

## Halifax Infants Home

<http://htns.ca/Infants-Home.html>

A brief history of Halifax Infants Home may be seen on the above website.

Another website,

<http://halifax.mediacoop.ca/blog/stella-lord/18979>

is a letter written to Colin Dodds, President of St. Mary's University, by Stella Lord.

The home was built in 1899 to 1900 and, **in the 1901 census**, Ward 1, pp. 8 and 9, a list of names are given, including the matron, Christiane MacDonald, who lives there with her two young sons. In 1901 there are 14 female adults and 47 infants, ranging in age from two months to four years. The female adults and the infants are described as Inmates.

**By 1911**, the census for that year shows the address as 274 Tower Road, Ward 1, pp. 11-12.

Two Matrons, two Assistant Matrons one Nurse are list at the same address, 274 Tower Road. The name of the the nurse was Edith Allan.

**In 1921**, Ward 1, pp. 20-21, Halifax, the address is Tower Road, no civic number mentioned, just Halifax Infants Home. The name Sibella Barrington appears as Superintendent, and Helen E. Lawrence and Lillian Bresenden were Assistant Superintendents. There were six names, all women, listed as Nurses, and two more women were listed as Practical Nurses. Helen E. Lawrence's death record gave Nurse as her occupation.

Of the six nurses, Amelia Bryson, 22 years, and Hazel Bryson, age 21 year, sisters, were born in Musquodoboit, Halifax County, NS. When Amelia and Hazel Bryson married the marriage records in NS vital Stats, gave Nurse as their occupation.

The two Practical Nurses were Rebecca Zinck, a widow, and Georgia Sutherland. Rebecca's death was recorded in NS Vital Stats, 21 March 1945. She was listed in the death record as a Practical Nurse, her maiden name was Boutilier, daughter of Henry Boutilier of Blandford.

Were Amelia and Hazel Bryson VG Grads? If so, they should be in a graduating class list from around 1920-1921.

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