10 STAGECOACH HOUSE

1076 Main Street

This house is possibly the oldest in Hampton. It is believed that it was built by the Loyalist, Abner Hampton, in the early day

Over the years the building has served many purposes; stagecoach stop, carriage shop, meat market, bicycle repair shop, ice cream parlour, funeral home, and now a family res

After WWII, the pasture adjacent to the Stage Coach House was used to house the mascot of the 8th Hussars Regiment, a horse named Princess Louise. The 'Princess' was rescued by the 8th Hussars from an Italian battlefield and was brought to Hampton at war's end. At the time, there was a bakery next door to this home and the bakery owner was frequently seen sharing treats with Princess Louise.

Learn more about this remarkable horse on the self-guided Princess Louise Treasure Hunt in Town Square. Maps available at the Visitor Information Centre, 657 Main Street.

11 GREEN BRIDGE

Scenic pedestrian river passage

To complete your walking tour, get the best view of the Kennebecasis River with a short stroll across the pedestrian walkway on the Green Bridge. This is a spectacular spot for photos with views of the river, birds, and wildlife.

Built in 1932, the bridge has had four predecessors. The first bridge (wooden) was washed out by flooding in 1854. Two other wooden bridges were built between 1854 and 1891. Then the first steel bridge was erected. Prior to 1854, a ferry was used to transport people and agricultural produce from farms along the opposite shore.

Today when you cross the bridge, a short two minute walk will bring you to **Kredl's Corner Market**. This local favourite is open year round with farm fresh produce, a cookhouse, deli, bakery, garden centre, and delicious ice cream!

TOUR MAP

Parking / Start at Lighthouse River Centre, 1075 Main Street

Length: 1.6 km (1 mile)

Difficulty: Easy, mostly flat

22 minutes

10 minutes

Main Route

Green Bridge pedestrian passage

public wharf and boat tour operators

coffee bar

cookhouse / deli / ice-cream

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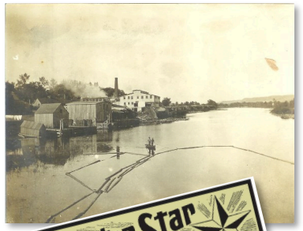
HISTORIC HOMES WALKING TOUR

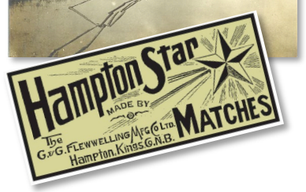
HAMPTON, NB

1 LIGHTHOUSE RIVER CENTRE
1075 Main Street

This modern centre is located at a historic location on the Kennebecasis River. Before roads, the river was the main highway. From Hampton to Sussex, flat-bottomed Durham boats navigated the shallow waters. Downriver, schooners transported people and goods to Kingston, Rothe- say and Saint John. Early sailing ships opened this area but in the later 1800s, steam powered vessels—and industries— rose in prominence. On this site, G&G Flewwelling produced lumber, matches, and wooden boxes in factories employing hundreds of men and boys. On the water, their steamship *Novelty* (the first to be built in Hampton) was one of many steamboats to navigate this river on a regular basis.

Today, **Osprey Adventures** canoe and kayak rentals and **Zelda's Pontoon Boat Rides** operate from this site, connecting people to the beautiful Kennebecasis River and its history once more.



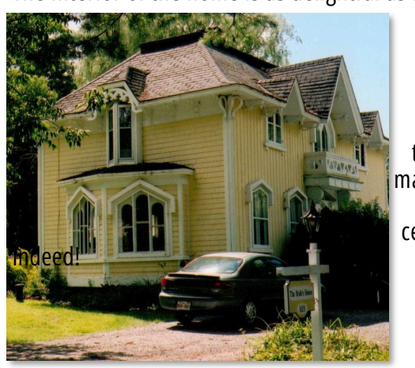


***Right** – G&G Flewwelling mills along the river; Label for G&G Flewwelling's 'Hampton Star' matches*

2 THE BRIDE'S HOUSE
103 St. Andrews Street

Local legend says that the youngest daughter of a wealthy boat building family was engaged to be married to a poor, young pastor of limited means. The bride's brothers decided to build a house for the couple as a wedding present. To keep the project secret, they first built a large 'barn' near the river's edge, as they would have done when building a boat, but inside the barn they constructed this charming house instead. On the couple's wedding day, the newlyweds were brought to this site, the surrounding 'barn' walls were torn down, and this lovely house was revealed!

The interior of the home is as delightful as the exterior with pointed doors and windows like a church, rooms of odd shapes and sizes, and a spectacular eight-sided main bedroom with a vaulted, conical ceiling. A grand gift indeed!



3 G. FLEWWELLING HOUSE
87 St. Andrews Street

During the early days of Hampton, G & G Flewwelling Manufacturing Ltd. was the economic backbone of the community. Two brothers, George and Guilford, were the founders of a vast network of businesses that included a lumber mill, match factory, a three-storey wooden saw mill, a box factory, grist mill and a general store. They were innovative in busi- ness and civic minded, supporting local initiatives and hosting workers at special events. They even shared the steam from the mill with a nearby Baptist Church to heat the waters of the baptismal.

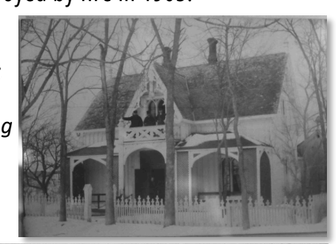
Knowing the Flewwellings' commitment to business success, it is no surprise that this home was constructed just steps away from their match factory and lumber mill. The factories are gone, but this lovely home remains, a gracious reminder of a unique family that helped shape the community.

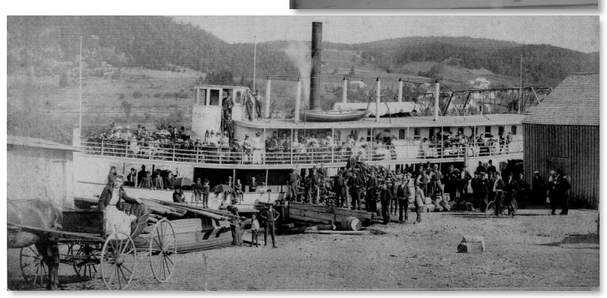
4 CAPTAIN EARLE HOUSE
71 St. Andrews Street

It is believed that Captain Robert Earle was once the owner of this house. Captain Earle was a steamship captain and co-owner of the steamship *Clifton* as part of the Kennebecasis Steamship Company. The *Clifton* was built in Hampton in 1886. The boat travelled the river from Hampton to Saint John until it was destroyed by fire in 1905.

***Right** – the house in 1880s;*

***Below**: passengers boarding the 'Clifton' at Hampton wharf , date unknown*





5 S. H. FLEWWELLING HOUSE
23 St. Andrews Street

This stately home was built for Samuel Flewwelling after his elegant marriage to Annie Bridges in 1893. Miss Bridges lived in Sheffield, a community on the St. John River, near Fredericton. When it was decided the marriage would take place at her family's home, wedding guests from Hampton were invited to travel to the ceremony onboard the Flewwelling family's steamship, *Clifton*. Wedding guests departed from the Hampton dock, travelled down the Kennebecasis River around the tip of the Kingston Peninsula, then up the St. John River to the festivities. An early version of a 'destination wedding'!

6 THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
36 Kennebecasis River Road

This building was a former schoolhouse which operated on this site in the late 1800s and early 1900s. In 1907, classes from this and other one-room schoolhouses were centralized at the new Hampton Consolidated School. No longer needed, the abandoned schoolhouse was purchased by a neighbour and repurposed in 1908. Only half of the original building was kept, and its structure was modified to become the new owner's car garage.

7 DR. WARNEFORD HOUSE
4 Kennebecasis River Road

This handsome residence was built for Dr. Percy Warneford but the exact date of construction is no longer known. Dr. Warneford graduated from McGill University in Montréal in 1887 and practiced medicine in Hampton until his retirement in 1923.

8 VICTORIA STREET SPIRIT
11 Victoria Street

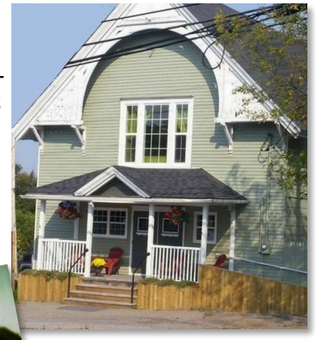
Shortly after the Loyalists settled in the area in 1783, this house was built, making it one of the oldest homes in Hampton. Local lore has long told the tale of a friendly ghost, named Kate, occupying the house. It is believed she died in the house a very long time ago but did not pass over. This beautiful home is obviously one you never want to leave!

The property is also known for its lovely gardens, shaped by the home's unique position at the intersection of Victoria Street and St. James Street.

9 LIFESTYLES FITNESS
1032 Main Street

The Hampton Agricultural Society was formed by local farmers in 1848 to establish best practices for farming. The group met at several spaces over the years but in 1883 they purchased land at a cost of $1000 and constructed this meeting hall for a total of $2014. The Agricultural Hall was very active until World War I. At war's end, many young men did not return from overseas and many that did return left family farms to seek work in other industries. The Agricultural Society began to decline and the building became home to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 28. It remained Legion headquarters until 2017.

Inspired by the building's long role in the community, the owners of **Lifestyles Health & Wellness** took on the challenge of repurposing the space. They restored the building, including nods to the building's past with poppy motifs and historic photos in the decor. The main floor boasts the **Trail Stop Coffee Shop** where you can find a hot coffee to enjoy on your heritage stroll!



***Left**—A sleigh load of matches from the Flewwelling factory passes by the former Agricultur- al Hall, heading for the Hampton train station.*