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A Note from the President

Although on the surface, the winter months may appear to be very quiet ones at the museums, that initial impression can be a misleading one. With far fewer visitors and no summer staff, and North Hills Museum and Sinclair Inn Museum closed for the season, the Board and the Executive Director have more time for planning both long and short term developments for our sites. Recently your Board held an all-day retreat and planning session, at which we explored plans for the back yard at the O'Dell House Museum. It is a wonderful, but seriously underutilized, space, with all sorts of potential. In the past few years we have begun to use it a little more, especially as a space for the presenting of plays, but there are a great many more possible uses for it. We hope to begin this summer to put some of our ideas into tangible form, and begin to use that space to expand our programmes for the O'Dell. If

you have not visited the backyard, then by all means feel free to explore it this spring. We would welcome any ideas that you might have, and will certainly welcome willing hands when it comes to the actual physical work.

Speaking of willing hands.... We are always in need of extra help. Whatever your skills and interests, we have a job (probably more than one!) for you. We are always in need of volunteers. Some jobs are of an ongoing nature, requiring a longer term commitment (an example would be helping with the accessioning of our ever growing collection), while other jobs are of a "one of" kind type—for example helping with a spring cleanup, or assisting at a society event. Whatever time you have, we can find a job for you. AHS needs more volunteers; we could accomplish so much more if we had more people helping. If you have some free time, contact Ryan Scranton our Executive Director, or any one of the Board members. (Continued on Page 2)



A scene from the Charter Day skit from September 2010. Watch for more drama in the O'Dell House Museum's backyard this August and September.

Volunteers are essential for a healthy society, but so too is money. AHS undertakes an ambitious programme of events and activities every year, as well as being responsible for the maintenance and operation of our two museum buildings. Fundraising is an absolute necessity to continue with our present level of activities. We receive a small grant from the provincial government every year, plus funding for many of our student workers, but these grants, as grateful as we are for them, do not come close to covering the actual costs of running the society. We need some good fundraising activities each year to make up the difference—so we need your help. Please consider becoming involved in this important aspect of the life of AHS. We could accomplish so much more if we had a stronger economic base. Aside from fundraising, annual giving by individuals can make a huge difference. One person, not even a resident of this area, annually presents the society with a cheque for \$1000, designated for the purchase of important artefacts. Through her generosity, we have been able to acquire several very significant items, including the wonderful 1759 Annapolis Royal powder horn which we brought back to the town from the United States, after an absence of almost 250 years. It is very important to be able to rely on that kind of gift every year. Please consider becoming an annual benefactor to the society; you can specify that your gift be used for any aspect of the society's activities that you wish.

You can also support the museums by being a regular visitor and ambassador. Visit often yourself, and bring your summer guests along as well. Tell others about our museums. You would perhaps be surprised how many local people have never been in any of our museums. It would be wonderful to raise our visitation numbers substantially this summer. Let's everyone play a part in that.

I hope to see you around the museums this summer!

Barry Moody, President

Through the winter we have been busy scraping and painting inside the O'Dell House Museum. When the season gets going, please drop in to see the new arrangement of the Tavern room and some of the new items for sale in our gift shop.

Heritage Weekend 2011

Once again the Annapolis Heritage Society partnered with our friends from The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, Parks Canada and the Historic Gardens to present a number of activities and speakers to commemorate Heritage Weekend in February. With a national theme of parks and landscapes, local archaeology took center stage. On Friday night Dr Marc Lavoie and Robert Surette gave a presentation on the archaeology and protection of the Belleisle Marsh. On Monday afternoon Rebecca Duggan from Parks Canada discussed the digs at Fort Anne National Historic Site during the 1990s. These presentations reinforced the idea that the Annapolis Royal region is an absolute archaeological treasure.



Robert Surette discussing the Belleisle Marsh During Heritage Weekend.

Additional Heritage Weekend events took place at the Historic Gardens where Alan Melanson discussed Acadian history in la Maison Acadienne. Despite a rainy afternoon, participants had a great deal of fun sledding, snowshoeing and building a snow fort at Fort Anne. Thanks to all of our partners as well as those who participated in Heritage Weekend programming.



Andre Bouchard and daughter Sunna enjoying a kiksled ride around Fort Anne's ramparts during Heritage Weekend.

AHS Volunteer of the Year

The Annapolis Heritage Society is proud to select Denise Rice as its 2011 Volunteer of the Year. Denise has been one of our most dedicated volunteers at the AHS Genealogy Centre for many years. While she is content to work quietly behind the scenes, her efforts decidedly do not go unnoticed. From helping to organize events like bake sales to helping genealogical researchers from around the world find their Annapolis Royal roots, Denise can always be expected to go the extra mile. She is a knowledgeable and professional resource for researchers who come to the O'Dell House Museum looking to trace their family history. Denise is also the Queen of Annapolis County cemeteries and has gone to great efforts to document these sites. Best of all, her generosity of spirit and good humour are clearly evident to anyone who comes through our doors.

The Mi'kmaw Gloade Family

One hundred and fifty years ago the surname Gloade (Glode, Gleod, Gloud) was one of the more common among the Mi'kmaq of southwestern Nova Scotia. Roman Catholic Church records from the period document the prevalence of the family name, and in some instances record it in its original style of Claude. Vital statistics for Mi'kmaw families in this area were kept beginning in 1799, when the much beloved French priest Abbé Sigogne arrived in the district of Clare to minister to the Acadian and the Mi'kmaq. The relationship that he developed with Nova Scotia's indigeneous people endured beyond his death in 1844. His base at Ste. Anne's, Church Point, Digby County, was an important summer encampment for the Mi'kmaq, especially the aged and infirm among them.

Sadly, much of the 18th century is a grey area for research into Mi'kmaw ancestry. In 1755 the Expulsion of the Acadians removed the Roman Catholic churches to which the Mi'kmaq had belonged. The English, by 1710 victors in the long struggle with France for supremacy in Nova Scotia, were still at war with the Mi'kmaq, longtime allies of the French. Despite an early treaty ratified at Annapolis Royal in 1726 by the British and chiefs of the area, mutual misunderstanding and distrust persisted. The middle of the 18th century was marked by episodes of escalating hostility. The ambush of British soldiers and

Mi'kmaw raids on fledgling settlements such as Dartmouth and Lunenburg were reciprocated with the aid of Mohawks, English allies feared by the Mi'kmaq, and Governor Lawrence's infamous proclamation of 1756 that offered a bounty for Mi'kmaw scalps. As late as 1759, an encampment of Mi'kmaq north of the Raquette, just outside of present-day Digby, was slaughtered as it slept by volunteers under Major Samuel Rogers. For these reasons, several generations of Gloades (and other Mi'kmaw families) are lost to researchers.

However, we can ascertain the probable progenitor of the family from a study of the census of the Indians of Acadie taken in November of 1708 by Père Pierre LaChasse. Among the 33 Mi'kmaq listed at Port-Royal was the family of one Grand Claude, age 68, who appeared to be their leader. His family included wife Marie, 55, sons Claude, 21, Joseph, 17, Martin, 15, François, 5, daughter Marie Catherine, 19, and son René, 23, with his wife Marie, 17, and daughter Cecille, 1. Combined with information from the early 18th century Acadian parish records of St. Jean Baptiste, a more complete picture of that earliest recorded generation of the family can be constructed. Signatories to the 1726 treaty were René Grand Glode, Claude Grand Glode and François Grand Glode, three of the sons listed below.

Grand Claude, b. c. 1640 (68 in 1708), m. **Marie Medechek/Medosset**, b. c. 1653 (55 in 1708). Their children:

1. **René Grand Claude**, b. c. 1685 (23 in 1708), m. (1) **Marie**, b. c. 1691 (17 in 1708).

They had at least one child, daughter Cecille, b. c. 1707 (1 in 1708). René Grand Claude m. (2) c. 1725 **Françoise Mius**, b. c. 1697 daughter of Philippe Mius d'Azy and Marie. (Philippe Mius d'Azy was the youngest son of Philippe Mius, Sieur d'Entremont, Baron de Poubomcoup (a French nobleman who held the seigneurie of Pubnico) and his wife Madeleine Helie. The younger Mius married twice, both times to Mi'kmaw women, and most of his children married Mi'kmaw spouses. The modern Mi'kmaw surname is generally spelled Meuse.)

2. **Claude Grand Claude**, b. c. 1687 (21 in 1708), m. **Marie Pierre**. They had at least one child, daughter Marie Grand Claude, age 17, m. 25 Aug. 1735 by de St. Poncey de La

Vernède Charles Perisse, age 19, son of Guillaume Perisse and Aime Eptemek, Mikmaks. (The Perisse or Jeanperis (Jean de Perisse) family were possibly descended from a Port-Royal Mi'kmaq, Semcoudech, who called himself Paris after a visit to that city c. 1607).

3. **Marie Catherine Grand Claude**, b. c. 1689 (19 in 1708).

4. **Joseph Grand Claude**, b. c. 1691 (17 in 1708).

5. **Martin Grand Claude**, b. c. 1693 (15 in 1708), m. 25 Feb. 1727 by René Charles de Breslay **Marguerite LaJeune**, age 17, daughter of François LaJeune and Marie Egighigher, Mikmaks. They had at least one child, son Paul Grand Claude, b. 30 May 1735, bpt. 25 Aug. 1735 by de St. Poncey de La Vernède.

6. **François Grand Claude**, b. c. 1703 (5 in 1708), m. **Marie Ceiller/Cellier**. They had at least one child, son François Grand Claude, b. 20 Apr. 1735, bpt. 2 June 1735 by de St. Poncey de La Vernède.

In addition, two Grand Claude women, daughters of one or more of these families, had children bpt. during the same period:

-Agathe **Quèoraret**, b. 15 March 1734, bpt. 27 April 1734 by de St. Poncey de La Vernède, daughter of Samson **Quoraret**, Mikmak, and Françoise **Grand Claude**, Mikmak. Godparents: Jean Lore and Marie Madeline Pelarin.

-Cecile **Hebcobbeau**, b. Dec. 1735, Mikmak, bpt. 20 May 1736 by de St. Poncey de La Vernède, daughter of Antoine **Hebcobbeau**, Mikmak, and Anne **Grand Claude**, Mikmak. Godparents: Pierre **Charette** surnamed **Boitou**.

The Claude or Glode family were among the earliest Mi'kmaq families to adopt a French patronym. Most surnames from the 1708 census taken by Père LaChasse are clearly Mi'kmaq, with the exception of a few such as Mius, Pierre (modern-day Peters), Tomas (modern-day Thomas or Tom), and Alexis (modern-day Luxey). Later in the 18th century other families would adopt French patryonyms (possibly for Roman Catholic saints). They include Paul, Charles, Louis (Lewie), Michel

(Michael), Philippe (Philips), Antoine (Toney), Jerome (Jeremy), all common Mi'kmaq surnames by the early 1800s. It is difficult, if not impossible, to connect these families to their ancestors in the 1708 census.

Ghosts of Fundy

On April 16 the Annapolis Heritage Society will be launching a new book by Frank Taylor called *Ghosts of Fund & Fatalities of the Sea*. This book, which tells the stories of local sailors who were lost to the sea, is the culmination of many years of research for Mr. Taylor who is one of the volunteer genealogists at the O'Dell House Museum. The launch will be held at the Port Wade Community Hall in Port Wade from 2pm – 4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca if you are interested in ordering a copy of *Ghosts of Fundy*.



AHS Social Media Updates

In the past few years the Annapolis Heritage Society has been trying to embrace social media as a means to communicate information about the importance of heritage in our community. AHS now has an account on Facebook. There are a couple of ways to find us. You can either link to us through the AHS website www.annapolisheritagesociety.com or you can go to your Facebook homepage and search "Annapolis Heritage Society". You can find our award winning blog, at www.annapolisroyalheritage.blogspot.com. Finally, on Twitter we can be found @odellmuseum. Each of these platforms provides a different way of keeping in touch with the activities of AHS.

If you are interested in following a daily photo journal of the Annapolis Royal region, you will want to take a look at Project 365. www.flickr.com/groups/annapolis_365/. This journal is being compiled by AHS Executive Director Ryan Scranton, our Treasurer Jane DeWolfe and Trish Fry from the Historic Gardens. With the spring and summer coming there should be lots of interesting photographic opportunities in Annapolis Royal.

Granville Road Lighthouses

Many of you will have heard about the Federal Government's plans to declare 1000 lighthouses surplus. This is obviously a source of concern to proponents of built heritage across the country. Locally, some of our lighthouses are already owned by not-for-profit groups. Our friends at The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal own the Annapolis Royal Lighthouse and the Hampton Lighthouse is owned by the Hampton Lighthouse and Historical Society. Unfortunately, both the Schafner Point Lighthouse in Port Royal and the Victoria Beach Lighthouse are currently on the government surplus list. At a minimum, this means that there is a somewhat uncertain future for both of these historic structures.

There has been a great deal of discussion about these particular surplus lighthouses within the Annapolis Heritage Society Board of Directors. We have a keen understanding of how important these buildings are to their local communities and to our overall identity as a coastal province. Lighthouses are an important visual reminder of the historic ties between our communities and the sea.

At this point, AHS is moving through the procedures put in place by the government with an eye to taking ownership of these two iconic buildings. We have submitted petitions to have the lighthouses declared historic properties as well as business plans addressing various criteria that the government has asked for. Based on the time frames offered by the government, we believe that there is a two to five years before we know if our applications are successful.

These are not decisions that we have come to lightly. Ownership of historic structures comes with costs as well as benefits. As an organization our main concern is the long-term preservation of these iconic structures. These buildings will also provide a new platform for interpreting the marine history of the Annapolis Royal region. As part of our business plan, we are proposing to create a group known as the Friends of the Granville Road Lighthouses. This group would allow members of the local communities to participate in the ongoing upkeep and interpretation of the buildings under the Annapolis Heritage Society umbrella. We truly believe that community support is an essential part of the preservation of these

lighthouses. If you are interested in becoming involved with AHS's efforts to save these two important heritage structures, please contact us at historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca or 902-532-7754.



A current view of The Schafner Point Lighthouse in Port Royal.

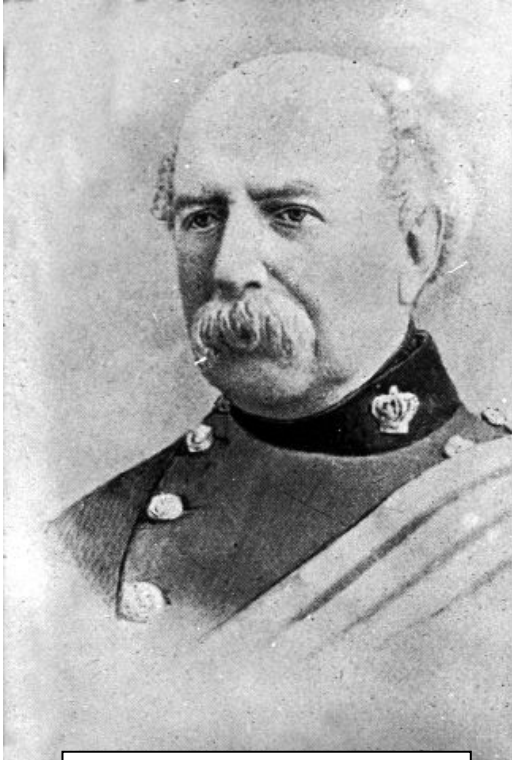
Fenian Raids in Annapolis County

A few years ago a local gentleman walked into the O'Dell House Museum with what looked like a board game. After showing me the side with a hand drawn playing board, he flipped the piece over to show me two documents pasted on the opposite side. The first document was a handwritten letter and the second was beautifully printed proclamation. While I immediately realized that these were important documents, it took me a few minutes to digest what he had presented.

In the years directly following the American Civil War (1861-1865) there was a great unease in the North American colonies with an allegiance to Britain. At wars end there was a large and well trained army which could easily decide to march north. In addition to this, there was a military threat from another source. Today this may seem like an odd threat but, it was a very legitimate concern in 1866.

The Irish Fenian Brotherhood was an organization dedicated to liberating Ireland from British Rule. During the Potato Famine of the 1840s a great number of Irish had immigrated to North America. Many of these

people brought their desire to liberate their home land with them. Between 1866 and 1871 a series of cross border attacks were launched by Fenians living in the United States. These attacks have come to be known as the Fenian Raids. Among the desires of the Fenians was to cause enough trouble in North America that the British would be distracted in their dealings with Ireland. While the raids may have been a concern, they never really amounted to much more than border skirmishes.



Sir William Fenwick Williams

Now, back to the documents in question. As I read the material, I realized that these were orders to call out the militia to defend Nova Scotia against the possibility of Fenian Raids. The printed document was a proclamation by Annapolis Royal's own Sir William Fenwick Williams, who was then serving as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, that there was the threat of an invasion. The handwritten document was a set of orders to Lt Colonel W.E. Starratt of how he was to muster and drill the militia. This document goes on to provide instructions for what to do if there is an attack. Transcriptions of both of these documents follow this article.

While there was never a Fenian attack in Nova Scotia, there was a raid on Campobello Island on the New Brunswick side of the Bay of Fundy just a month after these orders were written. In April 1866 a group of more than

700 Fenians appeared on the Maine shore across from Campobello Island. The goal, although poorly planned, was to seize the island. Many of the men had arrived weeks before their weapons. The large numbers of men had alerted authorities on both sides of the border and may have been the reason that these orders were written. While some shots were fired and buildings burned, the raid was broken up without casualties.

Ryan Scranton

Royal Gazette Extraordinary

Published by Authority

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saturday March 17, 1866

PROCLAMATION! BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir William Fenwick Williams, of Kars, Baronet, Lieutenant-General in Her Majesty's Army; Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Grand Officer Legion d'Honneur; 1st class of the Turkish Order of Medijee, &c. &c.; Lieutenant – Governor and Commander –in –Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c.&c. [L.S.]

W. F. WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, a Hostile Invasion of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is threatened, by which the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects therein may be put in jeopardy, and preparations are necessary to repel such Invasion of Made;

And Whereas, in such an emergency, I am by Law authorized and require required to call out the Militia Force of Nova Scotia in aid of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, for its defence:

I do hereby Command and require all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Militia Force of Nova Scotia, and all persons liable to perform Militia Duty in said Province, to turn out for actual service as in time of War, according to Law, and subject, on failure to do so, to the pains, penalties, and forfeitures thereby imposed and provided:

Of which all persons interested will take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this

Seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-six, and in the Twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command of His Excellency
The Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

CHARLES TUPPER
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

*Bridgetown 23rd March 1866
Memo of Instructions to Lt Col W.E. Starratt
Com Aug 3rd*

Regiment Ann Co Militia

Muster your Regiment without delay – Read the Proclamation at the Head of your Regiment and explain – Administer Oath of allegiance to Companies as you arm them, - the Rifles on hand 40 Stand to one of your companies and immediately drill them for “5” five days – notify another company for next 5 days &c. unless arms come, if ea drill all whom you can furnish with arms – Learn them to shoot – Have a lookout at Port Williams. Post relays of horses, and telegraph to A.G. Militia, and Col. Milsom – if enemy appear. Send any information you may obtain – Keep the Ammunition in your own possession until required – If 800 rifles are sent to you, divide the Ammunition in proportion to rifles. Store Arms if possible in Charge of Captains – Send Col Milsom a Parade State of Muster day, note no of arms and kegs of Ammunition ?? by you on corner of said Parade State – Warn Regt to repair to respective Hd. Quarters or rallying post. On intimation of danger, throw up brush wood or timber near landing places to screen men from fire “on the alarm”. The men drilling with arms will immediately repair to the place where their arms are deposited – Should any attack or landing be made upon any one point, it will be the duty of all the other companies to march off at once to the assistance of the attacked party. Keep a constant lookout to sea and establish a line of communication to Regimental Head Quarters.

Lt Col T Milsom IFO

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AHS Request for Volunteers

The AHS is constantly in need of volunteer labour. It is only through the dedication and generosity of our volunteers that the AHS has been able to play an important role in preserving, promoting and presenting the heritage of Annapolis County. In this edition of the newsletter, we will profile a few of the volunteer committees and opportunities that can be found at the AHS. If you are interested in helping out with one of the following positions or have other skills you would like to share, we would be thrilled to hear from you. We greatly appreciate the generosity and dedication of the volunteers who allow the AHS to function.

Job Title: Genealogical Research Volunteer

Committee: AHS Genealogical Centre

Time Required: One afternoon per week

Contact Person: Ryan Scranton – 532-7754

-Develop knowledge of AHS genealogical reference collection

-Collection of research fees and sales of retail merchandise as needed

-Shelving of genealogical resources

Job Title: O'Dell Museum Committee Member

Committee: O'Dell House Museum

Contact Person: Ryan Scranton -532-7754

-Assist with interpretive programming and events

-Assist with preparation of exhibits

-Work with committee members for yard, garden and property maintenance

Genealogy Books and CD Roms For Sale

**** All prices include shipping and handling charges****

**Due to the ongoing fluctuations with the Canadian dollar, we have removed our American pricing.
Please contact the AHS at historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca for current American pricing.**

<i>New England Planters of Annapolis County *New*</i>	CDN \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Ellis by Frank Taylor	\$56.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Scattering of the Descendants of Robert Hicks by Luella Marshall	\$56.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Abner and Samuel Morse by Ina Oliver	\$48.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Marshall by Luella Marshall and Ina Oliver	\$48.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaac, Soloman and William Marshall by Luella Marshall and Ina Oliver	\$63.00
<input type="checkbox"/> The Starratts and their Descendants by Luella Marshall	\$63.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Harris and Sarah Cook by Wayne Morgan CD ROM	\$28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Capt. John Hall and Mary Keizer by Wayne Morgan CD ROM	\$28.00

Please visit our website www.annapolisheritagesociety.com for a full list of books.

Loyalists to Annapolis County circa 1783

<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Durland (Durling) and Sarah DeMotte by Ina Oliver	\$37.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham and Henry Gesner by Ruth Ritchie	\$47.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah Merritt and Phoebe Mullineaux by Frank Taylor	\$52.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Ritchie Margaret McNeish by Ruth Ritchie	\$52.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Jasper Williams by Denise Rice	\$32.00

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Total \$ _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

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Annapolis Heritage Society Annual Giving

This is your chance to help the Annapolis Heritage Society preserve, present and promote your history.

The AHS has always relied on the generosity of its members, whether in donating artefacts, archival material, cash or hours of volunteer effort. Our leadership in developing museums and supporting heritage preservation has much to do with our members. As both the Federal and Provincial governments continue to decrease their support of heritage based activities we are constantly searching for new ways to replace these long time sources of funds.

Donations to Annual Giving help us to meet basic operating needs, expand existing programs and services, and build our collections. It is only through the generosity of our members and friends that we are able to maintain a high level of service.

Your support is essential to our future. Please help us to ensure that **your** history has a secure home. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Annapolis Heritage Society.

Yes, I would like to make a gift of:

\$25 _____ **\$50** _____ **\$100** _____ **\$250** _____ **Other** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____ Email: _____

Please use my gift to support:

General Operations _____ Other _____

Please make cheques payable to: **Annapolis Heritage Society**. All donations \$25 and above will be issued a Canadian tax receipt.

AHS Annual Giving Fund
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