

Agnes O'Donnell Kelly

Agnes O'Donnell Kelly was an enthusiastic chronicler of local history and a willing teacher of local heritage. Ms. Kelly was a faithful friend to the Fultz House Museum. She was also a founding member of the Historical Society of Sackville, now known as the Sackville Heritage Society.

Ms. O'Donnell Kelly was the great-granddaughter of Daniel Hallisey, railway pioneer and early Beaver Bank settler. Mr. Hallisey hailed from County Cork, Ireland. He assumed the duties of Station Master at Beaver Bank in 1858. He became the first Beaver Bank postmaster on February 25, 1863. According to records, Daniel Hallisey operated the first Beaver Bank hotel, the Hallisey Hotel in 1864, out of the post office building.

The railway station was officially closed on March 31, 1956. In his time spent in Beaver Bank, he also operated a way station and grocery store. With the closure of the post office in 1962, came the ending of three generations of the Hallisey family providing services to the residents of Beaver Bank.

Agnes Kelly continued in the footsteps of a long line of community focused and driven family. She was extremely active in the community and cared deeply about her community's past.

To honour her accomplishments, enthusiasm and the sincerity in every task she attempted and completed, the Fultz Corner

Restoration Society decided to name the Fultz House Museum parlor in memory of this hardworking and caring crusader of history. The parlor became known as the Agnes O'Donnell Kelly Room in 1987.



The Hallisey Hotel building is pictured above, circa 1936.