

Registered 1993 - Sam Deveau / Siegmar Doelle Property - Circa 1830



This Greek Revival style home, with a distinctive gothic gable, was constructed around the 1830's when Samuel Deveau, from Clare, purchased the land/home and established a hotel and stable house for travellers along the main road. It is mentioned in Isaiah Wilson's A Geography and History of Digby County, "as located on the east corner of the Wagner Settlement Road," (now French Road). Samuel's son, Oliver, was born and raised in this house. Oliver was involved in one of the greatest known maritime mysteries. Oliver Deveau was first mate of the Dei Gratia, (Grace of God) from Bear River, that discovered the ship Mary Celeste off the coast of Africa. The Mary Celeste had several of her forward sails set and was heading out across the Atlantic. To the horror and disbelief of the Dei Gratia's crew and captain, the Mary Celeste had not a soul on board. There was no sign of a struggle and the condition of the vessel seemed to indicate that the occupants had left suddenly leaving many items where they lie. The passengers and crew of the Mary Celeste were never heard from again and the incident is still a mystery to this day.