

# **FOX HILL**

**The 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) is Canada's oldest cavalry regiment. It was founded 4 April 1848 as the New Brunswick Yeomanry Cavalry. The regiment's historical ties go back to the American Revolutionary War when Captain John Saunders of Virginia founded Saunders' Horse, a unit that fought with distinction on the side of the Crown. It merged with the Queen's Rangers in 1776.**

**Subsequent to the Revolution, men of Saunders' Horse relocated in this area. Lieutenant Colonel John Saunders, grandson of Captain Saunders, commanded the regiment between 1865-1880 and resided on this property. This is the area in which the regiment trained during its early history.**

**Erected by  
The Association of 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)  
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FOX HILL FARM  
KINGS CO., N. B.

BUILDING REPORT

Robert Power, B. Arch.  
Historical Resources Administration  
Historic Sites Branch

October 1981

Fox Hill Farm  
Kings Co., N. B.

SITE VISIT:

On October 7, 1981 John Corey and Robert Power made a visit to Fox Hill Farm with Mr. Don Waters, brother of the owner of the property. It was acquired by Mr. Water's father in 1946. With the exception of approximately 5 acres including the house, the 500 acre farm was sold around 1953. Mr. Water's sister inherited the house from her mother around 1976.

DESCRIPTION:

The house is located on a hill overlooking the Kennebecasis River Valley with an impressive view of the surrounding area. A number of large pine trees along the highway still remain although several have been cut in recent years. An earlier tree-lined driveway along the edge of the property has been abandoned and a new drive is located in front of the house. A level area directly in front of the house is said to be the old parade ground.

The front section consists of a 2 storey house with full basement. It was probably constructed c 1860-70. The first floor consists of a large central hall with two rooms on the right and a single large room on the left. At the second level there are 5 additional rooms.

The back ell is also a 2-storey frame building with a partial basement. The width of the ell extends almost the length of the main house. It contains a large kitchen and living room on the first level with a number of smaller rooms upstairs. This section was most likely built during the 1880's and the roof structure altered at a later date.

The house contains at least two apartment units. The front section is equiped with a central heating system. At the time of the visit, one unit of the building was occupied.

#### PRELIMINARY WORK LIST:

The following list does not provide for alterations to the building.

- a) new electrical system
- b) new heating system
- c) floor structure realigned
- d) verandah structure repaired
- e) insulation
- f) storm windows
- g) plaster work repaired
- h) exterior painting
- i) interior painting
- j) landscaping

## CONCLUSION

The Fox Hill Farm is a very attractive site. The front part of the house is large but with rather modest architectural features. Later changes such as the stairwell and much of the trim probably occurred when the existing back ell was constructed at the end of the 19th century.

The large size of the building as well as the work required for upgrading (as noted above) would indicate that costs for preserving this building should be carefully considered before acquisition. However, the historical interest and attractive setting of the house could result in a pleasant project.

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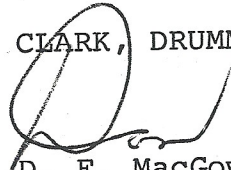
Dear Kit:

I am pleased to enclose herewith the easement from Emma Fyrne Estes to 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) Association Incorporated which easement you will observe is dated August 5th, 1983, is exempted by the Development Officer on August 2nd, 1983 and registered in the Kings County Registry Office as No. 218237 in Book 485 at pages 707-709 on August 25, 1983.

I will forward my account for services and disbursements at a later date.

Yours very truly,

CLARK, DRUMMIE & COMPANY

  
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