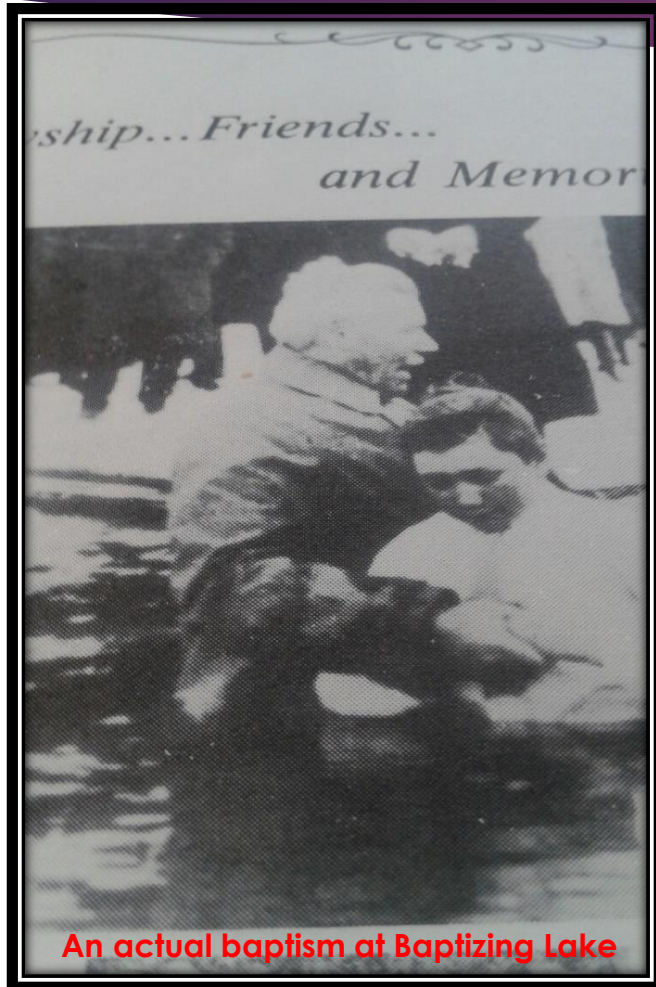
Swimming at Schmidt's Lake



- ▶ Name after the Schmidt Family who lived on Hammonds Plains Road, near the lake during the 1800's. Operated a mill in H P.

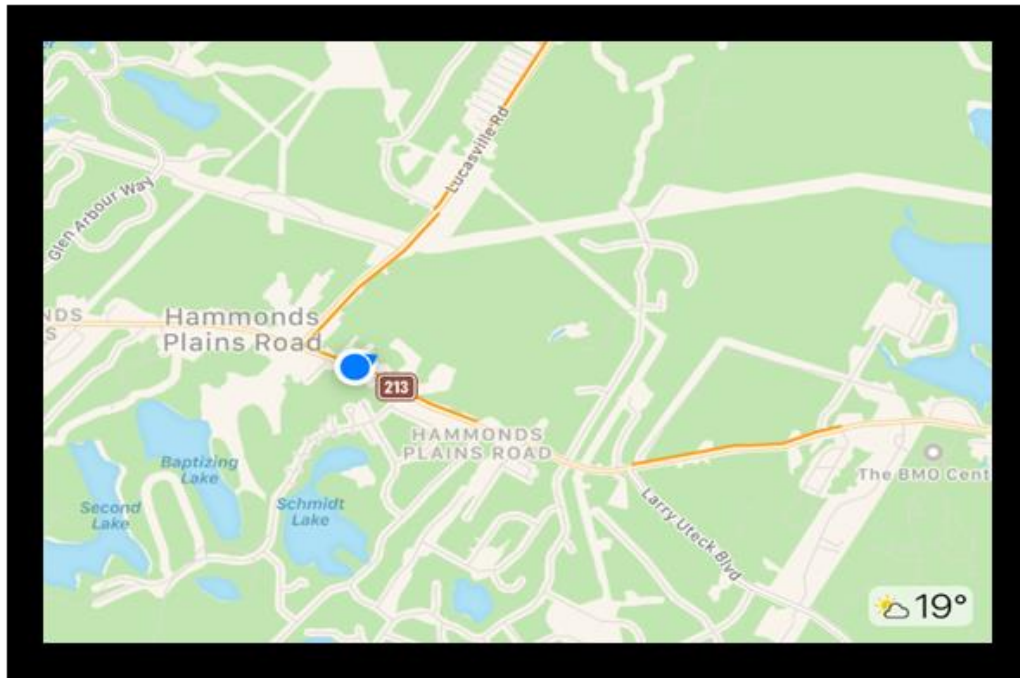


Baptizing Lake – Also known as First Lake



- ▶ Originally named due of it's location. The first of two lakes running parallel to each other, seen from Hammonds Plains Rd.
- ▶ Baptizing Lake name given due to the fact that for many years (1840's – 1930's) the Baptist Church did baptisms at the lake.

Second Lake



- ▶ Named because of its location. It is directly behind First Lake.



Masons Mill Pond



- ▶ Name after George Mason who created pond by putting a dam on the river from Bartlett's Lake, as a way to operate his Mill with constant supply of water(bought mill from English family in 1843).



Bartlett Lake



- ▶ Named after Christian Bartlett who drowned at the lake in 1830.
- ▶ Little is known about Christian Bartlett.

Bottle Lake



- ▶ Located in Glen Arbour, next to golf course. Named due to it's shape



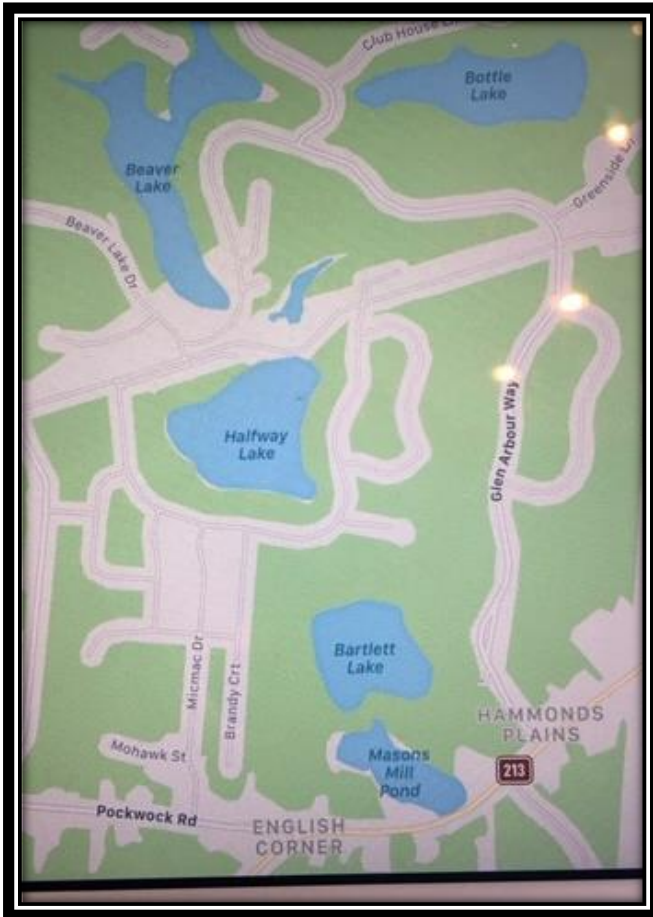
Beaver Lake



- ▶ Located between Glen Arbour and Maplewood. Likely named because of population of beavers in area or because of a beaver dam.



Halfway Lake



- ▶ Located in Maplewood.
- ▶ Not sure how it got its name, but it is halfway between Beaver Lake and Bartlett's Lake.



Taylor Lake – School House Lake



- ▶ Previously known as School Lake because the first school in Upper Hammonds Plains was located along north shore of lake.
- ▶ Named after one or both of the two Taylor families that lived at the north end of the lake.
- ▶ William Taylor was a popular teacher, who lived next to the school and led the drive to making better living conditions in Upper HP.
- ▶ George Taylor lived across the road from the school. George Taylor was a leading citizen in the black community during the 1820's.

Lizard Lake



- ▶ Located in Upper Hammonds Plains.
- ▶ Named in the very early days of settlement of Hammonds Plains. It is on a map of original plot plan for the Chesapeake Black refugees.
- ▶ Thought it got its name to due salamanders being present in area

Tomahawk Lake



- ▶ Located between White Hills and Pockwock Lake
- ▶ Named by early settlers due to the shape – that of a tomahawk.



Pockwock Lake



- ▶ Believed to be named by Mi'Kmaq in reference to the lake - 'Paakwaak' meaning 'Must Stop Here; Can Go No Further'.



Wright's Lake



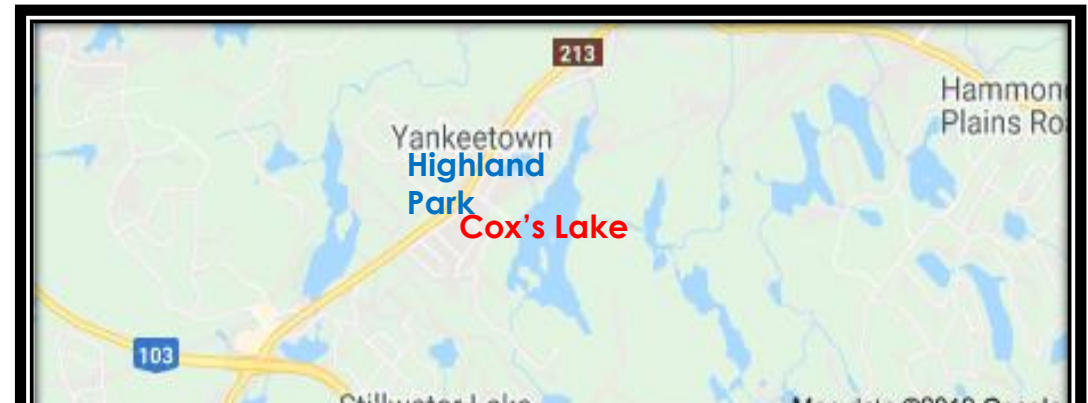
- ▶ Located between Westwood Hills and Pockwock Lake
- ▶ Named after John Wright, who set up mill operation on the lake in, along with establishing his residence there.



Cox's Lake



- ▶ Located in Highland Park -Yankeetown area.
- ▶ On the 1791 Poll Tax record, it is recorded that Jonathon and Samuel Cox lived in H P. It is assumed that the lake is named after them or their families.



Thomson's Pond



- ▶ Located in Highland Park.
- ▶ Named after John Thomson, who had a mill on pond during 1800's



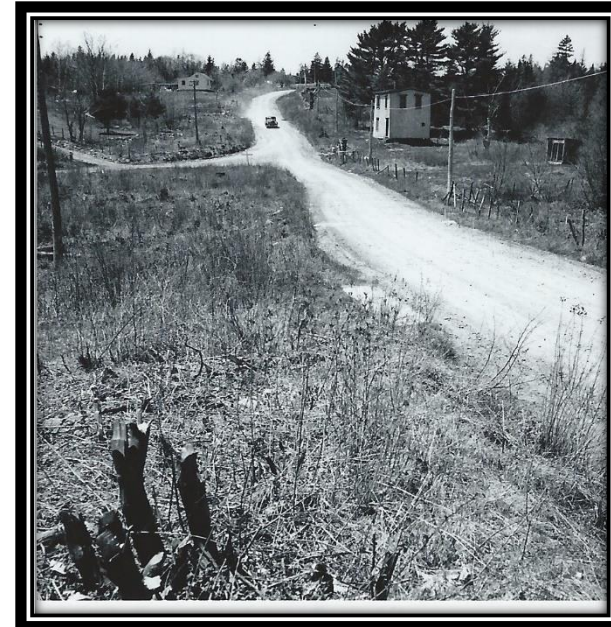
Hammonds Plains Hills



McEachern's Hill



- ▶ Named after McEachern Family (James & Martha) who lived on the hill in early part of 1900's.



Haverstock / Schmidt Hill



- ▶ Named after Haverstock Family who have had 7 generations, living on the hill, or Schmidt Family who lived on east side of hill.



Melvin's Hill



- ▶ Named after John Melvin who lived on the hill in early part of 1900's.



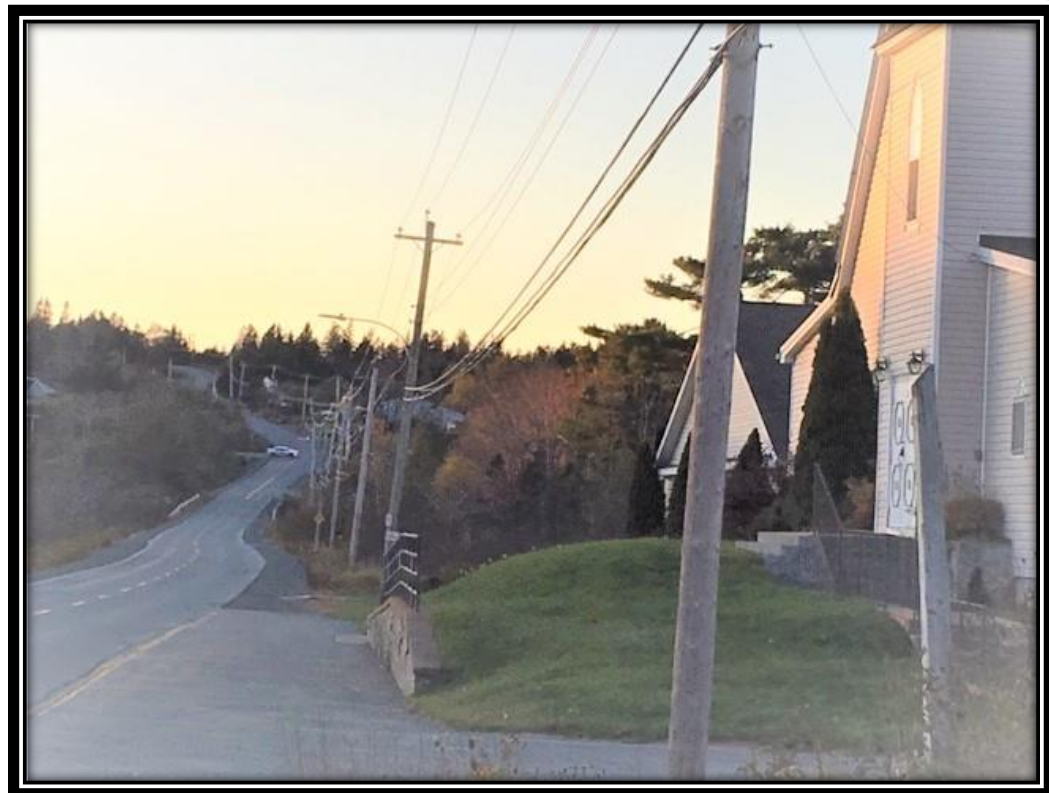
Wallace Hill or Wallis Hill



- ▶ Included in Sipekne'katik First Nations Reservation.
- ▶ Named for original land owner Provo Wallis Sr. – Father of Admiral Provo Wallis.



Jeffery's Hill (also known as Jeffreo's Hill)



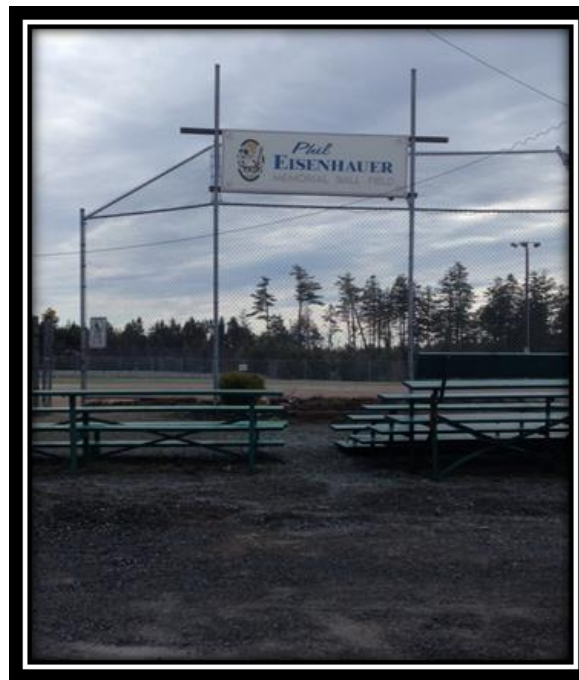
- ▶ Located in Upper Hammonds Plains, west of Emmanuel Baptist Church.
- ▶ Appeared on maps of 1800's.
- ▶ It is believed hill is named after Thomas Jeffery, who was the Collector of Customs in Halifax and whose care the African American Refugees from the War of 1812 were placed. May have owned lands in area before Upper H P Grants.

Landmarks in Hammonds Plains Named after Residents

Madeline Symonds Middle School



Phil Eisenhauer Memorial Field



LaPierre Field



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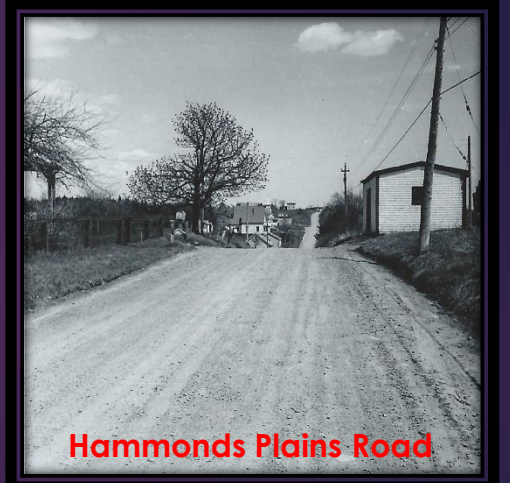
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