

The Wolfville Burying Ground first came into use in 1763. It was designed for the families of the community and district. It was always taken for granted that plots would be available, so a lack of organization led to neglect throughout the cemetery and later led to a restoration project. The increasing population after 1830 led to the necessity of a new burial ground in the area, and the Willow Bank Cemetery on Gaspereau Avenue was established.



The Planters brought with them the New England style of marking graves with stones. Some of the earliest stones were imported from New England, but after the American Revolution they began to be carved locally by men such as the Horton Carver. Initially the stones were made of sandstone but later shifted to limestone and granite. There was also a shift from individual stones to family monuments.

If you are interested in the preservation and upkeep of burial grounds, the Burial Grounds Society is always looking for more help. The society's goal is to research, locate, and reclaim cemeteries throughout Kings County. They spend a great deal of time working in specific burial grounds, caring for them to give them the recognition that they deserve. See <http://www.freewebs.com/burialcare/> for more information.

THE OLD WOLFVILLE BURYING GROUND:

A SELF-GUIDED TOUR



The gravestone of Professor Isaac Chipman.

For more information see:
<http://history.acadiou.ca/publichistory.html>

(1) Peter Bishop

Peter Bishop was born in 1735 at New London and later moved to New Minas. He was one of the founding members of the Horton Baptist Church and became its first deacon. He died on April 8th, 1826.

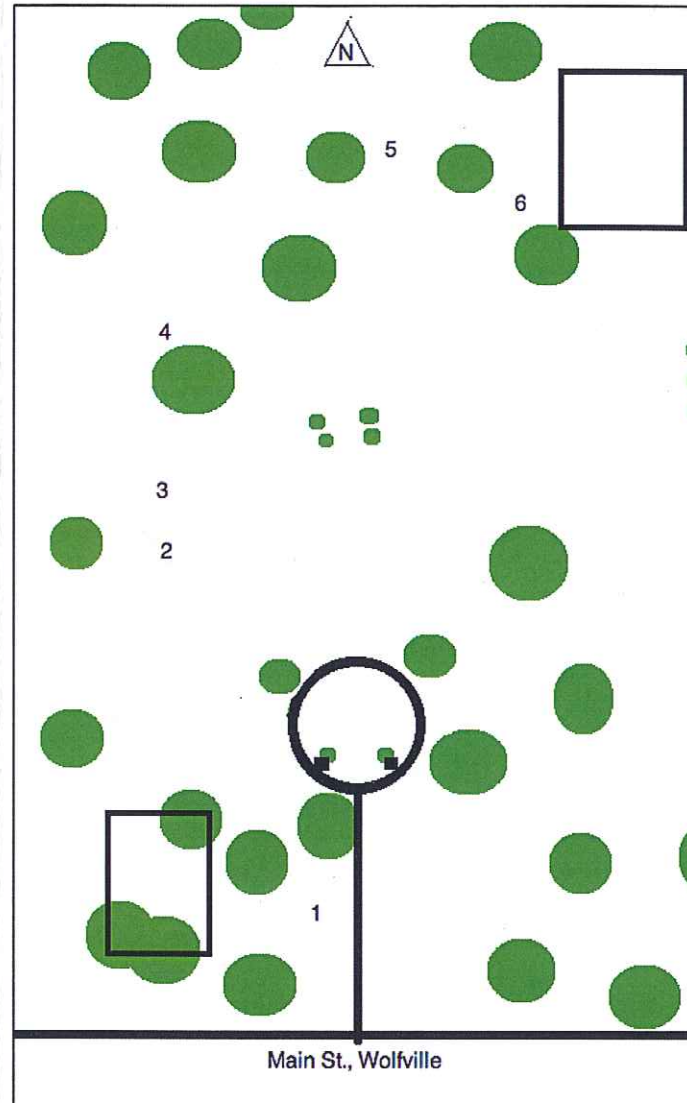
(2) Captain John Fowler

Captain John Fowler (1730-1796) was a Loyalist from New Jersey who owned most of the land between Highland and Gaspereau. His grandson and great grandson are also interned in this cemetery.



(3) Nathan DeWolf

Nathan DeWolf (1720-1789) was one of three DeWolf cousins who came as Planter to Horton in 1761. Along with the two cousins, he is known as having one of the most prosperous farms on the Cornwallis River. He is known as the virtual founder of the town. The name "Wolfville" was created in his honour. His son, grandson, and great grandson are buried here as well.



Legend
Squares – Family Plots
Circles – Trees and bushes
Circle and line – Path
Numbers match stones (see biographies)



(4) Anna Randle (Randall)

Anna Randall (1792-1823) was the daughter of Judge Elisha and Margaret Dewolf. She was married to Charles Randall. She died in childbirth at the age of 31. Her son, Charles D. became principal of Horton Academy, the predecessor of Acadia University.

(5) Isaac Chipman

Born in 1817, Isaac Chipman became one of Acadia's first professors. He tragically died in 1852 during a geological expedition to Blomidon after the boat he was on capsized in the Minas Basin, drowning nearly all aboard. He was interned in the burial ground along with the other drowned members of the expedition.

(6) Edmund Crawley

Born in 1798, Edmund Crawley was a prominent leader of the Maritime Baptist community. He was one of the founders of Acadia University, and became one of its first presidents. He resigned after losing two thirds of the school's endowment fund in a failed investment in a US mining company. However, he was later retired by the University, retiring in 1882 and passing away in 1888.