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b. July 31, 1896 in Corkum's Island d. August 31, 1989 in Lunenburg.  
Buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lunenburg.

**Associated Places:** W.C. Smith & Co., Lunenburg Sea Products and National Sea Products

**Contribution:** Fishing Industry, Innovator, Insurance Industry, Community Volunteer, Town Councillor, Sportsman

Wallace W. Smith was a 6th generation descendant of Georg Michael Schmidt who arrived in Lunenburg in 1753. He was the son of Capt. Benjamin C. and Antoinette (Lohnes) Smith. He married Audrey Marie Smith, daughter of Richard W. and Ella (Walters) Smith and had two children, David and Susan. He attended the Newtown School, Lunenburg Academy, King's College and Nova Scotia Technical College graduating with a BSc. in civil engineering and winning the Governor General's Medal. He served overseas in the Canadian Army in the First World War and worked for the Canadian Geological Survey in British Columbia before entering the fishing industry in 1920 with W.C. Smith & Co.

Wallace, W.H. Smith and C.J. Morrow formed a new company, Lunenburg Sea Products, to operate in the fresh, frozen and smoked fish trade. W.W. was an innovator in the fishing industry – he built the first cold storage in 1926, implemented the fish meal plant, the smoked and salt fish operations and the first plate freezers and artificial ice making machines at Lunenburg Sea Products.

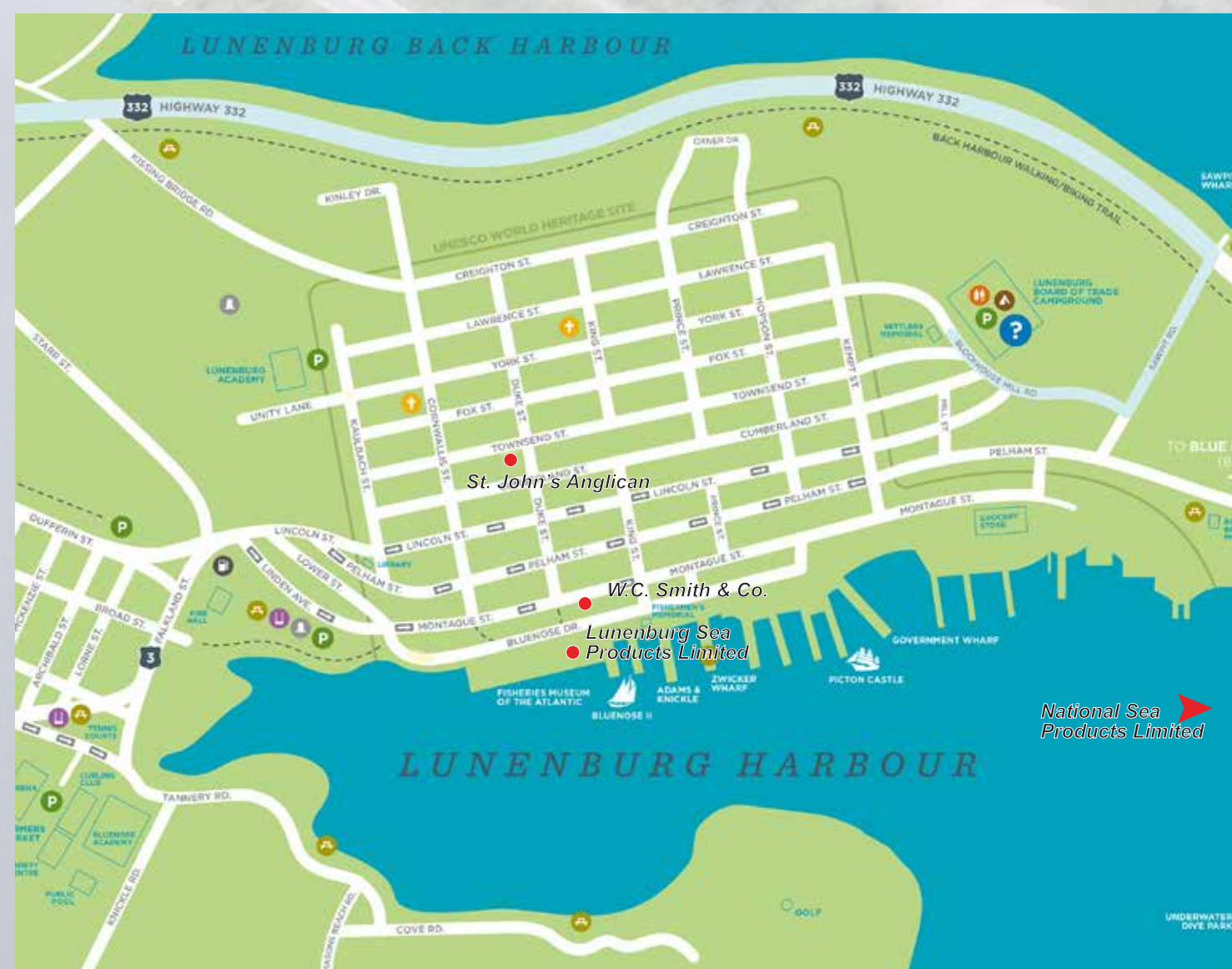
W.W. was also instrumental in the modernization of fishing vessels. His major contributions to the design and building of the trawlers Cape North and Cape LaHave, the first wooden diesel trawlers in Canada, led to a new era in fishing vessel construction on the Atlantic Coast of Canada. He formed the Lunenburg Fisherman's Mutual Association which drastically reduced marine insurance costs. Before the advent of Workers Compensation, he helped form the Fishermen's Relief Association, which provided relief to fishermen or wives of fishermen injured at sea.

An active community volunteer, W.W. served two terms on the Town Council and many years on the operating committee of Fishermen's Memorial Hospital. He was President of the Lunenburg Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and helped restore the Legion building after it was destroyed by fire. He served many years on the vestry of St. John's Anglican Church. A keen sportsman all his life, he was Captain of the Lunenburg Hockey Club and played until he was 36. As President of the Lunenburg Tennis Club, he and brother Owen resurrected the courts and later rebuilt them. As President and Treasurer of the Lunenburg Curling Club, he was largely responsible for building after the Second World War the new curling arena, delivering the first stone at its opening. He helped to start and build the Rod and Gun Club and was an active member of the Bluenose Golf Club.

Wallace was a Commissioner of the Lunenburg War Memorial Community Center, Director of the Lunenburg Marine Railway, the Canada Trust Company, W.C. Smith & Co., President and Director of Lunenburg Sea Products, Senior Vice President and Director of National Sea Products Ltd. from 1945 until his death in 1989.



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