



Henry William (Harry) Adams

***b. March 2, 1869 in Lunenburg d. February 2, 1954 in Halifax
Buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lunenburg.***

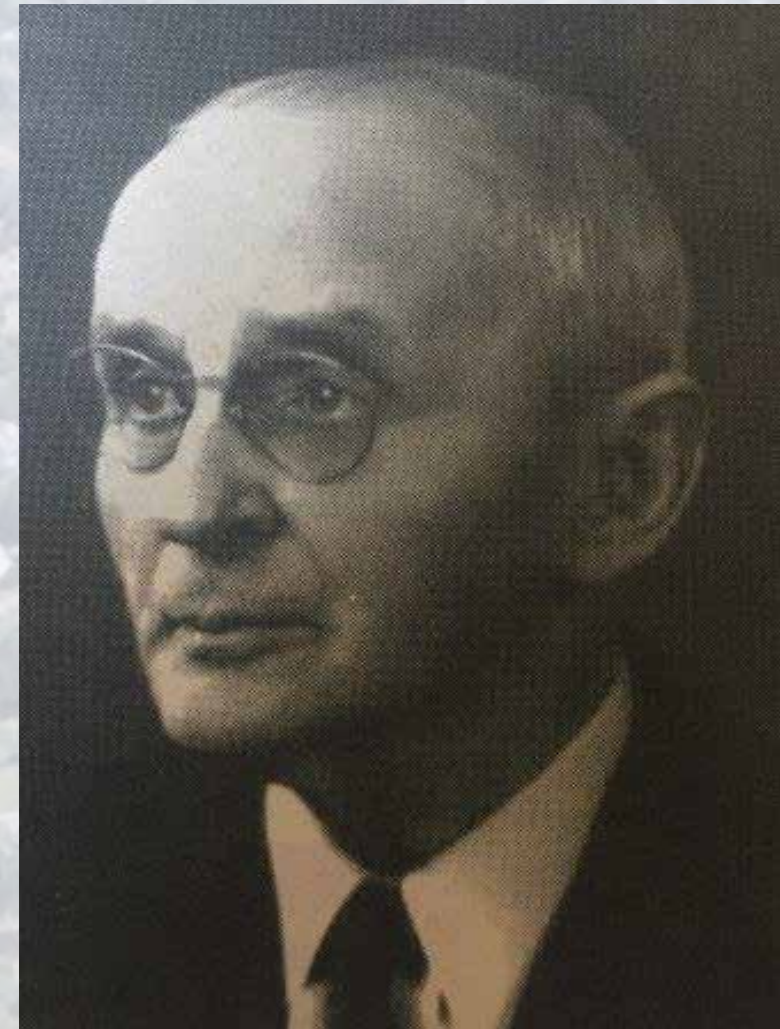
Associated Places: Lunenburg Waterfront - 170 Montague Street, Residence - 81 Townsend Street

Contributions: Fishing Industry

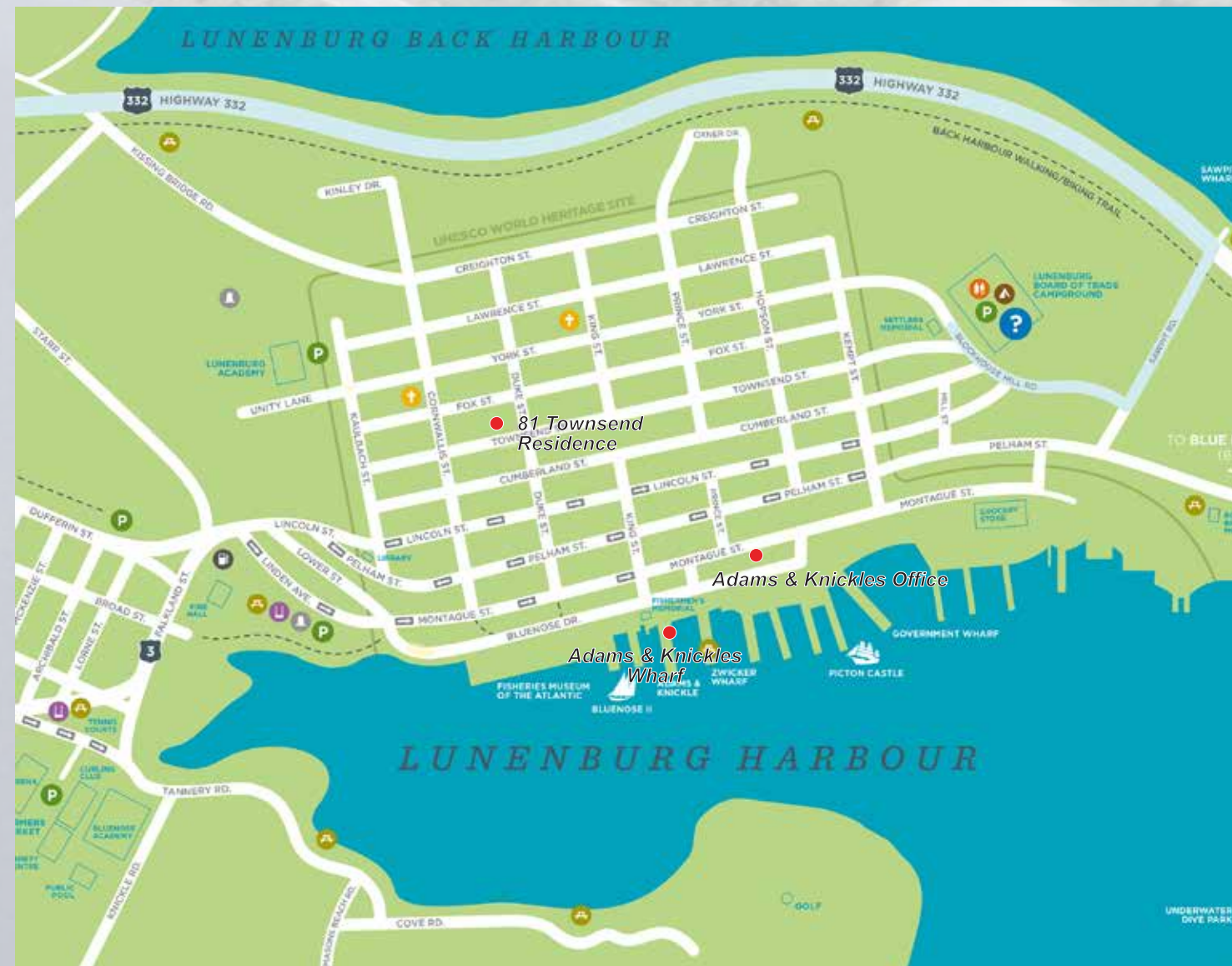
Henry was born in 1869, son of Henry Adams and Elizabeth Dauphinee Adams. The family home was located at 38 Falkland Street where he grew up with five brothers and sisters. He was educated at the old Lunenburg Academy then located on Bandstand Hill. In December of 1898, Henry married Maude Elizabeth Anderson who predeceased him in 1929. They had five children: Douglas F. Adams, Frank H. Adams, Dorothy (Mrs. Lorne W. Geldert), and twins Mildred (Mrs. Eugene E. Ritcey) and Miss Marion Adams all of Lunenburg.

Like many Lunenburg men, Adams, son of a sailmaker became involved in the fishing industry. His first venture was with the firm of Lewis Anderson & Company. On August 1st, 1891, he, Capt. Alexander Knickle and Capt. William Arenburg formed the Lunenburg Outfitting Company with their office on Montague Street. Capt. Arenburg retired soon thereafter. That company name still exists on the back of the red building which faces the harbour. In 1897 the partnership of Adams & Knickle was established. The company quickly carved out a niche in the salt-fish trade with its large fleet of schooners sailing to markets in the Caribbean. During the early 1950's, the salt-fish trade began to dwindle and a new offshore scallop fishery emerged. In 1954, Adams & Knickle purchased Lunenburg's first deep sea scallop dragger the "Aegir" and shortly after built the "Barbara Jo". Within the next five years, the company built and launched eight additional wooden scallop vessels. By 1962, the offshore scallop fleet had grown to 44 vessels and to 77 by 1980. Harry was noted for his fine penmanship in his book-keeping as he worked at the stand-up partner's desk at the firm.

Today, Adams & Knickle is in its third generation of ownership, with Jane Adams Ritcey, the granddaughter of Harry, serving as President. Jane is joined by David G. Knickle, General Manager, who is the great-grandson of Capt. Alexander Knickle.



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