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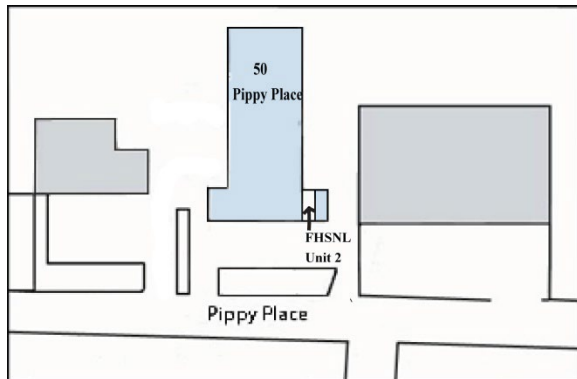


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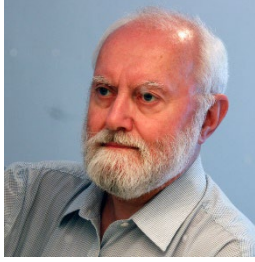
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Frederick R. Smith

A couple of months ago our landlord paid a visit and asked if we would be willing to move to a new suite, at his expense. The deal was a win-win affair. The landlord could remodel our old suite allowing a next-door tenant to expand into where we were and we would move to a suite that was easy to find, right on Pippy Place, and complete renovated to suit our needs. And we can see the sun on clear days. So we agreed and now we are located at 50 Pippy Place, Unit 2. Our signs are not yet moved but we have some small signs in the windows and will be easy to find.

What can go wrong, will go wrong, sometime. Well, it happened twice for us. We had our Winter lecture series in place, all slots were booked, and we were looking forward to some interesting talks. Unfortunately, two of our speakers had to cancel at the last minute with no time to find replacements.

For some time you have been used to seeing Cindy Tedstone's name as one of the Co-Editors of *The Ancestor*. Cindy will still be helping us, especially with proof reading, but her personal time commitments no longer allow her time to work as co-editor. We thank Cindy for all her work over the years and look forward to working with her again in the future.

We depend on commercial software for our membership renewals and for registering new members. A couple of days ago it was discovered that a software update was blocking people with certain types of email from registering. Thanks to the members who told us there were difficulties and our webmaster, David Pike, managed to work with the commercial providers and fix the problem. However we do not know if people with other types of email are having problems. So over the next few weeks, you may receive an email from David asking if you have experienced difficulties getting on our website.

We are always looking for articles for *The Ancestor* and suggestions for speakers. If you have some of your family tree research in a form that can be published, send it along. It can be just one page if you wish, or of course much longer. Also, if you know someone who could be an interesting speaker, let us know and we will follow up.

We continue to get donations of family histories. Just before we moved to our new building, we had a large donation of files, binders and books of information. Not long after our move we received another very large donation, consisting of boxes of binders containing family histories, notes, pictures and literally hundreds of CD. It will take a long time to get it all classified and into our finders, but it's fantastic. If you can give us a copy of your research, that would also be greatly appreciated and so useful for our members..

Good luck with your research.



ACQUISITIONS

Compiled by Rosalind Babb Stokes

TITLE	AUTHOR/DONOR
Mun Cap and Gown, years 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1977	Paul Dunne
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FENNELL–MALONEY Family Tree	Paul Dunne
In 97 Come to Heaven (LITTLE PARADISE)	Harold and Rosemary Ryan/Mary Lyons Hicks
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NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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1753-1867

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Index by surnames 1835-1900

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There are about 4600 marriages in the Basilica records, sorted by bride's surname, bride's birth name and by groom's surname. There are about 2400 baptisms in the King's Cove records.

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The Ancestor relies on its members and general public to submit articles regarding their family histories, community histories and other historical events related to family history. In order for us to continue to publish the Ancestor we need you to continue to send in articles and pictures. E-mail us at ancestor@fhsnl.ca

If you would like to see an article about a specific topic in the Newfoundland Ancestor, please let us know and we will attempt to find the information for you. Topic suggestions are always welcome.

GENEALOGY TOURISM

Genealogy Tourism is the name of a service we provide to FHSNL members.

The program was announced by our president in the spring of 2019 and was on hold during the COVID pandemic. We want everyone to know that the program still exists and will be active again during the 2023 tourist season. Here is what the President announced in 2019!

“It is good to be able to announce a new program. Every so often someone will call or write saying something like: “I will be visiting Newfoundland and Labrador in the coming month and would love to see the house where my grandparents lived.” or “My ancestors are buried in the cemetery on Forest Road, can you help me find it?” So, in cooperation with a FHSNL member (volunteer), we are starting what we call “genealogy tourism”. When someone calls or e-mails, we will put them in touch with our volunteer who will show them the site they wish to see. At the beginning we will limit the service to the St. John’s area but in future we may come looking for help from people across the province.” Contact the office by phone or e-mail to make reservations.

Here is a sample of the feedback we received from a family visiting from Ohio in 2022:

Mr. Smith;

“I have so many good things to share about your volunteer, his research, and the generous hospitality he showed me and my family during our 2022 visit.....

Places of personal interest he showed us were my mom's neighborhood, Fort Pepperrell US Army Base, Belvedere Cemetery, St. Patrick's Church, Victoria Park, Water St. and the harbor..... We checked out the family plot in Belvedere Cemetery and knew we would be back to clear all the overgrowth and discover what family headstones were hidden.---And mom's neighborhood became so real because your volunteer had enlisted the help of a friend who grew up in the same area. His friend knew exactly where my mom's house/store had been. Also, the exact spot where the old family picture was taken. My brother and I had our picture taken where our parents had stood in 1943. It was pretty awesome.

Your volunteer was always professional and an outstanding resource for your organization and for NL. A big thank you for him and your organization.”

***Disclaimer**

For your attention by Margaret Mullins

In volume 38, 3 I gave my reasons for believing that Mrs. Katherine Pike (John) of St. Lawrence was probably a Beck. But she may have been a Caines. She gave her children Caines names. In 1807, Rev. Harries came up to the area from St. John's and baptized a number of children, including Katherine Caines of George and Deborah.

Thank you,
Margaret

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STRAYS DEATHS AFAR

Compiled by Pat Walsh pwalsh1919@gmail.com

What is a Stray? A Stray is defined as a person who is described in a record of an event as being from or connected with a place outside the area in which the event took place. For example, someone born in one place dies in another and the event is reported in a local newspaper. I do take most of our strays from *The Telegram*, as noted below. Thank you to The Ontario Genealogical Society for this definition of a Stray.

Strays from Bell Island appear on the Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page. It is a website celebrating the history, culture and people of Bell Island, NL with particular emphasis on the Wabana iron-ore mining operation. Thanks to Gail Hussey-Weir, this public group page has over 3,000 members.

The obituary information which follows has been taken from past issues of *The Telegram*, a daily newspaper published in St John's, NL unless another newspaper has been noted. For more detailed information, please research the newspaper for the dates shown.

Andrews, Rev. Roy E. of Vanderhoof, BC, on June 15, 2022, in his 80th year, at the University Hospital of Northern BC. Formerly of Port de Grave. Predeceased by his parents Victor & Harriett of Port de Grave. Husband of 57 years of Gwen (French). Father of Stephen, Sherry Lodge & Gilbert. Brother of Maude Pinsent, Daisy Williams, Mary Bussey, Victor & Joyce. Obit & photo Aug. 6, 2022.

Barnes, Beryl Patricia (nee Davis) Aug. 23, 1938 – Jan. 22, 2022 in Brockville, ON. Predeceased by her husband Clayton & her son Jeffrey. Mother of Dean, Boyd, Derek & Bill, Sister of Nancy Randell. Memorial services to be held in St. John's. Obit & photo Aug. 6, 2022.

Best, Gerard M. Accidentally killed in Brooklyn, NY on Nov. 6, 1959. Formerly of Merasheen, Placentia Bay. Son of Thomas. Husband of Carmel. Brother of Ronald, Margaret, Selina Rose (Angus), Sister Maria Concepta & Laura Fillion (J. D.). Ronald & Laura were both residents of Ottawa, ON. Obit in *The Daily News*, St. John's Nov. 9, 1959.

Buckley, Mary Bridget, aged 90 of Willingboro, NJ. Formerly of St. John's. Sept. 18, 1923 – Dec. 18, 2013. Predeceased by her parents Ronald T. (June 11, 1981) & Agnes M. (O'Brien) (Nov. 8, 1996) Buckley, her husband Vincent & son Brian. Mother of Kathleen Gilligan (Charles). Sister of Ronald Buckley of St. John's (he died on Feb. 24, 2021, aged 96). Her parents & family were listed in the 1935 St. John's census as residents of Barnes Place, St. John's. Obit & photo Dec. 21, 2013.

Burke, Kevin Patrick on July 25, 2022, in Barrie, ON. Born in St. John's, he moved to Ontario in 1994. Husband of Suzanne Tipple. Father of Brad. Obit & photo July 29, 2022.

Catania, Sarah (Sally) nee Greene, on May 9, 2012 in Greenport, New York, aged 88. Formerly of Point Verde. Predeceased by her parents, John & Agnes Greene. She was raised by her sister Carmel Greene, who married Cyril Collins of Bond's Path, Placentia. Also predeceased by her husband Michael Catania & her sisters & brother, Carmel Collins, St. John's,

Mary McManus, Michael Greene, Peter Greene, Scotland, & Genevieve (Jeanne) Kosciusko, Florida. Mother of Mary, Bernadette & Michael. Obit Oct. 6, 2012.

Colford, Gerald David “Gerry” on Nov. 23, 2022, aged 88, in Belleville, ON. Born in Carbonear in 1934, son of Lawrence & Bridget (nee Cooke). Predeceased by his parents & three brothers & four sisters. Former school teacher & Community College Administrator. Obit & photo Dec.3, 2022.

Farrell, James (Jim) Joseph on Nov.10, 2022, aged 83 in Moncton, NB. From Marystown. Predeceased by his parents Ernest & Hannah & his brother William. Husband of 54 years of Greta. Brother of Hannah, Patrick, Gerald & Cyril. He spent 48 years in Wabush, Labrador. He worked at Wabush Mines for 30 years. He also worked as an insurance agent for 40 years. Former Mayor of Wabush. Obit Cobbs Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Riverview, Moncton, NB.

George, Gertrude Marie (nee Snow) aged 73, on Nov. 12, 2022 in ON. Predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Kevin Joseph George, her brothers Sidney & Gerald & her sister Joan Jackman. Mother of Monalee & Corrina. Funeral service held at St. Ambrose Church, Cambridge, ON. Obit & photo *The Cambridge Times*. Also see Historic Wabana NF Facebook page.

Goobie, William Leonard “Bum” in Moncton, NB. Born in St. John’s on July 29, 1935, son of William Goobie & Jean Mathieson. Husband of 59 years of Pat “Patsy”. Predeceased by his sister Gertrude & his brother Bernard. He served with the RCMP for 29 years & worked with the Provincial Government, Finance Dept. for 14 years. Father of Paul & Jon. Obit & photo Aug. 6, 2022.

Hansen, Violet “Vi” Mary (nee Newman) of Bonnyville, AB, aged 94, on Nov. 7, 2022. Born in Harbour Grace, daughter of John & Florence Newman. Veteran, WWII, RCAF. Predeceased by her parents & her first husband & father of her children, Donald Hansen, 1981 & her second husband, Bud Hourd, 2008, & her sisters & brothers, Maisie Graves, Judy Pike, Ray, Fred & Mary Flemming. Mother of Ken, Debra, Ozero (David) & Deanna Pye (Ivan). Sister of Lonnie Pike & Shirley Foskett. Obit & photo Nov.18, 2022.

Hardiman, Leo, formerly of Labrador City & St. John’s, in Grande Prairie, AB. Aug. 10, 1934 – Oct. 26, 2022. Predeceased by his wife Lillian, 2018 & his daughter Tracey Holtzheimer, 2014. Father of Wade, Louise, Leon & Chris. Graveside services held at the St. Hilda’s Anglican Cemetery, Bay L’Argent. Obit & photo Oct. 29, 2022.

Hong, Donald James, aged 76, in Florida. Oct. 19, 1945 – Oct. 3, 2022. Formerly of St. John’s & Labrador City & North Carolina. Husband of Anna (Martin). Predeceased by his parents Fronie & Charles Hong & his brothers Mel (Dec. 30, 2017) & Ed (Feb. 26, 2018). Father of Geoffrey & Jason. Brother of Rose Nieves (Felix), Bill, Orv & Cliff. Obit & photo Nov. 23, 2022 & the *Gaston Gazette*, Gastonia, NC Nov. 22, 2022.

Hurley, Catherine Mary on Nov. 18, 2022 in St. John, NB. Born in St. John’s on Sept. 7, 1953, daughter of John & Elizabeth (nee McCarthy). Predeceased by her parents & her brother, John “Jack” Hurley (Feb. 27, 2022). Wife of Peter Teed. She moved to NB in 1973. She worked at the University of New Brunswick’s Faculty of Business for nearly 20 years. An avid volunteer, serving on many boards. Mother of Sheena, Daniel & Emily. Sister of Bill, Pat MacDonald, Madonna Moffat (Jim) & Paul. Obit & photo Nov. 12, 2022.

Martin, Catherine, “Diane” in Summerside, PEI on May 3, 2022, aged 74. Born on April 30, 1948 in St. John’s. Predeceased by her parents John & Elizabeth (Burke) Martin & her sisters Genevieve Murphy & Elizabeth Rogers. Wife of Robert (Bob) Moores. Mother of David & Michael Kreick, & stepmother of Valerie Moores, Christopher Moores & Julie Moores. Sister of Mary Hickey, Frank, Lorraine, Virginia, Paul, Linda & Gerald. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John’s. Obit & photo Caul’s Funeral Home, St. John’s.

Martin, Judy (nee Murray) on Sept. 12, 2022 in Delta, BC, aged 71. Predeceased by her parents Margaret, 2009, & John Murray, 2010. Wife of Gary. Mother of Jillian, Jacqueline & Lindsay. Obit & photo Sept. 22, 2022.

Meadus, Alexander Albert, in his 76th year on Oct. 13, 2012 in Petawawa, ON. Formerly from St. John’s. Predeceased by his mother Rosamond, 1960, his wife Helen, 1967, his father Albert, 1988, brother Dolph, 2010 & his son Todd, 2011. Father of Rosamond. Brother of Elizabeth Rumsey, William, Walter & Edward. Obit, Oct. 27, 2012.cc

Morgan, Mary Catherine (nee Power) July 19, 1931- May 25, 2022, in St. Catherine’s, ON. Born in St. John’s, daughter of James & Mary Margaret Power. Sister of Regis, Patricia, Kay, Margaret, Molly, Josephine & Jack. Predeceased by her parents & her husband George Thomas Morgan, Mother of Donna Shortt (John), George, Bradley, Tracy McArdle & Lorraine Onvlee (Tony). Funeral held at the Patricia Darte Funeral Home, St. Catherine’s, ON. Obit & photo May 28, 2022.

Perreault, Marjorie (nee Kearley) in Cambridge, ON. March 11, 1940 – March 26, 2022. Born on Bell Island, daughter of Edward Kearley & Ada Boone. Predeceased by her parents & her sisters, Iris, Una, Rene, Peggy & Marjorie & her brothers John, Charles, Bruce, Cecil, Woodrow, Harold & Edward. Mother of Renne. Sister of

Judy Bickford (Doug), Shirley Harris (Charlie), Mae Prigione (John), Donald Boone, Walter Boone & Reginald Boone. Obit & photo Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Pomakis, Janet Marguerite (nee Geehan) on Nov. 22, 2022 in Ocoee, Florida. A resident of Winter Garden, Florida. Born in Topsail on Dec. 27, 1945. Predeceased by her parents Patrick & Hannah Geehan, her brother Kevin & sister Bernadette. Wife of 53 years of Mike. They married on Aug. 16, 1969 in Topsail. Mother of Keith & Tammy. Sister of Brenda, Joan, Patricia & David. Former resident of Dartmouth, NS. Obit & photo Nov. 26, 2022.

Rainey, Anne Marie (nee Sullivan) aged 94, of Halifax, NS on Sept. 2, 2012, Born on May 4, 1918, daughter of John Joseph & Monica Sullivan of St. John’s. Mother of Walta-Anne, Cherye Edgar, Sandi Stapleton, Marie-Anne Boulain (Robbie) & Frank Stapleton. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Mount Pearl. Obit & photo Oct. 6, 2012.

Saunders-Sinnott, Yvonne E. Aug. 22, 1941 – Dec. 4, 2022, in Qualicum Beach, BC. Born on Bell Island, daughter of Eric Saunders & Maggie (nee Rose). Predeceased by her parents & her two husbands, William A (Bill) Sinnott, St. John’s, 1990 & Alan Withington, BC, 2002, Sister of Gerald, Ruby Hiscock (John), Sylvia Knight (John, deceased), Ronald & Gloria Robbins (Rick). A long-time active volunteer. Inurnment in the Forest Road Anglican Cemetery, St. John’s. The Family History Society of Newfoundland & Labrador acknowledges a donation of her genealogy collection. Obit & photo Dec. 7, 2022. See also Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page & today inbc.com.

Sheppard, Geraldine Margaret (nee Maloney) on Aug. 21, 2022, aged 85, in Campbell River, BC. Born in Sweet Bay, Bonavista Bay. Predeceased by her parents Greg & Mary Ellen (Nellie) Maloney, her sisters Irene, Bernadette & her twin, Rosalie & her brothers Stephen & Calvin Sheppard (father of her children). Mother of Carol, Joanne, Maureen, Fred, Irene & Sharon. Sister of Gertrude, Madeline & Brendan. Obit & photo Aug. 26, 2022.

Smith, Garland "Rex", aged 87, on Nov. 1, 2022, in Hamilton, ON. Born in Chance Cove, in 1935, son of Rev. Malcolm & Emma (Newhook) Smith. Predeceased by his wife of 63 years, May

(Skanes) & his brothers & sisters, Miriam, Rita, Clyde, Kathleen (Kay) Cecil, Rosalind, Gerald & Oliver (Junior). Father of Diane, Jamieson (Douglas), Toronto, ON & Lora Smith (Christian Gagne), Montreal. He was self-employed as a Manufacturer's Agent in St. John's. He & May moved to Ontario in 1998. Obit & photo Nov. 1, 2022

Weideman, Audrey Lillian (nee Payne) aged 91, on Oct. 24, 2012 of Rockwood, ON, in Guelph, ON. Predeceased by her husband Henry Weideman. Mother of Jeff, John, Susan & Gail. Audrey & Henry came from NL to Nassagawya, ON in 1968. Obit Oct. 27, 2012.



JANE CRANT KEEPING AND GEORGE KEEPING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

By Edward Hartigan #2138

I read with interest the article by Margaret Mullins titled SOUTH COAST INFORMATION in THE ANCESTOR Volume 38,3. In the article, Margaret wrote about the Cranton/Crant family and the Keeping family. In particular, Margaret mentioned Jane Crant Keeping (1792-1875) and her son George Keeping (1820-1911) of Rencontre East. Jane is my three times great grandmother and George is my two times great grandfather. George Keeping's son William John (1862-1937) is my great grandfather.

Margaret wrote "George Kippen had recorded information on himself, his wife and children and his widowed mother Jane Crant." I am in possession of the original George Keeping documents and I would like to share these document with our readers. The two documents are as follows:

GEORGE AND SUSAN (MAY) KEEPING FAMILY BAPTISMAL RECORD

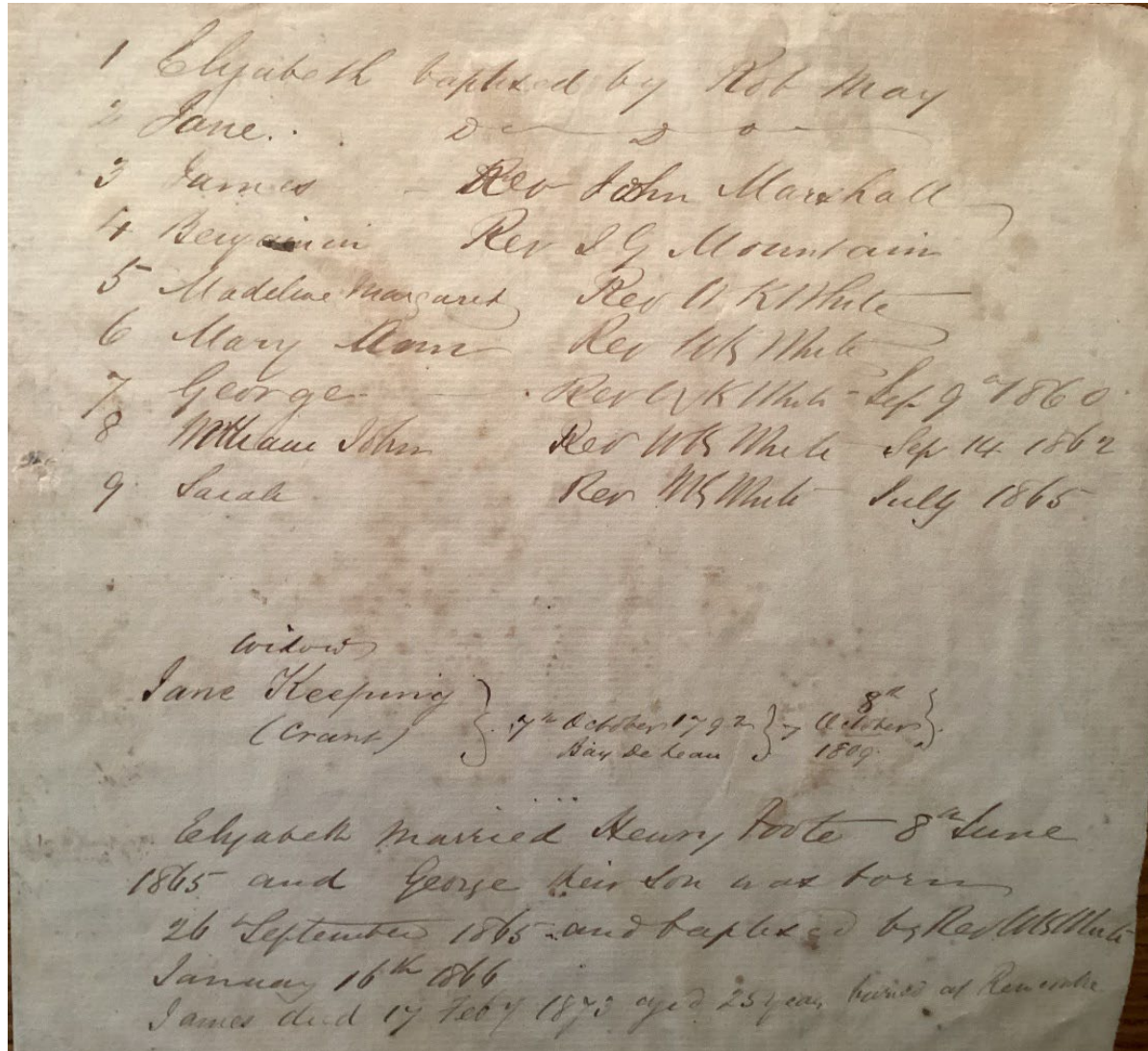
This record written by George is on parchment paper and it is fairly well preserved. The last recording is 1873. I have included a copy of this record, but in case it is difficult to read, I have transcribed it as follows:

- 1.Elizabeth baptized by Rob. May
- 2.Jane baptized by Rob. May
- 3.James by Rev. John Marshall
- 4.Benjamin by Rev. J. G. Mountain
- 5.Madeline Margaret by Rev. W.K. White
- 6.Mary Ann by Rev. W.K. White
- 7.George by Rev. W.K. White - Sept. 9, 1860
- 8.William John by W.K. White - Sept. 14, 1862
- 9.Sarah by W. K. White - July 1865

Jane (widow) Keeping (Crant) 7th October 1792 Bay de Leau) 8th October 1809

Elizabeth married Henry Foote - 8th June 1865 and George their son was born 26 September 1865 and baptized by Rev. W. K. White January 16th 1866.

James died 17th Feby. 1873 aged 25 years - buried at Rencontre.



GEORGE AND SUSAN (MAY) KEEPING FAMILY REGISTER

This document is written on paper published by Currier & Ives, 152 Nassau St. New York. The document records family names; born, when and where; married, when and where; died, when and where. The document has not weathered well over the years, but fortunately I transcribed it before it became too faded. I have included a photo of the record to show the Currier & Ives illustrations on the document. A photo of my transcribed information is also included. It appears that the last entry in this document by George Keeping was in 1894 for the death of his daughter Jane on May 30, 1894. George Keeping was known in his family as Grandfee George.

Family Register: Written By George Keeping (1866).

Updated By Edward John Hartigan (1997)

LAST ENTRY BY GEORGE KEEPING - 1894
FURTHER ENTRIES BY EDWARD HARTIGAN (1997)

Name	Born	Birthplace	Married to:	Marriage da	Married by:	Died:	Place of Deat
Father: George Keeping	10/14/1820	COOMBS' Cove	Susan May	09/24/1843	Rev. Rob. May	06/2/1911	Rencontre East
Mother: Susan May	06/16/1821	Belleoram	George Keeping	09/24/1843	LALLY COVE	10/10/1889	Rencontre East
Child 1: Elizabeth	08/05/1844	English Harbour	Henry Foote	06/08/1865	Rev John Marshall	???	???
Child 2: Jane	03/04/1846	Lally Cove	Joseph Sheppard	???	???	05/30/1894	Miller's Passage
Child 3: James	08/04/1848	Rencontre East	-			02/17/1873	Rencontre East
Child 4: Benjamin	11/24/1850	Rencontre East	Harriet JANE Keeping	???	-	04/28/1926	Rencontre East
Child 5: Madeline Margaret	06/04/1856	Rencontre East	Thomas Vallis	09/17/1884	???	10/07/1918	Rencontre East
Child 6: Mary Ann	05/29/1858	Rencontre East	-		-	08/09/1858	Rencontre East
Child 7: George	09/12/1859	Rencontre East	-		-	05/09/1866	Rencontre East
Child 8: William John	09/11/1862	Rencontre East	Ann Rideout	10/05/1885	???	11/10/1937	Rencontre East
Child 9: Sarah	06/26/1865	Rencontre East	-		-	10/27/1869	Rencontre East
Widow: Jane Keeping (nee Crant)	10/07/1792	Bay de l'Eau	Keeping	10/08/1809		04/28/1875	Rencontre East
Mother of George Keeping							



PHOTO OF GEORGE KEEPING AND SUSAN MAY

I have included a photo of my two times great grandparents George Keeping and Susan (May) Keeping. This photo was given to me by my cousin Hiram Keeping. The date and location of the photo are unknown.



ADDITIONAL NOTES ON JANE (CRANT) KEEPING and husband BENJAMIN KEEPING

My research confirms the information provided by Margaret Mullins. Jane Crant married Benjamin Keeping on October 9, 1809. We know his name was Benjamin because they are listed in the baptism records of Archdeacon Wix on March 24, 1835 at Rencontre East. Wix's spelling of Keeping was Capon. Wix recorded that he baptized two children of Benjamin and Jane Capon: John, age 8 and Elinor, age 16. The entry from Wix's Journal is interesting to note as he mentions other children in the Keeping household. He wrote "Reached the family of Mr. B. C by half-past ten A.M. Full service, two children baptized; sorry to observe some levity here, as I had in some other place, amount the elder children." Archdeacon Wix also describes life in Rencontre East as follows: "Tuesday March 24, 1835, Wind westerly and high; but, as the people here are experienced and used to keep out in boats through the winter, and were not afraid to go to the teeth of it to Rencontre, I did not object. A company of six men had gone, last month, into the country from this neighbourhood, in search of deer, when falling in with a herd of about one hundred and fifty, they had followed them till they were caught in a snow-storm, and very narrowly escaped with their lives, all six being more or less frost-burnt."

In summary, I hope you enjoyed viewing the original Keeping family documents. They are over 150 years old and a valued possession. Grandfather George Keeping's penmanship is superb. My three times great grandparents Benjamin and Jane Crant Keeping were certainly Fortune Bay pioneers who left a large family of descendants.

IN MEMORIAM Submitted by Pat Walsh

Note: In this and previous issues of The Newfoundland Ancestor, I have attempted to pay honour and respect to our veterans of World War II and the Korean War and members of our Armed Forces and also other citizens who have died aged 100 or older. There may be some individuals included who may have achieved some noted degree of accomplishment in their chosen profession. I have relied on the obituary notices in the local Telegram. I know there are many other veterans and other noted individuals who have passed away in other areas of our province. More information on these individuals may be found in The Telegram - www.the.telegram.com/. Lest We Forget.

Berkshire, Baxter Murley, aged 100, Sept.18, 1920–Dec.2, 2020. Hickman Harbour. Predeceased by his parents, Albert & Myrtle & his brothers & sisters, Fred, Frank, Ray, Warren, Nettie, Evelyn, Lucy, Ruth & Olive. Father of Bruce, Randy, Ed, Margie, Marilyn, Beverly & Pamela. Vardy's Funeral Home.

Byrne, Patricia Mary (nee Rose), in St. John's, aged 101. Oct. 31, 1921-Dec. 1, 2022. Predeceased by her parents, John & Margaret (Whelan) Rose, her husband John (Jack) Byrne, her sons Ricky, Denis & John & her daughter Suzanne. Mother of Peggy Sheppard (Doug), Brenda Brown (Bill) & Noreen. Obit Dec. 2, 2022.

Churchill, Mary Helena (nee Benoit) on Nov. 15, 2022, in St. John's, aged 101. Born on May 15, 1921 in Stephenville, daughter of James & Mary Ellen (Cormier) Benoit. Predeceased by her parents, her husband Eldred Churchill (married on Nov. 24, 1948) & her five brothers & seven sisters. Sister of Andrew Benoit, Grand Falls–Windsor. Parents of 10 children. Obit & photo Nov. 17, 2022.

Gosse, Doris Lemon (nee Marshall) on Oct. 25, 2012 in St. John's, in her 100th. year. Originally from Spaniard's Bay. Predeceased by her parents Josiah & Mary Marshall, her husband Harold F., her sister Louise Wylie (George) & her brother Eric Marshall. Mother of Yvonne Seymour (Art) & Cynthia Bennett (Lloyd). Obit The Telegram, undated.

Janes, Hazel Frances (nee Pauls) in St. John's, on Oct. 28, 2022, in her 100th year. Born in St. Bernard's, Fortune Bay, on Oct. 11, 1923, daughter of Charles & Cecilia (Hynes) Pauls. Predeceased by her parents & her husband Maxwell Janes, Jan. 12, 2013. Mother of Phyllis Beresford (Leonard) St. John's & Elizabeth Prince (Steven), Sidney, BC. Obit & photo Nov. 1, 2022.

Lee, William Thomas, Nov. 1918 – July 23, 2012 in St. John's. Veteran, WWII, Merchant Navy. Predeceased by his parents George & Rachel, his wife Mary, 2004 & his brothers & sisters, Jack, Cyril, Doug, Charles, George, Ruth, Lydia, Clara, Edith. Father of Gordon, Fort McMurray, AB. Brother of Laura Hefferton, Mount Pearl. Obit & photo The Telegram, undated.

Madden, Ignatia Mary (nee Fowler) in Grand Falls–Windsor, in her 101st year. Dec. 6, 1921–Aug. 9, 2022. Predeceased by her husband Louis Edward Madden, her infant son, Kevin Joseph, daughter Philomena Abbass, her parents Michael & Frances Fowler, her sisters Sister Mary Angela Fowler, RSWM, Pauline Melvin (Ron), Doris Chafe (Henry), Veronica Whalen (Gerald) & her brother Leo Fowler. Obit & photo Aug. 20, 2022.

Osmond, Charity (nee Langford), aged 103. Nov. 26, 1918–Nov. 8, 2022. Born in Brown's Cove, daughter of Henry & Emily Langford. Predeceased by her parents & her husband of 67 years, Leander, June 2005 & her daughters Mary Marsha & Emily & her six sisters & three brothers. Mother of Cyril, Dorothy, Edna,

Spencer & Derick. Member of the Anglican Church of the Epiphany of Hampden. Obit & photo Parsons Funeral Home, Deer Lake.

Pearcey, Robert William, Retired Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Superintendent, April 30, 1941–Aug. 15, 2022. Predeceased by his parents Jack & Audrey. Husband of Alma. Brother of Joan. He served as the first superintendent of the Labrador West & Corner Brook detachments of the RNC. Obit & photo Aug. 20, 2022.

Pinhorn. John C. of Winterton, in Carbonear, aged 101. Nov. 2, 1921 – Nov. 28, 2022. Veteran, WWII, 166th. Newfoundland Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Predeceased by his wife Elizabeth (nee Downey) & his sons Donald & Alexander. Obit & photo Greens Funeral Home & Services, Winerton & The Telegram Dec. 3, 2022.

Rees, Denise June (nee Hatton) May 24, 1925–Aug. 26, 2022. Veteran, WWII, WAAF, radio mechanic. Born in London, England, daughter of Vernon Hatton & Ellen Banks. Sister of Maureen, Dellia & Trevor. She taught school in London until 1953 and then travelled to Bell Island. In 1956 she married Gerald H. Rees. She was an active volunteer. Obit & photo Aug. 30, 2022.

Saunders, William Charles, in St. John's, aged 101. July 10, 1921–Oct. 26, 2022. Veteran, WWII, Royal Navy. Predeceased by his wife Elizabeth Brenda, 2014. They were married in Newport, South Wales. Also predeceased by his parents William & Edith & his three sisters, Evelyn, Marjorie & Lily. Father of Denise Fitzpatrick (Wayne), Diane Eason (Melvin) & David. Brother of Jean Chafe. Long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 1. Obit & photo Oct. 29, 2022.

Schropp, Gertrude Elizabeth (nee Morrissey) aged 105. Jan. 31, 1918–Oct. 25, 2022, in St.

John's. Predeceased by her parents John & Mary Anne Morrissey, her husband Bill, her daughter Sharon & her sisters Mary Cahill & Adele Dooling (Sept. 9, 2022) & her brothers Bill, Frank, Gerald, John & Walter. Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Starkes, Charles "Charlie", John, on Nov. 25, 2022 in St. John's, aged 100. Veteran, WWII, Royal Navy. Born in Greenspond, Bonavista Bay. Predeceased by his parents, George & Clara, his wife of 67 years, Jean (nee White), May 10, 2016, his sons, Frederick, 2019 & John Charles, 2020. Also predeceased by his sisters Jean Starkes- Neville, Mary Cofield, Kathleen, Lorraine Underhay & Eleanor Churchill & his brothers Chesley & George. Father of Raymond. Brother of Marie Hynes, Bill, Fred & Mabel. Long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36, Mount Pearl. A Master Electrician. Member of the Singing Legionnaires. Interment in the Field of Honour, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's. Obit & photo Nov. 29, 2022.

White, Freeman Joseph Ward, in Lewisporte, on Dec. 3, 2022. Born in Newstead, Bay of Islands, on May 14, 1946, the son of Kenneth White & Ida Pryor. Husband of Roma (Butler). Father of Philip & Ashley. Predeceased by his parents & son Charles. Brother of Cyril, Mary Moore, Gladys & Lem. Former broadcaster & Member House of Assembly, Provincial Government of NL, Lewisporte District, 1975-1982. Communication Consultant, Federal Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON. Outdoor advertising business. Obit Dec. 10, 2022.

"I am bound to them, though I cannot look into their eyes or hear their voices. I honour their history. I cherish their lives. I will tell their story. I will remember them."

Author unknown. From the Newfoundland & Labrador Genealogy Facebook page.



WILLIAM HARDING'S DIARY

Submitted by Brian Williams

Continued from Volume 38, 4
July 1876

July 1 Sat.

Arose 5 am. Dull morning I set out 1076 cabbage plants, then after breakfast went to see Mary Ann. Rained most all day at intervals

July 2 Sunday.

Arose 6 am. Dull morning Held Service, No Class, members away. Held Service again & Prayer Meeting Bless God for a fine day & a good day to my soul.

July 3 Monday.

Arose 5 am. Fine morning after breakfast was at John Paul's, at C Halletts at the Doctor's & Mary Ann's. Posted a letter to Selina Isaacs & one to Mr Munro. The punts are bringing in good trips of fish & the Cod Seiners are doing very well. Oh God prosper Thy Servant's labours. Fine day.

July 4 Tuesday.

Arose 6 am Dull, wet most of the night. I was weeding a spell in the garden, then went up to John Harding's to see his place. Fine day.

July 5 Wed.

Arose ½ past 4. Fine morning, was weeding. Before breakfast I was taken very poorly & had to lie down all day.

July 6 Thursday.

Arose 6 a m Better Thank God. A fine morning. Hennigar went into Salmonier to trench her potatoes & when she got there found that Charlotte's girls had done it for her. No Class, I was not well enough to meet it. Edith Deer & John Harding were here, a wet evening.

July 7 Friday

Arose ½ past 6. Fine, after a night of rain & wind. Wm Collins came home & brought a fine trip of fish from cod seine at Cape St Marys The Steamer arrived from the Westward after being gone since June 21st our letters are gone now. a fine evening.

July 8 Saturday.

Arose 6 a m Fine only for a thunder shower. Was engaged in making a fowl yard to prevent them rooting the garden. Recieved a letter from Grand Bank from my son *George* (recent handwriting). Dull day.

July 9 Sunday.

Arose ½ past 6. Dull morning. Attended Service. Mr Pascoe not arrived yet. Mr Sears from Fortune Bay preached morning & afternoon. Met my Class. Mr Pascoe arrived in the “Liger” this evening.

July 10 Monday.

Arose 6 a m Fine morning. Recieved a letter from Rev Forsey and his Likeness and a Likeness from Mr Pascoe. Was at the Doctors & Charles Holletts & Mary Ann’s. Mrs Coady gone 12 months. Squids came in yesterday. Fine day.

July 11 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning, after breakfast making a place to keep the fowls in from getting into the garden.

July 12 Wed.

Arose ½ past 5. After breakfast hilling my plants. Paid Mr Inkpen 17s I owed him for coal. Fine day, was helping Hennigar about her fish.

July 13 Thurs.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. Writing to Rev Mr Forsey, Canada.. fine day, no one attended Class.

July 14 Friday

Arose 6 a m Fine morning. After breakfast went up to Mary Ann’s posted a letter for Rev G. Forsey, Canada. Brought a Pr of boots and gave them to Mr G Bishop, that I had from Mary Ann. Sawing & cleaving wood, a lovely fine day.

July 15 Sat.

Arose 5 a m Dull morning. No squids of any account since last Thursday. After breakfast fixing the Temp Hall for Meeting. It was like to be burnt down yesterday, the children kindled a fire on the gallery. Dull day.

July 16 Sunday.

Arose 6 a m very fine morning. Attended Service, Met my Class attended Service again. & I held Prayer Meeting, very few present. Bless God for a good day to my soul & a fine day too.

July 17 Monday.

Arose 5 a m Fine morning was at Charles Holletts & brought home a grate, paid 5 s for it. Was at Mary Ann’s & saw her dear little son, born about one hour before I saw it. a fine child & she smart, bless the Lord. I came back & was working in the garden. Fine day.

July 18 Tuesday.

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. Fixing my boots. Nothing particular occured to-day. No bait, Oh Lord have Mercy & send relief to Thy people. Dull day.

July 19 Wed.

Arose ½ past 5 Dull morning. Working in the garden a spell, then sawing & cleaving wood. Mary Ann Vincent was here. Mr Winter had a crew from Jersey Room to carry his little sheep’s house in the garden. Fine day.

July 20 Thurs.

Arose 6 a m Dull morning. Fixed the lock on the front door. Met my female Class. Was up to see Mary Ann & the baby they are both well, bless God. Robert Isaacs & Mary Ann Newport were here. A dull day, the bakeapples are very plentiful

July 21 Friday.

Arose 4 a m very dull morning. I went into Salmonier had breakfast at Thos Isaacs; was at Charlotte’s & Hannah Deer’s & at Mary Ann’s, then came home, a wet dull evening.

July 22 Sat

Arose 5 a m Dull morning. In the garden weeding before breakfast then fixing Hall for to-night. Posted a letter for G Harding Grand Bank. Weeding in evening. fine evening.

July 23 Sunday.

Arose ½ past 6. The steamer arrived. Attended Service, Met my Class. Attended Service again. No Prayer Meeting; it was so wet no one attended.

July 24 Monday.

Arose ½ past 5 Dull still, was at the Post Office. got five Temp. papers and a letter from John Malzard Jersey, with a cheque in it for L1. for my dear wife and a letter with L2. for Mary Ann Newport and a returned letter I sent to Selina Isaacs. Mrs Emma Hollett was here to see my wife. Dull day.

July 25 Tuesday.

Arose 5 a m still dull. Writing to Mr Brace & to John Malzard Jersey & to Selina Isaacs. Sawing wood, it turned out to be a beautiful evening.

July 26 Wed.

Arose ½ past 4. Foggy. Wrote a letter to Flat Islands. Was in the garden weeding. Was to see Mary Ann, then wrote a letter for Mary Ann Newport. Fine evening.

July 27 Thurs.

Arose 6 a m Rather dull morning. Posted a letter with a stamp on it for Mary Ann Newport to John Malzard. 1 for John Malzard for myself paid 6 cts 1 for Mr Brace. St Johns paid 3 cts & 2 cts on one (Mr Winter paid this) to John Winter & I saw him stamp them. No Class, the wet prevented anyone from coming.

July 28 Friday

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. After breakfast sawing wood. at the Temp Hall. putting in the coal that Susan Reid & Mary Pidgeon brought from Mr G Bishop's fine day.

July 29 Sat

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. After breakfast fixing the Hall for to-night Sawing wood. Fine day.

July 30 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m. Wet morning Attended Service, Met my Class The steamer came from the Westward about 2 p m. Attended Service again & held Prayer Meeting. Mr Pascoe to Spoon Cove. Bless God for a good day to my soul.

July 31 Monday.

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. I Bless God that my dear wife is spared to see her 79th birthday. I was up to see Mary Ann & the baby. No bait, middleing fine day.

Aug 1 Tuesday August 1876

Arose 6 am, a very rainy night & wet this morning; cleared away after breakfast. Sawing wood part of day. No bait.

Aug 2 Wed.

Arose ½ past 4. Fine morning, fixing pipe for parlour stove. My wife was out in the garden a little while to-day & Hennigar helped her down to her house, this is the first time. Fine day.

Aug 3 Thursday.

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. After breakfast was to see Mr Hooper & Mary Ann. Saw Hannah Deer. Met my female Class. very few attended. very fine day.

Aug 4 Friday

Arose 4 a m. Fine morning. Went into Salmonier, breakfasted at Thos. Isaacs'. Saw Hennigar & Lizzie Collins & a few more going on the hills berry-picking. Had dinner at Charlotte's; was at Hannah Deer's then came out to Mary Ann's & from that home very, very hot day.

Aug 5 Sat.

Arose 5 a m Fine morning. After breakfast fixing Hall for to-night then sawing wood. Steamer came in from St Johns. Fine day.

Aug 6 Sunday.

Arose 6 a m. Fine morning. Attended Service, Met my Class, was informed that Friday night a house in St. Lawrence took fire & was burnt down & two children in it by the name of "Kelly". Attended Service again & Daniel Bishop held Prayer Meeting. Fine day.

Aug 7 Monday.

Arose 5 a m Recieved the Temperance Journal & a letter from Mr Brace. Pricilla Roffe & Ann Keech, Mary Brushett & her daughter Mary Ann Pine were here also Sally Brushett from Port aux Bras. Fine day. Attended Trustee Meeting.

Aug 8 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 5. Dull morning. Sawing wood, was around to see Mary Ann & the children. Dull day.

Aug 9 Wed.

Arose 5 a m Dull morning. The Mason's Picnic took place to-day at Big Salmonier. I was not there, Charlotte was here. My dear wife very bad. Fine day.

Aug 10 Thurs.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning, my dear wife had a middling night Thank God. Met my female Class. Hennigar was here & brought little Harriet Reed down to stay with her a few days. My dear wife still very poorly. Fine day.

Aug 11 Friday.

Arose 6 a m Fine morning. My dear wife had a poor night. The Roman Catholic Bishop came last evening; there were bonfires on the hills & a great firing of guns for him. The steamer came from the Westward brought Rev Mr Milligan. Wesleyan Minister. Mrs Julia Mitchell was here. Fine hot day.

Aug 12 Saturday

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning, after breakfast sawing wood. after dinner went to Mrs Morris' & brought home 2 lbs cheese.

Aug 13 Sunday.

Arose 6 a m Dull morning. Attended Service, Met my Class, Attended Service again & Sacrament, 127 communicates, the first of the non-intoxicating wine used here. Rev Mr Milligan held Prayer Meeting. Bless God for a good day to my soul.

Aug 14 Monday.

Arose 5 a m Fine morning. After breakfast sawing wood. The Good Templer's Picnic in Big Salmonier. Fine hot day.

Aug 15 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. I delivered up all the Government Weights & Measures to Mr Patten who is to be the Inspector in the future. I fixed up Samuel Murley's headstone that was fallen down. Fine day. Blew hard.

Aug 16 Wed.

Arose 6 a m. Dull & wet. Sawing wood. Rained part of the day.

Aug 17 Thurs.

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. Began on a chest of Tea I had from St Peters. Went after a bag of moss and began to stog the little house to put in the coal. Attended the funeral of Henry Legge's child & I had to cover the corpse over; as there were no men there. Met my female Class. Fine day.

Aug 18 Friday.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine, after breakfast was at Dr Moran's Mary Ann's & C Holletts. The steamer came but no letters I came home & assisted in taking out 5 tons of coal for Wm Collins & 2 tons for myself. Fine day.

Aug 19 Sat.

Arose 5 a m. Fine morning. After breakfast was engaged in trimming up the coal in the Church, most all day. Fixed the Temp. Hall for meeting. Fine day.

Aug 20 Sunday.

Arose 6 a m. Fine morning Attended Service, Met my Class Attended Service again. after the Sunday School children sang ten pieces and said twenty eight recitations & said two dialogues. Mr Milligan gave a good exhortation. The children sat in the singing galery. Fine day.

Aug 21 Monday.

Arose 5 am Fine morning after breakfast and after dinner I was assisted in getting my coal up. John Isaacs, Rd. Turpin, Wm Kirby, Rd. Dowell, G Collins. Thomas Isaacs & John Harding brought it up & assisted in getting it in. It rained forpart of day & a little in the evening.

Aug 22 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. Putting away the coal. Mr Milligan was here & prayed with us. a fine day.

Aug 23 Wed.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. Sawing wood. The S. School children's picnic at Burin Bay. Fine day.

Aug 24 Thurs.

Arose 4 a m Fine morning Went into the Bay. Breakfast at Thomas Isaacs. Dinner at Charlotte's. Was at Hannah Deer's, Hannah Brinton's Mary Ann's then came home, came to rain.

Aug 25 Friday

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. Mr Patten brought me a Proclamation from the Governor to put up in order to find out the murderer of John Nelson, who was murdered the 13th of this month at Burgeo The Man o War steamer with policemen are gone in search. The poor man was found in a pond with his throat cut & both arms broken. Both Mary Ann Reed & Sarah Reed were here. Middleing fine day.

Aug 26 Sat

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. Fixed the Temp. Hall for to-night, my wife very ill.

Aug 27 Sunday

Arose ½ past 6 after a night of heavy rain, with my wife so ill Attended Service, Met my Class. Attended Service again. No Prayer Meeting it was so wet. Mr Pascoe was in & talked & prayed with my dear wife. Rained all day.

Aug 28 Monday.

Arose ½ past 5. Dull morning. In the house almost all day, my dear wife so bad. John was here he hath a very bad hand

Aug 29 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 6. Dull morning. Was up to see John. Was at Joseph Mitchell's to-day for some wood. Court to-day.

Aug 30 Wed.

Arose 5 a m Weeding until the rain came & drove me out of the garden. John Harding was served from Mr G Bishop with an Attorney's letter, he attended Court & came off better than we could expect, by paying what he can yearly; the Doctor lanced his hand. I was in the garden weeding. Mrs Ann Collins from Flat Islands was here. Fine evening.

Aug 31 Thurs.

Arose ½ past 5. Wet morning. Thomas Collins from Flat Islands is up with his wife, she hath a cancer in her breast. Dr Moran (Brian's note - Dr James Moran) & Dr Smith cut it out. O Lord bless the means used & heal it completely. Mr Pascoe met our Class & gave Tickets for the last three quarters. I was at John's & Joseph Mitchell's trying to buy some wood, they would take nothing for it but made me a present of upwards of 20 sticks & Wm Henry & his boy went after it & brought it home for me & the boy brought it up to the house This ends the work of another month.

Sept 1876

Sept 1 Friday

Arose 6 a m. Fine morning. After breakfast sawing wood and fixing porch door. Wrote a letter for Hannah Hines to her mother Old Mrs Fudge was here, the steamer came from St Johns.

Sept 2 Saturday.

Arose 6 a m Fine morning. I fixed the Hall for to-night. Recieved a letter from Selina Isaacs & Mrs Coady. Bless God that they are all well. Fine day.

Sept 3 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. Attended Service. Mr Pascoe met the Class for Tickets Attended Service again & Love Feast after several spoke of their experiences. Pew rent was taken.

Sept 4 Monday.

Arose ½ past 5. Dull morning Carried the money for Pew Rent to Mr Bishop, that I recieved yesterday. Attended Trustee Meeting Fine day.

Sept 5 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 5. Fine morning. Sawing wood. was around to the harbour trying to get a house for Mrs Coady to come back to Burin. Was at Mary Ann's & was to see John about his hand. John Parsons & Lewis Butler were engaged in putting iron palings around Dr F Moran's grave. Fine day.

Sept 6 Wed.

Arose 6 a m. a very wet morning. rained most all night. Writing to Mrs Coady & Selina about coming home. Fine evening.

Sept 7 Thurs.

Arose 6 a m Dull morning. Posted a letter for Mrs Coady & one for Selina. Sawing wood. Met my female Class; only two present. Mary Ann & her two children & Mrs Parsons were here to Tea; the Steamer came & Mary Ann was too late to write. Fine day.

Sept 8 Friday

Arose 6 a m Fine but cold morning. Fixing Temp Hall for to-morrow night After dinner cutting sods to put on my porch. Fine day.

Sept 9 Sat.

Arose 5 am Dull morning, Hennigar & I went into Salmonier, had breakfast at Thos. Isaacs & we had Dinner at Charlotte's then came to Hannah Deer's & from that to Mary Ann's & had a cup of tea with her & then home. Dull all day.

Sept 10 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m. It was a very rough night with wind & rain. Attended Service, Met my Class; Attended Service again & I held Prayer Meeting, very few there as it was windy & wet all day.

Sept 11 Monday

Arose ½ past 6. Cold, raw, wet morning. Saw Mr G Buffett at Thos Reed's, took in my hops. Blew hard all day.

Sept 12 Tuesday.

Arose 6 am. Cold windy morning. Sodding porch and the little house. Mrs Collins that had her breast cut off, went home with Wm H Collins of Flat Islands. Was informed of the death of G. Goddard. Fine day.

Sept 13 Wed.

Arose 6 a m. Fine only cold & windy. Fixing porch & little house against the winter. Mary Ann Newport was here. Fine day

Sept 14 Thursday

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. After breakfast sawing wood & fixing the Bell to toll for the funerals. Attended the funerals of Mr Goddard & Gabriel Beazley; both in the Church at one time. May the Lord prepare us for our change, whenever it may come. Fine day

Sept 15 Friday.

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. Mr Pascoe & Sophia went to Mortier Bay. Mr Peters arrived in the steamer, he is appointed to Mortier Bay. Fine day.

Sept 16 Sat.

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. Saw the Rev Mr Peters from Cornwall. I was at the Church & Burying Ground with him. Fixed the Hall for to-night. Was with Mr Peters to baptize John Collins' child fine day.

Sept 17 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Attended Service, Met my Class, Attended Service again. I held Prayer Meeting, only Edward Collins' & I to pray; the people went to Burin Bay to hear Mr Peters. Fine day.

Sept 18 Monday.

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. Fixing porch & roof of house. Fine day.

Sept 19 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. I was at Mr Wm Mitchell's for a few sticks of wood he gave me. Mrs Ellen Paul was here & I went part of the way with her to Burin Bay.

Sept 20 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Wm Collins gave me some fine wood. Sawing & cleaving wood. Mary Ann & Sarah Reed & Henry were here to Tea. I was working in the garden about the cabbage.

Sept 21 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning, after breakfast sawing & cleaving wood Met my Class. Mrs Inkpen was here to Tea. Mr Inkpen sailed to Prince Edward Island for potatoes to-day. Fine day.

Sept 22 Friday

Arose ½ past 4. Fine only a white frost. Went into Salmonier breakfasted at Thos. Isaacs' Had my dinner at Charlotte's, was at Hannah Deers & to Ellen Paul's & saw all the house upstairs & down; had a cup of Tea there & then came home. Fine day.

Sept 23 Sat.

Arose ½ past 6. Fine morning. fixing Hall for to-night, was a Mr G Bishop's, bought matches & biscuits. Sawing and cleaving wood. Fine day.

Sept 24 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning Attended Service, Met my Class Attended Service again. Daniel Bishop held Prayer Meeting. Fine day.

Sept 25 Monday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Daniel Bishop sailed in the Pinky or Hero for P.E.I. for potatoes. Fine day.

Sept 26 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Fixing lamps in Church. Had 5 gals K. Oil from Daniel Bishop's. "Hannah Harding" John Samuels wife was here with her baby. Fine day. (Charlotte Susan)

Sept 27 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. I was writing out a paper for Jersey James Brushett, The Births & Deaths of his & his wife's parents & children. Posted a parcel for Grand Bank. I met Mr Bishop's Class. Fine day.

Sept 28 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. Reading forepart of day. Met my female Class. It was wet most of the day.

Sept 29 Friday.

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. I dug my potatoes. Fine day. No bait.

Sept 30 Sat.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Fixing the Temp Hall for to-night. No sign of the steamer. It came to rain & blow very hard but it moderated in the night.

Oct 1 Sunday October 1876.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Attended Service, Met my Class, The Steamer came in this morning & went off and had a Brig loaded with herring in tow. Attended Service again & I held Prayer Meeting. Fine day. Lamps lit in Church first time the Fall.

Oct 2 Monday.

Arose 7am after a night of very hard rain. Was at Ship Cove & brought home 7 lbs Cheese paid 9 cts per lb. Thomas Isaacs & Mary Ann had a letter from Bill Isaacs, they were here & Mary Ann Newport too. Fine day.

Oct 3 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Was at Mr Pauls & brought home Sugar. Saw Mr Hooper but did not settle with him. Fine day.

Oct 4 Wed.

Arose 5 a m Fine morning Went into Salmonier had breakfast at Thos. Isaacs, Dinner at Charlotte's, then came home & found old Mrs Isaacs, Hannah Deer & child, Mary Ann & Sarah Reed & the two children at the house. Fine day.

Oct 5 Thursday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. I wrote & posted a letter to Mr Brace St Johns & enclosed an order for L1. 16s. for Temp, journal. Met my Class. Fine day.

Oct 6 Friday

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. I was at the Post Office but no letter from Grand Bank. Charlotte Roberts & Edith Green were here. Fine day.

Oct 7 Sat

Arose 7 a m. Rained greater part of the night. Fixing Hall for to-night & Church for to-morrow. Dull day.

Oct 8 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Attended Service, Met my Class. Attended Service again & Mr Pascoe commenced to hold Prayer Meeting but was taken ill & was forced to be taken home. I finished Prayer Meeting. Fine day.

Oct 9 Monday.

Arose ½ past 6. Dull morning. Wm Henry & crew went off for wood, very stormy with wind, hail & snow but cleared off fine in the evening.

Oct 10 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Mr Inkpen arrived from the Islands with potatoes for sale. Middleing fine day.

Oct 11 Wed.

Arose 7 a m. Wet morning Mrs Pascoe & Baby sailed for Charlottetown in the steamer. No bait. Fine day.

Oct 12 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m squally morning was informed that Joseph Reed was smothered on the night of Oct 10, in the cuddy of the boat and James Cormick was almost smothered; they brought the boat home last night. Was also informed that Alice Isaacs, daughter of Robert Isaacs fell over the stage head yesterday & was drowned. Blew very hard & blew down my garden fence.

Oct 13 Friday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Was up to Mr Hoopers & paid him L3. Busy fixing up the fence that blew down yesterday Fine evening.

Oct 14 Sat

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. fixing Hall for to-night Attended Joseph Reed's funeral. Brought home box of figs. Reels cotton. Coffee, Tape paid 11 shillings.

Oct 15 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Attended Service, Met my Class, Attended Service again. Mr Pascoe held Prayer Meeting. Fine day.

Oct 16 Monday

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. Bringing in coal & working about the fence. A very blowy day.

Oct 17 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Cold morning Working in garden Fine day.

Oct 18 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Cold but fine. Mr Inkpen gave me two beds of potatoes I was engaged in digging them & had 3/4 barrel. Met my Class.

Oct 19 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. The steamer came in the night. No letter from Glouster & none from St Johns. Wm Collins sailed for St Johns. John Isaacs went with him. Fine day.

Oct 20 Friday

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. took up my turnips. Fine day.

Oct 21 Sat

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Fixing Hall for to night, Susan Isaacs & little Harriet were here. Mr Burfett & Rd Kirby sailed in their boats for St Johns. Fine day.

Oct 22 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m White frost on the ground. Attended Service. Met my Class. Gave Mr Hooper a letter to Richard Brushett. Attended Service again & I held Prayer Meeting. Bless God for a good day.

Oct 23 Monday.

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. After breakfast in the garden fixing carrots. Heard that Hannah Deer's child is sick. Fine day.

Oct 24 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Wrote a letter for Lydia Collins to St Johns. A dull day, doing nothing.

Oct 25 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Wet morning & continued wet all day, with a breeze of wind.

Oct 26 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m. Moderate fine but it turned very dull. Met my female Class. bought a pot of healing ointment paid 2 shillings for it.

Oct 27 Friday

Arose 6 a m Fine morning Went into the Salmonier. Breakfasted at Thomas Isaacs, Dinner at Charlotte's; came out to Hannah Deers then to Hannah Brinton's & to Mary Ann's & then home. Fine day.

Oct 28 Sat.

Arose 7 a m very wet morning. It came to snow about noon and continued all day. Blew my fence down again. Weighed a stone John Collins cut out of a fish 3 ½ lbs!

Oct 29 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning only cold. Attended Service, Met my Class, Attended Service again. Mr Pascoe held Prayer Meeting My wife so ill I could not attend.

Oct 30 Monday

Arose 6 a m Frosty morning. After breakfast went down & dug a bed of potatoes. Mr Inkpen gave me a bag of potatoes. In the garden fixing fence.

Oct 31 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m White frost this morning. Working in the garden fixing fence. After dinner I went to see Charlie Chapman. Attended Benjamin Green's Wedding & I had to give the Bride away.

Nov 1 Wed.

November 1876.

Arose 7 a m Frosty morning. Attended Jessie Brown's marriage Working in the garden about potatoes & cabbage, Wm Collins came from St Johns. Fine day.

Nov 2 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m. Dull morning. Fixing Church. No Class. My wife very ill. Fine day.

Nov 3 Friday

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. After breakfast taking up my cabbage & putting it in a box. Fine day.

Nov 4 Sat.

Arose ½ past 7. Wet morning. fixed the Hall for Monday. Dull day.

Nov 5 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Bless the Lord that I live to see my 83rd birthday. Attended Service, Met my Class. The Steamer came in the night. Mr G Bishop & his daughter Sarah went in her. Attended Service again & I held Prayer Meeting. Mrs West from Mortier Bay was here to dinner. Fine day.

Nov 6 Monday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Burying my seed potatoes & Spring potatoes & turnips. Attended Rd. H Inkpen's Marriage. Fine day.

Nov 7 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Frosty morning. Was at Mary Ann's. Alice Vincent came out of the bay. Harriet Isaacs 20 (recent handwriting), Wm Henry & Hennigar were here to Tea. fine day.

Nov 8 Wed.

Arose 7 a m fine morning After breakfast was at James O Brians & paid for tea I had yesterday & for 4 lbs Sugar. Fine day.

Nov 9 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. Recieved Temp papers but no letters from Wm Isaacs or Mrs Coady. Wet day.

Nov 10 Friday

Arose 7 a m Wet morning. Wm Henry went off down herring catching Recieved from Mr Hooper by Richard Brushett, a tub of butter, Sugar, Tea & Cheese. Dull day.

Nov 11 Sat

Arose 7 a m Dull morning After breakfast fixing Hall for Monday. Was at Mary Ann's. Hannah Deer sent us a bit of Fresh Pork. Dull day.

Nov 12 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. Attended Service, No Class, no one home. Attended Service again and Daniel Bishop held Prayer Meeting, Dull blowy day.

Nov 13 Monday.

Arose 7 a m cold hard morning & continued wet & blowy all day. Attended Joseph Hollett's wedding.

Nov 14 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m still wet & blowing. Was at Mary Ann's & heard Selina's letter read from Glouster. Henry Cran & wife were here to Tea Still wet & blowing, Began on a barrel of flour.

Nov 15 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Still dull & wet Wrote & posted a letter to Mrs Coady & Selina It kept rainy & drizzley all day.

Nov 16 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m. Fine hard dry morning. Took down the hen's house. Met my Class. Still dull with wind in.

Nov 17 Friday

Arose ½ past 7. Still dull & wet. Sawing up the old hen's house. Dull & damp all day.

Nov 18 Sat

Arose 7 a m. Fine hard morning. Jersey James' boys brought us some fire wood. Was up to Mary Ann's. Saw the steamer come in this evening. dull day.

Nov 19 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m very cold morning. Attended Service, Met my Class only 2 present. Attended Service again. Mr Pascoe held Prayer Meeting. My wife so ill I could not attend. Mary Ann was here to Tea.

Nov 20 Monday.

Arose 7a m Fine hard morning. After breakfast sawing & cleaving wood In the evening attended Division, engaged for another year. Recieved L50. 2s - 5 on the last year & L25 in advance. Fine day.

Nov 21 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Cold frosty morning. After breakfast sawing & cleaving wood. very fine day.

Nov 22 Wed.

Arose ½ past 7. Cold morning. After breakfast sawing & cleaving wood. It came to snow a spell this forenoon. Mary Ann & baby (*boy*) (recent handwriting) were here this afternoon & slept at Hennigar's.

Nov 23 Thurs.

Arose 7 am Cold morning the wind still up. After breakfast sawing & cleaving wood. Mary Ann & Baby were here & then they went home. Met my female Class, only four present. Fine day.

Nov 24 Friday

Arose ½ past 7. Dull morning. Posted a letter for Grand Bank. Bought a shovel & Blacklead from Wm Bradley at Mr Bishops paid 2/6 for it. Alice Vincent 16 (recent handwriting) came out to stay a few days. Still dull.

Nov 25 Sat.

Arose 7a m Dull & very wet. After breakfast went around to Charles Holletts with the Church piping to get a set made. Fixed the Hall for Monday night.

Nov 26 Sunday.

Arose ½ past 7. Wet rainy morning. Attended Service, Met my Class. Attended Service again. Mr Pascoe held Prayer Meeting: very few to Church to-day. so wet.

Nov 27 Monday.

Arose 7 a m still dull & wet: The steamer cam in to-day. I recieved a letter from Selina Isaacs. Was down & lit the lamps & fire in the Hall. The Pinky sailed for St Johns. Fine day.

Nov 28 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Fine morning. After breakfast was at Mrs Morris' & bought 1 ½ yds of Cloth for a Pr of trousers. 1 yd cotton & thread paid 11 shillings for the lot. My daughter Charlotte came out to see her mother. It came to snow very fast this evening.

Nov 29 Wed.

Arose ½ past 7. Cold, snow on the ground. Began writing to Selina & her Ma. Attended Prayer Meeting. Charlotte went home to-day. Fine day. Wed nights Prayer Meetings commenced.

Nov 30 Thurs.

Arose 7a m Cold frosty morning. Had a dreadful night with my dear wife. Was at Charles Holletts & paid 2/3 for a wedge to cleave wood. Was at Mrs Morris' & paid 6d. for a bottle of Ayres Sarsaparilla. was at Thos. Gormans & paid for 14 lbs Cheese & 1 lb Chocolate 15/3 in all L1.3s.6d. Attended John Ware & Lucy Dowell's wedding. Mr Pascoe & I were there to Tea. Wet evening. No Class.

Dec 1 Friday December 1876.

Arose 7 a m. Dull wet morning Posted a letter for Selina Isaacs & Mrs Coady & one for Mr Brace. Paid Elia Mayo 3/6 for fixing my boots Rained & blew very hard all the afternoon & night.

Dec 2 Sat.

Arose ½ past 7. Very cold morning. Fixing Temp. Hall for Monday night. It turned out a fine day. Bless God.

Dec 3 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m Moderate morning. Attended Service, Met my Class. Attended Service again & I held Prayer Meeting but owing to the wet I had only one to pray in Meeting. Mr Pascoe at Burin Bay.

Dec 4 Monday.

Arose ½ past 67. snowy morning. Carried the piping for Church Stove up. Attended Robert E. Paul's wedding. Lit the lamps & fire in Temp Hall. Recieved the wedge for cleaving wood that Charles Hollett made for me. Moderate evening.

Dec 5 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m Frosty morning. After breakfast I went to Mrs Morris' & bought two dozen clothes pins, a grids binding, 12 buttons, & one bottle of peppermint from James O Brien. Attended Thomas Foote's wedding. Alice Vincent went from us this evening. Cold day.

Dec 6 Wed.

Arose 7 a m Frosty morning after a cold night: This evening attended Prayer meeting very few present. Soft evening.

Dec 7 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m. Light snow after breakfast. I met my Class. 6 present. Moderate day.

Dec 8 Friday.

Arose 7 a m Dull morning. After breakfast Wm Robert Collins John Collins Sr & John Cran put in the piping in the Church. Mrs Inkpen was here all the evening, she lent me a book, the title was "The Day of Rest" Fine evening.

Dec 9 Sat.

Arose 7 a m snowy morning. After breakfast fixing Hall for Monday night. It came to snow very hard this afternoon.

Dec 10 Sunday.

Arose ½ past 7. very snowy cold morning. Lit the fires in Church & Attended Service, Met my Class, Attended Service again. Mr Pascoe held Prayer Meeting, very few present, so boisterous with snow drifts.

Dec 11 Monday.

Arose 7 a m very cold morning & continued to snow & drift at times all day. I was not to Division, my wife so ill.

Dec 12 Tuesday.

Arose ½ past 7. Fine but cold. Fixing Church. Was at Mary Ann's. it was a cold day.

Dec 13 Wed.

Arose ½ past 7 after a very dirty snowy, rainy & blowy night and continued all day. Attended a Leaders Meeting but owing to the roughness of the day only five attended viz Mrs Betsey Collins Brothers George Bishop, Abram Street, Thos Beazley & myself. I could not attend Prayer Meeting, my wife so ill.

Dec 14 Thurs,

Arose 7 a m Moderate morning. Met my Class, five present. It hath been a fine day.

Dec 15 Friday

Arose ½ past 7 Dull morning. The steamer came last night. I recieved a letter from Mr Brace but none from Glouster. Lent Mr Winter a mouse trap. This hath been a moderate day.

Dec 16 Sat.

Arose ½ past 7. Fine morning. After breakfast fixed the Hall for Monday. Mr Pascoe was here this afternoon & had Prayer with us. Hannah Brinton was here too. Fine day. Josiah Harding 21 (recent handwriting) brought me 13 sticks of wood.

Dec 17 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m after a rough, frosty & blowy night. Attended Service very few present, Met my Class, four of us thats all. Attended Service again. No Prayer Meeting, it was so windy, cold, & slippery.

Dec 18 Monday.

Arose 7 a m; a very cold morning. Fixed the Temp Hall, cold all day. G Collins put down the first of his stage this afternoon.

Dec 19 Tuesday.

Arose 7 am Dull blowy morning & cold wrote a letter to Mr Charles Down & one to Mr E. Brace, St Johns. This has been rather a disagreeable day. rain & sleet.

Dec 20 Wed.

I arose last night about 10 o'clock, My wife so ill I stayed up all night & called Hennigar about 7 am, she was here all day until nine p.m. Rough day.

Dec 21 Thurs.

Arose ½ past 7 after a very restless night, my wife so ill. Mr Pascoe was here & prayed with her. I bought Sugar from Mr G Inkpen & paid 2/6 for it. In the evening she grew worse & I sent for Mrs Inkpen & Mrs James Kirby to be in readiness if she was to die, they stayed all night. Hannah Deer, Mary Ann & Mary Ann Vincent were here all night too, expecting her death. No Class today.

Dec 22 Friday

This day as yesterday my dear wife struggling with Death. getting worse & worse all day; her hand swelled very much so that she was in great pain. Mrs Inkpen & Mrs Mayo & Thomas Isaacs were with us all night. John Harding is very ill too. Posted two letters for St Johns.

Dec 23 Sat.

Was up all night as the three nights before with my dear wife. Mrs Inkpen, Mrs Mayo & Thos. were watching her as she was so very bad, her hand mortified; she breathed her last twenty minutes before 4 a.m. Mrs Inkpen & Mrs Jemima Kirby were engaged in fixing hat bands & scarves for the funeral. Mr Mc Kay & Joseph Kirby are making the coffin. John Isaacs is superintending the digging of the grave. Thomas Isaacs & I went to bed but I could not rest; during the day she was put in the coffin.

Dec 24 Sunday.

Arose 7 a.m. one night from my dear Mary. Oh may I be prepared to follow her. Joseph Inkpen kindly put her name & age and a verse I picked out on the cover. Thank God Wm Henry has come home safely.

Dec 25 Monday. Christmas Day.

Arose ½ past 7. Thos. Isaacs & I slept together. This is a trying day of grief in following my dear Mary to her last resting place. May God help me to be faithful so that I may meet her again in a better world.

Dec 26 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a.m. very snowy morning. Thos. Isaacs went home to-day, the funeral of Mrs Thos. Hodder took place to-day. Recieved L2. from The Star of the East Division.

Dec 27 Wed.

Arose ½ past 7. A fine morning. This is the first night with Wm Henry & Hennigar, with whom I am to live. I bless God that I am so comfortably provided for by my son-in-law Wm Henry Collins & my dear daughter Hennigar. She & I paid a visit to my dear wife's grave.

Dec 28 Thurs.

Arose 8 a.m. Dull morning Thos Isaacs. George Vincent, Philip Vincent Alice Vincent & several others were here to see me.

Dec 29 Friday.

Arose ½ past 7. My head bad all day. Not out to-day.

Dec 30 Sat.

Arose 8 a.m. My head still bad, not out to-day.

Dec 31 Sunday.

Arose 8 a.m. My head still very bad. Wm Henry is doing my work. Not able to attend Watch Night Service.

Jan. 1877

Jan 1 Monday

Arose 8 a m. My head still bad. I bless God that I see the beginning of another year. Mr Pascoe preached this morning: he began special Services. I was not there, my head so bad.

Jan 2 Tuesday.

Arose 8 a m Dull morning. My head still bad, posted a letter for Grand Bank. Mary Ann carried away a table, clock & several things that were given her.

Jan 3 Wed.,

Arose 8 a m Bless God I find my head a trifle better. It was a very rough day. No Missionary Meeting, it is put off 'till Saturday.

Jan 4 Thurs.

Arose 8 a m I feel very poorly. Not out all day, so rough.

Jan 5 Friday

Arose 8 a m. My head still bad all day & one of my legs.

Jan 6 Sat

Arose 8 a m still bad. Mr Pascoe held Missionary Meeting. I was not able to go. My head & leg so bad. Speakers were Rev. Mr Pascoe. Mr G. Bishop. Willis Parsons, J. Bugden. John E. Collins.

Jan 7 Sunday.

Arose 8 a m not able to attend Services & Sacrament. Many here to see me.

Jan 8 Monday.

Arose 8 a m Still bad not able to attend Division.

Jan 9 Tues.

Arose 8 a m. Dull morning. My head better Thank God. my leg still bad, it swelled.

Jan 10 Wed.

Arose 8 a m. writing to Selina & Mrs Coady & to Jersey. Bill Vincent & Thomas Isaacs were here & carried Charlotte a trunk & stove & several things given her of her poor Mothers. still bad in my leg.

Jan 11 Thurs.

Arose 8 a m Dull morning, my leg still bad. Mr Joseph Kirby was here to see me; lent him a book "Peoples Persecution in France"

Jan 12 Friday

Arose 8 a m, still bad, snowing. Posted letters for Selina, Mrs Coady and John Malzard. Felt sick.

Jan 13 Sat.

Arose 8 a m very frosty to-day. not able to go out, my leg still bad.

Jan 14 Sunday.

Arose 8 a m. Not able to go to Church, my leg so bad. O Lord Bless Thy Word to those that heard it.

Jan 15 Monday

Arose 8 a m very cold drifty morning. dirty day. still confined with my leg. Mrs E. Hollett was here to see me.

Jan 16 Tuesday.

Arose 8 a m. Still bad in my leg, not able to go out.

Jan 17 Wed.

Arose 8 a m, Fine morning. I was not able to go out, for my leg.

Jan 18 Thursday

Arose 8 a m Dull morning: was not able to go out for my leg or attend the funeral of Mrs Oliver Bowles.

Jan 19 Friday.

Arose 8 a m Dull morning. Still a prisoner. John Samuel was here & carried away a few things his Mother left him.

Jan 20 Sat.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning. my leg still bad. I cannot go out.

Jan 21 Sunday.

Arose 8 a m a prisoner at home again to day. Rev Mr Peters held Prayer Meeting.

Jan 22 Monday.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning. Still not able to go out. My leg so bad.

Jan 23 Tues.

Arose 8 a m. Fine morning. Still bad & cannot go out. Hannah Deer & Mary Ann Vincent were here to see me. Fine day.

Jan 24 Wed.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning still confined with my head & leg. Oh Lord soon restore me if it is Thy Blessed Will.

Jan 25 Thurs,

Arose 8 a m. Still a prisoner in the house. Snowed & drifted all day.

Jan 26 Friday

Arose 8 a m Fine morning. Still not able to go out. Elias Mayo was here to see me. A cold day.

Jan 27 Sat.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning. Still confined in doors with my leg.

Jan 28 Sunday.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning still deprived of worshiping in Church was informed of the Death of Mrs Wm Foote. Thos. Isaacs & Mary Ann were here to see me. Fine day.

Jan 29 Monday.

Arose 8 a m Fine morning only very cold. A crew began to slide wood for a Government wharf at Collins' Cove. The Steamer came but I only recieved one letter from Mr Downe. St Johns.

Jan 30 Tues.

Arose ½ past 7. Still bad in my leg. Saw Mrs Foote's funeral.

Jan 31 Wednesday.

Arose ½ past 7. my leg still bad. The Temperance Tea & Meeting went off. I recieved two letters, one from my son George & one from his daughter, Grand Bank. Bless God that they are all well. Mrs Wm. Collins, Mrs Elias Mayo & Mrs Joseph Kirby on the point, gave me some of the cakes, etc.

Feb. 1877.

Feb 1 Thurs.

Arose 9 a m Fine morning, my leg still bad. Mary Ann Newport was here to see me to-day.

Feb 2 Friday.

Arose ½ past 7 snowy morning. Wrote a letter to Mr Downes & to Mr Peach and one for Mary Ann Vigus. A very snowy day.

Feb 3 Sat.

Arose ½ past 7. my leg still bad. Cannot go out of doors. My leg swollen. Mr Kirby was here to see me to-day. Posted the letters a very snowy day.

Feb 4 Sunday.

Arose 8 a m. Fine morning. Hennigar is laid up with a bad head. This is the sixth Sunday I have been confined from Church owing to my leg. Mr G Bishop was here to see me. Fine day.

Feb 5 Monday

Arose 7 a m. Dull morning. Still confined. John was here to see me.

Feb 6 Tues.

Arose ½ past 7. Fine day. Still confined with my leg. Suffered greatly to-day.

Feb 7 Wed.

Arose 7 a m. snowed in the night. My leg still very painful. Dull snowy day.

Feb 8 Thurs.

Arose ½ past 7. my leg very painful all night & all day. Fine day.

Feb 9 Friday

Arose 7 am after a night of suffering with my leg: scarcely any sleep. John Isaacs & Wm Vincent were here to see me. Fine day.

Feb 10 Sat.

Arose ½ 7. Fine morning. not so much pain in my leg. Thank God.

Feb 11 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. I feel very bad in myself & leg. Thomas Isaacs, Wm Deer & wife, Elias Mayo & wife John Mitchell & wife, G Bishop & old Ed Collins were here to see me. Fine day.

Feb 12 Monday.

Arose 7 am. Fine morning. Mary Ann & John were here & Samuel Adams was here. Charlotte was here, & stayed all night. Fine day.

Feb 13 Tuesday.

Arose 7 am Fine only frosty. The Harbour caught over. I wrote to Ellen Paul & sent it by Charlotte. Hannah Brinton was here. Charlotte went home, a dirty evening.

Feb 14 Wed.

Arose 7a m. Dull morning. The Good Templers walked from the schoolhouse to Burin Bay and a meeting was held at the schoolhouse there, snowy evening.

Feb 15 Thurs.

Arose 7 am Fine morning, about 2 pm I had the pleasure to see my dear son George from Grand Bank; dear boy - he came to see me. May the God of all Grace Bless & keep him & his in safety. Fine day.

Feb 16 Friday

Arose 9 am. Fine morning. Bless God my leg is better. My dear son George came here in 1870 the 21st of October and I did not see him since until yesterday.

Feb 17 Sat.

Arose 7 a m. Fine morning. George my son was here most all day, it came to rain in the evening.

Feb 18 Sunday.

Arose 7 a m after a night of storm. Blew a gale & rained. My leg still bad. I am a prisoner at home still. George was here to dinner with us. I was dreaming all night about my dear Mary.

Feb 19 Monday.

Arose 7 a m. Fine only cold. After breakfast I went out & walked on the gallery a little while, this the first time I have been out of doors since last 27 Dec. George gave me 12 shillings. It rained hard this afternoon.

Feb 20 Tuesday.

Arose 7 a m very rainy morning. Mr Pascoe went off to Mortier Bay to bury someone. I was at England Collins' to Tea also George. John was here to see George. It rained hard all day.

Feb 21 Wed.

Arose 7 am Fine morning George was at Johns most all day. Two Mrs Reed's *Mary Ann* (recent handwriting) & Hattie *baby* (recent handwriting) were here. Fine day.

Feb 22 Thurs.

Arose 7 a m. Rainy morning. Was informed that Mary Ann's baby died this afternoon *born July 17 - 1876* (recent handwriting in the top margin) May God support her in this her trial, the dear baby *boy* (recent handwriting) died 20 minutes before 3 pm. aged 7 months. Wet day. (Brian's note - for some reason, *Harriet 3 yrs old* has been handwritten underneath "20 minutes")

Feb 23 Friday

Arose 7 am Wet morning. Hennigar was up to see Mary Ann. Wm Henry was up making the coffin. Hennigar made the winding sheet. Wet day.

Feb 24 Sat.

Arose 7 a m still wet. My leg still bad keeping me a prison I feel bad all over.

Feb 25 Sunday

Arose 7 am. very bad all day in my head & throat. Several people came to see me.

Feb 26 Monday.

Arose 7 a m still bad. so continued all day. Several came to see me My dear son George came to take his farewell as he is going home to Grand Bank. May the choicest of God's Blessings go with him May he have journeying mercies afforded him and a happy sight of his family. Mr Keeping of Flat Island went through an operation of having a rupture cut, by Dr Smith.

Feb 27 Tues.

Arose 7 a m very frosty & windy morning. Bless God I feel better in my head. Mr Pascoe was here to see me & to have Prayer.

Feb 28 Wed.

Arose ½ past 7. very frosty morning. Wm Henry & they are gone in the woods. England & they came out before night. a fine day.

Mar 1 Thurs. March 1877

Arose 8 a m. Fine morning. I bless God I feel better. Mary Ann Vincent was here. Hennigar was up to see Mary Ann. The Good Templers left the schoolhouse to-day for their new Lodge. a very fine day.

Mar 2 Friday

Arose 7 a m, very poorly indeed, a blessed fine morning.

His last entry, he died March 6th - 1877, 4 days later

This is on their headstone.

*Sacred to the Memory of
William Harding.
who died March 6th 1877
aged 83 years.*

*Also of Mary his wife
who departed this Life
Dec 23 - 1876
Aged 79 years & 5 months.*

*Lovely & Pleasant they were in their lives and in their
Death, they were not divided.*

*Beneath this stone together in the dust
We wait the Resurrection of the Just
Here sleep in Death 'till God shall bid us rise.
At that last day & bring us to the skies.
Immortal then, meet for our spirits pure
Made like our Lord's, our glory shall ensure
No more to change, nor subject to decay
Through the last cycles of Eternal Day.*

(Brian's note - there are a few differences between this inscription and that which I transcribed from their headstone (see the photo of the headstone) in August 2004. It could be that this inscription was what was originally written, and an altered version for whatever reason was actually inscribed onto the headstone. Or possibly the current headstone is a replacement and the inscription on this one was done from memory of the first one.)

THIS CONCLUDES THE HARDING DIARY.

TEACHERS WE MAY REMEMBER

Part Five (See *The Ancestor*, Volume 38, 2 for Part Four)

Submitted by Pat Walsh

Whenever I am asked for possible sources of genealogical information, I generally mention Association journals, Company newsletters or Trade magazines. Here in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, formerly the NTA, has published for many years a Journal and a bulletin/newsletter for the teachers of the province. Over the years a number of obituaries have been printed. As a retired teacher, I have met hundreds of teachers. As a former student at St. Patrick's Hall and Brother Rice High School in St. John's, I remember with so many fond memories, so many teachers. In this column I hope to remind you of some teachers who may have made an impact on you or a member of your family. I have also included obits from *The Telegram*.

Browne, Mart T. (nee Greene) in St. John's, on Sept. 6, 1986. Born at Point Verde, Placentia Bay, on Sept. 25, 1926. Wife of Casimir (Cas) Francis Joseph, also a teacher. He died on Sept. 2, 2017. Mary began her teaching career in Sept. 1946 at St. Peter's school in Jerseyville, Placentia. In 1950, she moved to St. John Bosco in St. John's. She married in 1955. In 1967, she resumed teaching at St. Pius X Girls school in St. John's and stayed there until she died in 1986. Her husband Cas also taught at St. Pius X schools. Obit NTA Bulletin, Sept., 1987.

Bussey, Robert Stanley on March 31, 1987. Teacher at St. Luke's Elementary, Port de Grave. Born on May 17, 1949, son of William and Maud Bussey of Port de Grave. He taught at Stephenville, Gander Bay, Heart's Delight and Port de Grave. Brother of Meta, Judy, Oliver and Calvin. Obit and photo *NTA Bulletin*, Sept. 1987.

Cook, Robin Eric, aged 82, Feb. 26, 1940–Jan. 14, 2023 in St. John's. Predeceased by his parents Eric and Elsie (nee Hobbs). Partner of Anne. Father of Rob, Jennifer & Trevor and stepfather of Tracy and Barry. Brother of Donald, Sybil, Kathleen, Graham and Marion. He was an artist and a teacher. Robin taught in Labrador, St. John's and Mount Pearl. Obit and photo Barrett's Funeral Home Ltd. St. John's.

Craig, Margaret (nee Tobin) in St. John's on Sept. 24, 1982. Born in Witless Bay on Feb 16, 1921, daughter of Matthew and Clare Tobin. Predeceased by her parents and husband Frank Craig (Bell Island, April 24, 1975, aged 61). Married Aug. 24, 1947. Mother of Matt and Marina. Her first teaching assignment was at St. Edward's Convent School on Bell Island. Her teaching career was spent at Lance Cove, St. Cecelia's and Immaculate Conception Schools. She was Principal of St. Cecelia's until its closure. She retired from Immaculate Conception in June 1981. Obit The NTA Bulletin May 24, 1983.

Dinn, Agnes M. on April 13, 1986 in St. John's, aged 87. Born in Renew's on Sept 8, 1898, daughter of John and Mary Dinn. At 18, she travelled by steamer and open boat to teach at the RC school in Miller's Passage, Fortune Bay. She taught for the next 25 years. She also taught at Salmonier, Pouch Cove and Kingsmans, Fermeuse, where she retired in 1946. Obit and photo *The NTA Bulletin*, Sept. 1987.

Dingle, Mollie P., M.B.E. In St. John's on July 31, 1987, aged 94. A teacher for more than 50 years, she began her career at age 16, at the Old Methodist College (later known as Holloway School) on Long's Hill in St. John's. She retired from the United Church school system in 1952 as a Principal. In August 1949 she was awarded the

Order of the British Empire. Following retirement, she worked with Vera Perlin (Crosbie) and the mentally handicapped. She continued teaching until 1969. She was a recipient of an honorary life membership in the NTA. Obit and photo *The NTA Bulletin*, Sept. 1987.

Hiscock, James Gilbert, on Feb. 14, 1987 in his 83rd year. Born on Oct. 8, 1903 at Coward's Island, Bonavista Bay. He began his 38½ year teaching career at Shoe Cove, Notre Dame Bay. He later taught at Port Saunders, Meadows, Herring Neck, Ramea, St. Chad's, Harbour Deep, Salvage, Newman's Cove, Port Blandford and Pouch Cove. He ended his career as Principal at St. Nicholas' school in Torbay. Husband of Lillian Marguerite. She died on April 3, 1995. Father of Alicia, Winston and Rev. Hobbs. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin*, Sept. 1987.

Lambe, Genevieve Mary (nee Costello) in St. John's. Aug. 7, 1931–Dec. 6, 2022. From Avondale. Predeceased by her husband John (Jack) in 1998 and her brothers and sisters, Michael, Thomas, Daniel, Pauline Redmond, Catherine (Kit) Thomey and Anne Doyle. A primary school teacher for 33 years (mostly Grade 3), she retired in 1989 at Assumption Elementary. In 1989 she and John moved to St. John's. An active volunteer at Corpus Christi Parish. Mother of John. Obit and photo Dec. 8, 2022.

Mosdell, Carol of Bell Island, 1950–May 3, 1993. During her almost 25 year teaching career, she taught at Tilley Memorial, Jackson Memorial and St. Augustine's Elementary on Bell Island. Wife of Glenn. Mother of Glenn Jr., Craig and Timothy. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin*, June 1993.

Mudge, Edgar Gerald, June 23, 1942–April 11, 2022 in St. John's. Originally from Norris Point, St. Barbe. Predeceased by his parents Stephen

(1984) and Winnie Mudge (1999). Husband of Shirley (Randell). Father of Ingrid and Heidi. Brother of Augustus (Gussie) and Iris Parsons (Paul). Long-time resident of Mount Pearl. Edgar taught in St. John's at Holloway and Bishop Abraham schools and Mount Pearl at Mount Pearl Junior High. Obit and photo April 16, 2022.

Nell, Audrey Pauline (nee Milley) Sept. 21, 1930–Jan. 13, 2023 in St. John's. Born in Western Bay. Taught elementary school in St. John's, Corner Brook and elsewhere in the province. Predeceased by her brother Chesley and sister Marjorie Jackman (Clarence, deceased) and her stepbrother William Matthews. Wife of Peter. Mother of Karen Nell–

Bennett (Andrew). She spent a year teaching in England under the Queen Mother's Teachers' Exchange Program. Obit and photo Jan. 17, 2023.

Penney, Boyd Clarence on Jan. 1, 1987 in Corner Brook, aged 36. He began teaching at Gunner's Cove. In July 1974, he married Lucy Fifield of Corner Brook. They both taught in Stephenville. He also taught at St. James School in Lark Harbour. He retired in Dec. 1985. Member of the Humber Branch Executive, NTA. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin* Sept. 1987.

Slaney, Eric (Rick), Aug. 20, 1944–May 28, 2022. Born in St. Lawrence, son of Michael and Martha. Member of the Canadian Armed Forces for six years. Thirty year teaching career in St. John's & area. Obit *The Telegram* June 4, 2022.

MORE JOISEY BIRDS

By Pete Noel

Part 14

A caution on the trees presented in this article. They have not stood the test of time and should be subject to further scrutiny. Most of the references are coming from The Samedi Court records of Jersey.

1. The Jersey Fishing Fleet (1690-1712)

In the early years of this period of conflict the court records seem to indicate that fishing activity was maintained although possibly reduced. It seems clear to me that the Jersey planters were not just reaping the benefits of the industry but took the blows as well.

We previously mentioned 2 prisoners taken back to the Montreal area from Port de Grave in 1697. Jeanne Tourgis (died) and her son Philippe Joseph Montaye. There is a 1708 list of those killed in the new fort in St John's. The list of 8 names include John Rusenell, John Nichols, John Grove and Anthony Giffard.¹ I am pretty sure Russenel is a Le Rossignol. Turk in *The Quiet Adventurers in America* lists variant spellings of that name as Russnel, Rusenall, Racignal.² She also notes that the Rossignols were traders with Acadia as early as 1604. There are early references to Signal in 1708 in Conception Bay which may also be a further contraction of Rossignol. In 1707 William Singleare is resident in Conception Bay. In 1708 Richard Shirgal is listed. The three other names could be from Jersey as well – Nicolle, Le Gros (hat tip to SR) and Giffard. I do not see an Anthony Giffard in the Jersey records but at this time I would say the Giffards were established planters in Newfoundland. Groves is listed as a variant of Le Gros found in Massachusetts.²

I was surprised that from 1710 to 1712, however, no records of fishing activity showed at all in the Samedi Court. This was the first period where privateering against a foreign power was implemented from the Channel Islands. There was a massive shift and growth in maritime activity towards this pursuit. I think this new twist may have impacted the fishing fleet in a multitude of ways that would affect how it operated then and in the future. In the court there was an obvious increase in the number of cases related to privateering. Perhaps some of the Jersey privateers were not specialized and were conducting business as usual while more heavily armed (as was de Caen's ship in the last article). Since the ships were now legally identified as privateers, disputes over wages and partner allocations might now be masked by privateer contracts.

The privateering opportunity seemed to have a highly visible effect on the volume of maritime activity in the Channel Islands. It brought in some English financing and significantly increased the number of ships operating. These boats were sometimes not large but carried a large crew for swarming merchant vessels on the fringe of French ports. This would leave Jersey with a larger seaworthy workforce at the end of the wars.

Historians seem to argue that on the whole the expansion of maritime activity into privateering did not balance with the loss in overall economic activity caused by the conflicts.



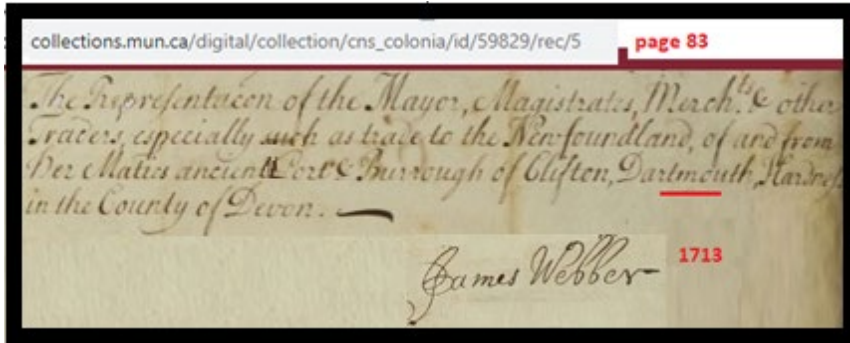
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Perhaps this view is borne out by the rapid expansion of Jersey commerce demonstrated during peaceful times later in the 18th century.

I guess the central question would be was whether the Jerseymen were shut out of the fishery completely. The Newfoundland trade had suffered during the English Civil War around 1650 and then recovered growing to about 20 ships. In 1680 Guernsey was sending 4 ships – the Society, the Providence, the St Peter and the John.³ In Jersey Dumaresq reported there followed a period of decline leaving only 4 ships by 1688. In 1694 the historian Falle, in his “Account of Jersey”, complained that “the neighbourhood of St Malo, that famous retreat of French corsairs, has received our navigation”. Jamieson, however, reported that Jersey had 40 ships by 1701.

Given the fact that Jersey planters were persisting in Newfoundland, I think the loss of her mercantile navy may be an exaggeration. I am wondering though, if the trade routes may have altered more than I previously believed. Obviously, the collaboration with the St Malo fleet was disrupted. It seems to have picked up again between wars from 1697 to 1702 and after the wars in 1713. Did the Jersey fleet align itself with the English convoy completely bypassing Jersey itself for a few years?

A number of English settlers from Newfoundland were repatriated to the West Country during the wars. Perhaps some Jerseymen were caught up in this relocation. There was already a process in place whereby Jersey merchants would have to conduct trade via an English port to legally operate. We noted previously how active Jacques Vibert had been before during and after this period of conflict. One of the Newfoundland merchant petitions from Dartmouth in 1713 was signed by a James Webber. Had he been immersed in the fishing fleet from that port? I have to wonder if this is the same individual. In 1714 a Captain Vibert had landed fish at Marblehead near Boston.⁴



A similar London Petition is signed by Pete Renew. We know that Renoufs were active in Conception Bay at this time.

Some of the Jerseymen who were in Newfoundland seemed to dig in. As an example, we have Pierre Le Marquand as a military officer in 1709. Perhaps it was the marine ties to Jersey that were disrupted and not the activity of the remnants of the Jersey settlers still in place.

In the 1710-1712 period, the one entry I did see that mentioned “la peche” Concerned a French prize taken. It is not clear whether the men were fishing locally or in Newfoundland. The *Neptune* brought in 2 fishermen and a small boat. Captain Trevet was ordered to pay for their upkeep in captivity and provide for their passage back to France.

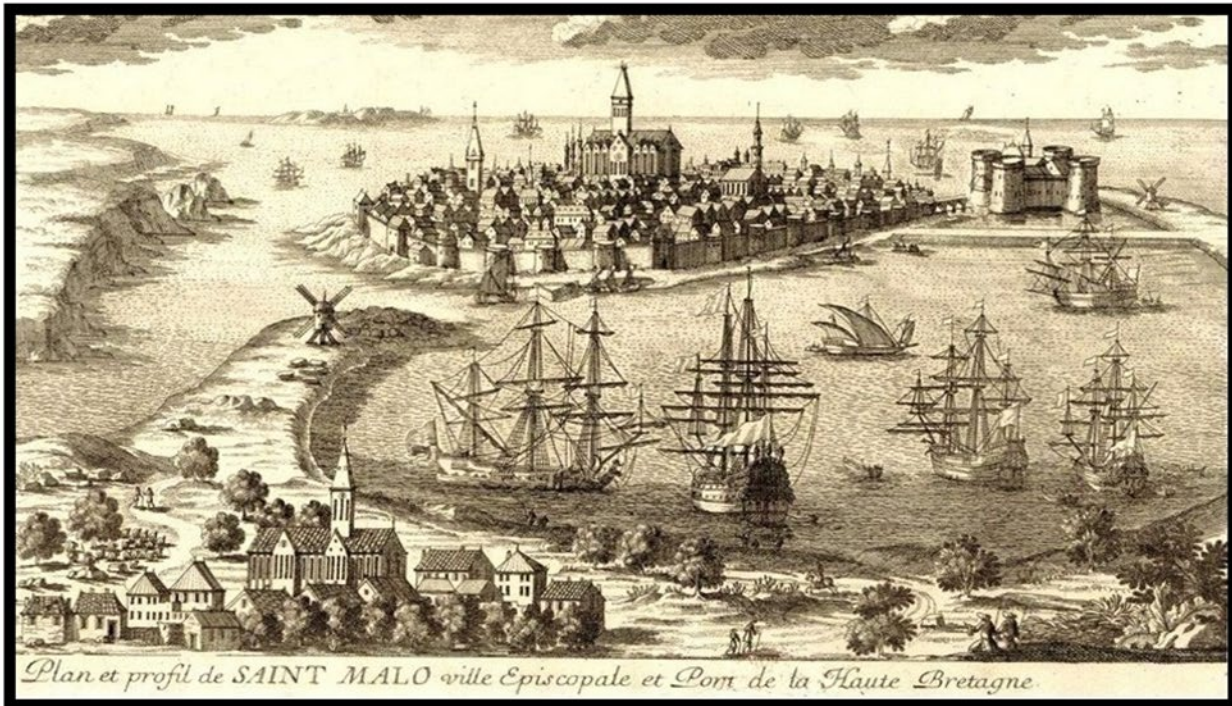
The privateer ship names do not match very closely with the names that were active in the fishery. It is possible that ship ownership was restructured and the vessels renamed. I think it is more likely that commercial activity continued at a decreased level in spite of the conflicts. It seems that, for the most part, Jersey followed the Bristol model of specialized activity in privateering, rather than the London model of opportunistic attacks made while conducting regular commercial trade. It would have only taken a small number of ships to service the lower level of activity in the fishery.

2. Smuggling (again)

Trade between the Channel Islands and St Malo was the most significant to all parties. The Malouins did not trust the English and the Channel Islanders were valued middlemen. The wars caused a serious disruption in this commerce. It was not terminated easily.

Saunders, the Jersey historian, has some interesting notes on smuggling.

“ Thereupon we are not surprised to find that on the 19th March, 1690, Lord Shrewsbury writes to the Governor of Jersey, warning him that merchants in Jersey were carrying on an illicit trade with France and were sending ammunition from Jersey to St Malo, notwithstanding that England was then at war with France. In carrying on this contraband trade the merchants made use of the small isle of Ecrehos where the Jersey and French agents met to exchange goods for money....From his deposition it would appear that this trade was carried on by the Lt. Governor Harrys, Customer Hely, the King’s Advocate, several Jurats of the Royal Court and the Viscount of the Island. He stated that James Corbet, the Viscount, Moses Corbet a Jurat and George Dumaresq are the principal traders. The Lt. Governor in reply stated that he had orders to allow this trade....Jurat Corbet declared that he would trade with France in spite of anybody. Possibly they were justifying themselves on the old plea of The Neutrality of the Channel Islands.”⁵



The Corbets, including their sister Esther, were active ship-owners in the Newfoundland fishery as well. They were not sole owners, but joined fairly broad syndicates to conduct their business. The Corbets also traded with New England, Ireland and Southampton. Esther's husband John Le Geyt also seemed to be part owner in their ship *The Anne*. In 1686 the crew of this ship included John and Abraham Giffard on a voyage to the fishery. Their ship *La Catherine* shipped salt to Jarvis Horton in Trinity Bay in 1681. Their ship *Le Jean* seems to have been active in the fishery from 1686-1702. Moyses Corbet was owed for freight on *L'Amitie* in 1682, although, it is not clear if he was the owner. Their ship *L'Etoile (The Star)* seems to have been active in the fishery from 1691-1701. It is not known whether the Corbets held their interests in these two ships for the full duration. In 1684 Moyses Corbet is identified in Court as the farmer of the duty on wine imports.

If there was any money to be made via smuggling European goods to Newfoundland and selling the products to New England merchants, these fellows seem like the kind of characters to support that trade. This view on their right to free trade was widely held in the Channel Islands in the 18th century.

jerripedia.org/index.php/Descendants_of_Jean_Corbet_-2

- 1 Jean Corbet (1585-1635) (St H) m Esther (-1654)
 - 2 Jacques Corbet (1606-1616) (St H)
 - 2 Moyses ^[1] Corbet (1611-1679) (St H) m (1640, St H) Jeanne Nicolle (1612-), d of Jean and Marie Pauline
 - 3 Moyses Corbet (1642-1713) (St H) m (1737) Elizabeth Bailhache d of John and widow of Solomon Pipon Jurat ??
 - 3 James Corbet (1652-1730) (St H) ^[5] m (1679, St B) Anne de Carteret (1665-1737) ^[6] daughter of Francis ^[7] Jurat, Militia Major Viscount??
 - 3 Esther Corbet (1649-1695) (St H) m (1669, St H) Jean Le Geyt

3. Some Notes on Trinity Bay

The Trinity/Bonavista Bays area was a focal location for the Jersey fisherman. Up to 1670 they were sending 20 ships to the area. The fleet is said to have declined significantly at that point but it is possible the ships were moving under the radar. Joint ownership with French merchants would have further masked the presence of Jersey traders. After wintering at St Malo, they may have remained immersed in that fleet. You have to wonder if Channel Islanders had been following in the wake of Jacques Cartier from St Malo to Trinity Bay since 1534.

Another early familiar name has come up with respect to the Parliamentary Privateers. These ships seized Jersey vessels in Trinity Bay in 1650. Captain John Feaver (Le Febure) deposed that his ship, *The Guifte of God (Don de Dieu)*, was working for the account of Phillippe Brock of Jersey. The ship was owned by two men of Jersey both named Philippe Brocke.⁶ These two Philippe le Brocqs were probably cousins and brothers-in-law through their marriages with two Robin sisters. Jean Le Brocq of the same family married a third sister. From another deposition it seems William Seward was another partner in this ship. The Captain deposed that the ship had been bought off a Dunquirker and he had planned to deliver its fish to Bilbao. This shows the Brocq family interest in Newfoundland was earlier than I had previously realized. I also thought this line of Brocqs might be from Guernsey. The ship-owners are probably in the family tree below.

This Le Brocq merchant family was operating out of St Brelade. The family had originated in La Fosse, St Owen. The Le Brocqs in Conception Bay may have come from a different St Owen family based on their connections to the Le Marquands.

In 1681 Captain Philippe Le Brocq was called into court for payment of duty on wine he had imported on the ship *La Marie*. Philippe Le Brocq, Jr owed Thomas Baleine, Nicholas Bailhache and Jean Giffard their wages for the trip to Newfoundland in the ship *La Marie* in 1682. Owners Philippe Richardson, Michel Du Pres, Jean Le Cras and Jacques Pipon along with Thomas Baleine Master/owner of *The Mary* were ordered to settle the accounts for that voyage. The ship voyaged to Newfoundland at least from 1680 to 1685. The ownership seems to vary each year so possibly ownership is referring to an interest in a charter party agreement.

jerripedia.org/index.php/Descendants_of_Pierre_Le_Brocq **La Fosse, St Owen to St Brelade**

- 1 Pierre Le Brocq (1460-) (St O) m (1480s) Unknown de la Perrelle
 - 2 Robin Le Brocq (m and had issue)
 - 2 Jean Le Brocq m (1510s) Unknown Le Feuvre dit Vincent
 - 3 Pierre Le Brocq m 2 Unknown; 1 (1540s) Unknown de Lecq daughter of Jean and Catherine and sister of Guillaume
 - 4 Pierre Le Brocq (1540?-1613) ^[2] m (1560s) Jeanne Botterel daughter of Nicolas and Elizabeth, née de Carteret ^[3]
 - 5 Pierre Le Brocq ^[4] m (1590) Sara Poingdestre (-1658) daughter of Edouard, son of Gilles
 - ↑ Of La Fosse and St Aubin, master mariner and merchant, 1595
 - 6 Philoipe Le Brocq ^[5] m (1610) Jeanne Pidon daughter of Simeon ^[6] and Jacquette, née Le Couteur
 - ↑ Of St Aubin, merchant and shipowner
 - 7 Philippe Le Brocq (1615-1668) ^[7] m (1638, England) Sara **Robin** daughter of Jean, son of Guillaume (St P)
 - ↑ Master Mariner, 1641, then wool and wine merchant, St Aubin
 - 8 Sara Le Brocq (1640-) m Thomas Esnouf ^[8]
 - 8 Jeanne Le Brocq (1642-1704) m (1666) Jacques Pipon (1639-1687) ^[9]
 - ↑ Successor to the Le Brocqs, as a merchant in St Aubin;
 - 8 Marie Le Brocq (1644-1646)
 - 8 Marie Le Brocq (1647-) (Liv 1690) m (1673) Henry Le Roy (**Capt La Reserve NF 1686**)
 - 8 Philippe Le Brocq (1650-1687) ^[10] m (1683) Catherine Guillaume
 - 8 Elizabeth Le Brocq (1652-1703) m Thomas Balleine of St Peter ^[11]
- 6 Pierre Le Brocq (1595-) ^[15] m unknown
 - 7 Pierre Le Brocq (1620-) ^[16] m Susanne de Caen, daughter of Jean and Marie Slowly
 - 8 Pierre Le Brocq (1653-) ^[17]
 - 8 Philippe Le Brocq (1656-1669)
 - 8 Pierre Le Brocq (1657-) died by 1696 m (c1675) ^[18] Elizabeth Le Brocq, daughter of Philippe, of St Aubin, and Elizabeth **Robin**
 - 7 Philippe Le Brocq (-1686) ^[23] m (1650) Elizabeth daughter of Jean **Robin**, son of Guillaume of St Peter,
 - 7 Jean Le Brocq (-1694) ^[12] m (1647) Marie **Robin** (-1697) daughter of Jean, son of Guillaume of St Peter

In 1686 Philippe Le Brocq Jr owed duty on wine imported for his account on *L'Elizabeth*. In 1705 a Philippe registered a Power of Attorney in Jersey for his son Philippe Jr as had already been done in Southampton.

In 1708 a Philip Brock was recorded in Hants Harbour, Trinity Bay.

We have noted that Abraham Giffard was an early planter in Trinity Bay in 1702. There was a sailor of that name who was captured and ransomed from the Barbary coast in 1683. This was two years before the marriage of Abraham Giffard and Marie Seward. Marie Seward was the daughter of Newfoundland trader William Seward. Giffard may be the source of the Jeffers (Freshwater) surname.

It looks like the Mayor of Southampton, Thomas Farr, had some perspective on the Channel Islanders from the 1674 fishing season:

“..... to the Committee of Council for Trade and Plantations. The masters last year at Newfoundland positively affirm that five ships of St. Malo were laden at Bonavist and Trinity Bay, and that as many more are this year designed under the disguise of Jersey men, to the great prejudice of English navigation.⁷

A case in the Samedi Court in 1680 shows a Bill of Exchange was written and one James Barty was trying to collect from Jean Le Brun on the note written by Robert Wilmot of Swansea and Alexander Shaw of London. In the 1676 census James Bartlett (or Barthell?) of Plymouth was recorded as Captain of the sack *Cordelia* of Plymouth at Ferryland and bound for Viana. In 1682 he was recorded on the *Rebecca* in St John's. In 1686 a Mr. Wilmot opened a glass factory in Swansea. In a 1696 petition Robert Wilmot was listed as a London merchant in the NF trade and there was also a Bristol gentleman of that name who was well-connected to the fishing families there.

In 1682 James Barty is in court in Jersey again. He wants payment from Nicolas Bailhache for half the shipment of 20 tons of salt which had been stored with Jarvis Horton in Trinity Bay on his behalf. Nicolas Ballhash had been recorded in the 1675 census of English Harbour, Trinity Bay.

In 1681, in the Samedi Court, Wilmot and George Husdon (Hudson?) of Swansea are trying to get payment for their merchandise from Jean Kastel/Castle in Jersey. Seary notes a family tradition that the start of the Hudson family in Adam's Cove was George Hudson who came from the Channel Islands. Apparently there is some indication of a possible Welsh DNA connection (hat tip to SR).

In 1681 the Newfoundland census of Trinity Bay has Guernseymen Captain Daniel Pollard of *The John* and Captain Elias Pollard of *The Providence*. Both were sack ships. In the same year, the Samedi Court has ship-owner Daniel Pallot of Guernsey, trying to recover funds for the service contract of Philippe Prouings for a voyage to the fishery. In 1674 there was a warrant from the Treasurer to the Customs Commissioners to allow certain Guernsey merchants to export free from Southampton. Daniel Pallot, Thomas Bevis, Michael Thomas and Moses Durell had all lost ships after duties had been paid on wool, leather and other commodities. Three of the ships were taken by Dunkirk pirates and the fourth was wrecked on the coast of France. The law allowed for such an allowance in these circumstances.⁸

4. A Le Brun Family of St Brelade

The brothers Jean and Edouarde Le Brun had a huge maritime presence in Jersey during the period 1675 to 1717. Jean, the elder brother, may have been the largest Jersey merchant in the Newfoundland trade at that time. Edouarde participated in the fishery as well but during the wars with France he was a dominant figure in the new privateering sector. Not only were the Le Bruns a notable presence on their own, but their in-laws were active Captain/traders as well. George Benest is recorded sailing to Virginia and was also a privateer captain. Jean and Pierre Mauger, possibly brothers, traded with Newfoundland and deserve a write-up of their own. Although Jean and Edouarde Le Brun would have no offspring, they left a significant dynasty in the hands of their in-laws whose descendants would trade with Newfoundland for generations.

Edouarde Le Brun					Jean Le Brun				
Ship	Type	Tons	Year	Role	Ship	Type	Tons	Year	Role
Martha (to Boston)	Trade		1683	C	Martin	Fishery		1681	C
Martha	Fishery		1689	C	La Caterine	Fishery		1681	O
Durrell Galley	Privateer	70	1696	O	La Marguerite			1683-86	C&O
Newport Galley	Privateer	20	1696	O	Le Philippe	Fishery		1685-88	O
Three Eagles	Privateer	50	1696	O	L'Elizabeth	Trade		1686	O
Jersey Merchant	Fishery		1698-03	O	Elie	Fishery		1687-91	O
Two Brothers	Privateer	4	1702	C&O	Marie & Jeanne	Fishery		1688	C&O
Conqueror	Privateer	30	1708	O	Three Eagles	Privateer	50	1696	O
James Galley	Privateer	8	1708	O	Newport Galley	Privateer	20	1696	O
Revenge Galley	Privateer	25	1708	O	Jersey Merchant	Fishery		1698-03	O & A
Three Eagles	Privateer	50	1708	O	Le Brun	Fishery		1699-02	O & A
Wharton Galley	Privateer	55	1708	O	Le Durrell	Fishery		1699-00	O & A
Carteret Galley	Privateer	10	1709	O	L'Etoile (Star)	Fishery		1691-01	O
Concord	Privateer	20	1709	O	La Susanne	Fishery		1691	O
Eugene Galley	Privateer	75	1709	O	Jean & Sara	Trade		1701	O & A
Expedition	Privateer	200	1709	O	L'Aventure	Trade		1702	O
Lumley Galley	Privateer	40	1709	O	Two Brothers	Privateer	4	1702	O?
Neptune Dogger	Privateer	25	1709	O&A	Revenge Galley	Privateer	25	1708	O
Peterborough	Privateer	25	1709	O	St Albans (Aubin)	Privateer		1702	O & A
Society	Privateer	25	1709	CAO	Bonne Esperance	Privateer		1704	O & A
Happy Meeting.	Privateer	20	1711	O	Spread Eagle	Privateer		1705	O & A
Union Galley	Privateer	35	1711	O	Le Charles	Trade		1704	C AO
Bonne Esperance	Privateer		1715	O	Marlborough Galley	Privateer		1707	O
Prince Eugene	Privateer		1708-15	CAO	L'Expedition	Trade		1709	O & A
Madelaine Galley	Privateer		1705	O					
Marlborough	Privateer		1707	O					
Lewis Galley	Privateer		1708	O					

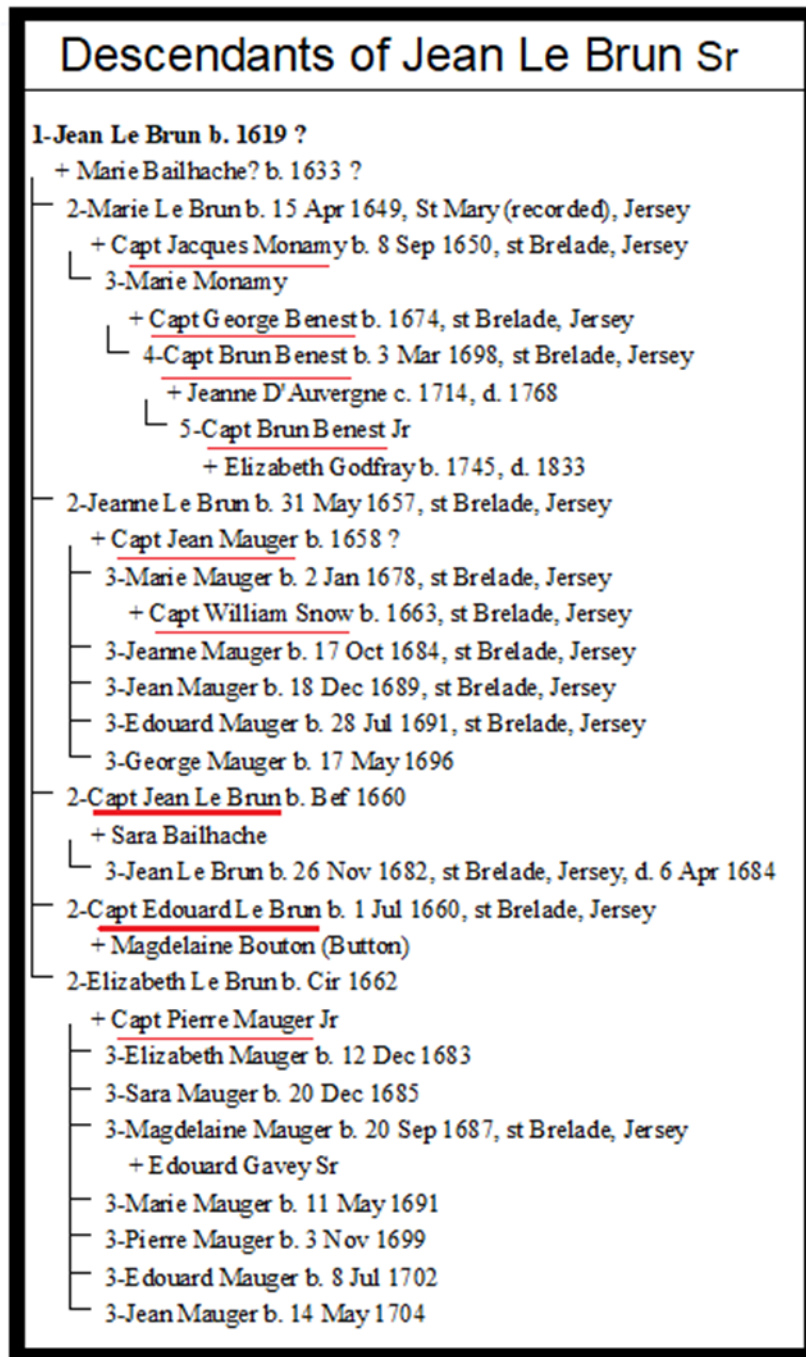
This long list of ships probably understates their participation in the shipping industry. Most of the interests seem to involve four or five investors. Occasionally, their interest might be small though. Edouarde Le Brun only had a 1/32 interest in the Lewis Galley. The list is based for the most part on court records and granting of letters of marque. These only indicate a point in time and not the full duration of ownership. This would be true of most of the maritime sources that are derived from court records, port books and government references.

The two brothers often acted as the “Armateur” of their ships. This was the main investor who was promoter, outfitter, armourer and managed the business of the ship on behalf of the other owners. “Proprietaire” described the passive investors. It was the Armateur who handled the accounting and went to court for the resolution of conflicts involving sailors’ wages, owner interests, Government duties and prizes. Jean Le Brun, Jr must have been the largest outfitter in Jersey. The privateering side of his business must have taken his focus off the fishery. In times of peace the Jersey fleet had looked to St Malo for armateurs who were extremely efficient and well-priced.

Notes in Jerripedia indicate that the brothers came from a maritime family. If so, their father Jean Le Brun was probably involved with the ship *Sara* between 1651 and 1653. A Captain Browne was in possession of the ketch *Sara* in 1651. This was the time of the English Civil War. There was a Jean Le Brun described as “of George de Carteret’s establishment”. This may mean he was a Royalist privateer. This ship *Sara* was seized by Colonel Heane, the new governor of Jersey. I think Captain Browne may have been a Royalist supporter and the Parliamentarians were back in control of Jersey. The ship was sold to Clement Gallie of St Saviour. Martin Renuffe bought in as a partner for 300 pounds. The ship was captained by Thomas Le Ber of St Mary, Jersey and made a short trip carrying soldiers to Weymouth. Le Ber was the son-in-law of Gallie. The ship was then prepared for a trip to Nantes. A John Browne (different one?) went over to France as agent for Joseph Underwood to purchase wines. The ship loaded with this and other commodities including trayne oyle and poor John and proceeded to Nantes. After John Browne loaded oars, salt and wine from the quay there the ship was taken by the *Fortune*. This was

a Royalist privateer flying the Brest colours and captained by Richard Lockier. George de Carteret's Royalist privateers had been driven from Jersey and installed themselves at Brest. On the return to England Lockier offloaded cargo and then cast off the ship. Depositions were made by Captain Le Ber, John Browne, sailor Thomas Lempriere and Governor Heane in the Admiralty Court.⁶

Jean Le Brun, Jr seems to have been the right age to have been the Fishing Admiral in Trinity in 1681. He was probably also the one who was in court trying to collect money on a deer skin from Newfoundland in 1679.



Not surprisingly, their in-laws are found as captains of some of their vessels. Jacques Monamy was Captain of *La Susanne* in 1682. His son-in law was George Benest. George Benest took the *John & Sara* to North Carolina in 1699 and captained the *St Aubin Galley*. Raulin Benest Jr, George's brother also who owned an interest in the *John & Sara*.

Pierre Mauger, owner/Captain, sailed *L'Elie* to Newfoundland in 1687 and had an interest in *L'Etoile* with Jean Le Brun when it also voyaged there in 1695. The oldest recorded Letter of Marque referring to Jersey was granted to Jean Mauger in 1692 for the 30-ton *Jersey Sloop*. He captained the ship *Le Brun* which was fishing in Trinity Bay from 1699 to 1702. Jean Mauger sailed *L'Elizabeth* to Ireland in 1686, the *Marlborough Galley* in 1707 and *L'Expedition* in 1709. He seems to have had an interest in the *Lewis Galley*.

Two of Jean Le Brun's ships, the *Jersey Merchant* and the *Durell* appear to have had a joint ownership structure and were operating in concert when they voyaged to Newfoundland around 1700.

Jean Le Brun became the guardian of the children of George Benest and Pierre Mauger by 1700.

Edouarde Le Brun must have been in the thick of the action while privateering. The *Two Brothers* he captained was only 4 tons. Edouarde Le Brun is likely the one who signed the document in 1717 representing the interests of the merchants trading in the fishery.

I had started looking at this family assuming they must be the forbears of the Browns of Harbour Grace but it seems they left no offspring. In their wills Jean Jr and Edouarde left their assets to their nephew Brun Benest. Merchant/Captain Brun Benest would continue the family's interest in the fishery. He was amongst the major merchants of St Aubin signing a petition in 1716 for a new chapel.

The ship *Jersey* was chartered out by Jacques Remon and Nicollas Fiott from Pierre Maret, William Kartell, William Bushell and Brun Benest - proprietors of the vessel. The agreement was for 4 months at £30 per month and was to go to Newfoundland. Brun Benest's son Brun Benest Jr was captain and owner of the *Perseverance* in 1790.

5. William Brown of Harbour Grace

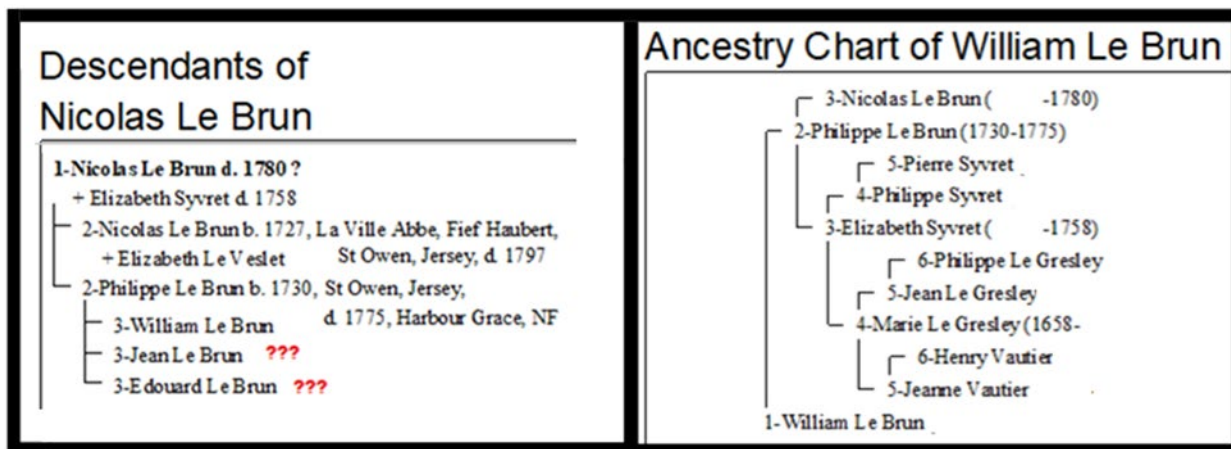
The Brown family of Harbour Grace is said to have been one of the first families present there. Their land holding in the centre of the city amongst other Channel Island families would support this. I have found it difficult to trace these early origins however. The early planters of Harbour Grace seem to be English or had their names well-anglicised. I was surprised at the number of Jersey names in the John Davis accounts in 1740. Possibly the Jersey servants were employed by English planters. Perhaps the Bristol merchants of Harbour Grace, focussed on sack ships, were not bringing over a full contingent of servants. Another possibility is that the wars left many vacant properties which could be filled by opportunistic fishermen. Some servants may have left their work for planters to start up on their own. Mathew Martin's oral history from 1904, though, indicates that the Jersey men were present in Harbour Grace before the French attacks.

My family tree reached a brick wall with William Brown who had children in Harbour Grace. William and Frances French had quite a large family starting in 1799. They had a son Philip baptised in 1804. The Harbour Grace Anglican burial records show Philip Brown, "native of Jersey" was buried in 1775. This put me on a tack for a Jersey origin.

A further clue was an old Newfoundland indenture between William Brown and Francis Gruchy, a mariner of Jersey. This indenture points to the possibility that a property in St. Owen, Jersey was passed down through the family. The property was sold in 1800 by William Brown of Harbour Grace. The land appeared to be occupied by Philippe Parry (Perree) at the time. In fact, it was being held in trust for him,

but not necessarily by a family member. This is where I had been stuck for about 20 years.

It now turns out there was a matching document filed in Jersey. Philippe Perree seems to have functioned as a legal representative in many situations when such services were required.



Nicolas Le Brun left a will in 1793 and gives a shilling to each of his nephews named William, Edward and John. The rest of his property was left to his wife Elizabeth Veslet. Assuming that Philippe Perree only represented the rights for one Nicolas Le Brun, this seems to be the family tree above. If this is so, Nicholas Le Brun seems to have had multiple properties, possibly managing the rights of his brother Philippe who had died earlier. The assets may have been purchased with earnings from the fishery which was booming at this time.

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Agreement between Elizabeth Le Veslet, widow of Nicolas Le Brun and dower to his héritage of the first party and Philippe Perrée, procureur of William Le Brun, principal heir to the succession of Nicolas Le Brun, his uncle of the second party. Records that 1 revokes her rights to any claim on the héritage of the aforesaid Nicolas Le Brun on the agreement that 2 will pay her 25 livres argent per annum for the duration of her life.

Reference: L/C/231/A4/12 Date: 18 April 1801

Administratelle for naming an administrateur to the affairs of William Brown after the death of his previous administrateur Jean Bailhache. Amice Le Couteur, Jacques Balleine, Thomas Blampied, Philippe Barbier, Amice Grandin, Aaron Vibert and Philippe Perrée meet and appoint the aforesaid Philippe Perrée. Registered: Livre 22, Folio 89.

Reference: L/C/231/A4/12 Date: 18 April 1801

Date	Groom Given Name	Family Name	Bride Given Name	Family Name
Groom Notes	Bride Notes			
18 AUG 1793	Nicolas	Le Brun	Elizabeth	Le Veslet
1	St Saviour	(St O)	(St P)	

Retrait between Francois Gruchy, son of Charles, acquirer of a house in the Fief Haubert, St Ouen from William Brown, son of Philippe of the first party and Philippe Perrée of the second party. Records that 2 claims retrait from 1 on the property acquired and reclaims possession. Registered: Livre 93, Folio 63.

Reference: L/C/231/A4/19 Date: 1 September 1801

Bail à fin d'héritage between Philippe Perrée, son of Philippe who has the right to the house and land of the late Nicolas Le Brun, son of Nicolas of the first party and François Gallienne, son of Pierre of the second party. Records the lease in perpetuity from 1 to 2 of a house in Fief Haubert, St Ouen for the sum of 5 quarters of wheat rente. Registered: Livre 94, Folio 99.

Reference: L/C/231/A4/20 Date: 6 February 1802

Bail à fin d'héritage between Philippe Perrée, son of Philippe who had rights to the héritage of Nicolas Le Brun of the first party and Jean Pirouet, son of Abraham of the second party. Records the lease in perpetuity from 1 to 2 of a certain piece of land in a field called La Ville Abbé in Fief Haubert, St Ouen for the sum of 2 quarters of wheat rente. Registered: 102, Folio 50.

Reference: L/C/231/A4/49 Date: 16 August 1806

Elizabeth Syvret above was the daughter of Philippe Syvret. She had inherited property. rights from her father by 1761. Nicolas Le Brun Sr was acting on behalf of her and Nicholas Jr in a rent dispute.

I wonder if Nicolas Jr may have been absent from the island.

There is an Edward Brown married to Catherine in Harbour Grace and having a family at the same time as William. I do not see a John Brown in Harbour Grace who lines up with the tree above. There was a Captain Pierre Le Brun (Peter Brown) who was active in Harbour Grace and Trinity around this time but he appears to be unrelated.

The Fief Haubert of St Ouen, which was, and is, the premier fief in the island, has been held by the de Carteret family since before 1100.

6. More Fishing Taxes in the Jersey Samedi Court

Season	Description of Le Dixieme for Fish Cases (select years, possibly local)	Court Date
1679	Hugh Noel owes the Parish of St Martin the dixieme for fish for this year.	1680-03-13
1680	Hugh Noel owes the Parish of St Martin the dixieme for fish for this year.	1681-05-28
1683	Daniel Pirouet is standing in objection to the dixieme for fish for St Clement.	1683-12-22
1683-6	Jean Mon Amy son of Jean owes the dixieme for fish for 4 years.	1683-12-22
1720	Jean Vicq, master of the ship Francoise Marie, Jean Le Rougetel, Jean Pirouet Jr, Jean Le Bree, Jean Le Feuvre, and Thomas Le Riche owe Jean Lempriere Rector of Grouville Parish the dixieme of fish.	1721-06-09
1720	Helier Le Moignan, ship master, Jean Pirouet son of Thomas, Pierre Henry Jouguet, Aaron Durell and Michel Amy owe Jean Lempriere Rector of Grouville Parish the dixieme of fish.	1721-06-09
1718/19/20	Benjamin Chevalier owes Elie Dumaresq, The Rector of St John Parish for the dixieme for fish for the past 3 years	1721-06-09
1720	Helier Le Cacheur, Jean Le Feuvre son of Bernabey, Daniel Venement, Jean and Josue Grant sons of Abraham, Philippe Grant son of Josue, Thomas Le Feuvre, Helier Averty son of Francois, Jacques Pirouet son of Thomas and Richard Filleul owe Jean Nicolle for their dixieme of fish.	1721-06-09
1719/1720	Vincent Le Riche owes Thomas Cartaut the rector of Trinity Parish the dixieme for apples and for his fish in 1719 and 1720.	1721-06-09
1722/23	Estienne Carel owes Philippe Messervy the rector of St Brelade for the dixieme of fish for 1723 and prior year.	1724-05-23
1725	Estienne Carel owes Philippe Messervy the rector of St Brelade for the dixieme of fish.	1725-04-24
1727	Edouard Martel owes Philippe Messervy the rector of St Brelade for the dixieme of fish.	1728-05-25
1728	Nicolas Le Moignan owes Elie Dumaresq the Rector of St Jean for the dixieme on his fish this year and the previous year.	1728-09-28
1728	Richard Hamon owes Elie Dumaresq the Rector of St Jean for the dixieme on his fish for the last 3 years.	1728-09-28

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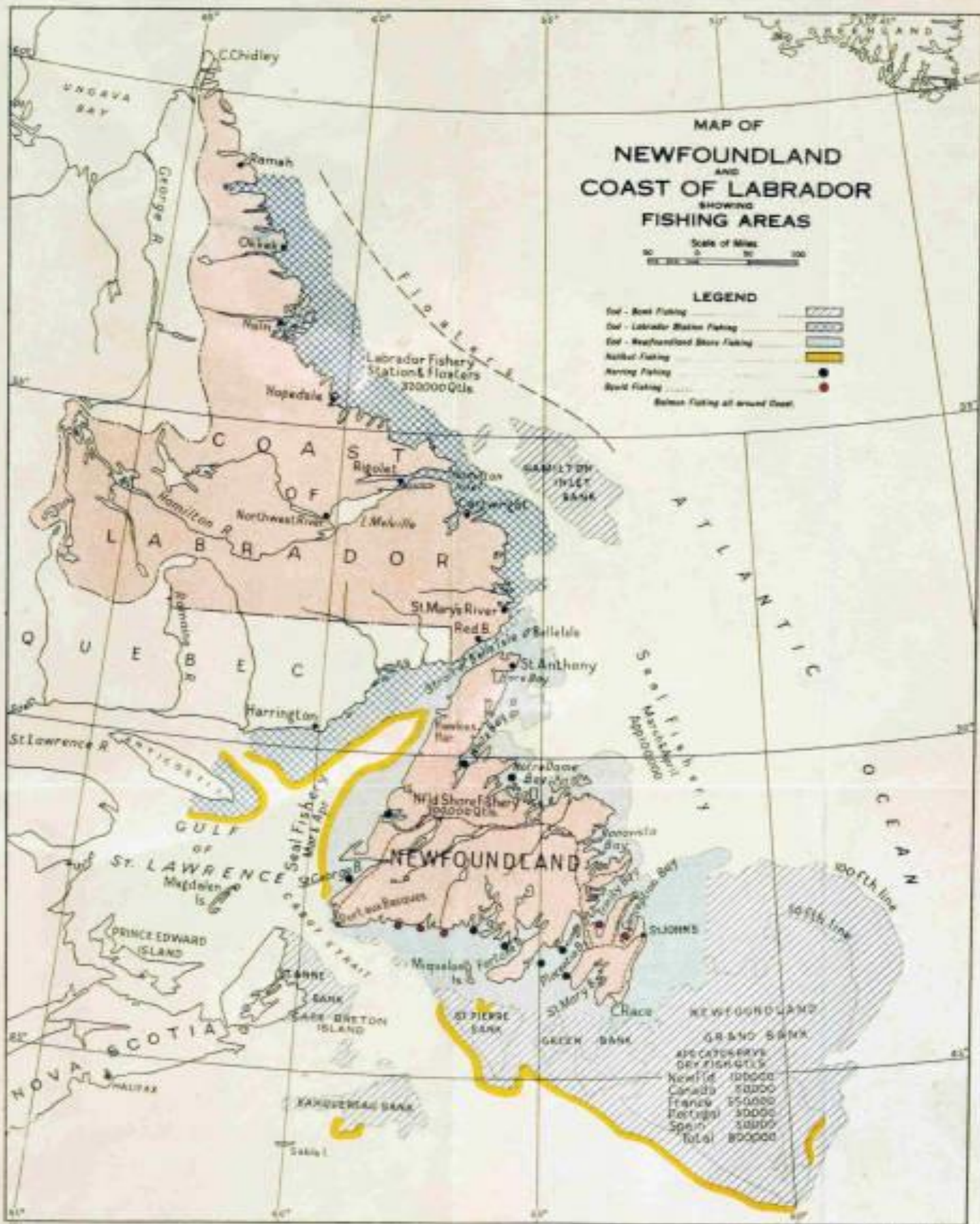
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