

# ANNAPOLIS ROYAL WALKING TOUR



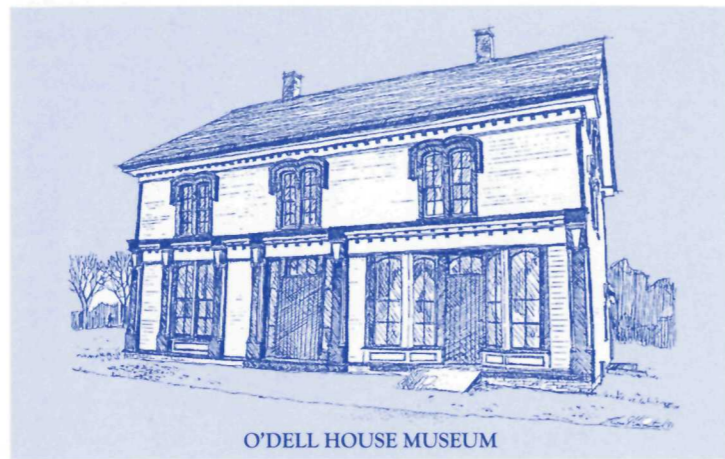
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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## STROLL THROUGH THE CENTURIES

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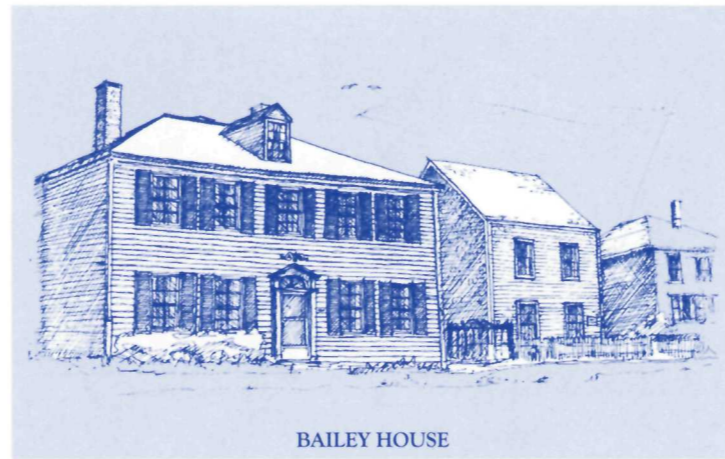


O'DELL HOUSE MUSEUM

**1 IROQUOIS MONUMENT - NATIONAL HISTORIC EVENT**  
Listed in the 1707 census as the site of the flamboyant and scandalous Madame de Freneuse's home, in 1712 it housed the headquarters of an Iroquois company brought from New York by Colonel Livingston as British allies to control the regional Mi'kmaq-French alliance.

**2 O'DELL HOUSE MUSEUM 1869**  
Built by Corey O'Dell, a former Nova Scotia Pony Express rider, this building was a tavern-inn and a centre of waterfront commerce. A ferry to Granville Ferry operated from a wharf, the remains of which can still be seen at low tide, across the street. It is operated by the Annapolis Heritage Society as a museum and archival/genealogy centre.

**3 BAILEY HOUSE circa 1770**  
Handsomely restored, this house was built by John Easson, an artificer at Fort Anne. Here, the prominent United Empire Loyalist Totten family hosted a grand ball for the Duke of Kent. Thomas Bailey's



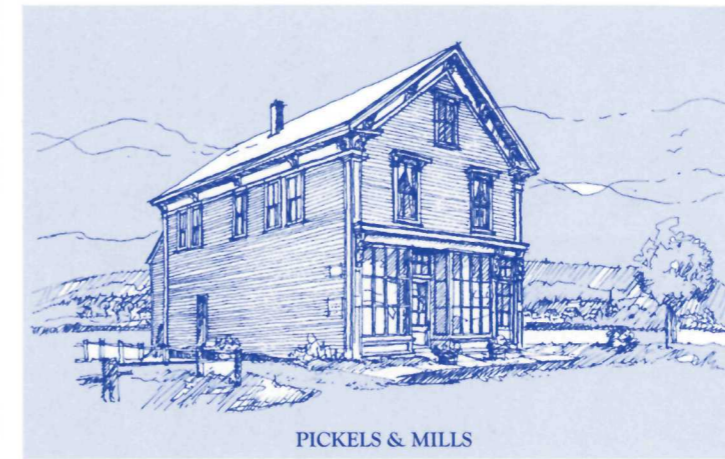
BAILEY HOUSE

widow, Elizabeth, later operated the property as an aristocratic boarding house, serving her renowned "moose muffle soup".

**4 ROBERTSON HOUSE 1784**  
Home to entrepreneur and Member of the Legislative Assembly (1808-1811) William Robertson, it was later occupied by his son John, also a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

**5 PICKELS & MILLS 1870**  
Remnant of the bustling Pickels and Mills commercial partnership which operated a sail loft, as well as lumbering, shipbuilding, shipping and retailing operations.

**6 THE WHARF**  
Terminal (1869-1891) of the Windsor-Annapolis Railway, the wharf offered passenger and freight services that connected Annapolis Royal to Granville Ferry, Digby, Saint John, and Boston - as well as the global shipment of goods.

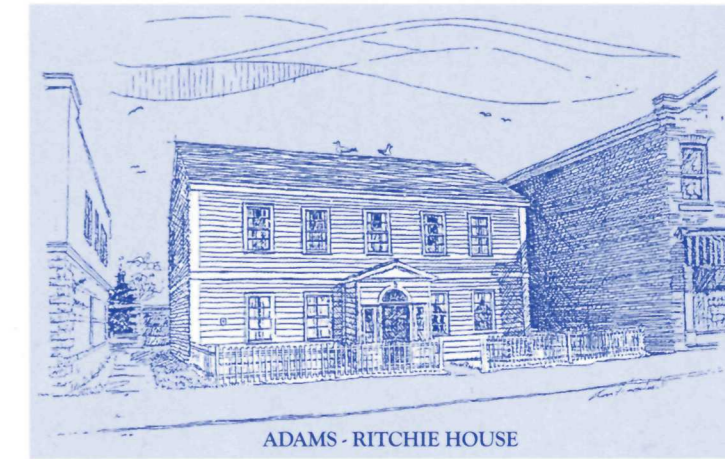


PICKELS & MILLS

**7 KING'S THEATRE 1921**  
Built by local merchant A.M. King after his Bijou Dream Theatre burned in the disastrous 1921 fire. King's Theatre is a film and performance centre that continues the Canadian performing tradition begun at Port Royal in 1606 with Marc LesCarbot's "Theatre of Neptune".

**8 OLD POST OFFICE circa 1890**  
The Post Office sits on the former site of the gubernatorial residence of Colonel Samuel Vetch, one of the 1710 captors of Port Royal. The Dominion Government built this Post Office and Customs Examining Warehouse after Confederation.

**9 ADAMS-RITCHIE HOUSE 1747**  
A house built on this location by merchant and Provincial Councillor John Adams hosted Government meetings when Annapolis Royal was Provincial Capital between 1710 and 1749. In the current structure



ADAMS - RITCHIE HOUSE

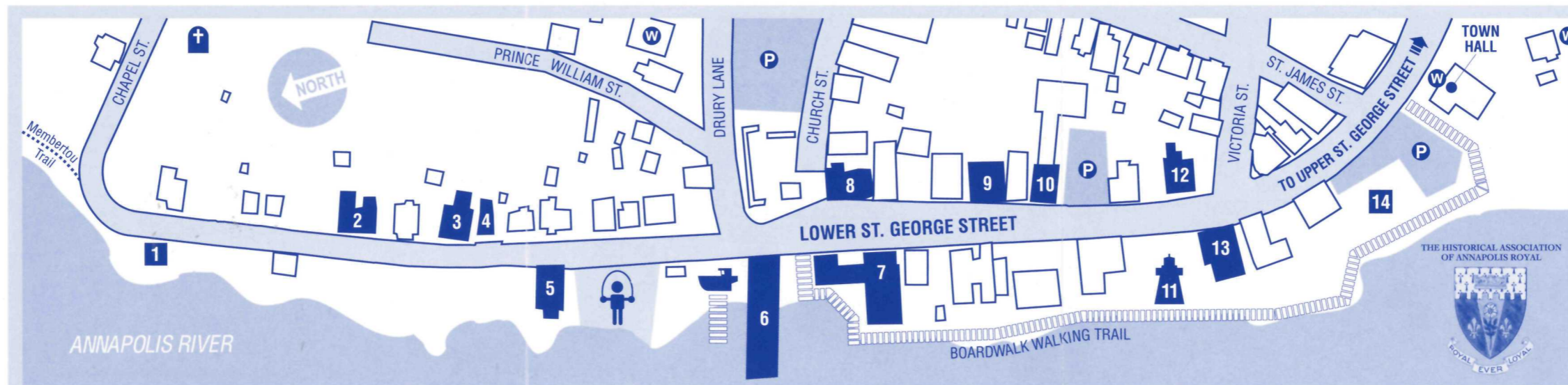
were born a formidable line of Canadian lawyers and judges, including John W. Ritchie, a Father of Confederation.

**10 SINCLAIR INN MUSEUM 1710 - NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**  
Before its life as Frederick Sinclair's Inn during the 1780's, Quebec silversmith Jean Baptiste Soullard and his Acadian wife Louise Comeau kept shop here. Canada's first Masonic Lodge met here in 1738. The museum has been developed by the Annapolis Heritage Society and its displays offer 300 years of building techniques and materials, as well as the "ghosts" still inhabiting the building.

**11 LIGHTHOUSE 1889**  
Official residence of the garrison engineer, the Government House at this site burned in 1833. Owned by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, it is the headquarters for their award winning National Historic District and Acadian Heritage Tours.

**12 ROYAL BANK 1875**  
Former site of the Williams House circa 1729, where Sir William Fenwick Williams, Crimean War Hero and Nova Scotia's first native born Lieutenant Governor, was born. The old house was moved to three different locations in town, some of which are still occupied.

**13 W. McCORMICK & SONS 1869**  
Constructed by 19th century importers and retailers (remains of their wharf are visible), this longstanding commercial building is still family owned.



The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal  
co-publishes these books:

A History Of  
*PORT ROYAL - ANNAPOLIS ROYAL*  
1605 - 1800, Brenda Dunn

A History Of  
*ANNAPOLIS ROYAL*  
1749 - 2005, Dr. Barry Moody



## EXPLORE ANnapolis ROYAL

As colonial capital before the founding of Halifax, as a centre of early European colonization in North America, as a pivotal player in the struggle for Empire between the English and the French, as a bustling Victorian port of trade and commerce, and as a present day community that treasures its past, Annapolis Royal's history is unparalleled in Canada.



SINCLAIR INN MUSEUM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

### AWARD WINNING GUIDED TOURS

The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal's guided tours have won numerous prestigious awards through the decades. For tour times and dates visit [www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com)

#### National Historic District Tours

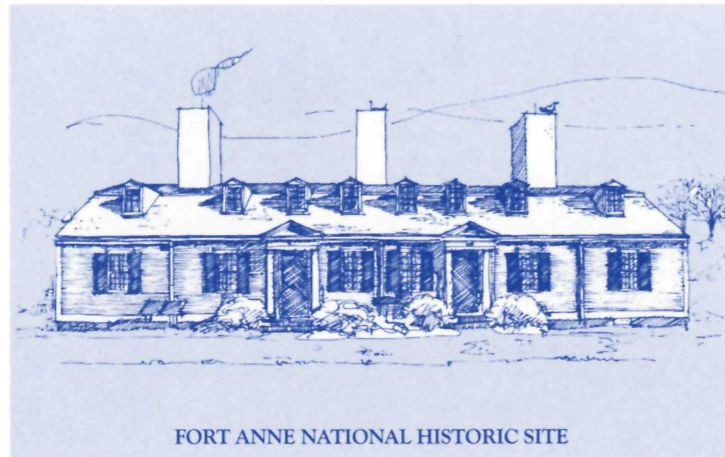
Journey along one of the Oldest Thoroughfares in North America and explore the National Historic District, one of the largest in Canada. Located in Mi'kma'ki, ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq, Annapolis Royal was Nova Scotia's first capital and colonial capitals of France, Scotland and Great Britain.

#### Acadian / Mi'kmaq Tours

Experience the "Cradle of Acadie" with 10th generation Acadian / Métis Alan Melanson. Learn about the interactions between the Acadians and the Mi'kmaq. Enjoy colourful stories about the birth of the Acadian culture, deportation, renaissance movement and modern archaeology projects.

#### Candlelight Graveyard Tours

Discover Annapolis Royal's history by candlelight in the historic Garrison Graveyard at Fort Anne NHS. Join Alan Melanson on one of Canada's most popular tours since 1992. Winner of Nova Scotia's Golden Hospitality Award and honoured by two of Canada's Prime Ministers.



FORT ANNE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

#### 14 OQWA'TITEK AMPHITHEATRE

Artillery soldier Gallagher built a house here circa 1808. Young lawyer and Legislative Assembly Member Thomas C. Haliburton lived here with his family in the 1820's, where he wrote the first "History of Nova Scotia".

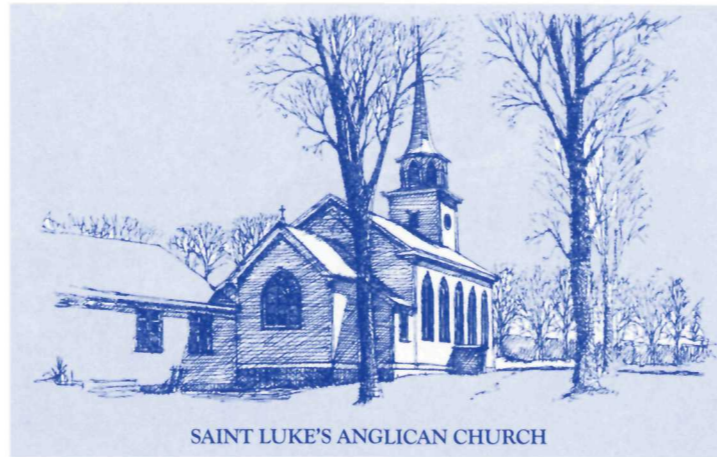
#### 15 FORT ANNE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

#### 16 SAINT LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 1822

Successor to an earlier structure built in the lower town during the time of Reverend Jacob Bailey, Saint Luke's served as Garrison Chapel until the Crimean War, mid-19th century.

#### 17 GARRISON GRAVEYARD

This was the Acadian Saint Jean-Baptiste Catholic Graveyard from 1632 to 1755. Known as the Garrison Graveyard since 1710, it contains the oldest English epitaph in Nova Scotia, 1720, recording the tomb of Bathiah Douglass. The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal's



SAINT LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

award-winning Candlelight Graveyard Tours relate the tales of some of the most interesting of the 2000 early residents that lie within.

#### 18 COURTHOUSE 1837 - NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

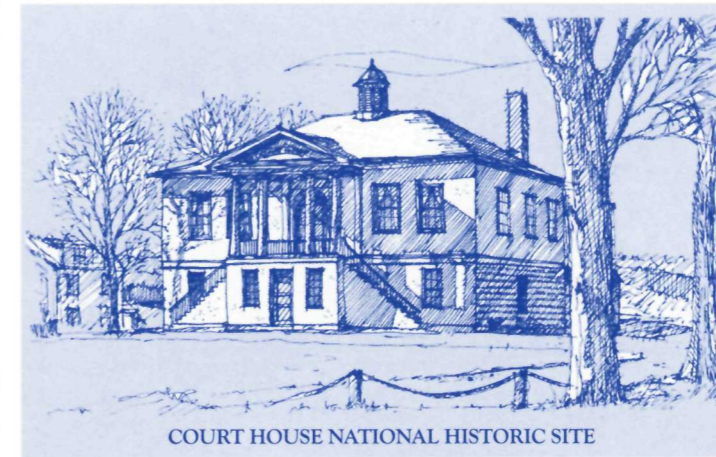
Constructed by Francis LeCain Jr., the present courthouse is the oldest in the province still in use. The first Court of Common Law in Canada sat at Fort Anne on April 20, 1721. Punishment of minor crimes was publicly administered at an enormous French willow (the Whipping Tree) located on the front corner of the courthouse lot.

#### 19 DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY TRAIN STATION 1914

This Annapolis Royal station replaced an earlier wooden building on this location that burned. It was designed in the arts and crafts style of brick with a slate roof and considered a 'fancy' station to lure tourists. It was abandoned in 1990 and privately restored to its former glory in 2005.

#### 20 ANnapolis ROYAL HISTORIC GARDENS

Seventeen acres of themed gardens include the Acadian House, potager,



COURT HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

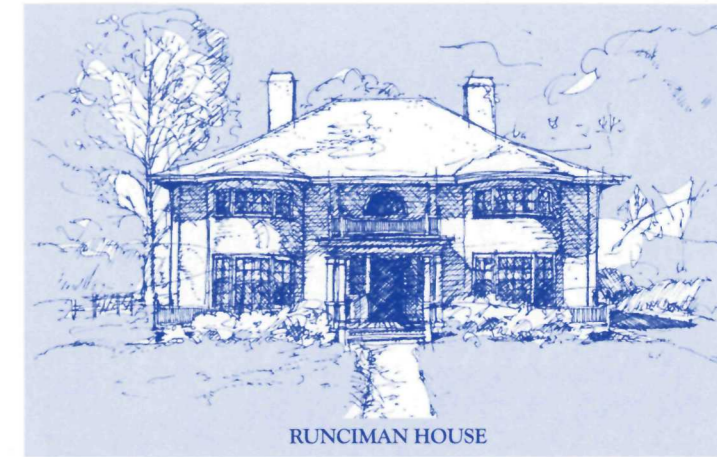
and dykelands, all representative of pre deportation settlement. Other highlights include Knot, English Governor's and Victorian Gardens, the Aboriginal Pine Forest and Rose Collection with over 2000 bushes. Enjoy the Interpretive Centre, gift shop and café.

#### 21 de GANNES - COSBY HOUSE 1708 - NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Built by Major Louis de Gannes de Falaise, a French officer posted to Port-Royal in 1696, it became the home of the Lieutenant-Governor of Annapolis Royal, Major Alexander Cosby. Continuously a private home, it is the oldest documented wooden structure in Nova Scotia. The property has been lovingly restored to recall the 18th century.

#### 22 RUNCIMAN HOUSE 1817

Reverend John Millidge, rector of Saint Luke's, built this fashionable example of Regency architecture. Known as Girvan Bank, it was purchased by the Runciman family, leading merchants of the town, who preserved it for a century and a half.



RUNCIMAN HOUSE

#### 23 QUEEN ANNE INN circa 1869

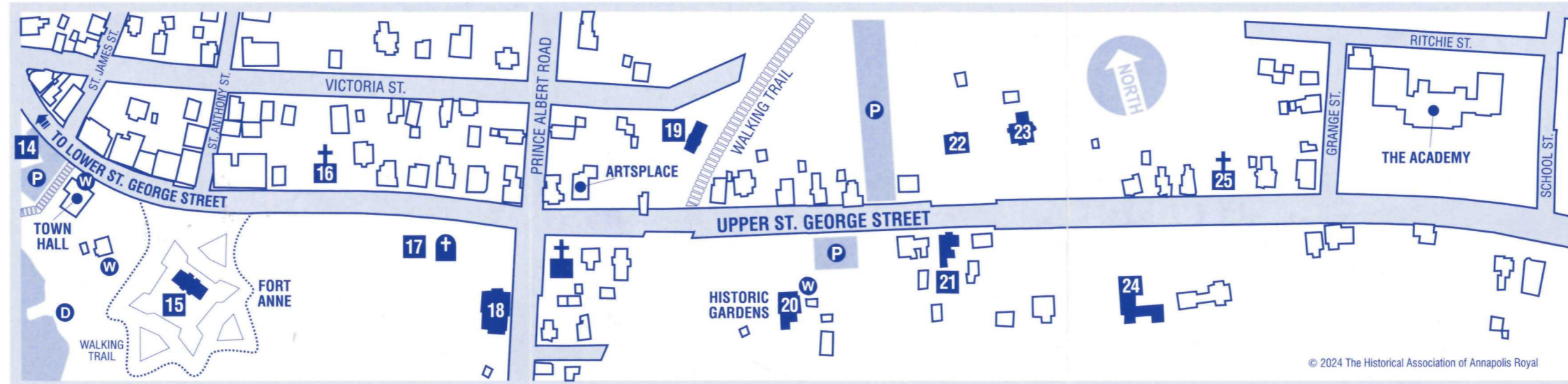
Completed by the local firm of Pickels and Mills, this impressive building was constructed for William Ritchie and his wife Fanny Foster. Operated as a boarding house, it became St. Andrew's School, later the Queen Hotel, and is now a fashionable country inn.

#### 24 HILLSDALE HOUSE circa 1860

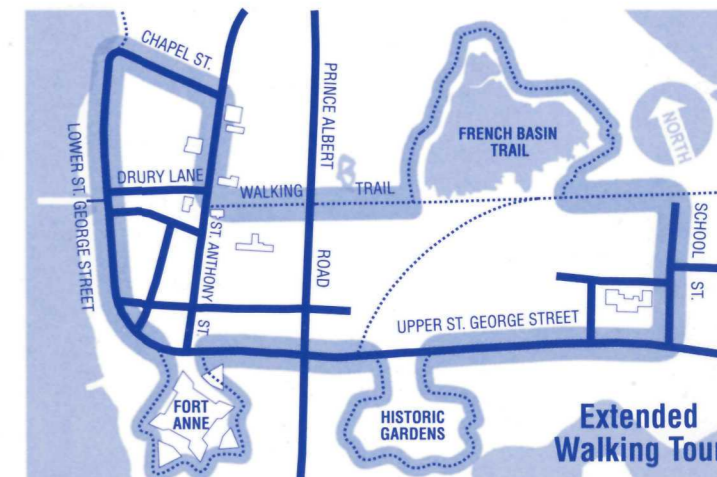
Susan Foster, who established this well known inn, had Edwin Ryerson sign a pre-nuptial agreement about the building, before they wed in 1872. The Hillsdale House is Annapolis Royal's longest serving inn, and counts Prince George (later King George V), Lord and Lady Landsdowne, Governor General Lord Tweedsmuir, and Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King among its illustrious guests.

#### 25 ST. LOUIS CHURCH 1910

The local Catholic Church traces its origins to the arrival of priests and Jesuit missionaries at the Port Royal Habitation in the early 1600's. The parish itself was named Saint-Jean Baptiste in 1636. The present structure was first named St. Thomas Church, but later renamed St. Louis when the Catholic Church built on lower Saint George was de-consecrated.



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Extended Walking Tour