

HAMMONDS PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

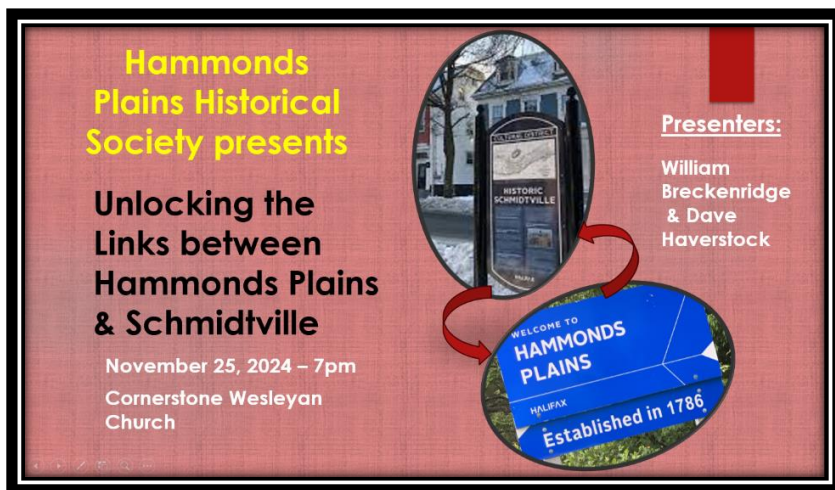
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The Latest HPHS News!

Our November meeting will be on November 25th (7pm) at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church. The presentation for the evening is entitled 'Connecting Communities – Unlocking the Links between Hammonds Plains & Schmitville'. The presentation will be a joint one with William Breckenridge, from the Friends of Schmitville Society, being a co-presenter. We will be exploring the early connections between Hammonds Plains and Schmitville.

This will be an in-person meeting **only**. No online option will be offered for this meeting.



Hammonds Plains Historical Society presents

Unlocking the Links between Hammonds Plains & Schmitville

November 25, 2024 – 7pm
Cornerstone Wesleyan Church

Presenters:
William Breckenridge & Dave Haverstock

Our new Facebook series 'Did You Know?', in which we present a weekly fact about the history of the area is up and running. We encourage everyone to check out our Facebook page to check out these interesting facts. Comments and memories are always encouraged on the Facebook page after each fact.



Learning About Schmitville

Most of Our Readers probably know little about Schmitville. In light of our November presentation, here is a brief summary of the Schmitville Community.

Schmitville was the first private subdivision in Halifax. It is located in the south end of Halifax in the area south of Spring Garden Road. The boundaries generally include the area from Spring Garden Road to South Street, in between South Park Street and Queen Street. The neighbourhood is one with many traditional architectural characters from the 1800's.

Schmitville remained a mixed use residential area until 1960 when a massive city-wide redevelopment project saw much of the neighborhood leveled to provide parking to the increasing centralized commercial area along Spring Garden Road.



Becoming a 2024-25 HPHS Member:

You can become a member of the Hammonds Plains Historical Society by filling out a registration form and e-mailing it to haverstockdave@gmail.com or mailing to 1541 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia B4B 1P6. Annual fee is \$10.

If you have been a member in the past, no need to fill out a new registration form. Registration forms are available by copying from our web site for new members only.

An e-transfer can be sent to the above e-mail address as payment for membership fees.

Donations will also be graciously accepted.

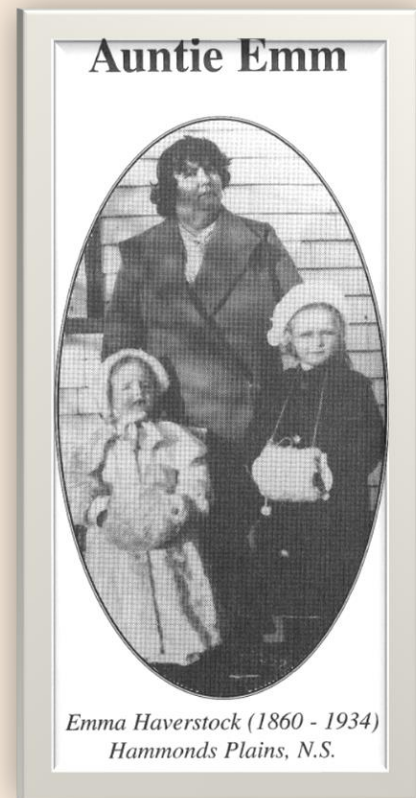
Views of Our Past



Here is a scene from the early 1900's of what you might have seen on the farms and roads in Hammonds Plains in the era before motorized vehicles were introduced. This photo was taken in front of the Moren's House located, at the foot of Pockwock Lake. It shows a passenger wagon hauled by an ox. The Moren House is shown in the background.

Upcoming Presentation Schedule

January 27th (Online only) 'A Hammonds Plains Short Story – Auntie Emm'. We will be exploring the story of Auntie Emm, which was a piece written by Dorothy Bezanson Evans. The story details what life in the community was like in the early part of the 1900's.



March 31st (Hammonds Plains Community Center) – Hammonds Plains History Trivia – Part 2. This will be a repeat of the successful Trivia Night we did last March. **This time ... with all new questions.**

May 26th (Wesleyan Church) – A Hammonds Plains Historical Photo Study – A deep dive into exploring some of our more interesting historical photos.

News from the Past

(From the Halifax Chronicle Herald –
September 17, 1959)

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The first of the fall activities to re-open was the Home and School Association which met at the new school on Wednesday evening with the president, Mrs. Tom Hunter presiding. It was decided prizes to the pupils in each grade for the highest average in English and mathematics at the end of the present term. Mrs. Douglas Haverstock was appointed as educational convener for the year. It was also decided to continue the short course in leathercraft and anyone interested may contact Mrs. Owen Eisenhauer.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Dorothy Walker of the Physical Fitness Branch, department of Education was then introduced by Mrs. Douglas Eisenhauer, program convener. Miss Walker outlined what could be done to improve the school grounds and play equipment, with the approval, with the support of the community the Association hopes to carry out some of the projects.

A community meeting was called on September 3rd at 8:30pm in the school. Our children are in need of a better playground and more physical exercise and we as interested parents can give it to them. At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Earl Haverstock assisted by her committee.

Beginning in October the Home and School meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, next meeting will be held on October 14th.

School opened here on Tuesday of last week with an enrollment of 80, with Miss N. Gower of Wolfville, Mrs. V. Bell, Advocate and Miss Coombs, Dartmouth in charge. The latter is substituting for a few weeks until the teacher for that department recovers from an illness.

Much regret is expressed at the resignation of Reverend Terry B. Tingley of the First United Baptist Church after three faithful years of service as pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomson have returned from Bangor, Maine where Mr. Thomson attended the Shriner's Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Haverstock spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tower, Merigomish.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romans spent the weekend at Truro, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. McCully.

Mrs. Otto Baker, Dartmouth was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moren.

Remember When



... Hammonds Plains had regular home milk delivery, right to your front steps.



... Saturday Night was a time when heading to Sackville to check out the drive-in theatre was a thing to do. The Sackville Drive-In operated from 1952 to 1984.

A Sporting Giant –

Roy Haverstock

(Editors Note: Although Roy was not born in Hammonds Plains, his parents lived in Hammonds Plains for many years. His father, James was born and raised in Hammonds Plains. Roy was born in Halifax and would remain there for the remainder of his life. Roy is thought to be the only athlete with Hammonds Plains roots elected to the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame).



Roy Haverstock

The following article was written by Sports Writer Gee Ahern in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald the day after Roy's death in 1945.

'Sportdom by Gee Ahern'

Roy Haverstock's sudden passing yesterday was a great shock to Haligonians. "Haver" as the former star first baseman was familiarly known, was a big, strong man with a heart of gold and he was as successful in business as he was on the diamond. Haver was not only a close friend of your observer for many years but he was also a teammate on several ball clubs. It was Haver who gave us the first call to professional baseball when he was manager of the Halifax team. Few players were in Haver's class ... his sensational long drives enabling local pro and amateur teams to win against strong opposition. A studious young man, Haver, though he loved baseball, didn't neglect his business for the diamond game and ran for the text books the moment a game ended. Hence his success as a pharmacist.

One of Haver's best seasons on the mound was the year he played on and operated a professional club on which Bill Stewart, who went from Halifax to the Chicago Americans and in later years umpired in the National Baseball League and later piloted Chicago Black Hawks to the championship of the National Hockey League. Haver was so outstanding during the season that minor league clubs wanted him. Later, Haver played on the Crescents' Team – famed for the 14 inning game against Harry 'Beef' Brownell.

Haver was outstanding with the professional team operated at the Exhibition grounds by Alderman Frank Adams in a league with Kentville and Yarmouth. There were many great stars in the league ... players who left the circuit to play in the Major Leagues ... but the big left hander was one of the best hitters in the league ... specializing with homers and extra base hits. We remember an incident of interest one hot August afternoon at the Wanderer's when Haver and Hap Hanlon, close friends who were always kidding about hitting, decided that the opposing pitcher threw his fast ball after rubbing his gloved hand across his face. Said Hap, "That heaver is a cinch, I'll bet you a hat, Haver that I'll pole a long one that you won't beat" Haver accepted the defi. Hap clouted a triple but Haver made it a homer, sliding into the plate head first to beat the throw.

Hap Hanlon, long regarded the most outstanding baseball player ever developed in Halifax, hasn't been heard from for more than ten years. Believed to be living near Bermuda, Hap was a great pal of Haver of the burly Haver and before they broke into fast baseball they conducted on what is now the Ardmere Prefab section of the city, what we believe was the first baseball school in Canada. There, often with an old fashioned lantern illuminating the sliding pit, Haver and Hap imparted the fine points of baseball to the youngsters of the neighbourhood. They were a great baseball pair, star hitters in the days of the deadball. We liked Haver for his willingness to give a youngster a chance to play and when he told us one day to "choke" up the old bat when we weren't hitting, our admiration for the big fellow grew because at the time we were having a race for hitting homers. That was Roy Haverstock.

PS. Roy is an original NS Sport Hall of Fame Inductee