

The History of Prospect

The history of Prospect is a long involved history that touches on every aspect of the broader movements and events happening in Nova Scotia throughout the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Unfortunately, the Prospect area has never been given the formal treatment other areas in Halifax County have been given when it comes to the writing of a formal history. Throughout the years local school children have collected oral histories and efforts to compile bits of the area's history have taken place. The chapters below attempt to make the history of the Prospect area available to all in a formal, academic, yet interesting format. This is a work in progress that will be updated when new information is available and/or if there are any conflicting opinions about what is presented. Remember that this history is being written based on historical documents and sources available to the public, secondary sources and those oral bits of history that have been passed down through the generations. This is my attempt to piece it all together. I hope you enjoy.

Chapters

- [1500 – 1754: Early History of Prospect, Halifax County, Nova Scotia](#)
- 1754 – 1823: Establishing a Community
- 1794 – 1823: Establishing Religion along the Western Shore
- 1823 – 1867: Maintaining a Community
- 1867 – 1900: From Boom to Bust

Significant Events

Significant events in Prospect's history

Year	Description
1754	First settled
1773	250 people living in the area called Prospect
1794	First Roman Catholic church built in the village of Prospect
1812	The Prospect road from Halifax is built
1823	Church records are started
1827	307 people living in Prospect
1838	363 people living in Prospect
1856	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic church built to house the growing population
1867	Prospect village outright votes against Confederation
1871	Population of Prospect reaches 856 souls
1873	Sisters of Charity open a convent

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1881	1135 people are listed as living in the area known as Prospect
1891	662 people live in Prospect
1901	465 people live in Prospect
1921	Our Lady of Mount Carmel catches fire and burns to the ground
1922	Our Lady of Mount Carmel is rebuilt
1947	First street light
1959	Atlantic Memorial Elementary School opens in Shad Bay. The school in Prospect is closed
1994	200 years since the founding of the Catholic church