

Island Beacon Transcript

**Volume 1 to 4
Issues from April 16, 1970 (1st issue)
to April 2002**

by Don Tubb during the winters of 2001-2005

Conventions and Notes:

The following transcripts are the words in the Amherst Island Beacon from its inception in April 1970 until April 2002. Why stop there.... I had no more time to devote to this project but will take it up again at some point. The central idea was to provide a way to search all of the issues quickly and efficiently. Pictures and other graphical items have not been included to keep the file as small as possible.

1. The transcripts was obtained by scanning the originals, then running the scanned file through an OCR program (Optical Character Recognition program). That result was sent to WordPerfect where it was processed into the finished transcript. Once the formatting and proofing were completed, some annotation was added. At that point, the transcripts were converted to an Adobe Acrobat format.
2. Within these transcripts, some material can be found which was not in the original. To start with, each article has been separated from the next by 5 stars (*****). Sometimes, within an article, it was necessary to separate sections for clarity which was done with 3 stars (***)). Also anything within “{ }” brackets is additional comment, page number, clarification or correction.
3. Most Genealogical Charts were not duplicated in their original form (storage space) but they have been written out - hopefully, they can be understood. Tables, on the whole, were reproduced as they were shown in the Beacon.
4. The end result is, hopefully, an accurate transcript of the Beacon - not 100% accurate but certainly close to being so. Writers' idiosyncrasies and non-standard writing styles have been left intact. An attempt has been made to standardize the names of people, things and places to facilitate searching.
5. The Beacon transcript has been arbitrarily broken down into four Volumes:
Volume 1 - The Beginning (bi-weekly from April 1970 to October 1971).
Volume 2 - The Grindstone Issues (semi-monthly from November 4, 1971 to mid-April 1971)
It should be noted that we are missing 5 issues within this time period. And, it is possible that there are further issues beyond one in mid-April. At some point, these questions will be researched.
Volume 3 - Rebirth (from December 1, 1978 to October 15, 1984 with the first 20 issues published semi-monthly and the rest monthly).
Volume 4 - The Headlands Years (monthly from November 1984 to April 2002).
6. The above 4 volumes contain 338 issues with approximately 1.5 million words which have been reproduced in the following 2800 pages.

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