

# Yarmouth County Community Album Before 1920: People

## Notes from the Catalogue

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### 13. Five Tintypes of Known People

Tintypes became popular in about 1856 and remained a common form of photography for many years. Basically a tintype is a photograph which consists of a piece of black japanned sheet-iron coated with chemicals, sensitized, then exposed in the camera. The chemicals form the negative image while the black “tin” makes the image appear positive. As can be seen here, tintypes came in many sizes.

13A. Mary Dixon.

13C. Miss Lucy Morehouse.

13D. Thomas Doucet, mason of Quinan. Photograph taken in 1883 when Thomas was 17 years of age.

13E. Sarah, Ellen, Margaret, Eliza, Catherine, Frances, and Maria: daughters of Henry Greggs and Sarah Farish.

### 14. Four “Cartes-de-visite” Taken by Different Yarmouth Photographers

14A. Elizabeth Gale (Dudman) Killam, 1818–95, wife of Thomas Killam, mother of Thomas, Frank, and John Killam. 8.7 x 5.4 cm. T. Barbour, photographer, Victoria Building.

14B. Susan Holmes Crosby, wife of Wallace Crosby, 1819–1866. 8.9 x 5.7 cm. W. A. Beale, photographer, Victoria Building.

14D. The Reverend John Thomas Tidmarsh Moody, Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Yarmouth from 1846 until his death in 1883. 9.2 x 5.7 cm. Photograph taken in 1872 by L. G. Swain, photographer, rooms over his Variety Store.

14F. Caption on reverse reads “Great Grandmother Scott who was a Cook.” Louisa (Cook) Scott, 1810–1888. 8.7 x 5.7 cm. Parker, photographer.

## **15. Five Studio Portraits**

- 15A. Dr. Joseph Ellis Messenger, 1853-1921. 16.7 x 9.9 cm. Parker, photographer.
- 15B. Unknown child. 14 x 10.5 cm. Parker, photographer.
- 15C. Unknown man with “penny farthing bicycle.” 14.4 x 10.2 cm. George F. Parker, photographer.
- 15D. Unknown child in carriage. 13.6 x 9.7 cm. Yarmouth Portrait Company, photographers.
- 15E. Unknown man. 14.3 x 10.2 cm. George F. Parker, photographer.

## **16. Four Portraits of Children**

- 16A. Sabra Cook, Melvin Cook, Nellie Cook, Beatrice Cook, Adria Brannen, and Hattie Holmes — taken in 1894. 14 x 9.8 cm. Yarmouth Portrait Company, photographers.
- 16B. Unknown child. 14 x 9.8 cm. Yarmouth Portrait Company, photographers.
- 16C. Unknown child. 10.5 x 14.9 cm. L. G. Swain, photographer.
- 16D. Unknown child. 14 x 9.8 cm. Yarmouth Portrait Company, photographers.

## **17. Two Prominent Citizens**

- 17A. Alexander Lawson. 13.7 x 9.9 cm.

Alexander Lawson, 1815–1895, established and published *The Yarmouth Herald* from 9 August 1833 until his death on 3 March 1895. While under his management, *The Herald* was regarded as one of the leading journals of the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Canada.

- 17B. Bowman B. Law. 14.5 x 10.2 cm. George F. Parker, photographer.

Bowman B. Law, 1855–1916, son of William Law, M.P.P., was a partner in his father’s firm, William Law and Co., wholesale grocers, auctioneers, commission merchants and appraisers, real estate and stock brokers, fire and marine insurance agents. Law was one of the first town councillors after Yarmouth’s incorporation, was a member of the Provincial Parliament, and later a Member of Parliament.

Bowman B. Law was the only Member of Parliament to die in the fire of 1916, which destroyed the Parliament Buildings. He was well respected and sadly missed.

### **18. Three Family Portraits**

- 18A. Julia (Moody) Grant and her nephew, Philip D. Moody; names of the dog and the kittens are unknown. 11.3 x 18.5 cm.
- 18B. Maria (Tilley) and Charles Frederick Brown with their dog. 13.9 x 9.8 cm. Parker, photographer.
- 18C. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Washburn. 11 x 9.7 cm.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Washburn are in the garden of the Murray House, corner of Main and Forest Streets. The Washburns were Americans who visited their Markland cottage every summer. They were frequent guests in the Murray home since Mrs. Washburn, before her marriage, had been Deborah Murray.

### **19. Three Boer War Photographs**

- 19A. Chaplain W. G. Lane on horseback in 1900 prior to departure for South Africa. 12.2 x 17.8 cm. E. R. Parker, photographer.

This photograph is a composite with Mr. Lane's face inserted on a painted body and a painted horse. Following the Boer War, the Reverend Mr. Lane was the minister of Providence and Wesley churches in Yarmouth. He died in 1944 at the age of 96.

- 19B. Irving R. Tooker, 1875–1948. 14 x 9.8 cm. E. R. Parker, photographer.
- 19C. L. Woolsey Bingay and Irving R. Tooker. 14 x 9.8 cm. E. R. Parker, photographer.

The caption on the reverse of this photograph reads "L. Woolsey Bingay and Irving R. Tooker turned in for the night on the veldt in Transvaal during the war between Great Britain and the South African Republic, 1900." The picture was, in fact, taken in Parker's Yarmouth studio. Both men went to South Africa and returned. Bingay was later killed in the first World War.

## **20. Two Photographs of the Yarmouth Battery Garrison Artillery**

20A. Yarmouth Battery Garrison Artillery, mid-to-late 1880s. 19 x 23.2 cm.

Lieutenant Alexander P. Lewis has the sash and swagger stick. To his left is Sgt. Thomas Sealey who later became Colonel of the Yarmouth Battery.

20B. Yarmouth Battery Garrison Artillery, mid-to-late 1880s. 10.7 x 18 cm.

This photograph shows the unit carrying out practice at Bunker's Island. During the war of 1812 gun emplacements were set up at Bunker's Island and three cannon were sent from Halifax. The date of the guns' removal is unknown but their locations are easy to spot even today. The guns in this picture are not about to be fired as the recoil ropes are not rigged and, indeed, the gun platform does not look stable enough to withstand the punishment of a gun being fired.

## **21. Three School Groups**

21A. Milton School teachers in 1896. 14 x 20.6 cm.

Milton School teachers in 1896 sit on the lawn of their school with the William Law, later Bowman B. Law, house on Elm Street in the background. The teachers are: standing left to right, George Cann (?), Agnes Chipman, W. F. Kempton (principal), Flo Brown; seated, left to right, unknown, Kate Christie, Dr. Fox (?), Mrs. Van Metzke.

21B. A class from Milton School. 14 x 20.6 cm.

A class from Milton School, probably taken the same day as 21A, judging by Dr. Fox's (?) clothes. Note how well-dressed the "scholars" are; every child is wearing his or her Sunday-best hat. The back row shows two boys who couldn't stand still long enough for the exposure and are very camera-shy young men.

21C. Unknown Yarmouth school class. 19 x 23.8 cm.

This unknown Yarmouth school class is a fine study of children. Have a close look at the faces, which show innocence, curiosity, timidity, smiles, frowns, and fear—but no boredom.