

Wolfville in 1838

The following letter which appeared in the Halifax Herald at the time of the celebration of the Jubilee of Acadia University in the year 1888 will, we feel sure, be of much interest to readers of THE ACADIAN:

Wolfville Fifty Years ago
To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir,—In a recent number of the MORNING HERALD, I saw an interesting article upon the "Acadia College Jubilee," comprising what purports to be a true list of the houses which comprised Wolfville, fifty years ago. I find that this list is slightly inaccurate. Will you allow me to furnish my list? for I remember every building in Wolfville, to be seen in the spring of 1838, as vividly as if I had passed them in review and counted them no longer ago than yesterday.

Commencing at "Willow Valley" or "John Johnston's brook"—which, I believe, exists as a brook no longer—and on the left hand side of the highway, the first house, on the brow of the hill, and some distance back from the road, was occupied by a man known as "Scotch Stevens," who had some deaf and dumb children.

Next, also well back from the road, George Johnson's. Then in order,

William Johnson's, M.P.P., and Percy M. Benjamin's life-long political antagonist.

The house of "Mrs. Judge" DeWolf, close by Elisha DeWolf's shop and the post office.

William DeWolf's.

A low brick-walled, gambrel-roofed farm house, occupied by a man named Trainholme.

A little old house on the academy ground and opposite the academy gate, occupied by "Mrs. Joe" DeWolf.

Another low, old house close by the eastern boundary of the academy grounds, occupied by Luie Franklin, an Irish shoemaker.

Jonathan Graham, inn keeper.

Two small old houses, some distance eastward off the burying ground, which adjoined each other; the most western occupied by—

Wallace and an old gentleman named James (?) Graham, a brother, as I always understood, of the above named Jonathan Graham, and from which James, as I have also understood, the academy—now the college—grounds (50 acres) had been purchased. The most eastern of these two old houses was then occupied by Lewis P. Godfrey.

Thomas Andrew Strange DeWolf's shop, T. A. S. DeWolf's house.

Robert DeWolf's house, afterwards enlarged, and eventually converted into an inn. Crossing Mud Bridge, the next house, still on the left hand side of the street, was that of Rev. Theodore Harding, Baptist minister.

Daniel DeWolf's, afterwards owned and occupied by Dr. Lewis Johnstone.

A carpenter's shop, close under church hill.

The Anglican church.

Woodman's.

Wickwire's, I forget which of these two came first.

A grimy looking old house, used as a grog shop. I never knew the occupant's name.

John Scott's.

Returning to the valley of Johnson's brook and taking the right hand side of the street, the first house—an old two-storey building—was F. Elderkin's.

Next, a white, one-storey house, whose occupant I forget, but think the name was Forsyth.

Mrs. Barss's—mother of John W. Barss. Elisha DeWolf—then quite a new house.

The academy.

Close upon the street and about midway of the width of the academy—now college—lot, was "the old yaller house." Here was originated the "Horton academy," eventually developed into Acadia College. When I first knew it, it was a somewhat nasty tenement house. Next proceeding east.

The Baptist church, at the junction of Gaspereau road.

A house—I think vacant, in 1838, but afterwards occupied by Lewis P. Godfrey. E. Fowler—a two-storey house, bearing the sign "Temperance Inn."

Stephen B. DeWolf—house and shop.

A small house, owned, I think, by Stephen DeWolf and occupied by one McIntosh.

At the west end of Mud Bridge—Woodworth's house and carpenter's shop.

At the east end of ditto, Israel DeWolf's house and blacksmith's shop.

Two-storey house of Charles Randall's, occupied by Mrs. Best as a young lady's seminary.

Charles Randall—cottage.

Dr. Edward S. Brown—drug shop and surgery.

House and carpenter's or carriage-maker's shop, of the brothers Armstrong; the house and garden sold to, and taken possession of by Thomas Soley, when in the academy, in the spring of 1838. The shop afterwards converted into a dwelling of James Armstrong.

On slope of church hill, a house occupied by "Aunt Abby" DeWolf.

Andrew Dwight DeWolf.

Rev. W. Clarke—Church of England. Scott's general assortment shop, at the corner of Gaspereau and Lower Horton roads, and opposite his residence.

This, I believe, comprised what is called Wolfville; and such is what it was in 1838. I myself became a pupil of the academy.

Yarmouth, August 27th, 1888.

P. S. HAMILTON.

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Says Trade Commissioner.

Canadian canned fruits have in general a better flavor than Californian, though the appearance of the latter, no doubt due to climatic reasons and methods of packing, is superior, it is stated in a bulletin of the Department of Trade and Commerce by Major Gordon B. Johnston, Canada's trade commissioner in Glasgow. He says further that Canadian packers pay too little attention to the important matter of grading, both in size and quality. For this reason alone, he asserts, a large amount of business which might be Canadian is allowed to go to California.

THE MODERN MARY

Mary had a little calf that she found was a scrub. She sold it, bought a pure-bred one, and joined the Girl's Calf Club. To-day her other pure-bred calves sport ribbons from the show. And little Mary may be seen in her own big auto.

—Thos. McGillicuddy.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
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