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Prince of Wales Prize

The Annapolis Heritage Society would like to congratulate the Town of Annapolis Royal for winning the 2006 Prince of Wales Prize. Established in 1999, the Prince of Wales Prize is awarded annually to a municipal government which has shown exemplary commitment to heritage preservation within its jurisdiction. The award was created with the support of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to encourage and reward sound conservation policies and practices at the municipal level. The award consists of a metal plaque, a scroll and a pennant. This is the highest Canadian award given to a municipality for the preservation of built heritage.

Annapolis Royal is by far the smallest community ever to win this award. This being said, the town is in very good company. Former winners of the Prince of Wales Prize include Quebec City, Charlottetown, PEI, Victoria, British Columbia and Perth, Ontario. The national media coverage generated through this award has also been very positive in highlighting Annapolis Royal as a destination for individuals interested in built heritage.

As the nominator for the Town, the AHS is very proud of the role that we were able to play in the process. The nomination process was also an excellent opportunity to reflect on the quantity and quality of the work that has been done to preserve the heritage of our community over the last 100 years. Members of the community should genuinely take pride in the work that they do to make the Annapolis Royal region a jewel of heritage preservation.

The Prince of Wales Prize will be presented to John Kinsella, the Mayor of Annapolis Royal, at the Heritage Canada Foundation's annual conference in Ottawa on October 13.



The Sally Port at Fort Anne is one of Annapolis Royal's iconic images. This modern image is taken from the same perspective as a glass lantern slide in the AHS collection.

AHS Annual Meeting

The Annapolis Heritage Society's General meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 26 at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall in Annapolis Royal. We encourage everyone who is interested in learning more about the operation of the AHS, what has happened over the last year and its plans for the future to attend the meeting.

Our speaker for the evening will be Hal Theriault from the Bear First Nation Heritage and Cultural Centre. Mr Theriault will be speaking about the establishment of this new interpretive centre, some of the lessons they have learned, and the role of the organization within the Bear River community. This will be a terrific opportunity to learn about one of the AHS's new partners in the heritage world.

President's message

The recent genealogy conference held at Cornwallis Park on September 9 was, by all accounts, a resounding success. A collaborative effort of the Digby Annapolis Museums Committee, the forum was organized by those museums in Annapolis and Digby Counties with a genealogy component. Our own genealogy group was active at this event as were representatives from the James House Museum in Bridgetown and Macdonald Museum in Middleton as well as the Admiral Digby Museum and Islands Museum in Digby County. Seminars were presented by regional experts in their fields, among them, Dr. Terry Punch, the dean of Maritime genealogists. Also notable were talks given by Dr. Allan Marble on the Poor Houses and Work Farms of the past, and a field trip to Old St. Edward's Cemetery in Clementsport with Deborah Trask for a "hands on" discussion of early tombstones. It was noted that this would appear to be the first time that a conference of this nature has been held in Nova Scotia, with strong interest expressed in making it a biennial event. Profits from the genealogy conference will be divided among the participating museums. This has been yet another example of the strength we have when we collaborate with like-minded organizations, whether it be sponsoring such an event or advancing the case for heritage preservation to government and business.

A new board of directors will be installed following the Annual General Meeting on September 26. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of retiring directors Blaine Allaby and Leslie Langille. As chair of the O'Dell committee (and also vice-president of AHS), Blaine steered the refurbishment of the ground floor of the O'Dell Museum, organized the English Cream Tea on the Victoria Day weekend, and sold countless raffle tickets at the Farmers' Market. A hooked rug that he made was donated and raffled in the past. Leslie joined the board more recently, and displayed the same degree of volunteerism. Besides leading the charge in moving the storage building onto a new foundation, Leslie was active in aspects of the Collections committee. Both men were adept with a paintbrush and will be missed.

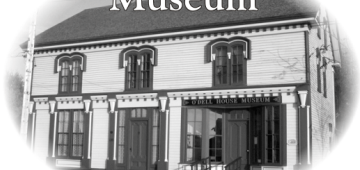
Ian Lawrence

President, Annapolis Heritage Society



The New Caledonia Boot and Shoe Factory in Granville Ferry circa 1890. This building still stands in Granville Ferry but through neglect it has lost much of its charm.

O'Dell House Museum



Victorian Stagecoach Inn

ca. 1870

Exhibits on Annapolis Royal's History

AHS Genealogical Centre
Annapolis County's
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Microfilm, church records,
vital statistics, family files, etc.

Local Archives

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Congratulations to Karen Allen and Jane Nicholson

The Annapolis Heritage Society would like to congratulate board members Karen Allen and Jane Nicholson who were among the winners of the 2006 Annapolis Royal Heritage Building Awards. We are very proud that members of our board are being recognized for the quality of the work that they putting forward in trying to preserve our community's built heritage.

Karen and her business partner Mary Wheeler were recognized for their restoration work on 18 St. James Street. The citation for winning in the historic restoration category includes excellence in renovation of an older or heritage building with emphasis on historical authenticity, compatibility with existing detail, surrounding, and energy efficiency.

Jane Nicholson won in the sympathetic renovations or recycling category for her work on the Annapolis Royal train station. This citation for this category includes excellence in renovation or reuse/recycling of existing housing stock with emphasis on integration within the existing structure and community. The revitalization of the train station (featured in the Summer 2006 edition of the AHS newsletter) has been one of the community's most important, and needed, restoration projects in the last decade. We are also pleased to note that the Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) has made the train station their new home.

The AHS would also like to congratulate David Yaciuk who was the winner in the modern construction category for his new house on St Anthony Street.

AHS 2006 Fundraising Raffle

The Annapolis Heritage Society is thrilled to announce that we have been donated an oil painting by Cluny Maher, one of Nova Scotia's most renowned artists, for our 2006 fundraising raffle. The painting entitled *Railway Bridge on Cornwallis River, Kentville* is a beautiful example of the work of an artist who has been called the "pre-eminent landscape artist of Maritime Canada". The painting will be on display at the O'Dell House museum until the prize is drawn on December 15, 2006.

Cluny Maher was born in 1941 in Frampton, Dorchester County, south of Quebec City in the province of Quebec. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts (1963) and a Bachelor of Education (1964) from Loyola College in Montreal, he taught for twelve years in the public school system. In 1973 he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Sir George Williams University (Concordia).

In 1977 he moved to Nova Scotia with his family and a year later settled in Tupperville in the Annapolis Valley. This beautiful rural landscape continues to be an inspiration. He has exhibited and sold his work in several locations throughout Canada and the United States. In 1994, the Maher Gallery opened in Tupperville and most recently moved to its location in Lunenburg on the province's South Shore.

Tickets for this painting cost \$5.00 and will be available at the O'Dell House Museum and on Saturday mornings at the AHS table at the Annapolis Royal Farmers and Trader's Market. The proceeds from this raffle will be used to assist with the ongoing renovations at the O'Dell House Museum, the AHS Artifact Protection Project, and the general operations of the Society.

Family History Day 2006

On September 9, the Annapolis Heritage Society was one of the organizers of the inaugural Family History Day at Champlain Hall in Cornwallis Park. The day, which featured 12 speakers discussing topics of genealogical interest, was a great success. The list of presenters was quite impressive and included speakers such as Dr. Allan Marble, Deborah Trask, Dr. Barry Moody and Dr. Marc Lavoie. Special highlights of the event included a question and answer session with CBC Radio's resident maritime genealogist Dr. Terry Punch and a tour through the Garrison Cemetery in Annapolis Royal with Alan Melanson. The sessions themselves covered topics relating to general social history as well as practical information for people looking for tips in how to further their own research.

The AHS could not have put this event together without our local partners in the heritage world. We would like to thank the staff and volunteers at Islands Museum, Admiral Digby Museum, James House Museum and Macdonald Museum for their hard work

and dedication to this event. Each of these groups does a great amount to heighten the interest in heritage in their communities and we appreciate their desire to work with our society. Events like Family History Day are an indication of what is possible through positive partnerships like the Digby Annapolis Museums Committee. We would also like to thank the sponsors of the event like the Town of Annapolis Royal and Municipality of Annapolis County. Their generosity made the event possible.

The organizing committee is looking at potentially hosting a similar event in 2008. If you have any ideas of session themes or topics of genealogical interest, please feel free to contact Ryan Scranton at the O'Dell House Museum historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

Do you have something you would like to contribute to the next Annapolis Heritage Society newsletter? We are interested in brief articles on the history of the Annapolis region, family histories, pages from family bibles or ongoing events that would be of interest to our members. Please email submissions to [**historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca**](mailto:historic@ns.aliantzinc.ca). Due to space constraints it may not be possible to print all submissions.

Congratulations Erin Garner

The Annapolis Heritage Society would like to offer its congratulations to our summer employee Erin Garner who was elected Queen Annapolis and District during this year's Natal Day festivities. Erin, who worked as an interpreter at the O'Dell House Museum and Sinclair Inn Museum, has recently begun her business degree at St Mary's University in Halifax. We wish her all the best in her studies and as she prepares for next year's Queen Annapolisa competition at the Apple Blossom Festival.



This postcard from the AHS archival collection shows St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Annapolis Royal circa 1930. This church is the current incarnation of the oldest Catholic parish in Canada.



This image of the Annapolis Royal Courthouse, the current storage location of the AHS archives, is one of the images that will be used in the Society's upcoming website exhibit on the Virtual Museum of Canada. The image was taken to replicate an archival image in the Society's collection

A Virtual Stroll Through the Centuries

The Annapolis Heritage Society has recently received a grant from the Canadian Heritage Information Network to create a website based on archival photographs and audio in the Society's collection. The idea behind this exhibit was to take archival material either owned by AHS or stored in our archival vault at the Annapolis Royal Courthouse and make it more accessible to the community. This website, which is funded by the Community Memories program, will eventually reside on the Virtual Museum of Canada www.virtualmuseum.ca and link to the AHS site.

The basic design of the website will follow a presentation given by Charlotte Perkins in the 1930s. During her presentation, Ms Perkins, the author of the *Romance of Old Annapolis Royal*, used old glass lantern slides of the town to show her listeners how the community had changed since the 1890s. Her narrative takes her listeners to various landmarks along St. George Street and explores various stories. Luckily, there was a vinyl recording of this presentation was made so that her stories, as well as the glass slides, have been preserved.

In 1997, Jim How, one of the modern experts on Annapolis Royal's history, took his turn at presenting the story of the town using the glass lantern images as well as clips from the earlier narrative. Jim's narrative, presented in much the same manner as Charlotte Perkins', brought his audience up to the date of the presentation and included much of the history of the community during the middle of the twentieth century. This time there were presentations that were recorded at both St Luke's church hall and King's Theatre.

Our current project, which is being led by Ern Dick from Granville Ferry, is an attempt to digitize both of these earlier efforts while adding new elements to the story. AHS President, Ian Lawrence, has agreed to add a third layer of vocal narrative and we are also taking a new set of images to demonstrate the

significant changes that Annapolis Royal has undergone during the last 150 years.

We are very excited that through this project we are able to combine three of our community's pre-eminent historical story tellers. The combination of the audio tracks and archival imagery should make this a very interesting and interactive site. Our plan is that this website will be uploaded to the Virtual Museum of Canada and unveiled in February.

Mayflower Passenger Richard More- His connection to Annapolis Royal

The story of the passage of the *Mayflower* to the New World is probably the best-known event in early American history. The ship that carried the first permanent European settlers to New England landed at Plymouth in December 1620. One of the most interesting of the *Mayflower* passengers was a small boy named Richard More. For a number of reasons he was not a typical Pilgrim. His origins, his chosen vocation, and his conduct as an adult were all departures from the norm in the tiny religious colony. And he had a connection to Annapolis Royal.

The ship's 102 passengers were members of a splinter Protestant group, many of whom had lived for a number of years in Leyden, Holland, before their search for religious freedom led them to the New World. Among the *Mayflower* passengers were four More children, Ellen age 8, Jasper age 7, Richard age 6, and Mary age 4. Long thought to be orphaned urchins from London, they were wards of several of the group's leaders. Ellen, Jasper and Mary all died that first winter in Plymouth which cruelly claimed half of the fledgling colony's population. Subsequent research in England in the last century has revealed that the More children were actually members of the gentry and the only *Mayflower* passengers to have proven royal descent, from King Henry II of England and King David I of Scotland.

Richard More was bpt. 13 November 1614 in Shipton Parish, Shropshire, England. His mother, Catherine More, the 23 year old heiress to Larden Hall, had married in 1610 her 16 year old third cousin Samuel More of Linley- a marriage arranged to keep property in the family. Subsequent divorce proceedings revealed the More children to be actually the offspring of one Jacob Blakeway. Mistreated and rejected by their mother, the four children became the concern of their erstwhile father, Samuel More. In July 1620 he entrusted them to the Pilgrim leaders, making provision for their transportation to the New World "to provide for the educacon & maintenance of these children in a place remote from these partes where these great blotts and blemishes may fall upon them...". Richard (and sister Mary) were entrusted to the care of Elder William Brewster with whom Richard was still living in 1627. Richard More married in Plymouth on 20 October 1636 Christian Hunter, the mother of his seven children. Following

their marriage the couple moved to Salem in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. After her death on 18 March 1676, he remarried to widow Jane Crumpton. A mariner and sea captain by vocation, Richard More sailed to Virginia, the West Indies, England and Nova Scotia, where in 1654 he was at Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal when the French fort “*was reduced to English obedience*”. A bell from the church at Port-Royal was later brought to Salem “*in Capt. Moor’s Ketch*”. The mystery of a life at sea also apparently extended to his personal affairs. It has been recently discovered that he married bigamously on 23 October 1645 at St. Duncan’s, Stepney, Middlesex, England, one Elizabeth Woolno, effectively having a wife on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Suspected of licentious behaviour, the Salem Church Records for 1688 note that: *Old Captain More having been for many years under suspicion and common fame of lasciviousness and some degree at least of incontinency.. but for want of proof we could go no further. He was at last left to himself so farr as that he was convicted before justices of peace by three witnesses of gross unchastity with another mans wife and was censured by them*”.

Richard More died at Salem between 19 March 1693/4 and 20 April 1696. His tombstone is the only original gravestone still in existence for a *Mayflower* passenger. All of Richard More’s known progeny descend from the three children of granddaughter Susannah Dutch, bpt. Salem 22 September 1683, and her husband Benjamin Knowlton. Susannah Dutch was the daughter of Samuel Dutch and Susannah More, bpt. Salem 12 March 1650. One of those three Knowlton children was Susannah, bpt. Wenham, MA 16 March 1714. In 1762, during the New England Planter migration to Nova Scotia, she and her husband Capt. Josiah Dodge together with their children settled in Granville Township, Nova Scotia, across the river from the fort that her great-grandfather had assisted in reducing in 1654. Josiah and Susannah (Knowlton) Dodge left many descendants in Annapolis and adjacent counties. Their seven children were: i. Josiah Dodge, b. Ipswich MA 8 September 1740, m. Lunenburg MA 8 November 1761 Hannah Conant; ii. Susannah Dodge, b. Ipswich MA 3 February 1742, m. Granville, N.S. 29 March 1762 Israel Fellows; iii. Rhoda Dodge, b. Lunenburg MA 26 August 1744, m. Granville, N.S. 11 September 1762 Benjamin Hinds; iv. Sarah Dodge, b. Lunenburg MA 24 May 1749, m. Granville, N.S. 1 November 1764 Jonathan Leonard; v. Asahel Dodge, b. Lunenburg MA 26 Aug. 1752, m. Granville, N.S. 10 April 1773 Ann Walker; vi. Benjamin Dodge, b. Lunenburg MA 1 May 1754, m. Granville, N.S. 26 December 1776 Tabitha Perkins; vii. Phebe Dodge, b. Lunenburg MA 23 September 1759, m. Granville, N.S. Pardon Sanders.

By Ian Lawrence
AHS Genealogy Centre

AHS Genealogy Centre Meetings

The AHS Genealogy Centre holds meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the O’Dell House Museum. The meetings start at 6:30pm and all Society members are invited to attend. If you are interested in researching local families or would like to learn more about genealogy, these meetings are an excellent opportunity to network with likeminded genealogists.



This archival image shows the workers at the Buckler Brickyard in Annapolis Royal circa 1900. The brickyard was located along the Annapolis River behind the current location of the Annapolis West Education Centre.

New On the AHS Website

In case you have not had the opportunity to see the new interpretive panels on Lower St George Street, we have added the images to our website. All of the panels can be found under the community history button at www.annapolisheritagesociety.com.

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 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: Accessioning Clerk

Contact: Ryan Scranton 532-7754

Time Requirement: 1 afternoon per week

Job Description: Working with either the Collections Management or Archives Committee the volunteer will document new acquisitions to the AHS artifact or archives collection by

- assigning and marking items with accession numbers

- recording pertinent information in hard copy and digital form

- researching items as needed training is provided

Job Title: Victorian Christmas Animator

Contact: Ryan Scranton 532-7754

Time Requirement: limited to Victorian Christmas

Job Description: We are looking for a variety of individuals interested in acting as animators for Victorian Christmas at the O'Dell House Museum. Victorian Christmas will take place during the first two weekends of December. Among the volunteers needed are people to play the pump organ, kitchen and parlour animators, greeters and apple cider servers.

Job Title: Genealogical Research Volunteer

Contact: Frank Taylor 532-7685

Time Requirement: 1 afternoon per week

Job Description: Assist researchers who are using AHS resources by using onsite resources
-collect research fees and selling merchandise as needed
-shelving AHS genealogical resources
-develop knowledge of AHS genealogical resources

Job Title: Administrative Assistant

Contact Person: Ryan Scranton 532-7754

Time Requirement: 1 morning / afternoon per week

Job Description: Assist with administrative duties in the AHS office including filing of documents, answering requests, processing correspondence, and other office duties.

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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.

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