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FALL PROGRAMME 1992.

Regular meetings of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month - September to June - at 8.00 pm in the Auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax. Bring a friend and enjoy the programs.

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 17, 1992 - 8pm -

ANNIVERSARIES! ANNIVERSARIES! - 1992 marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first landing in America. Canada was discovered by John Cabot in 1497. In 1887 a group of Canadian women wished to mark this 400th anniversary with a special project, a State Dinner Service for the Governor-General's residence, Rideau Hall. ALICE HAGEN and ANNIE LUCY KELLEY were two Nova Scotian women selected for this project. Come to our opening meeting and see how beautifully the historic project was executed and the influence these women had on Nova Scotian art. Speaker MARIE ELWOOD, History Curator, N.S. Museum, will present a program on "The 1987 Commemorative State Dinner Service for Rideau Hall".

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 15, '92 - 8 pm -

Many of us will remember the quiet captain of "Haligonian III" and the tour around the harbour and the Northwest Arm. CAPTAIN CLAUDE DARRACH of Herring Cove and the author of Race to Fame and the True Story of the Bluenose, served on the original "Bluenose" and in the Canadian Navy. He has now written a history of Herring Cove. Come and hear Captain Darrach speak about his "Personal Reminiscences of Herring Cove and the Sea Around Us".

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 19, '92 -

ANNUAL DINNER!! This year the Trust's Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, the regular monthly meeting night, at the University of King's College instead of at the N.S. Museum. Check the registration form enclosed with this issue of The Griffin, for complete details.

The program following the Dinner will be the previously announced presentation by TIM RANDALL of his "Photographic Journey Along the Shubenacadie Canal".

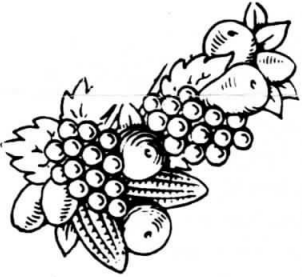
THURSDAY - DECEMBER 17, '92 - 8 pm -

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TREES AND ORNAMENTS - Take time out from this busy season for a look at Christmas past, and join SCOTT ROBSON, History Curator, N.S. Museum as he explains the intricate modern making of origami ornaments. From the collections of the Museum enjoy ornaments of the past, and with nimble fingers try origami.

WOLFVILLE - SPECIAL 100th ANNIVERSARY EVENT:**SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1992 -**

In 1993 Wolfville will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a town. For the past year the town's Centennial Committee has been planning many attractive events to be held throughout the year.

As a preliminary event in 1992 the House Tour Committee, a sub-committee, is arranging an illustrated lecture by Allan Penney, a former professor of architecture at TUNS, entitled "Houses of Wolfville". This will be held at 8.00 pm on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 at the Beveridge Art Centre, followed by a reception. The following morning Professor Penney will conduct a walking tour of the town. There will be no charge for these two functions and it is hoped that individuals outside the Wolfville area will plan to attend. The Valley will be at its best in harvest terms and Wolfville may be depended on for its attractive dining facilities and lodgings for the overnight visitors.



Shirley Elliott..
Wolfville Rep.

WINDSOR DECORATED HOMES CHRISTMAS TOUR -

Not too soon to start thinking about West Hants Historical Society's Annual Tour of three Windsor homes decorated for Christmas in traditional Victorian style.

The homes will be open from 1.00 to 4.00 pm on SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1992 and tea will be served from 2.30 to 5.00 pm in the IOOF Hall. Trust members and guests who would like to take advantage of group transportation arranged by Pam Collins should check the registration form enclosed with this newsletter. Call Pam at 455 6093 for more details.

For those who may wish to take the tour but prefer to use their own transport - ticket price is \$6.00 for advance booking or \$8.00 at the door of the IOOF Hall

And one last thing Don't forget to bring your slippers!

For more information call Veronica Connolly in Windsor, No. 1] 798-5265.

HERITAGE TRUST OF NOVA SCOTIA WALKING**TOURS: NOVEMBER 7/8, 1992 -**

In conjunction with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia "FAMILY WEEKEND" on November 7 and 8, 1992, the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia will be offering free of charge two walking tours of historic Halifax. Both will start from the foyer of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia on Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8, from 1.00 to 5.00 pm.

--- Tour I will feature Halifax's "Early Domestic and Public Architecture", and a number of private and public buildings will be open to the public.

--- Tour II will explore the "Shops, Warehouses, Breweries and Churches of Colonial Halifax".

Once again we look forward to the generous support of Trust volunteers to help in this most memorable cooperative venture. The AGNS is celebrating its fourth birthday in its present location as well as Canada's 125th Birthday. It will be a very exciting two days as Canadian culture and heritage come to life.

If you would like to be a part of the celebration, join us at the Art Gallery, or - better still - volunteer to help us in this worthwhile venture. And when you come to this free-of-charge event you could bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Metro Food Bank.

For more information call : JULIE ROSS -
at 423-2483 from 12 noon to 1.00 pm or after 6.30 pm.

MAITLAND'S SIXTH ANNUAL LAUNCH DAY**CELEBRATIONS****WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26 and 27 '92**

Why not
make up a party and join the
fun?





Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1992, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KING'S COLLEGE,

The President, DONALD PATTON, welcomed the members in attendance and announced the presence of a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda -

It was moved by Fred Matthews and seconded by Robert Dawson -
THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Minutes -

It was moved by Pauline Hildesheim and seconded by Paul McCulloch -
THAT the Minutes of the 1991 annual general meeting be approved as printed in the June 1992 Griffin with the following amendments to spelling: "Garry", not "Gary" and "Donahoe" not "Donahue". Motion carried.

President's Report -

Donald Patton commented on the President's Report which appeared in the June 1992 Griffin. He reiterated his thanks to Barbara Watt, the retiring Program Committee Chair, Maud Godfrey, who has chaired the Newsletter Committee for many years, and John MacLeod for his lengthy service as Treasurer.

Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report -

In answer to a question from Fred Matthews, John MacLeod said the difference in the total investments figures on pages 9 and 22 is explained by the fact that not all investments were with Scotia McLeod on December 31, 1991.

It was moved by Ian McKee and seconded by John MacLeod :
THAT the financial statements and Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991, be approved. Motion carried.

Other Annual Reports -

The President explained that he had not asked for a Publicity Report and asked for questions on the other annual reports printed in the June 1992 Griffin.

With regard to the Finance Committee Report, Fred Matthews commented that the presence of a number of Executive members on the Finance Committee defeats the purpose of the Committee as set out in the By-Laws.

Garry Shutlak replied that it has been the practice of the Trust to include the Property Chairman on the Finance Committee. The Secretary is a member so that official minutes may be kept. There will be three 1992-93 vacancies on the Finance Committee. Garry Shutlak invited interested non-Board and Executive members of the Trust to volunteer.

It was moved by Maud Godfrey and seconded by Gordon Haliburton:

THAT the annual reports for 1991 be received. Motion carried.

Announcements -

Pamela Collins drew members' attention to the Yard Sale being held by the Friends of the Public Gardens at "Thorndean", 5680 Inglis Street, on Saturday, June 20, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

There is still room on the bus for the June 27 tour to the Windsor-Wolffville area; the July 18 East Hants and Maitland tour, and the August 15-16 Antigonish tour.

Hilary Grant made a correction to the Program Committee Report. The title of her January 17, 1991 talk should be "Marcher Barons and Castles."

Rockingham Community Coalition Report -

Hilary Grant explained that copies of the Coalition's petition concerning Bedford Highway development are available to any Trust member who may wish to sign.

Gilbert Hutton-

Julie Ross noted the presence of Gilbert Hutton, an earlier Trust President and asked Mr. Hutton to stand up and have his presence acknowledged.

Government House -

Ian McKee said that in July 1992, Nova Scotia's Government House is being declared a National Historic Site. A film is to be made about Government House with Jan Tennant as narrator.

Nominating Committee Report -

Claudia Giles presented the slate of Executive and Board members proposed by the Nominating Committee which consisted of Philip Hartling, Elizabeth Pacey, Chairman, and herself. Nominations for 1992-1993 are:

EXECUTIVE:	President	-	Donald Patton
	Past President	-	Elizabeth Pacey
	Vice-President	-	Garry Shutlak
	Secretary	-	Pauline Hildesheim
	Treasurer	-	Ian McKee
CHAIRMEN:	Membership	-	Bonita Price
	Newsletter	-	Doris Butters
	Program	-	Pam Collins
		-	Hilary Grant - Tours
	Projects	-	Joyce McCulloch
	Property	-	Douglas Price
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Resources	-	Julie Ross	

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Desmond Piers
Roy Rhyno
Janina Konczacki
Veronica Connolly
Shirley Elliott

Retiring 1994

Joan Dawson
David Flemming
Gordon Haliburton
Margaret Pugsley
Brenda Shannon

Retiring 1995

R.Allan O'Brien
Philip Hartling
Claudia Giles
John MacLeod
Maud Godfrey

There were no nominations from the floor.

It was moved by Claudia Giles and seconded by Fred Matthews:

THAT the Slate of Officers, Committee Chairmen and Board members be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Appointment of Auditor -

Garry Shutlak explained that the Trust had not authorized a formal audit by a firm of Chartered Accountants for several years because of cost. The By-Laws state that ... "The books of the society shall be audited at least once every year by a chartered accountant or by one or more suitable persons recommended by the Board and appointed at the annual general meeting....."

Allan O'Brien said that the Trust has a responsibility to adhere to the By-Laws. The By-Laws were not followed in 1991. Ian McKee, the last Trust member to perform the audit, said that it was not a complicated audit.

It was moved by Fred Matthews and seconded by Allan O'Brien:

THAT the Board of Trustees endeavour to find someone who could suitably undertake the audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1992. Motion carried.

New Business -

Allan O'Brien read the Membership motion passed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting preceding the annual general meeting.

It was moved by Allan O'Brien and seconded by Joan Dawson:

THAT Heritage Trust through its Membership Committee, and guided by the Executive, plan and carry out a carefully targetted membership campaign in 1992-93. The campaign should include some experimental features, the experience of which could lead to stronger campaigns in the future. The objectives of the 1992-93 campaign would be:

- (a) Enlarging the membership
- (b) Broadening the membership;
- (c) Learning the best ways to promote membership in the future.

THAT the Executive coordinate a program aimed at increasing the participation in Trust activities of those members who wish to be more active participants. Motion carried.

In answer to a question from Fred Matthews, John MacLeod said that the Municipal Board has indicated that a decision will be coming shortly on the Brenhold Appeal.

John MacLeod thanked the three volunteer Trust members in the office - Bonita Price, Helen Robb, and Doris Butters - on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Donald Patton thanked the membership for their contribution to the work of the Trust and said he looks forward to working with the new Board in 1992-1993.

There being no further business, Garry Shutlak moved that the meeting adjourn.

The annual meeting was followed by an interesting talk on the history of the University of King's College by Vice-President Dr. Henry Roper, and a most informative tour of the new College Library by Ms. Patricia Chalmers, Assistant Librarian (Collections).

----- President -----

----- Secretary -----



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome members - old and new - to the fall program and activities of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

I hope that the summer has been active and enjoyable for all of you. In this regard, a number of members and friends were treated to three excellent heritage tours to the Windsor, Maitland and Antigonish areas of the province. Congratulations and thanks are in order for the organizers of these tours.

The fall program is a full one and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our regular meetings which are held on the third Thursday of the month.

It is also our plan to put into action some of the first-class ideas that were brought forward during our 'brainstorming' sessions last winter. As you can see from the minutes of the Annual Meeting last June 18, a membership campaign is first on the list.

I look forward to working with each of you during the coming year as we seek to strengthen heritage awareness and appreciation in our neighbourhoods, and across the Province.

Donald J. Patton
President.



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SOME NOTES FROM A HERITAGE DIARY

by

LOU COLLINS

HALIFAX HONORARY CIVIC HISTORIAN

I was approached recently by the Editor of The Griffin with a hungry look in the editorial eye, who then asked, in dulcet tones: "An't please you, Sir, would you write something for The Griffin?"

Caught off-guard by this novel approach, mesmerized out of reason by the beauty of the heritage site (the Halifax Public Gardens) chosen for this importuning, I weakly nodded an assent before realizing the man-trap I had fallen into.

Now as I stare past the geranium in my study window and consult the vast reaches of empty summer sky, reality rushes in. As my knuckles whiten on the rim of an editorial deadline, the question haunting my waking hours continues to be: What can I write about that might serve the eclectic heritage interests of members of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia?

Realizing that people sometimes like to know what one is up to when they can't see or hear one, I wondered if an easy way out of my difficulty would be to abstract a month's worth of certain heritage related details from our telephone log that I had been asked to consider and comment on -

JANUARY 1992.

January 3 - The Mayor's office concerning names in the Books of Remembrance in the Halifax Memorial Library.

January 8 - A request to sponsor a proposal for a Federal Government Explorations Grant to underwrite researching local families.

January 10 - Called Halifax Heritage Planner concerning a citizen's telephone call just received about the apparent removal of a cornerstone of a registered Heritage Building on Barrington Street.

January 10 - Discussed completion of restoration of Old Burying Ground (St. Paul's Cemetery) with fellow member of Restoration Committee and the closing-out of that Committee.

January 13 - Discussed with local Marine Historian Research Associate of Nova Scotia Museum some details of small boat building in Halifax.

January 14 - Asked by staff member of Maritime Museum if I knew of sources of 'cobblestones' required for base of new RCN sailor statue next to Museum.

January 16 - Discussed, long distance, a proposed book on Nova Scotia architecture and society with Ontario author.

January 17 - Discussed presence and service of black citizens in Canadian Armed Forces, especially Nova Scotians, with local Black military historian.

January 20 - Discussed requested de-registration of Carleton Hotel with chair of Halifax Heritage Advisory Committee.

January 22 - Responded to questions about Harry Piers, long-time curator of Nova Scotia Museum, in telephone interview with a post-graduate student planning a history of museum.

January 23 - Called by CBC reporter concerning meeting of Nova Scotia Cabinet aboard new frigate HMCS "Halifax". Probably first such event since Governor Cornwallis met his first Council in the summer of 1749 aboard "Beaufort".

January 23 - Arranged for a meeting of Halifax Explosion 75th Anniversary sub-committee at Colcote.

January 27 - Discussed with an older Halifax citizen the disappearance of Fawson Street and other changes in the south end of Barrington Street area.

January 28 - A local senior citizen requesting details for young boy's essay of the fate of Cunard's early steamship "Britannia" on which Charles Dickens came to Halifax in 1842. Referred him to local marine historian. Also discussed "Great Eastern" and "Titanic".

January 29 - Telephone call from a mapping historian and retired cartographer, a long-time friend, who will lunch with us at Colcote.

Thus, the first month of a new year wrote itself into the record.

L.W. Collins.
Colcote, 25/7/92.



TOUR OF THE WINDSOR AND WOLFVILLE AREA

Saturday, 27 June 1992.

On Saturday, June 27, a busload of members and their friends, and several cars, left Halifax in brilliant sunshine for a special Canada Day tour of the Windsor-Wolfville area. The countryside was at its best, with patches of lupins along the roadside, and as we dropped down towards Windsor the farmlands opened out with their meadows full of wild flowers and young corn fresh against the damp earth.

Our first stop was at the MacDonald House, a Heritage Trust property, set on a hill just outside Windsor with a magnificent view over the Avon River on one side and across the country on the other. After admiring the maple tree planted on Canada Day ten years previously, we viewed the house from the outside and heard a little about its architectural history. Then we moved on to King's-Edgehill School, the site of the original King's College, Nova Scotia's first university, founded in 1789. Although most of the original buildings were destroyed by fire in 1920, we visited the chapel and the old Convocation Hall, which is currently being restored for use as a library. Stripped bare to its original stone, with brick infill, and with the painted wooden pillars which supported the gallery still in place, it was an impressive sight and should be magnificent after the restoration is completed.

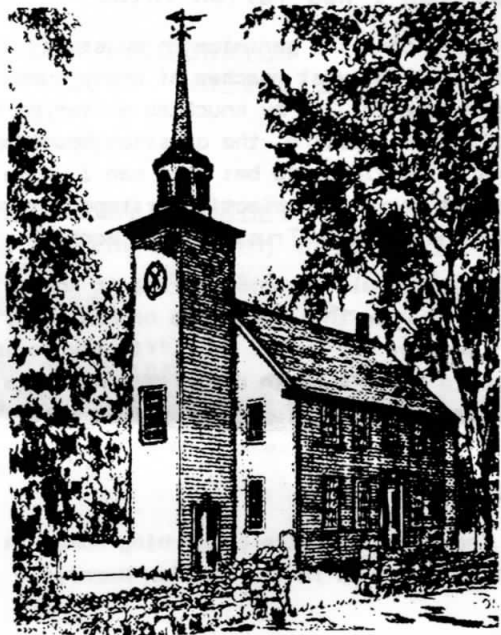
In Windsor we were joined by Mr. John Duncanson, a local historian, who provided an excellent commentary as we went along. He pointed out the Franklyn house, now known as the Tremaine house, beside the old cemetery in Windsor which was the original site of Christ Church. He also noted the dykelands through which we passed, first reclaimed as farmland by the Acadians, and described the location of the Planter townships of Newport and Falmouth, established in the 1760s, and organised according to the traditional New England system.

Our next visit was something completely different: the Sainte-Famille Winery in Falmouth. This is a relatively new enterprise, having been in production only since 1989. Its name, however, goes back very much longer, to when the Acadian parish of Sainte Famille was separated from the nearby Assomption parish at Piziquid (Windsor). Mrs Suzanne Corkum, the owner, gave us an interesting tour of the vineyard. It covers 17 acres, and produces eight varieties of white grapes and two red, with neither herbicides nor insecticides. We had the opportunity to taste some of the wines, including an unscheduled preview of some excellent port, which was highly praised.

After this pleasant interlude we went back to Windsor, where we visited Fort Edward, whose blockhouse is the oldest extant example of this type of fortification in Canada. It was constructed in 1750 to counter possible attacks by the French. Here Flora MacDonald, the Scottish heroine, spent the winter of 1778-79 with her husband who was posted in Windsor. The

blockhouse and bastions are all that remain of the fort, which overlooks the Avon estuary and provides magnificent views in all directions.

Lunch in Windsor was served by members of the West Hants Historical Society. We had a chance to tour their museum before going downstairs for a splendid meal of delicious chowder followed by a strawberry dessert and tea.



Our next stop was Grand Pré, where we visited the old Covenanters' Church, whose simple architecture and original box pews are dominated by the high lectern from which the Word of God has been preached since the early 1800s. The Covenanters were Presbyterians, and the United Church still holds services here in summer time. The adjoining graveyard is surrounded by magnificent old trees, and overlooks the dykelands of Grand Pré. This area was part of the Planter township of Horton.

Also in Grand Pré is the Calkin/Biggs house, built in 1750, and recently moved to its present location and restored by its owner, Betsy Stuart Goodstein, who showed us over the house. She spoke of some of the problems in establishing the architectural history of the house, part of which was reputed to be Acadian, and in making decisions about appropriate methods of restoration. Winner of the Heritage Trust's Built Heritage Award in 1991, the house combines traditional colours and materials, and some beautiful antique furnishings, with sufficient modern facilities for comfortable living.

The final stop in Grand Pré was at the National Historic Site, a park and museum operated by Environment Canada Parks Service to commemorate the Acadians' settlement of the area and their subsequent deportation. Although we had time only for a short visit, it was good to see the park on such a beautiful day, and to remember the habitants of Grand Pré.

Continuing into Wolfville, we stopped at the Tattingstone Inn, whose owner, Betsy Harwood, showed us the beautifully appointed rooms on the ground floor, and where we also had the opportunity to enjoy the garden whose irises were a memorable sight.

Since we were running behind schedule, our next visit was to Starr's Point (part of Cornwallis township) where we visited the Planters Barracks, now restored and operated as a bed-and-breakfast. Built in 1778-79 as two buildings, the soldiers' and the officers' quarters, which were later joined, the house now presents a pleasantly-proportioned appearance. The owner, Jennie Margaret Sheito, made us welcome and we were able to view most of the house, including the comfortable breakfast room with its long, communal table, and some of the guest rooms in which as much as possible of the original woodwork has been preserved despite the installation of modern amenities. Before we left, there was a brief ceremony at which the Heritage Trust Built Heritage Award for 1992 was presented to Mrs Sheito by Don Patton, the president of Heritage Trust.

A short ride brought us to the Prescott House, maintained by the Nova Scotia Museum Complex. It is a brick house, built in 1814-16 by Charles Prescott, a Halifax merchant who moved to Starr's Point and became a noted apple grower. His house was later restored and furnished by his great-granddaughter. Members had the opportunity to tour the house with the Museum's guides, and to visit the beautiful garden, shaded by tall acacia trees, where the roses were just coming into bloom.

Our final stop was back at the West Hants Historical Society's Museum, where a delicious afternoon tea was served. We were honoured by a visit from the Windsor Town Crier, who brought us greetings from the Mayor of Windsor and the Warden of Hants County, and introduced two former denizens of Windsor, Flora MacDonald and Sam Slick, who added their words of welcome. The Town Crier explained that his costume was based on the uniform of the commander of Fort Edward in the 1750s. The President of Heritage Trust thanked Mrs Veronica Connolly, President of the West Hants Historical Society, and the membership, for their warm welcome and delicious food. Appreciation was also shown to John Duncanson for his informative commentaries on the area which he knows and clearly loves so well. Then it was time to leave for Halifax, after a full and memorable day in an area which is rich both in history and in natural beauty.

Our warmest thanks are due to Pam Collins, who planned and directed the tour, ensured that we all had an enjoyable day, rounded up stragglers with exemplary patience and got us all back to Halifax on time. It was a most appropriate way to celebrate Canada's 125th birthday.

Joan Dawson



HALIFAX WALKING TOUR

Cost of tour per person:
\$14.

Special group rates
Persons under 18 free
"resistance not included"

Bring:

-  Sensible shoes
-  Camera
- Sense of history and humour

A walking tour for those who really want to discover Halifax:
We will take the scenic route and avoid the major hills of downtown. It's a tour for those who enjoy walking!

3 hour walking tour



VISIT

Province House (1811)
Nova Scotia Museum
Public Gardens
Saint Paul's Church (1750)
Halifax City Hall
Old Burial Ground (1749)



SEE

Churches
Houses
Parks
Gravyards
Commercial buildings



HEAR

Historical Notes
Famous Visitors
City Founders
Tidbits of gossip
Facts of today

3 hours walking tours start from Ferry Boat Lane Lower Water Street

9am ends 12 noon
1pm ends 4pm

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429-6415

Tour includes:

- Informative commentary by trained tour guides
- Bus-hop fare
- Copies of **Rogers' Photographic Advertising Album**
- Halifax 1871
- a 108 page book published by Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia (retail value \$9.95)



Rogers' Photographic Advertising Album

D—TOURS D—TOURS D—TOURS:

Have you seen Arthur Carter's poster advertising Blair Beed's new venture - D—TOURS: HALIFAX WALKING TOURS? Not only intended to serve visitors and conventioners these tours also hope to attract local residents interested in discovering Halifax.

Blair plans to operate into the Fall as the City hosts many visitors and newcomers after the summer season closes. Blair reports that to press time there have been 100 participants.

Wolfville's new library is already on track!



It has recently been announced that Environment Canada, on the recommendation of the Heritage Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, has officially designated the former DAR station in Wolfville under the Heritage Railway Protections Act. The station, built by the DAR in 1912, is of brick and stone construction in remarkably good condition.

The town is now in the final stages of negotiating with CP Rail, the present owners, for the purchase of the railway property and lands for \$89,000, the final objective being to renovate the building for the use of the Wolfville Branch of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library. Several months ago the Wolfville Library Foundation, a volunteer group of Wolfville citizens undertook to raise funds

for the building's renovation. With a goal of \$275,000 the campaign has already raised \$240,000, for the most part within the town, and it is hoped with it, work may be started some time this autumn.

The station long played a significant role in the life of the university town. It was adjacent to the popular Robie Tufts Swift Centre and the newly restored shopping area on First Street. Since the present library quarters are wholly inadequate - no bigger than a box car - the townspeople are eagerly looking forward to this new addition to its facilities.

Shirley Elliott
Wolfville



NOTES FROM PATRICIA CHALMER'S ADDRESS at Heritage Trust's Annual General Meeting held on June 18, 1992, at King's College



University of King's College Library



The history of higher education in Canada begins in Nova Scotia. The oldest degree-granting institution in our country is the University of King's College, founded by the Loyalist Bishop Charles Inglis, who established it at Windsor in 1789. King's moved to Halifax and entered into association with Dalhousie University in 1923, following a disastrous fire which destroyed the main building at Windsor. While the original eighteenth-century building has been lost, and the location of the University has changed, the Library collections remain as the sole tangible inheritance from those beginnings, and survive as the greatest treasure of the University.

The Library's rare book collection of nearly 30,000 volumes includes mediaeval and renaissance manuscripts, incunabula (fifteenth-century printed books), and thousands of sixteenth, seventeenth, and especially eighteenth century volumes. Many of these are important scholarly texts, in editions not yet superseded; others are distinguished for their beautiful bindings and illustrations. Still others are of interest because of their history of ownership; books formerly belonging to New England Planters now rest beside those once owned by pre-expulsion Acadians; books presented by Boston Yankees have joined volumes brought by refugee Loyalists.

The Library also owns many other artifacts beside books: eighteenth-century maps of Atlantic Canada, documents from the early history of the Anglican Church, and manuscripts of literary figures associated with King's, such as Bliss Carman, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts, A.S. Bourinot, and W.I. Morse. The Weldon Collection of Loyalist China, given to King's by Susanna Weldon (daughter of T. C. Haliburton), preserves samples of domestic porcelain brought to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by the early settlers. This collection is notably rich in 18th Century Chinese Export Porcelain.

In 1989, to mark its Bicentennial, the University undertook to build a new Library to house both these collections and the modern collection, which supports the present undergraduate teaching at King's. The Library was the principal goal of a successful \$8 million capital campaign by the University. The Library itself came in well under budget, costing less than the \$5.3 million estimate. Generous support came from the Province of Nova Scotia, which pledged \$4,000,000, and from the Government of Canada, whose Department of Communications made a Cultural Initiatives grant of \$840,000. More than \$3 million in gifts also came from members of the King's community, alumni, friends, foundations and corporations.

The handsome two-storey Georgian structure, designed by Roy Willwerth of the Halifax architectural firm of Duffus Romans Kundzins Rounsefell Ltd., echoes the eighteenth-century architectural style of the other buildings on campus. When Andrew Cobb designed those buildings in the 1920's, he was asked to build a campus which would recall the 1792 building at Windsor which was lost in the fire. Our present architect was also asked to build a Library which would indicate the eighteenth-century origins of the University.

To celebrate the opening of the Library in May of 1991, a major exhibition honouring "Our Generous Donors" was on display in the Gallery. This exhibit included paintings, marble busts, maps, photographs, historical artifacts, manuscripts, and scores of rare books, all given to the Library during its long history. These exhibits were arranged thematically by donor.

Further exhibits honoured members of the "Army and Navy" who had presented us with gifts, including General Sir William Fenwick Williams, Major-General Sir John E.W. Inglis, Captain J. Sykes, and Montgomery of Alamein. "The Alumni" acknowledged many donors, including Senator W.J. Almon, the Rev. R.H. Bullock, Mrs. Joy Smith, and the Rev. A.P. Shatford. "Maritime Parishes and Clergy" featured several historical libraries formed in the 18th and 19th centuries in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. "Thomas Beamish Akins" our greatest benefactor, was honoured with a case of his own, to display some of the beautiful mediaeval illuminated manuscripts and early printed books which he gave us. The "Administration and Faculty" have also been generous, and this display featured our oldest text, an Assyrian cuneiform tablet from 880. B.C., given by President McCawley, as well as a mediaeval illuminated manuscript, and gifts from others such as Dr. F.W. Vroom, Prof. Burns Martin, and Chancellor Hamilton Southam. The final case, "College Societies" showed a few volumes from the fine collection of first editions of the works of Thomas Chandler Haliburton, deposited by The Haliburton, the College's literary society, as well as some beautiful art books given by the Alexandra Society.

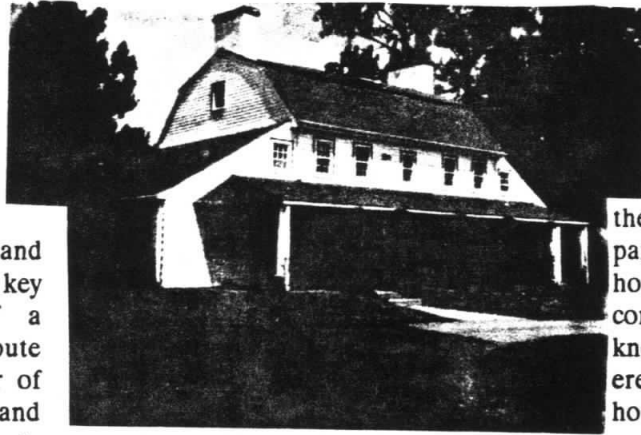
This display was on exhibit in the Gallery of the Library throughout its first year of operations, and was viewed by the members of the Heritage Trust during their visit in June. The Weldon China Collection is on permanent display in the Lobby. Displays in the Gallery change from time to time, and an exhibit is presently being prepared which will reflect the history of learning and scholarship at King's. Rare and important editions of works which have continued to be part of the teaching tradition of the University will be featured.



HERITAGE DESIGNATION- SCOTT MANOR HOUSE

The Scott Manor House, located at 15 Fort Sackville Road, was the site of much historic pomp and pageantry on the afternoon of July 1st as Mayor Kelly, dignitaries and citizens gathered to witness the official designation of the historic structure as a Municipal Heritage property. The designation celebration was held in conjunction with a special Canada 125 birthday celebration.

Following the ceremony formalities, a cake in the shape of the Manor House was cut and served as guests chatted and mingled on the lawn and listened to music played by the Brass Quintet. Old fashioned games, played on the lower lawn area, offered children an opportunity try their skills at potato sack racing and egg tosses.



In 1749, Captain John Gorham and his Rangers saw the site as a key location for the erection of a fortification to protect the land route between Halifax and the interior of Nova Scotia - Fort Edward and beyond. In the mid 1770's, John Scott, a prominent merchant and public figure in Halifax, saw the location as an appropriate place to construct a magnificent "Mansion House". In 1991, Town Council viewed the acquisition of the property as an important opportunity to preserve and promote an integral part of the rich heritage of the Town of Bedford.

Historical Value

For those who are not familiar with the Manor House and fort site a question which may come to mind is why purchase the property? What is its value? In terms of the fort site, the answer is quite evident. The erection of Fort Sackville dates back to the founding of Halifax in 1749. Here, in a sense, was the beginning of non-native settlement of the area known today as Bedford. The Fort played an important role in the defense of Nova Scotia in the 1750's when Acadian, French, and Indian attacks on the early settlement at Halifax posed a serious threat to its survival. In addition to protecting Halifax from a

land attack, the fort served more importantly to keep communications open with other parts of Nova Scotia. Fort Sackville was a small stockaded fort with four bastions and it contained a barracks for 50 men, apartments for officers, a wood house, and a small blockhouse.

The historical value of the Manor house is two-fold. First, it is the oldest standing structure in Bedford today. Secondly, it has a direct association with Joseph Scott, a prominent Halifax merchant and one of the earliest land owners and settlers in the Bedford area. Scott's land holdings were substantial and by 1767, included most of present day Bedford, Sackville, and beyond to Grand Lake. Included among his 7500+ acres were sixteen acres along the eastern boundary of the Fort Sackville land which extended down to the shore of

the Bedford Basin. It was on this parcel of land that he constructed his home. While the exact date of construction of the house is not known, evidence suggests that it was erected in the mid 1770's, making the house now more than 200 years old.

From an architectural point of view, the Manor House also has historical relevance. The two and one half storey gambrel roofed structure is reflective of the Dutch Colonial style of architecture popular in New England in the 18th century. At one time gambrel roofs were common throughout Nova Scotia, however, over time most have disappeared. Among the few remaining examples are the Romkey house in Lunenburg, the Ross-Thomson house in Shelburne, and the Officer's Quarters in Annapolis Royal. It has been stated that the Bedford Manor House is the only remaining early gambrel-roofed building in the Halifax area. While changes have been made to the exterior of the building, the overall integrity of the architectural style has been maintained.

"Fort Sackville Foundation", established in 1989, was formed with the purpose of working towards the protection and enhancement of the Fort Sackville/Manor House site.

(Abstracted from the Town of Bedford's June 1992 issue of BLUEPRINT)

FROM THE EDITOR:

The retirement of Mauc Godfrey, the Editor of the Griffin for so many years, is greatly regretted by her Editorial Staff - particularly by myself, elevated from the ranks to try and fill her shoes - unfortunately though. I do have rather small feet. However, we will do what we can to keep membership informed on heritage affairs in Halifax and throughout the province.

By definition a society's newsletter is neither a scholarly journal nor a glossy magazine, simply a means of communicating the Society's news and future events of interest to the members - preferably in good time to be of use to them. A newsletter doesn't work too successfully unless information comes in to be communicated. Items need not be lengthy so long as they reflect matters of heritage, history or culture.....

- What's happening in your area?
- Who has attended a conference or seminar on restoration or heritage?
- Anyone restoring that lovely old building down the road apace?
- Could your solutions to restoration problems be of help to someone else?
- How about a report on an historical or cultural tour?
- Anyone published a book or pamphlet recently?
- What about Book Reviews? Pertinent pieces of prose or verse, original or quoted, from some other source? Column-fillers such as snippets or anecdotes from old newspapers or periodicals? etc.etc.

..... All are grist to the Griffin mill. But please keep the quarterly deadlines in mind, especially news of upcoming special events or activities in your area.

Please allow three/four weeks lead-time from deadline through editing, typing, makeup, printing and mailing until it reaches your (hopefully) eager hands.

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 AUGUST 1 " Sept "
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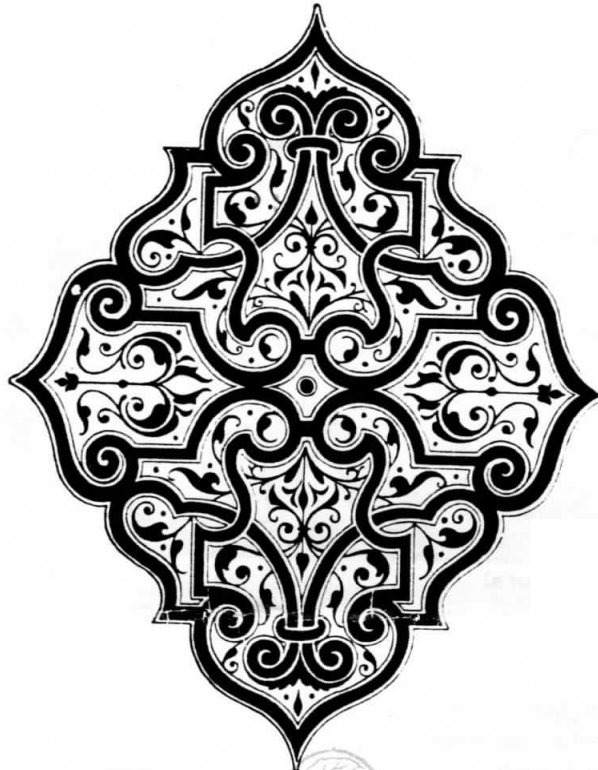


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Heritage Trust Office is now staffed by volunteers - on MONDAY mornings, and TUESDAY and THURSDAY afternoons.

So - do phone or drop by, to buy a book or just for a chat.

(would this be a good time to mention that if we could get just two more volunteers we could man the office every day from Monday to Friday? !!)



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