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Restoration of Pentland Cemetery Stone Fence

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The Amherst Island community plans to celebrate its unique "Irish" fieldstone fences this summer. Spearheaded by the Amherst Island Women's Institute, it will work to restore the fences at Pentland Cemetery, the first cemetery on the Island with the earliest interment being 1831. It is the burial place of Daniel Fowler, a

prominent watercolour artist and settler of the Island. A stonemason has been commissioned to oversee and teach community volunteers the craft, with the hope that the skill will enable the community to restore more fences in the future.

Volunteers consist of a cross-section of men, women

and youth from the Island. The fences are an integral part of the Island's history and are one of the few such examples in the greater Kingston community. This project, made possible thanks to CFGK awarding us a grant, will preserve the fences for future generations and keep our history alive.



Pentland Fence in need of restoration



Amherst Island stone fence in good repair