

Preliminary Index to Nova Scotia Brickyards

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Introduction:

This Index is not a comprehensive listing, but sufficient to determine where brickyards were, or may have been located, based on two primary sources: *Building Nova Scotia Brick by Brick* – by H. Millard Wright , 2004; and *Nova Scotia Mines Report, 1909 and 1910* – Provincial Government (as reported in Wright’s book).

The Index comes in two parts:

Part 1 - Brickyard Listing in Order of Community

Part 2 - Brickyard Listing in Order of Brickyard Name

The locations of brickmaking activities are not always perfectly clear in Wright’s book, and may take the expertise of a Nova Scotia resident to clarify. It has also been difficult to determine the exact name for various brickyards. That nomenclature will have to be revised at some point as more accurate information comes to light.

By 1934 - all Nova Scotia brick plants had closed, due to the Depression - (Wright, 2004 – p. 72). However, brickmaking was rejuvenated by the Shaw Group throughout the Atlantic Provinces in the 1940s, and remains active in 2025.

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Part 1 - Brickyard Listing in Order of Community

A

Advocate (Cumberland County)

- Manning Brickyard – late 1800s-early 1900s - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Amherst (Cumberland)

- Unidentified Brickyard – operated many years - (Wright, 2004, p. 69)

Annapolis Royal (Annapolis County)

- Buckler Brick Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Nova Scotia Clay Works – new plant, 1912 - (Wright, 2024, p. 13, 55) – included L.E. Shaw
- John Buckler Brickyard, Sawmill Creek, c. 1850; incorporated - (Wright, 2004, p. 20)

Antigonish (Antigonish County)

- Angus Smith – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- John Chisholm Brickyard, at Salt Springs - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88-89)
- Unidentified Brickyard # 1 - at Salt Springs - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)
- Unidentified Brickyard # 2 - at Salt Springs - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)

Avonport (Kings County)

- R. Shaw – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- L.E. Shaw Brickyard – bought plant from Robert Shaw in 1911 ; built 6 round down draft kilns after 1917 Halifax Explosion; closed in 1934 - (Wright, 2004, p. 32, 39, 40, 56, 72)
- North Family Brickyard , at Hants Border - c. 1871 – in association with Robert Shaw - (Wright, 2004, p. 38, 42)
- Robert Shaw started at Avonport in 1872, fired bricks in a scove kiln - (Wright, 2004, p. 36, 39)
- Albert Reid Brickyard, operated 1867 to 1878 - (Wright, 2004, p. 37)
- Jacob Walton Brickyard – started c. 1884; scove kiln; sold to Shaw after Walton died in 1917 - (Wright, 2004, p. 38, 39, 40)
- Brickyard – near here, closed before 1911 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

B

Barney Brook (Hants County)

- Spears Brickyard – see: Elmsdale
- James and Jacob Miller Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 62)

Berwick (Kings County)

- Parker Brickyard – mid 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 34)

Brickton (Annapolis County)

- L.E. Shaw - 1903; bought by Middleton Brick Company by 1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 12, 13, 28)
- See also: Guysborough

Bridgetown (Annapolis County)

- Edwin Walker; later owned by Carmen Piggott – 1890; closed 1905; 1909 plant sold to Middleton Clay Works; then burned, and rebuilt in 1910 - (Wright, 2004, p. 25-26, 32)
- Cox Brothers owned plant in 1874 - (Wright, p. 25)
- International Brick and Tile Company, est. 1890 – Hector Mclean - (Wright, 2004, p. 25)
- J.W. Beckworth Brickyard – 1903 - (Wright, 2004, p. 27)

C

Canard (Kings County)

- Jacob Walton Brickyard – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); also - (Wright, 2004, p. 36 & 38)

Chezzetcook (Halifax County)

- Unidentified Acadian Brickyard – mid to late 1800s - closed after 1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 44-45)
- West Chezzetcook Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 63)

Chipman, New Brunswick

- L.E. Shaw Ltd – at Elmsdale, N.S. and at Chipman, N.B. - (Wright, 2004, p. 59, 72)

Conquerall Bank (Lunenburg County)

- William Oakes and Sons (including Henry?) - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 16)
- John Nauger - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 16)
- William Oakes - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 17)

D

Dartmouth (Halifax County)

- Woodside Brickyard – owned by Fairbanks and Prescott families - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)
- John Mott Henry Brickyard – mid 1830 – also at Woodside - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)
- Daniel Eaton Brickyard – 1818 [sic] probably date should be 1881, or 1918 - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)
- Henry Yeomans Mott Brickyard – pre 1855 - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)
- W.R. Jennet Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)

Digby County

- Woodman's Brickyard - at Little Joggins, operated by Jacob Symonds; later by Jacob Woodman - (Wright, 2004)
- Unidentified brickyard at New Edinburgh - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)
- Charlie Wyman Brickyard, at Beaver River, near Port Maitland – one kiln at mouth of Beaver River, another at Bartlett's Beach - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)

E

Eden Siding (Inverness County)

- James Miller & Son Brickyard – started 1896; closed 1916 - (Wright, 2004, p. 91, 94, 95) – see also : River Denys

Elmsdale (Hants County)

- Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company – Yard # 1 – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company – Yard # 2 owned by James Miller - (Wright, 2004, p. 52-55, 65)
- Jacob Miller – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); and - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)
- Tremain Brickyard – 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 52)

- Spares [Spears?] Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 52, 54) – see also Barney Brook
- Millers’ Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 54) – see also Truro Road
- Thompson’s Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 54) – see also Truro Road

Enfield (on Border of Hants and Halifax Counties)

- Robert Malcolm Jr. Brickyard / Elmsdale Pottery - operated 1864 - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)
- Elmsdale Pottery – owned by Smith and Johnson - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)
- Enfield Brickyard and Pottery – owned by Smith and Kaye – c. 1870 - (Wright, 2004, p. 49, 50)

F

Fortress Louisbourg (Cape Breton County)

- Port Toulouse Brickyard – 1716 – not good quality - (Wright, 2004, p. 101-102, 109)
- New England bricks – 1731 - better than Port Toulouse - (Wright, 2004, p. 102, 104)
- Baie des Espagnols Brickyard – c. 1750 - not good quality - (Wright, 2004, p. 102-105)
- Mira Brickyard - c. 1753 until c. 1900 - (Wright, 2004, p. 102-106)
- Tillard River Brickyard – pre 1750s - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)
- St. Peter’s Brickyard – 1731 - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)

G

George’s River (Cape Breton County)

- Carmichael Brickyard – c.1900 until c. 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 95-100)

Guysborough County

- Possible Unidentified Brickyard – or maybe brick from Brickton - (Wright, 2004 – p. 89-90)

H

Halifax County

- Daniel Cogel Brickyard – between Hare and Hornsby brickyards - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)
- William Hare Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 48)
- Oswald Hornsby Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 49)
- Wellington Brickyard – c. mid 1850s until 1880s - owned by Peters and Bailock - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 48)
- Brown Brickyard – preceded on Wellington site - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)
- F.B. McCurdy – Brickyard (at Halifax?) - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)

Hants County

- Unidentified Brickyard ,at Nine Mile River – 1870 - (Wright, 2004, p. 42)
- North Family Brickyard, at Hants Border - 1871 (see Avonport)

Hantsport (Hants County)

- L.E. Shaw Brickyard – operating by 1911 - (Wright, 2004, p. 12, 32)
- Robert Shaw Brickyard, 1861, at Haf Way River - (Wright, 2004, p. 36, 42)

I

Inverness County

- See also: River Denys, Orangedale, Mabou, Judique, Marktown

J

Judique (Inverness County)

- Unidentified Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 105-106)

K

Kings County

- Acadian sod “bricks”, near Kingsport - (Wright, 2004, p. 36)
- Elderkin Brickyard, Wolfville – c. 1840-50 - (Wright, 2004, p. 36)
- Englishman Brickyard, at Falmouth – post 1850 - (Wright, 2004, p. 26)
- Possible Acadian brick for chimney, at Grand Pré - (Wright, 2004, p. 37)

L

Lantz (Hants County)

- Truro Road Yard - (Wright, 2004, p. 13)
- Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company - (Wright, 2004, p. 13, 54, 55) – included L.E. Shaw
- Lantz Brickyard – 1899 – owned by Harvey, Croft & Dick Lantz - (Wright, 2004, p. 52-56)
- Shaw Group – acquired all other Maritimes plants, with head office at Lantz - (Wright, 2004, p. 58-59, 64)

Lower Canard (Kings County)

- Unidentified Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 35)

Lower Plymouth (Pictou County)

- George Brooks Brickyard - (Wright, 2004 – p. 78)

M

Mabou (Inverness County)

- Unidentified Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Marktown (Inverness County)

- Unidentified Brickyard – on River Denys Road – closed between 1900 and 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

Meadowville (Pictou County)

- Canada Consolidated Clay Co. Ltd. (Brickyard) at Meadowville – c. 1900; closed 1910, buildings & equipment moved to Shaw plant at Pictou - (Wright, 2004 – p. 82-85)

Middleton (Annapolis County)

- Middleton Clay Working Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Middleton Brickyard, also called Middleton Clay Works - (Wright, 2004, p. 29-33)
- Middleton Brick and Tile Company – c.1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 31)
- Middleton Clay Working Company changed name to Valley Brick and Tile Company – 1911; bought by R.S. McKay in 1915 and then closed - (Wright, 2004, p. 32-33)
- L.E. Shaw Brickyard - 1911 (Wright, 2004, p. 32)

Mira River (Cape Breton County)

- Mira Brick Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- First bricks by French settlers early 1700s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

- Huntington Brickyard, along Mira River 1860s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)
- Mira River Brick Company – est. 1900 ; closed 1922- (Wright, 2004, p. 106-108)
- Hall Brickyard, between Sydney and Louisbourg - along Mira River 1860s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

N

New Glasgow (Pictou County)

- George Brooks – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); and (N.S. Mines Report, 1924: p. 77)
- Stephen Brooks – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Stephen Brooks & Sons – 1880 to 1937, when sold to L.E. Shaw, ceased brickmaking in early 1970s - (Wright, 2004 – p. 76,78, 81, 82)
- Dominion Fire Brick and Tile Company – pre 1871 until at least 1901 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 77-78)
- New Glasgow Brick and Tile Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 75-76)
- Crown Brick & Pottery Works – 1867 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 76)
- Standard Drain Tile Works – c.1901 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 77-78)
- Standard Clay Products Ltd. – 1924 – (N.S. Mines report, 1924) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 78-80)
- John Kent Brickyard – c. 1867 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)
- Henry Church Brickyard – c.1867 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

O

Orangedale (Inverness County)

- Unidentified Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Oxford (Cumberland County)

- Samuel Myatt Brickyard – mid 1880s - (Wright, 2004, p. 67)
- Robert Brownell Brickyard, operated by Brownell, of Truro and Oxford - (Wright, 2004, p. 70)

P

Parrsboro (Cumberland County)

- John Manning Brickyard – c. 1880 - 1910 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)
- John Manning Brickyard – (N. S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)
- Swan Creek Brickyard – east of Parrsboro, c. 1860 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Pictou (Pictou County)

- L.E. Shaw Brickyard - 1911 (Wright, 2004, p. 32)
- Unidentified Brickyard – on Simpson land - c. 1900 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)
- Consolidated Clay Company – 1911 until c. 1914 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)

Pictou County

- General Mining Association brickyard – 1827 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)
- Mitchell Burns – burned bricks in a pottery near Potter's bridge – c.1859 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)
- Crown Brick and Pottery Company – 1867 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

Port Phillips (Cumberland County)

- Port Phillips Freestone & Brick Manufacturing Co. - Wm. M. Morrison – 1880-81 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

Pugwash (Cumberland County)

- Maritime Clay Working Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 70)

- Maritime Clay Works – A. Smith and R.L. MacDonald – uses continuous kiln firing - (Wright, 2004 – p. 70-74)
- Nova Scotia Clay Works Ltd. – 1910 – A. Smith and R.L. MacDonald – taken over by Shaw during early 1930s, then closed and equipment shipped to Avonport and Chipman - (Wright, 2004, p. 13, 54, 56, 72)
- First brickmaking venture, Sand Point area of Pugwash – 1889 – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 69)
- Pugwash Industries (Brickyard) – Wm. M. Morrison – 1911 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)
- Unidentified Brickyard, operated by Robert Brownell, of Truro and Oxford - (Wright, 2004, p. 70)
- John D. Lowden Brickyard – along Pugwash River – c.1860 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

R

River Bourgeois (Richmond County)

- Unidentified Acadian Brickyard, near St. Peter's - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)

River Denys (Inverness County)

- Miller Brothers – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Miller Brothers Brickyard, near Eden – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - 1896 until c.1914 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 91-93)
- Unidentified Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Roslin (Hill) (Cumberland County)

- Samuel Myatt Brickyard - (Wright, 2004, p. 67)
- Cumberland Brick and Tile Company – Robert Brownell – c. 1880s – sold to Pugwash a year later - (Wright, 2004, p. 67-68)

S

Shaw Group

- Shaw family brick operations throughout the Atlantic Canada - (Wright, 2004, p. 112)

Shelburne (Shelburne County)

- George Warden, near Sandy Point - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)
- Samuel Marshall and William Hale, at Blue Island – in 1780s - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)
- Possible kiln at Centreville - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)

Shubenacadie (Hants County)

- James Miller and Sons – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- James Miller and Sons – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 61)
- L.E. Shaw Ltd – at Elmsdale, N.S. and Chipman, N.B. - (Wright, 2004, p. 59)
- Moore and Murray Brickyard – sold to James Miller ca. 1868 – then sold to Nova Scotia Clay Works in 1912 - (Wright, 2004, p. 61-64, 66)
- George Lang Brickyard – 1880-81 - (Wright, 2004, p. 65)

South Brookfield (Queens County)

- Unidentified Brickyard, dated to about 1850 - (Wright, 2004, p. 17-18)

Starr's Point, near Cornwallis (Kings County)

- Unidentified brickyard, at Starr's Point , c.1811 - (Wright, 2004, p. 34-35)

Stellarton (Pictou County)

- Acadia Coal Company, Albion mine – fire clay source - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)

Sydney (Cape Breton County)

- Sydney Pressed Brick Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Sylvester (Pictou County)

- Eastern Brick and Tile Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- Stellarton Brick and Tile Company - (Wright, 2004, p. 86, 88)
- Westellar Brick and Tile Company - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)
- Westellar Terra Cotta Company – 1905 – bought Westellar Brick and Tile in 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86-87)
- Eastern Canada Brick and Tile Company c.1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 87)
- Sylvester Brick and Tile Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 87)

T

Truro Road (Hants County)

- Millers Brickyard (see: Elmsdale)
- Thompson's Brickyard (see: Elmsdale)
- Unidentified Brickyard, operated by Robert Brownell, of Truro and Oxford - (Wright, 2004, p. 70)

W

Wallace Bridge (Cumberland County)

- Battye Brick Company – 1903-1906 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

Waterville (Kings County)

George Borden Brickyard - 1906; For Sale in 1908 - (Wright, 2004, p. 33-34)

Westville (Pictou County)

- Intercolonial Coal Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) – until c.1919 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 87)
- Westville Terra Cotta Company – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)
- General Mining Association brickyard – 1927 - (Wright, 2004, p. 87-88)

Windsor (Hants County)

- Unidentified Brickyard – 1750 - (Wright, 2004, p. 43)

Yarmouth County

- Possibly William Benjamin Manning, location unknown, perhaps in mid 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)

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NOTE: Nova Scotia Clay Works – est. 1910 – bought: Buckley's (Annapolis); L.E. Shaw (Brickton); Robert Shaw (Avonport); Smith & MacDonald (Pugwash); Miller Brothers (Shubenacadie); Truro Road Yard (Lantz); Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company (Lantz). Later acquired all of the remaining operating plants in Nova Scotia. - (Wright, 2004, p. 13)

Part 2 - Brickyard Listing in Order of Brickyard Name

A

Acadia Coal Company, Albion mine , at Stellarton– fire brick clay source - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)

B

Baie des Espagnols Brickyard – c. 1750 - not good quality - (Wright, 2004, p. 102-105)

Battye Brick Company, at Wallace Bridge – 1903-1906 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

Beckworth (J.W.) Brickyard, at Bridgetown – 1903 - (Wright, 2004, p. 27)

Borden (George) Brickyard, at Waterville - 1906; For Sale in 1908 - (Wright, 2004, p. 33-34)

Brooks (George) Brickyard, at Lower Plymouth - (Wright, 2004 – p. 78)

Brooks (George) Brickyard, at New Glasgow – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); and (N.S. Mines Report, 1924: p. 77)

Brooks (Stephen) Brickyard, at New Glasgow – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Brooks (Stephen) & Sons, Brickyard – 1880 to 1937, when sold to L.E. Shaw, ceased brickmaking in early 1970s - (Wright, 2004 – p. 76,78, 81, 82)

Brown Brickyard, at Halifax – preceded on Wellington site - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)

Brownell (Robert) Brickyard, at Oxford – also operated at Truro - (Wright, 2004, p. 70)

Brownell (Robert) Brickyard, at Truro – also operated at Oxford - (Wright, 2004, p. 70)

Buckler Brick Company, at Annapolis Royal – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Buckler (John) Brickyard, at Sawmill Creek, c. 1850; incorporated - (Wright, 2004, p. 20)

Burns (Mitchell) Brickyard, near Potter’s Bridge, Pictou County - burned bricks in a pottery – c.1859 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

C

Canada Consolidated Clay Co. Ltd. (Brickyard) at Meadowville – c. 1900; closed 1910, buildings & equipment moved to Shaw plant at Pictou - (Wright, 2004 – p. 82-85)

Carmichael Brickyard, at George’s River – c.1900 until c. 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 95-100)

Chisholm (John) Brickyard, at Salt Springs – (Wright, 2004 – p. 88-89)

Church (Henry) Brickyard, at New Glasgow – c.1867 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

Cogel (Daniel) Brickyard, at Halifax – between Hare and Hornsby brickyards - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)

Consolidated Clay Company, at Pictou – 1911 until c. 1914 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)

Cox Brothers, at Bridgetown - owned plant in 1874; then leased to Joseph Buckler - (Wright, p. 25)

Crown Brick & Pottery Works, at New Glasgow – 1867 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 76, 85)

Cumberland Brick and Tile Company, at Roslin Hill – operated by Robert Brownell – c. 1880s – sold to Pugwash a year later - (Wright, 2004, p. 67-68)

D

Dominion Fire Brick and Tile Company , at New Glasgow – pre 1871 until at least 1901 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 77-78)

E

Eastern Brick and Tile Company, at Sylvester – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Eastern Canada Brick and Tile Company, at Sylvester - c.1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 87)

Eaton (Daniel) Brickyard, at Dartmouth – 1818 [sic] probably date should be 1881, or 1918 - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)

Elderkin Brickyard, at Wolfville – c. 1840-50 - (Wright, 2004, p. 36)

Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company – Yard # 1, at Elmsdale – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company – Yard # 2, at Elmsdale - owned by James Miller - (Wright, 2004, p. 52-55, 65)

Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company, at Lantz - (Wright, 2004, p. 13, 54, 55) – included L.E. Shaw

Elmsdale Pottery, at Enfield / Elmsdale – owned by Smith and Johnson - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)

Enfield Brickyard and Pottery, at Enfield / Elmsdale – owned by Smith and Kaye – c. 1870 - (Wright, 2004, p. 49, 50)

Englishman Brickyard, at Falmouth – post 1850 - (Wright, 2004, p. 26)

F

Fortress Louisbourg – see: Unidentified Acadian Brickyard

G

General Mining Association Brickyard, at Westville – 1927 (or 1827?)- (Wright, 2004, p. 87-88)

General Mining Association Brickyard, between New Glasgow and Stellarton – 1827 (or 1927?) - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

H

Hale, William – see: Marshall and Hale Brickyard, Shelburne

Hall Brickyard, near Louisbourg - along Mira River 1860s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

Hare (William) Brickyard, at Halifax - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 48)

Henry (John Mott) Brickyard, at Dartmouth – mid 1830 – also at Woodside - (Wright, 2004, p. 47)

Hornsby (Oswald) Brickyard, at Halifax - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 49)

Huntington (Caleb) Brickyard, near Louisbourg - along Mira River 1860s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

I

Intercolonial Coal Company, at Westville – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) – until c.1919 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 87)

International Brick and Tile Company, at Bridgetown - est. 1890 – Hector Mclean - (Wright, 2004, p. 25)

J

Jennet (W.R.) Brickyard, at Dartmouth - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)

K

Kent (John) Brickyard, at New Glasgow – c. 1867 - (Wright, 2004, p. 85)

L

Lang (George) Brickyard, at Shubenacadie – 1880-81 - (Wright, 2004, p. 65)

Lantz Brickyard , at Lantz – 1899 – owned by brother Harvey, Croft & Dick Lantz - (Wright, 2004, p. 52-56)

Louisbourg – see: Unidentified Acadian Brickyards and Mira Brickyard

Lowden (John D.) Brickyard, near Pugwash, along Pugwash River – c.1860 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

M

Malcolm (Robert) Jr. Brickyard / Elmsdale Pottery, at Enfield - operated 1864 - (Wright, 2004, p. 49)

Manning Brickyard, at Advocate – late 1800s-early 1900s - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Manning (John) Brickyard, at Parrsboro – (N. S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Manning (John) Brickyard, at Parrsboro – c. 1880 - 1910 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Manning (William Benjamin) Brickyard, at Yarmouth - location unknown, perhaps in mid 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)

Maritime Clay Working Company, at Pugwash – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 70)

Maritime Clay Works, at Pugwash – A. Smith and R.L. MacDonald – uses continuous kiln firing - (Wright, 2004 – p. 70-74)

Marshall (Samuel) and William Hale Brickyard, at Shelburne, on Blue Island – in 1780s - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)

McCurdy (F.B.) Brickyard, [at Halifax?] - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)

Middleton Brick and Tile Company, at Middleton – c.1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 31)

Middleton Brickyard, at Middleton also called Middleton Clay Works - (Wright, 2004, p. 29-33)

Middleton Clay Working Company, at Middleton – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Middleton Clay Working Company, at Middleton - changed name to Valley Brick and Tile Company – 1911; bought by R.S. McKay in 1915 and then closed - (Wright, 2004, p. 32-33)

Miller (Jacob), at Elmsdale – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); and - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)

Miller (James and Jacob) Brickyard, at Barney's Brook - (Wright, 2004, p. 62)

Miller (James) and Son Brickyard, at Eden Siding – started 1896; closed 1916 - (Wright, 2004, p. 91, 94, 95)

Miller (James) and Sons, at Shubenacadie – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Miller (James) and Sons, at Shubenacadie – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 61)

Miller Brothers Brickyard, near Eden – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - 1896 until c.1914 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 91-93)

Miller Brothers Brickyard, at River Denys – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Millers' Brickyard, at Elmsdale / Truro Road - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)

Mira Brickyard, between Sydney and Louisbourg - c. 1753 until c. 1900 - (Wright, 2004, p. 102-106)

Mira Brick Company, between Sydney and Louisbourg – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Mira River Brick Company, between Sydney and Louisbourg – est. 1900 ; closed 1922- (Wright, 2004, p. 106-108)

Mott (Henry Yeomans) Brickyard, at Dartmouth – pre 1855 - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)

Moore and Murray Brickyard, at Shubenacadie – sold to James Miller ca. 1868 – then sold to Nova Scotia Clay Works in 1912 - (Wright, 2004, p. 61-64, 66)

Murray and Moore - see: Moore and Murray, at Shubenacadie

Myatt (Samuel) Brickyard, at Oxford – mid 1880s - (Wright, 2004, p. 67)

Myatt (Samuel) Brickyard, at Roslin Hill - (Wright, 2004, p. 67)

N

Nauger (John) Brickyard, at Conquerall - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 16)

New England bricks – 1731 - better than Port Toulouse - (Wright, 2004, p. 102, 104)

New Glasgow Brick and Tile Company, at New Glasgow – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9, 75-76)

North Family Brickyard, at Hants Border - c. 1884 – in association with Robert Shaw - (Wright, 2004, p. 38, 42)

North Family Brickyard, at Hants Border - 1871 - (Wright, 2004, p. 42)

Nova Scotia Clay Works, at Annapolis Royal – built new plant in 1912 – also at Avonport, Lantz, Pugwash, and Shubenacadie – (Wright, 2024, p. 13, 55) – included L.E. Shaw

Nova Scotia Clay Works Ltd., at Pugwash – 1910 – A. Smith and R.L. MacDonald – taken over by Shaw during early 1930s, then closed and equipment shipped to Avonport and Chipman - (Wright, 2004, p. 13, 54, 56, 72)

Nova Scotia Clay Works – est. 1910 – bought: Buckley's (Annapolis); L.E. Shaw (Brickton); Robert Shaw (Avonport); Smith & MacDonald (Pugwash); Miller Brothers (Shubenacadie); Truro Road Yard (Lantz); Elmsdale Brick and Tile Company (Lantz). Later acquired all of the remaining operating plants in Nova Scotia. - (Wright, 2004, p. 13)

O

Oakes (William) Brickyard, at Conquerall - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 17)

Oakes (William and Sons, including Henry?) Brickyard, at Conquerall - operated in 1896 - (Wright, 2004, p. 16)

P

Parker Family Brickyard, at Berwick – mid 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 34)

Port Phillips Freestone & Brick Manufacturing Co., at Port Phillips - Wm. M. Morrison – 1880-81 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

Port Toulouse Brickyard, at St. Peter's – 1716 – not good quality - (Wright, 2004, p. 101-102, 109)

Pugwash Industries (Brickyard), at Pugwash – Wm. M. Morrison – 1911 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 75)

R

Reid (Albert) Brickyard, at Avonport operated 1867 to 1878 - (Wright, 2004, p. 37)

River Bourgeois Brickyard, at River Bourgeois - Acadian operation - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)

S

Shaw Group Ltd. – acquired all other Maritimes plants, with head office at Lantz, N.S. - (Wright, 2004, p. 58-59, 64, 112) – see also: <https://shawgrouppltd.com/history/>

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Avonport, Hantsport and Pictou – operating by 1911 - (Wright, 2004, p. 12, 32)

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Brickton - 1903; bought by Middleton Brick Company by 1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 12, 13, 28)

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Elmsdale, N.S. and at Chipman, N.B. - (Wright, 2004, p. 59, 72)

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Middleton - 1911 (Wright, 2004, p. 32)

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Middleton – also bought Avonport plant from Robert Shaw in 1911 ; built 6 round down draft kilns after 1917 Halifax Explosion; closed in 1934 - (Wright, 2004, p. 32, 39, 40, 56, 72)

Shaw (L.E.) Brickyard, at Pictou - 1911 (Wright, 2004, p. 32)

Shaw (Robert) Brickyard, at Avonport – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Shaw (Robert) Brickyard, at Half Way River, 1861 - (Wright, 2004, p. 36, 42)

Shaw (Robert) Brickyard – started at Avonport in 1872, fired bricks in a scove kiln - (Wright, 2004, p. 36, 39)

Smith (Angus) Brickyard, at Antigonish – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Spares [Spears?] Brickyard, at Elmsdale - (Wright, 2004, p. 52, 54) – see also Barney Brook

St. Peter's Brickyard, at St. Peter's – 1731 - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)

Standard Clay Products Ltd., at New Glasgow – 1924 – (N.S. Mines report, 1924) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 78-80)

Standard Drain Tile Works, at New Glasgow– c.1901 - (Wright, 2004 – p. 77-78)

Stellarton Brick and Tile Company, at Sylvester - (Wright, 2004, p. 86, 88)

Swan Creek Brickyard – east of Parrsboro, c. 1860 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Sydney Pressed Brick Company, at Sydney – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

Sylvester Brick and Tile Company, at Sylvester – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004, p. 87)

T

Thompson's Brickyard, at Elmsdale / Truro Road - (Wright, 2004, p. 54)

Tillard River Brickyard, at Tillard River – pre 1750s - (Wright, 2004, p. 109)

Tremain Brickyard, at Elmsdale – 1800s - (Wright, 2004, p. 52)

Truro Road Brickyard – possibly Thompson's - (Wright, 2004, p. 13)

U

Unidentified Acadian bricks for chimney, at Grand Pré - (Wright, 2004, p. 37)

Unidentified Acadian Brickyard – near Louisbourg - first bricks by French settlers early 1700s - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

Unidentified Acadian Brickyard, at West Chezzetcook – mid to late 1800s - closed after 1906 - (Wright, 2004, p. 44-45)

Unidentified Acadian sod "bricks", near Kingsport - (Wright, 2004, p. 36)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Amherst , operated many years - (Wright, 2004, p. 69)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Avonport, closed before 1911 - (Wright, 2004, p. 68)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Centreville (possibly) - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Guysborough – or maybe isolated brick from Brickton - (Wright, 2004 – p. 89-90)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Judique - (Wright, 2004, p. 105-106)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Lower Canard - (Wright, 2004, p. 35)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Mabou - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Marktown – on River Denys Road – closed between 1900 and 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 106)

Unidentified Brickyard, at New Edinburgh - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Nine Mile River – 1870 - (Wright, 2004, p. 42)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Orangedale - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Pictou – on Simpson land - c. 1900 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Pugwash, Sand Point area – 1889 – (N.S. Mines Report, 1910) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 69)

Unidentified Brickyard, at River Denys - (Wright, 2004, p. 105)

Unidentified Brickyard # 1, at Salt Springs - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)

Unidentified Brickyard # 2, at Salt Springs - (Wright, 2004 – p. 88)

Unidentified Brickyard, at South Brookfield - dated to about 1850 - (Wright, 2004, p. 17-18)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Starr’s Point - c.1811 - (Wright, 2004, p. 34-35)

Unidentified Brickyard, at Windsor – 1750 - (Wright, 2004, p. 43)

V

Valley Brick & Tile Company, at Middleton – 1911; bought by R.S. McKay in 1915, & then closed - (Wright, 2004, p. 32-33)

W

Walker (Edwin) Brickyard, at Bridgetown; later owned by Carmen Piggott – 1890; closed 1905; 1909 plant sold to Middleton Clay Works; then burned, and rebuilt in 1910 - (Wright, 2004, p. 25-26, 32)

Walton (Jacob) Brickyard at Canard – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9); also - (Wright, 2004, p. 36 & 38)

Walton (Jacob) Brickyard, at Avonport – started c. 1884; scove kiln; sold to Shaw after Walton died in 1917 - (Wright, 2004, p. 38, 39, 40)

Warden (George), at Shelburne, near Sandy Point - (Wright, 2004, p. 18)

Wellington Brickyard, at Halifax – c. mid 1850s until 1880s - owned by Peters and Bailock - (Wright, 2004, p. 47, 48)

Westellar Brick and Tile Company, at Sylvester - (Wright, 2004, p. 86)

Westellar Terra Cotta Company, at Sylvester – 1905 – bought Westellar Brick and Tile in 1905 - (Wright, 2004, p. 86-87)

Westville Terra Cotta Company, at Westville – (N.S. Mines Report, 1909) - (Wright, 2004 – p. 8-9)

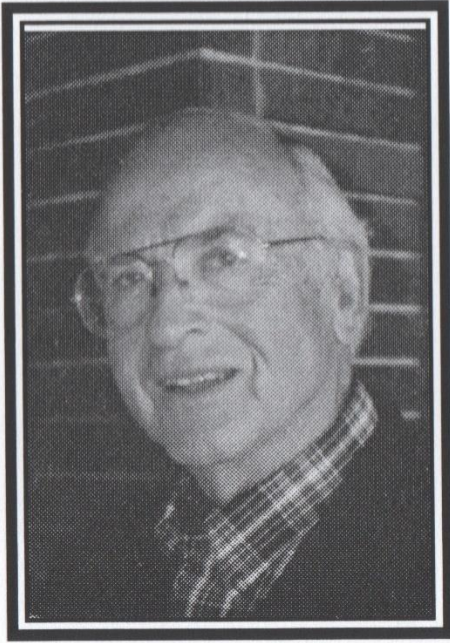
Woodman’s (Jacob) Brickyard - at Little Joggins, operated by Jacob Symonds; later by Jacob Woodman - (Wright, 2004)

Woodside Brickyard , at Dartmouth – owned by Fairbanks and Prescott families - (Wright, 2004, p. 48)

Wyman (Charlie) Brickyard, at Beaver River, near Port Maitland – one kiln at mouth of Beaver River, another at Bartlett’s Beach - (Wright, 2004, p. 19)

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Wright, Harry Millard, 98, died in Halifax on 26 Oct 2022. Born in Deep Brook, Annapolis County, NS, on his grandfather's farm, he was the son of the late Dennis B. Wright and Harriet Nichols.

Following graduation from MacDonald High School in Middleton, NS, he attended Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, from which he received an Engineering diploma and Bachelor of Science degree. Emigrating to the United States, he served in the US Army in various locations. Following an honourable discharge, he attended the Montana School of Mines, Butte, Montana. He married his wife, Virginia ("Jinny") Margeson Eaton, in Milton MA, in 1947. In October 2021, they celebrated their 74th anniversary. A noted Nova Scotia artist, she died in December 2021. He was the founding director of the Annapolis Valley Peat Moss Company, Berwick, NS, and in 1952, he joined L.E. Shaw Ltd. He advanced through several positions until he resigned 20 years later as Vice President, Finance and Administration, President of Clayton Developments Ltd., and an officer or director of various other Shaw subsidiaries. In 1972, he formed his own company, Colonial Scientific Ltd, with offices in Halifax, Fredericton and St John's. He was a past President of the Halifax Board of Trade, a past director of the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, past director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and past director of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC). He was active in many community organisations. Following retirement from his company in 1992, he began writing non-fiction books of which 10 were published, including "The Other Halifax Explosion" and "Nova Scotia Waldeckers". Surviving are his three sons, David (Teresa), Steven (Janice) and Douglas, and two daughters, Cynthia (Bernie) and Carolyn Sue (Brian), as well as 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He will be buried in Clementsvale in the Annapolis Valley where many of his ancestors are buried.

The family thanks the staff at 7.1 floor at the Halifax Infirmary who were so kind and helpful to their father.

Source: <https://www.donaldkwalker.ca/obituaries/harry-joey-millard-wright/>

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Wright, Virginia (Jinny) M. (Eaton), of Cameron Hall, Parkland, Halifax, NS, passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at the Victoria General Hospital on December 5, 2021. She was born in Boston, MA on October 19, 1925. At the age of 13, she began art lessons where she discovered a passion for painting that continued throughout her life. Following graduation from Milton high school, MA, she attended Acadia University, where she met her future husband and love of her life, H. Millard (Joey) Wright.

She and her 'Joe' were married at Parkway Methodist Church in Milton, MA on August 23, 1947. In 1958, coinciding with a move to the Halifax area, she began her art career. As a talented artist, her mediums included oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal pencils and watercolors which was her favourite. She created numerous portraits, still life and landscape paintings. She was a founding member of Painter's Palette group and studied with many well-known artists, including John Cook, Tony and Jane Law, Tom McKay, Alice Reed, Jeannie Hancock and many others. She also painted weekly with the Bethany Art Group where she made many lifelong friends. She has exhibited in various art galleries such as the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie Universities, Sydney, Middleton's MacDonald Museum and at various other locations in Halifax. She was a long-standing member of the Morgan Logan Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE). She was a committed member of the basket-painting group for the annual IWK "Kermesse". The auxiliary honoured her with a life membership following 40 years of participation.

Jinny is survived by her loving husband, Joey, of 74 years, her children David (Teresa) Wright, London, England, Steven (Jan) Wright, Porter's Lake, Cynthia (Bernie) Shea, Lantz, Carolyn Sue (Brian) Patterson, Hantsport, Doug (Dawn) Wright, Halifax, 13 grandchildren and 13 great- grandchildren and sister, Shirley Klindt, Madison, WI. Jinny had a talent in making each and every one of her family and friends feel special and loved, including all her friends and staff at Parkland, Cameron Hall. She was predeceased by her parents, Horace (Tim) and Laura (Peg) Eaton of Milton, MA, brother, Horace (Bud), Seattle, WA and sister, June Hill, Houlton ME.

The family would like to say a special thank you to all the health care providers on 9A of the VG hospital who went above and beyond expectations to ensure her comfort and compassion and support for all of us.

In lieu of flowers and in recognition of the season, the family suggests donations may be made to the IWK.

Source: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/halifax-nb/virginia-jinny-wright-10475697>

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When Canada was founded in 1867, Robert Shaw's Hantsport brickyard, which would evolve into L.E. Shaw Limited and eventually The Shaw Group, was already six years old.

For almost 40 years until the turn of the 20th century, all our bricks were made by hand, but then in 1897 Windsor, Nova Scotia burned to the ground. That was the impetus for our company to purchase its first brick making machinery, as hundreds of thousands of bricks were needed to rebuild the town. In another tragic episode in our country's history, the Halifax Explosion of 1917 created a great demand for building materials to rebuild Halifax. Four busy years later, the company became known as L.E. Shaw Limited with plants in Shubenacadie, Lantz, Avonport, and Chipman, New Brunswick.

During the Great Depression, our company was luckier than most, but still by 1934 all of our plants had suspended production. We hung on and slowly recovered and by the time of the Second World War, we were the only brick manufacturer remaining in the Maritimes.

In the 1940s, the company decided to expand into the manufacture of concrete products. At the time, this was a bold and brave strategic move. We began manufacturing concrete block and concrete pipe and eventually precast panels for building construction.

The 1950's and 60's were a time of grand advancements and change in the world: the birth of Canada as a peacekeeping nation, the creation of our Canadian flag, and the historic first walk on the moon – and the Beatles! It was also a time of new developments and advancements for our company. Several new plants were built in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and New Brunswick, and we also entered the land development business through Clayton Developments, which has developed residential communities housing over 50,000 people in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

In 1978 the Company's senior managers purchased the business from the Shaw family, creating the model of a successful owner-operated and managed business that continues today.

In the 1990's, when the corporate name changed to The Shaw Group Limited, a series of acquisitions including Prestige Homes in Sussex and the creation of new companies like Shaw Wood, created growth in our product offerings. There was also the joint venture with Bredero Shaw—aptly named Shaw & Shaw—which saw our company enter the offshore gas industry.

A few years later, the furniture manufacturer, Ven-Rez, was acquired and GS Concrete was merged into The Shaw Group. We have also received national acclaim for the way we do business. For the last eleven years, The Shaw Group has been recognized as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies. In addition, we were named a regional winner of Canada's 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures Program, founded by Waterstone Human Capital, in 2010. We are proud of our 150 years in business and also the diversity of our product offerings in the marketplace.

Here's just a sample of what we're up to at present day:

- Large pipe, culverts and arches supplied by Shaw Precast Solutions throughout Atlantic Canada.
- Hand-crafted senior's residence furniture that places Ven-Rez in Shelburne at the forefront of a growing new market.
- Retaining walls, pavers, and a wide array of landscape products that the Shaw Brick Division has added to the production of what began as the beginning of our company.
- Wood pellets that are supplying both North American and international customers with green energy through Shaw Resources.
- Also at Shaw Resources, we manufacture a variety of sand products for the construction industry.
- An entire "green" community—only one of a handful in Canada — called The Parks of West Bedford: an innovative and environmentally sound community that will house up to 20,000 people.
- At Prestige Homes we are an innovative leader in the manufactured home industry.

We like to think that one of the secrets to our success has been staying true to a few key principles, even as we've grown. For 150 years, we have consistently focused on delivering innovative and durable products. We have stayed committed to the communities where we do business and we have been fortunate to have very talented employees throughout our organization.

Source: The Shaw Group <http://shawgrouppltd.com/about-shaw/history/>

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See Also:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240127210938/https://nslaureates.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/LE-Shaw-1.pdf>