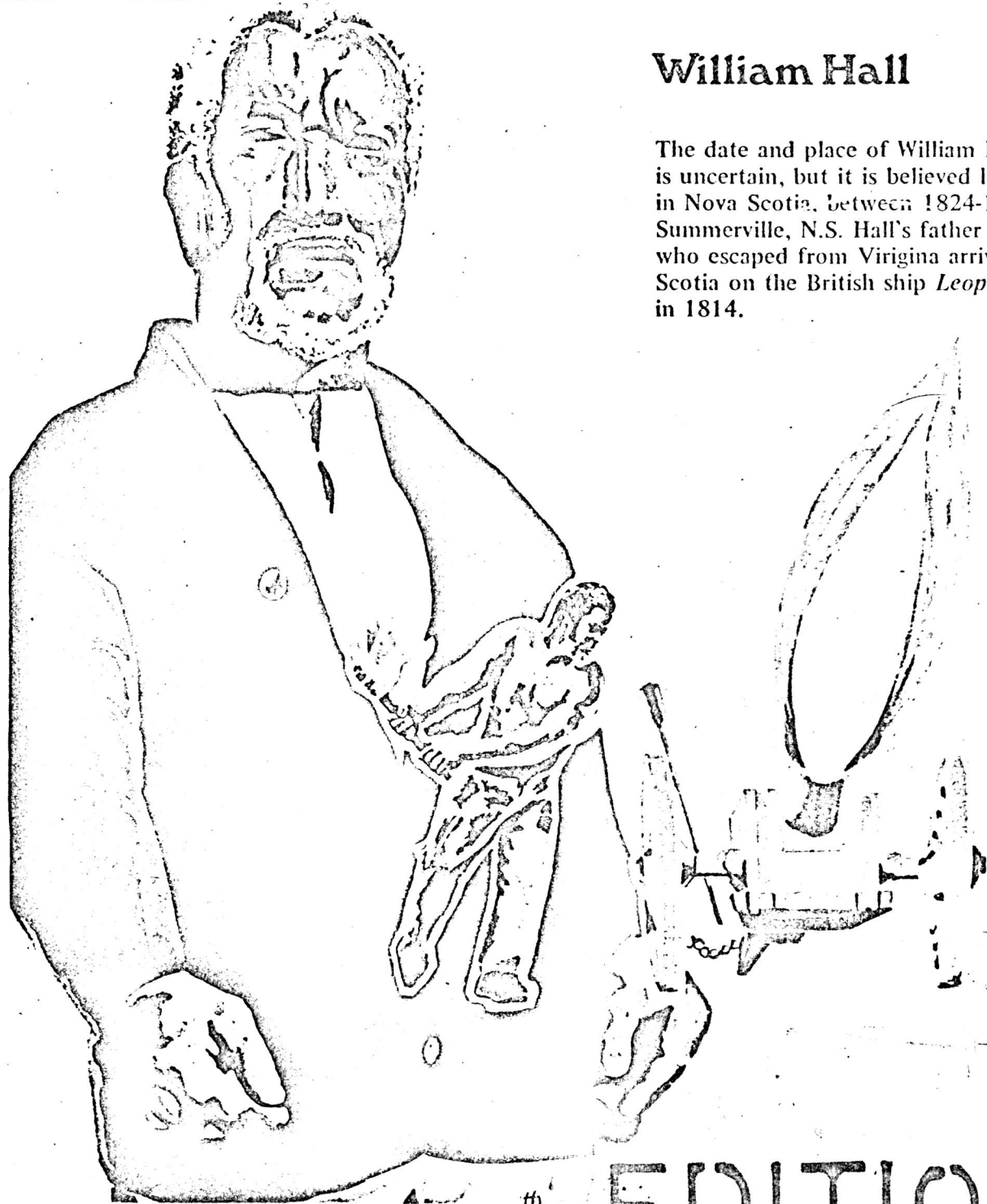


BEECHVILLE GAZETTE

William Hall

The date and place of William Hall's birth is uncertain, but it is believed he was born in Nova Scotia, between 1824-1832, in Summerville, N.S. Hall's father was a slave who escaped from Virginia arriving in Nova Scotia on the British ship *Leopard* in 1814.



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COMMUNITY NEWS:

Margo Hamilton's daughter, Brandy Hamilton was rushed into hospital Friday night. Being seriously ill, the baby had to be revived on the way to the hospital. Feeling much better now, the baby is resting in hospital. We hope Brandy will be back 100% and home soon.

Miss Dorothy Dorrington, one of the oldest members of our community was taken to hospital Sunday afternoon. We hope you're feeling better and will return home soon. Our prayers are with you.

C.A.P. 1st Annual Beechville Pool Tournament

The double knockout singles Pool Tournament that took place last Thursday under the leadership of Paul Blackmore and Paul (the shark) Dorrington started off great. In the first round of play, Kenny Crawford defeated Chuck Wright; Aaron (Bah Bah) Brown defeated Quinton Hill; Harold Higgins defeated Ivan Wright and Todd Wright defeated Douglas Hill. The second round, Ivan Wright eliminated Chuck Wright; Douglas Hill eliminated Quinton Hill; Harold Higgins defeated Kenny Crawford, and Todd Wright defeated Aaron (Bah Bah) Brown. In the third round of play Douglas Hill defeated Harold Higgins, Ivan Wright defeated Todd Wright and Aaron (Bah Bah) Brown eliminated Kenny Crawford. For the fourth round, five players were left each with one loss. Douglas Hill eliminated Todd Wright and Aaron Brown eliminated Harold Higgins. Ivan Wright got the bye. In the semi-finals, Douglas Hill received the Bye, and watched Ivan Wright eliminate Aaron (Bah Bah) Brown to advance to the finals against Douglas Hill. The championship game featured Douglas Hill against Ivan Wright. It was a tight game going shot for shot, but soon Douglas took the edge and defeated Ivan Wright down three balls.

The Pool Tournament was a great success, the competition was very good and maybe the shark will participate next year. Douglas Hill The "Shark" Wants A Bite Out Of You"!

For the people who are asking the question who writes the articles for the Beechville Gazette, the answer is Paul Dorrington, Terry DeLeon and Ivan Wright in a joint effort. We edit our paper on Wednesdays, decide what we want to put in it and then type it up. Therefore articles in the Gazette are a joint effort of all three.

Miss Sharon Crawford will be entering her 2nd year of nursing at the Victorian General Hospital Nursing School.

C.A.P. sends out a get well soon to Connolly DeLeon, "Dill" who is resting at home after he received a broken ankle. Get well soon "Dill", and keep the cribbage board warm.

1st Annual Beechville Day:

The 1st Annual Beechville Day Picnic will be getting underway this Saturday, August 27th. Arranged by the Beechville Community Awareness Program and community volunteers. This day has been set aside in retrospect of Beechville's 165th birthday last March 27th, 1983.

The festivities taking place on Beechville Day are: 10:00a.m., the ribbon cutting ceremony, 10:15 bicycle race, mother-daughter, father-son three legged race, egg race, donkey kong race, walk the plank family race, man from Atlantis race, volleyball game featuring Community Awareness Program vs Beechville All Stars, tug-of-war featuring Down The Roaders vs Up The Roaders C.A.P., dunk tank, Beechville tennis tournament and at 7:00 p.m. a street dance will take place on the corner of Hamilton Street and Oliver Street in the Munro Subdivision Beechville.

We hope you will all take part in this very special day representing Beechville's 165 birthday last March 27th 1818-1983. Come out and help make this day a great success.

Old News Is Good News

Barb and Bernice Hamilton have just returned from Montreal, Toronto and Gagetown. Bernice was quoted as saying "we had an excellent time and plan on returning next year".

Toni and Paula are off to Toronto for a week. Have fun kids and don't forget to come back home.

Darcy Hamilton was visiting from Gagetown last week. Darcy seemed to like his new home, his friends and especially his new school which is next door. Have fun in your first year of school.

Attention!

Randall Crawford and Graham Hill were spending the summer in Gagetown. Have fun gentlemen, stay out of trouble.

Happy Birthday!

A little late, but happy birthday to Shawn Shephard who celebrated his 9th birthday on August 16th. Apparently Shawn's grandmother celebrated her birthday on that day as well. Gee, Shawn, I thought you were 13!

Hello!

Welcome to Bev Bunday and her daughter who were visiting from Toronto. Unfortunate you can't stay for the picnic. Safe trip home.

We Didn't Know!

Kenny and Ann Hill visited Montreal for two weeks.

Lola Hill stayed in Toronto for 1 week. Lola was visiting her daughter Nina who is now residing in Toronto.

Nice Job Marie

C.A.P. visited the summer program held at the Beechville church centre, which displayed crafts made by the children who were in turn instructed by volunteers. The crafts ranged from octopus dolls to bottle people. Piece of work well done and tip of the hat to the staff and the administrating body.

Some People!

People of Beechville, staff of the Beechville Gazette are 3 and few. We can't know what everyone is doing or who is visiting our community. People appear upset when their names are not in the Gazette, it's not because we don't want it in the paper, it's because we don't know. Call us 876-2568 Paul, Terry or Ivan.

BYG

Beechville Youth Group (Youths In Action) are selling tickets on a birthday cake and a fruit basket for the 1st Annual Beechville Day. Make sure you buy a ticket.

C.A.P. would like to apologize to Aaron Brown for the humor that enlightened the people of Beechville last week. There was no intent, just that your name popped up at the right moment. Ba-Ba.

Hi Reg! (See your name is in the paper).

Sports

2 Weeks Left!!

It's only two weeks left before the Beechville Rockets Bowling Leagues starts bowling again. We'll be bowling on Friday nights from 7p.m. to 9p.m. again this year. If you feel you want something funny, enjoyable and very exercising to do during this time come on out to the Halifax Fairlanes Bowling Allies at Halifax Shopping Centre. So if this is what you want to do call Terry DeLeon at 876-2568 between 9a.m. - 3p.m. Mon., Wed., and 1p.m - 4p.m. on Tuesday. You can call Emilie Jarvis at 876-7530 or Steve Logan at 455-8583. Come on keep fit, bowl a bit!

C.A.P. entered a team in the Youth Challenge Basketball Tournament held at Gorsebrook and CDM Martyrs Gymnasium Wednesday and Thursday-17-18. Beechville entered the tournament against Bridgewater, whom looked small until court time. Having trouble selecting the starting five, Quenoin Hill and Todd Wright managed to pour through 35 points in the first half to put us up by 7. In the second half, Beechville seemed reluctant to come out of their shell, as Bridgewater bombarded the C.A.P. team. Bridgewater seemed to get a little

physical and our boys couldn't handle it, which took away from our game. C.A.P. went on to lose 76-71. Self discipling is the key boys!

Dereck Wright 9. Todd Wright 24, Quenton Hill 17, Kelly Drummond 9 - Donald Higgins 2, Aaron Brown 10.

In the second game against Gorsebrook, Beechville didn't appear to be in top condition, as Gorsebrook with 5 boys on the team ran Beechville off the court as they lost 69-64. Quenton Hill 21, Donald Higgins 4 Aaron Brown 12 Troy Crawford 4, Kelly Drummond 0 Todd Wright 17 and Dereck Wright 6.

After losing two games which could have been won easily by the Beechville squad, the team started the third and final game at 10:30 a.m. against Greystone. Kelly Drummond was quoted as saying "I want to beat these suckers bad" and beat them they did, as Beechville - Greystone played a see-saw game. The score ended 94-92 with Beechville on top. Quenton Hill scored 24 points and 2 came at the end of the game from a drive to hoop. This being the first time C.A.P. had a group of young men out to one of our programs, would like to say that it was volumptousness to work with you. The team as a whole played fantastic. Donald Higgins 17, Kelly Drummond 4, Aaron Brown 10 Quenton Hill 24 Todd Wright 14 and Dereck Wright 15.

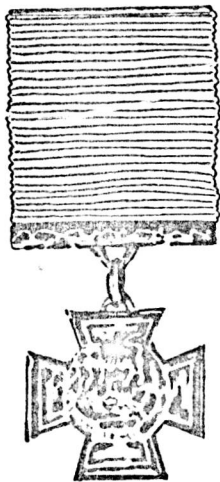
Oh, Bye The Way!

Aaron Brown was selected from the Beechville team as an All-Star. Gee, way to go Aaron. You deserved it.

During Hall's childhood his family settled at Horton Bluff. The house stood on the site of the present day Bluff lighthouse.

Hall was about 12 years old when he left home to begin his life as a sailor. He enlisted in the Royal Navy on February 2, 1852, at Liverpool, England. He served on Nelson's famous flag ship *Victory* at Portsmouth and was later posted to H.M.S. *Rodney* and sailed two years with the Channel Fleet. Hall was serving on the *Rodney* during the outbreak of the Crimean War. He saw action at the battle of Odessa, as well as at the siege of Sebastopol in 1854-1855. At the end of the war, Hall was transferred to the frigate *Shannon*, stationed in Hong Kong. With the outbreak of hostilities in India, the *Shannon* was sent to Calcutta.

William Hall was one of 410 seamen and marines selected by Captain William Peel



to go overland to Bawnpore and Lucknow in the summer of 1857. Hall was with the force sent to relieve the garrison at Lucknow where he volunteered to join a gun crew which was to penetrate the wall of the city. The gun crew were killed one by one until only Hall and a badly wounded lieutenant remained. Hall fired the charge which opened the wall allowing the British force to enter.

Able Seaman William Hall was honored for his bravery and awarded the Order of the Victoria Cross, November 16, 1857.

He was the first Nova Scotian and the first Canadian sailor to win the Victoria Cross.

William Hall, quartermaster, was discharged with a good conduct certificate, having rendered 22 years and 259 days active service in the Royal Navy. It is believed that he was offered a post at Whitehall, London, which he refused because, "I want to spend my days in the old place, the land of my birth." He settled on a farm four miles outside the town of Hantsport, Nova Scotia.

In 1901, when the future King George V and Queen Mary visited Halifax, William Hall was invited by the Royal British Veterans to the reception for the royal couple as a guest of the society.

William Hall V.C. died at his home in Avonport, Nova Scotia, on August 25, 1904, and was buried at Lockhartville.

SATURDAY AUG. 27

BEECHVILLE DAY
10:00A.M.-OPENING
CEREMONIES & BARBEQUE
BICYCLE RACE 10:15

TUESDAY AUG. 30

FAIRLANE FROLICS

FAMILY MOVIES
CANCELLED UNTILL
SEPT 6/83

BEECHVILLE TENNIS
CLUB 5:30

THURSDAY SEPT. 1

WOMENS FITNESS
CLASSES CANCELLED
UNTIL SEPT. 8.

BEECHVILLE TENNIS
CLUB 5:30 AT BLT
COURTS.