

in Halifax, were those of men prominent in the social life of the infant capital. To the military and Masonic career of the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, a chapter might very well be devoted. His work in establishing the new colony of Halifax is a story with which most Nova Scotians are familiar. His later career as a soldier and as Governor of Gibraltar, where he died, is not so well known. As a Mason he was three times the founder of a Masonic lodge: first, in Dec., 1748, in the 20th Foot, No. 63 on the registry of Ireland; afterwards known as Minden Lodge, in commemoration of the famous battle in which the regiment took such a glorious part; it was in this lodge that Major James Wolfe, the future hero of Louisburg and Quebec, was made a Mason. The second occasion was the founding of the First Lodge in Halifax. The third lodge founded by Cornwallis was that established during his term as governor of Gibraltar when he became responsible for the formation of Lodge No. 426 on the English registry in the 24th Regiment of Foot.

William Steele was one of the original settlers from England, a brewer by trade, who came in the "Roehampton", in June, 1749. He was a member of Governor Cornwallis' first Council and continued as such until sometime after April, 1753.

Robert Campbell came to the new colony in the "London." He had previously been a lieutenant in the H. R. H. Independent Company. He was a member of the first House of Assembly convened Oct. 2nd, 1758.

David Haldane was a lieutenant in Col. Murray's Regiment, and came to Halifax with the original settlers in the ship "Everley."

William Nesbitt was a passenger in the "Fair Lady" and was one of the Governor's clerks, performing the duties of the Secretary's office for several years. He afterwards practiced as an attorney and solicitor in Halifax, where many of the early conveyances of land appear in his handwriting. He was also for a time Clerk of the General Court. He succeeded Otis Little as Attorney-General and held that office for nearly thirty years. On the establishment of the House of Assembly in 1758, he was elected a member for the County of Halifax, which he represented until 1783. He was chosen Speaker of the House in 1759 and was re-elected again and again until his retirement from