

THE HISTORY OF SHIPBUILDING IN PUGWASH.

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This history of ship building which I am going to relate was told to me by George Stewart. Mr Stewart was born in Pugwash Jun. 1st. 1862. He grew up with shipbuilding in his blood and not only helped build the ships but he sailed on many of them.

The history of ship building begins around the 1860's. The boats built in this period were " SPIRIT OF THE OCEAN " and " SPIRIT OF THE STORM ". These were two square rigged barques.

The " SCOTIA " was built next. Her captain was Captain Yeaman. His sister still lives in Pugwash. This boat was a clipper and built for speed.

Next they decided to build ships named after the Greek alphabet. They built the ALPHA and the BETA, but this was as far as they got. The crew on the BETA was from Pugwash. The boat sailed for the Old Country loaded with deal. They spent Christmas in the West Indies. Coming North from the West Indies they struck some quicksand. They left the boat there and the men took smaller boats to the American continent. John Stewart got a ship to England, went from there to Halifax. He joined a new ship in Halifax and married the Captains daughter.

Two ships built were " THE CITY OF HALIFAX " a full rigged ship, and the " AVONDALE ", a barque.

The last square rigged ship built was the " ANUNAMIE ". This ship went up the Mediterranean to Marsailles and was sold there.