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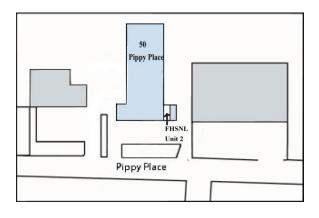


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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Frederick R. Smith

On Saturday 25 November the FHSNL held an open house. We were open from 11:00am to 3:00pm and were busy for the whole time. It was great to meet members and non-members and I think everyone enjoyed the event.

The FHSNL is a not-for-profit organization so our aim is to break even. We have no paid employees but still the costs of office and archival supplies is quickly increasing as is the cost of printing The Ancestor. This month the board decided to increase the membership fees by \$3.00, bring membership up to \$45 starting in 2024. If you renew in 2023 the cost is still \$42.00.

Our collection of family histories is increasing but there are many family names that cannot be found in our archive. If you have a family tree, even a small one, we would like to have it in our collection. People often say my tree is so small it would be embarrassing to show it to anyone. But that small tree could have just the information someone else needs to get past a roadblock, and we all have brick walls in our research.

We are lucky to have people write large articles for The Ancestor. But we would also like to see more short articles to give The Ancestor more variety. We used to get lots of queries, but I guess most people are posting these online now. If you also send your queries to The Ancestor, another 450 people will see them.

For those who use Stonepics for cemetery information, you may in interested in knowing that the service is now free. I find the easiest way to use it is through another service such as the Newfoundland Grand Banks site.

Good luck with your research and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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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 <u>ancestor@fhsnl.ca</u>

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



ACQUISITIONS

Compiled by Rosalind Babb Stokes

We have received the following Acquisitions from Elsa Flack:

TITLE	AUTHOR
Ferryland the Colony of Avalonia	Bernard D. Fardy
William Epp Cormack, Newfoundland Pioneer	Bernard D. Fardy
Genealogical Guide for Metis in Eastern Canada	Con.of Aboriginal People
Car Harbour, A Newfoundland fishing settlement	James Faris
Chronological History of the Irish Catholic Church in Nl. & Labrador	James Fleming, Sr.
The Smallwood Years	Ray Guy
The Alphabet Fleet. The Pride of Newfoundland Coastal Service	Maura Hanrahan
Tsunami. The Newfoundland Tidal Wave Disaster	Maura Hanrahan
Memoirs of a Newfoundland Pioneer in Radio and Television	Oscar G. Hierlihy
Ecclesiastical History of Newfoundland	M.F. Howley
The Tragic Wreck of the Anglo - Saxon April 27, 1863	Arthur and Paul Johnson
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Irish Settlement in Eastern Canada	John J. Mannion
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The Call of Terra Nova	P. C. Mars
The Irish in Newfoundland 1600-1900, Their Trials, Tribulations & Triumphs	Mike McCarthy
What We Call Things a coastal toponomy of the Irish Loop	Mobilewords Ltd.
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The Rock Observed, Studies in the Literature of Newfoundland	Patrick O'Flaherty
The Seat Imperial Bay Bulls Past and Present	Paul O'Neill
Raging Winds Roaring Sea	Robert Parsons
Once upon an Island	S. Pickett-Henning
Below the Bridge	Helen Porter
Pouch Cove, Our Home by the Sea	Heritage Committee
A History of the Church Lads Brigade in Newfoundland 1892-1992	Sterling Pritchett
A History of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic to 1818	D.W. Prowse
The Badger Riot	J.A. Ricketts
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Fourteen Men Who Figured Prominently in the Story of Nl. And Labrador	K. Samuelson
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The Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist 1855-1980	The Basilica Parish
Tor's Cove Come Home Year 2002	Tor's Cove Committee
Come Ashore to Holyrood, A Folk History of Holyrood, Newfoundland	Mary Veitch
Northern Seas, Hardy Sailors	George Whiteley
The Great Atlantic Air Race	Gavin Will
John Guy of Bristol and Newfoundland	Dr. Alan Williams
Historic Barr'd Island from English Roots	Eric R. Witcher
Sea People Changing Lives and Times in NL. & Labrador Fisheries	Woodrow/Ennis
"To Each His Own" William Coaker and the Fisherman's Protective Union in Newfoundland Politics, 1908-1925	Ian McDonald

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STRAYS DEATHS AFAR

Compiled by Pat Walsh <u>pwalsh1919@gmail.com</u>

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.

Allen, Frederick Herald "Fred", aged 45, of PEI & Dartmouth, NS on June 11, 2023. Born in NL, son of Joan (Sutherland) & Fred Allen. Brother of Jennifer Allen. Predeceased by his father & grandparents Fred & Audrey Allen & Donald & Mary Sutherland. Obit & photo The Chronicle Herald Aug. 12, 2023.

Best, Elizabeth Rose (nee Morgan) Sept. 30, 1938 – Aug. 21, 2023, in Dartmouth, NS. Wife of 64 years of Frank. Married on Bell Island in 1958. Mother of Germaine, Wade, Cheryl, Barbara & Susan, Obit & photo The Chronicle Herald Sept. 2, 2023.

Bickford, Lewis Allison, CPO2 (Ret) June 28, 1941 – Aug. 28, 2023, in Halifax, NS. Born on Bell Island, the second oldest of 11. He attended St. Boniface. Husband of 60 years of Frances (Fran). Thirty-four years of service in the Royal Canadian Navy. Father of Cindylee & Donald. Brother of Blair, Judy Smith & Deanne Bryan. Obit & photo, A. L. Mattatall Funeral Home, Dartmouth, NS. See also Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page. **Bradbury**, Evelyn (nee Harris), aged 79, on July 28, 2023, in Ottawa, ON. Born on Sept. 14, 1943, daughter of Susanna & William Harris of St. John's. Employed as an x-ray & ultrasound technician. In 1974 she married Gordon Kenneth Bradbury. They moved to Ontario in 1991. Services held in Coley's Point, Conception Bay North. Obit & photo Aug. 4, 2023. Predeceased by her parents & her husband. Mother of Susanne & Owen.

Brown, Terrence Michael March 11, 1964 – Sept. 20, 2023. In Ontario. Predeceased by his parents Ron & Margaret, his brother Rick & sister Marie. Originally from Bell Island, he was a Board member of the Cambridge Newfoundland Club. Partner of Dan Chartier. Brother of Ron, Fred, Blair, Johnny, Keith, Andrea & Gloria. Obit & photo, Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON. See also Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Byrne, Noel, aged 71, on Oct. 18, 2023 in Etobicoke, ON. Born on Bell Island. His family moved to Toronto, ON in 1963.

Predeceased by his wife Gail (Down), his son Randy & his brothers Raymond & Aubrey. Father of John & Shane. Brother of Bernetta Nicolle, Dorothy & Gordon. Obit & photo G. H. Hogle Funeral Home Ltd Etobicoke, ON & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Ezekiel, Donald C. "Donny" of Harbour Main April 7, 1974 – Oct. 1, 2023, in Edmonton, AB. Predeceased by his father Michael & his grandparents Frances & Helen Ezekiel. Son of Jenny. Father of Lauren (Lauren's mother, Sarah Lewis). Brother of Michael & Karen. He was an Iron Worker. Obit & photo Dunphy's Funeral Home, Holyrood, CBS.

Finn, Gerald Patrick "Jerry". A longtime resident of Somerville, MA in Stoneham, MA, aged 83 on Oct. 4, 2007. Born in St. John's on April 2, 1924, son of William F. & Ellen (Collins) Finn. Predeceased by his parents & his brothers Stephen, Valentine & Raymond & his sister Mary. Also predeceased by his wife Joan C. (Lucas) & his son Robert Stephen. Father of Gerald P. Jr, Carol V. Beckwith (Robert), Sharon L. Kokoras (Nicholas, deceased). Note: His son Gerald died in 2015). Former employee of Happy Home Bakery, as a bread delivery truck driver & Welch's, as a candy maker. He retired in 1986. Obit & photo Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, Woburn, MA. (Editor's note: Gerald and his family are some of the US branches of my family tree.)

French, Darrin (Dickie) Feb. 8, 1965- Oct. 3, 2003 in Cambridge, ON. Formerly of Bell Island, Predeceased by his parents Fredrick & May, his sisters, Debbie Hickey, Joanne Gamberg & his brother Neil. Husband of Tina (nee Pynn,daughter of Edgar & Margaret Pynn). Father of Melissa Leite (Bradley) & Megan. Youngest brother of nine brothers & sisters, Employed at Gerdau, Obit & photo Tri- City Cremation Services, Cambridge, ON & Historic Wabana Nfld. FB page.

Harris, Raymond Wilson Dec. 12, 1939-Oct. 15, 2023 of Medicine Hat, AB. Formerly of Whitbourne. Predeceased by his wife Marcie (nee Kelly), his parents Wes & Mary (nee Hutchings), his sister Shirley Bursey. Partner of Dorothy Patry. Father of Perry & Paul. Brother of Don, George & Todd. Obit & photo Carnell's Funeral Home, St. John's & Cook Southland Funeral Chapel, Medicine Hat, AB.

Johnson, Elizabeth L. (nee Clarke) of Hempfield Twp. Greenville, PA on Oct. 16, 2023, aged 88. Born in Victoria, on July 30, 1935, daughter of Ronald W. & Audrey B. (Parsons) Clarke. She married Ralph T. Johnson on July 12, 1954. Predeceased by her parents, her husband (March 9, 2012), her daughter Jennifer Fowler & her brothers Jack & Bill. Mother of Jacqueline, Janie, Jerrie MacMurdo (T. R), Julie Bolin (Jimmy) & Janelle. Sister of Vera "Polly", Audrey Clarke, Lyla Riggs, Debbie Pitts, Ronald, Stan, Glenn & Tony. Photo & Obit, Oct. 18, 2023.

Miller, James Feb. 18, 1938 – Aug. 24, 2023 in Ontario. Husband of 64 years of Rosamond. Father of Karl & Yvonne. Predeceased by his son Roger. Obit & photo Glendale Funeral Home, Ottawa, ON . See also Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page & Arbor Memorial, Etobicoke, ON.

Murphy, Patrick Lloyd in Cambridge, ON. March 14, 1946 – Oct. 30, 2023 Formerly of Bell Island. Husband of 58 years of Eileen (Cassidy). Father of Sheila, Theresa, Richard & Colleen. Brother of Margaret MacDonald. Predeceased by his parents, Michael & Ellen (Boland) & his sister Sandra & his brothers Myles, Michael, Denis & Leonard. Employed at the Marion Residence. Member of the Knights of Columbus. Obit, Barthel Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Oakley, Mary Mildred (nee Ford), on Sept. 11, 2023, in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 90. Formerly of George Street, St. John's, 1945 Census. Predeceased by her parents Walter & Molly (Mary) Ford, her husband James Lionel Oakley, her sister Shirley Gordon, infant son, Scott & son Stephen. Mother of Geoff, Karen Watts (David), Janet Pinhorn (Jeff) & Mary Catherine Oakley. Companion of Don Barnes. She was employed as a secretary at the London, New York & Paris store in St. John's, at the US Pepperrell Air Force Base, St. John's, with the Federal Government & with Oakford Rental & Realty Co. Ltd. Service held at Carnell's Memorial Chapel, St. John's on Oct. 20, 2023. Obit & photo Oct. 18, 2023.

Pellerin, Irene (nee Collins) on Oct. 2, 2023, aged 82 in Mattawa, ON. Born in NL, predeceased by her parents, Walter & Josephine Collins, her husband of 55 years Ernest "Ernie", Aug. 29, 2017, her brother Gerald & an infant sister Edith. Veteran of the RCAF. Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch, 254. Interment in Timmins, ON. Obit & photo Oct. 25, 2023.

Raymond, Pius Paul, at home in Waverley, NS. May 6, 1956 – Oct. 17, 2023. Born in St. John's. Predeceased by his parents John & Sarah, his wife of 41 years, Elizabeth (Beth) Conrad, his brothers Donald Byron, Joseph & infant sister Rosemary. Brother of John, Bill, Paula Bond (David) & Sheilagh Guy Murphy. He attended St. Patrick's Hall School & Brother Rice High School in St. John's. He moved to NS in 1979. Obit & photo Oct. 31, 2023, **Reynar**, Patricia (nee Murphy) in Edmonton, AB. Nov. 4, 1951 – Aug. 22, 2023. Predeceased by her parents in St. John's, Edward & Mildred (Bradley) Murphy (April 1, 2008) & her brother John, & her husband Randy Reynar, Jan. 16, 2012. Mother of Erin & David. Sister of Ed, Brian & Peggy. Obit Sept. 2, 2023.

Sooley, Shirley Hannah Bartlett (nee Reid) in Cold Lake AB, aged 91, on Oct. 31, 2023. Born in Heart's Delight on Aug. 27, 1932. Predeceased by her parents Ellis & Hilda Reid, her husband Don Sooley, her daughter Joy & sisters & brothers, Dorothy, Jack, James, Ellis, Joyce, Rona, Audrey & Crosby. Mother of Gail McKee (Kerry) & Wayne. Sister of Ivy Crocker. As a young adult , she was an elementary school teacher in Schefferville, Quebec. She was also a real estate agent in Atlantic Canada. Obit & photo Nov. 4, 2023.

Tarrant, Randolph (Randy) on Sept. 26, 2023, aged 76, in St. Mary's, On. Predeceased by his parents, Norman & Mabel & his brothers Norm, Gord, Jack, George & Woodrow. Born on Bell Island. Husband of Patricia. Father of Tina, Jody & Judy. Brother of Elizabeth Sullivan, Inez Bickford (Chellis). Obit Tri – City Cremations Services, Cambridge, ON. See also Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Tobin, Bernard (Bern) Joseph on Jan. 21, 2023, in Hamilton, ON, in his 76th year. Husband of Paula (Abbott). Father of Michael & Jennifer Anderson. Brother of Marion Fagan, Alice Gibbons (Tony) & foster brother of Leo Young. Raised his family in Jarvis. Long-time member of Local 67, the Welder & Pipefitters Union. Employee at the ESSO Refinery in Nanticoke. Obit & photo Jan. 28, 2023. **Tracey**, Ciaran, Constable, RCMP. Nov. 30, 1990 – Oct. 4, 2023, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Son of Walter & Maria, St. John's. Brother of Meghan Winsor (David), Shauna Fleet (Chris) & Rhiannon. Obit & photo W. J. Caul Funeral Home Ltd. St. John's. Webb, Michael Joseph "Junior", in Barrie, ON. Nov. 24, 1945–Oct. 11, 2023. Born in Flat Bay, St. Teresa's. Predeceased by his partner, Donna Seguin. Son of Susanna "Susie" Webb & Michael MacDonald. Brother of Bertha Bradley, Sylvia Dugh, Patricia Legge, Joan Webb & Kevin Webb. Obit & photo Nov. 2, 2023.

``It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end'`. Ernest Hemingway



1959 -1960 Grade 10 Class at St. Patrick's Hall School, Merrymeeting Road, St. John's

Front row, left to right: Gus **Turpin**, Frank **Walsh**, Danny **Corcoran**, Eddy **Hearn**, Terry **Haire**, Bob **Peddigrew**, Jerome **Gover** (deceased, December 11, 2020), Mike **Boland**, John **Noseworthy**, Bill **Morrissey**, Brother William G. **Noonan** (deceased, Sept. 21, 1989).

Second row, left to right: Sandy **Roche** (deceased, Oct. 15, 2017), Joe **Paquette** (deceased May 26, 2023), Gary **Bambrick**, Bob **O'Dea**, Bernard **0'Dwye**r (deceased Nov. 10, 2017), Charlie **Roe**, Jim **Dymond**, Edward **Robinson** (deceased, Jan. 12, 2013), Charlie **Heale**, Ron **Abbott**, Derm **Stamp**.

Third Row, left to right: Don **Saturly**, Bob **Ridgely**, Kevin **Rumsey**, John **Martin**, Fred **Learning**, Ron **Squires** (deceased, Feb. 23, 2000), Pat **Wade**, Bob **Hanlon**, Ray **Evoy**, Jerry **Tilley**.

DR. CLAUDE BUFFETT, NATIVE OF GRAND BANK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND MEDICAL DOCTOR IN HAWAII

Submitted by Max Grandy, FHSNL member.

Some time ago I came across an obituary of Dr. Claude Buffett, a native of Grand Bank, Newfoundland and something of a pioneer doctor in Hawaii in the early 1900s, making his rounds on horseback and attending to patients in remote areas.

Dr. Buffett was the son of George Abraham Buffett (1847-1929), who was also a pioneer, but of a different sort. George A. Buffett was one of the very first to commence the banking schooner industry in Newfoundland in the early 1880s. As recorded in the Encyclopedia of Newfoundland & Labrador, he began fishing at an early age and had soon acquired ownership of several schooners. By the turn of the century he had a large fleet of vessels as well as other business interests, including a large salt cod export business.

In addition to his business interests, he was very much involved with the Methodist Church and attended the World Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem in 1904. In 1910 he was elected to be a lay delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Vancouver.

George Abraham and his wife Julia (Forsey) had a number of children, 3 of whom survived to adulthood and married - Dr Claude Buffett, Aaron Forsey Buffett, who followed his father into the family business, and Maria Buffett, who married Malcolm Parsons and resided in St. John's.

The following is the obituary of their eldest son, Claude, as recorded in the Hawaii Medical Journal and Inter-island Nurses' Bulletin, Vol. 18,- No.-1, Sept. - Oct. 1958

Hawaii Medical Journal and Inter-island Nurses' Bulletin Vol. 18, No.-1 SEPT. - OCT. 1958

by Douglas B. Bell, M.D.

CLAUDE BUFFETT M.D. 1874-1958

Claude Buffett, B.A., M.D., C.M., was born October 22, 1874, at Grand Bank, Newfoundland, the son of George A. and Julia (Forsey) Buffett. His family was engaged in the fishing industry, and his great grand-father had been pilot for Capt. James Cook during a coast charting expedition.

He received his bachelor's degree from Mount Allison University at Sackville, New Brunswick, and completed his medical training (M.D.) at McGill University in Montreal in 1900.

While at McGill he became acquainted with a brother of Dr. Archie Irwin, who was for many years a practitioner in Hilo, Hawaii. Soon after graduation, he had a letter from Dr. Irwin offering him a position as physician at Paauilo Plantation on the Big Island. Dr. Buffett accepted.

He never regretted his decision and was truly a lover of all Hawaii, particularly the island of

Hawaii. He came to Hawaii on the S.S. "Zeelandia" in November, 1900, which brought the news of President McKinley's election to the Islands, creating much excitement.

Dr. Buffett immediately took the Territorial Medical Board examinations for licensure and then went to Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, where he was landed by lighter. After practicing at Paauilo for two years, he removed to Paauhau where he remained until 1910. In that year he went to Edinburgh, Scotland, for post-graduate work. Upon his return he settled at Kahuku, Oahu, where he practiced until his retirement in January, 1929.

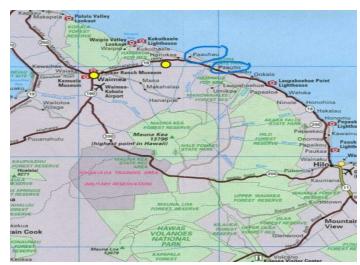
In addition to Paaulo and Paauhau, during his years on Hawaii he cared for the people in the seaside town of Puako, those on the large Parker Cattle Ranch, and those at the Huumula Sheep Station. He kept 3 horses, and for the shorter trips he drove in a buggy, while the longer ones were made on horseback. Trips to Huumula and Puako necessitated 50-mile rides. These must have been arduous, but he loved the islands, the work, and the island people. He was very tolerant in his thinking and believed that he had been very fortunate to have lived and worked in Hawaii. In 1915 he became a United States citizen.

Dr. Buffett last visited the Island of Hawaii in October, 1958, when he re-visited and travelled the roads of his youth. He had a great interest in all things, which he never lost. Even though retired from the practice of medicine for 29 years, he retained his interest in medicine. He was a thorough, careful person, and had a scholar's interest in words and literature. He and his family spent a great deal of time sailing in Kaneohe Bay until 1941 when the war stopped this activity. He was a fine sailor, having learned this skill in his boyhood in the tricky and treacherous waters off Newfoundland.

He was not a joiner and had no lodge affiliations. He was an honorary member of the Honolulu County Medical Society and of the Queen's Hospital. He was raised in a strict Methodist manner but never was a church goer.

Dr. Buffett died at the age of 84 at The Queen's Hospital in Honolulu on November 1, 1958, of a ruptured aneurysm of the left hypo-gastric artery.

He was survived by his wife, Helena Schmidt Buffett, two sons, Robert H. and Walter H., and a daughter, Miss Helen Vair Buffett, and a sister, Mrs. Malcolm Parsons of St. Johns, Newfoundland.



Notes:

- Dr. Buffett was awarded his C.M. = Chirurgiae Magistrum (Master of Surgery) for his postgraduate study in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Honolulu Star-Bulletin Honolulu, Hawaii • 03 Nov 1958, Mon • Page 8 Obituaries

Claude Buffett, Retired Physician, is dead at 84

Dr. Claude Buffett, a resident of the Islands since 1900, died at Queen's Hospital Saturday at the age of 84. Services for the retired physician will be held at 10 Tuesday morning at the Williams Mortuary. His remains will be placed in a niche in the Columbarium at the Oahu Cemetery. Dr. Buffett practiced medicine on the Big Island until 1912. He then moved to Kahuku Plantation on Oahu, where he practiced on horse-back from Waimea to Waimanalo. He retired in 1929.

Dr. Buffett, who lived at 1878 McKinley Street, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helena Schmidt Buffett; his sons, Robert H. and Walter H. Buffett; and his daughter, Miss Helen Vair Buffett.

• Dr. Claude Buffett married twice:

- 1902 Jul 9, Kona, Hawaii – to Marie Orr b.1876 Doon, Ontario; d.1914 Honolulu, Hawaii They had 1 daughter, Helen Vair Buffett 1904-2004

 1919 Apr 7, Honolulu – to Helena A. Schmidt b.1897 Vacaville, California; d.1991 Honolulu

They had 2 sons, Robert Hollett Buffett 1923-1969 and Walter Holloway Buffett 1925-2002

- Evening Telegram, St. John's, August 30, 1899 Here and There
 "The Halifax Chronicle says: The steamer Harlaw, Capt. Scott, surprised her agents by
 steaming into port at noon on Friday after an uneventful trip from Newfoundland and Cape
 Breton ports. She brought as passengers F.G. Beach, a leading lawyer of New Haven, Conn.,
 who, accompanied by his wife and son, made the round trip to the west coast of
 Newfoundland, Mr. and Mrs. Hazeldeane and Claude Buffet, a McGill student, of Montreal."
- There is a story that a cousin of Dr. Claude Buffett, Major Lyman L. Simms, was the paymaster of the U.S. Military in Honolulu while Claude Buffett was serving as a doctor in Hawaii. Whether or not Major Simms was the paymaster in Hawaii as alleged, he certainly did serve in the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army. Lyman Leon Simms was born in 1878 at Kingsclear, a town near Fredericton, New Brunswick. His parents, Jonathan L. Simms & Jane Amelia Forsey were part of a migration of about a half-dozen families from Grand Bank who moved to Kingsclear in the early 1870s, said to be at the time "the highest point in the Saint John River that ocean-going vessels can reach". They sold off what they could and packed the remainder aboard a couple of vessels and left the sea to become farmers. The catalyst for their move is alleged to be the loss at sea of a number of family members over a short period of time.
- New York Times April 6, 1937 Page 23 MAJOR LYMAN L. SIMMS Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES. Washington, April 5 - The War Department announced today the death yesterday of Major

Lyman L. Simms, Retired, at Walter Reed Hospital. His age was 58. Major Simms was born near Fredericton, N.B., Canada. He first served as a field clerk in the Quartermaster Corps from August, 1916 to June, 1917.



ENLISTED MEN FROM LOWER ISLAND COVE, CONCEPTION BAY WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR I. THOSE WHO RETURNED AND THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Submitted by Judy Rogers

On July 1st, 2023 a commemorative service was held in the Old Methodist Cemetery in Lower Island Cove. Since the original article in Volume 34 (2021) there were an additional 12 names of men who served. We had 2 small plaques installed at the cemetery site and a plaque with all names was installed at United Church in Burnt Point, Conception Bay.



Plaques and Wreaths laid during Ceremony.

The 12 new names are:

- 1. Pte. Kenneth Driscoll #3208718 Co. B, 153 D.B.R.D, 306 Eng. 81st Div., USA
- 2. Pte. Donald Morrison Garland #527, 41st Div., USA
- 3. Pte. John Louis Garland #R-31894, US Army
- 4. Pte. William John Knapman/Napman #3189691, Nova Scotia Regiment, 1st Depot BN
- 5. Sapper Arthur Duncan Rixon/Raxen #2006065 Canadian Engineers, CEF
- 6. Pte. Arthur Henry Snelgrove, 42nd Infantry, 12th Div., USA
- 7. Pte. John Charles Snelgrove (b.1888) #817354, 17th Canadian Res. Battalion, RCF, CEF
- 8. Pte. John Thomas Snelgrove #1057313, 245th Battalion, CEF
- 9. Pte. James Everett Sparkes #2606, C.A.M.C, US Army
- 10. Pte. John Charles Sparkes #3090112, 1st Quebec Regiment, 1st Deport BN
- 11. Pte. Henry (Henry Horatio) Vail #427532, 46th Overseas Battalion, CEF
- 12. Cpl. Gilbert Wheeler #2125079, 58th Broad Gauge Operation Co.

Approximate 75-100 people attended the service. Veteran Sergeant Gordon Wheadon was Master of Ceremonies for this event. We were honoured to have Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson Johnston read the names of all the men. Her father was Sergeant Alexander Marshall Hudson #961 of the Royal NL Regiment.



Gordon Wheadon and Cadet presenting a certificate.

HISCOCK FAMILIES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Submitted by Rosalind Babb Stokes

Most of the early Hiscock families in our collection seem to have come from the Trinity Bay and Conception Bay areas.

The earliest record is of Josiah, who was baptized in Christchurch, England. He died in 1684. He is said to be the father of Joseph.

A Joseph Hiscock, said to be the progenitor of the Hiscock family, was a privateer with letters of marque from the Queen. There was a letter from Queen Anne in 1710. His ship was the WESTBURY and he also received a parcel of land in Newfoundland.

The Joseph Hiscock born 1724-1790 is the Joseph with whom most of the trees in this collection start. One of the collections has 33 family charts with very interesting and informative notes at the bottom of each page.

A descendant of Joseph, Richard Hiscock, a blacksmith, built the two-storey gable roofed house in 1883 that today remains a classic example of outport architecture, and is know as the Hiscock House Provincial Historic site in Trinity. Richard's early death in 1893 brought out the entrepreneurial side of his wife, Emma Pittman Hiscock. She used her resourcefulness to operate a post office and a bank from the property. This story is about the resilience of an outport woman who, faced with many difficulties, succeeded.

There is also a collection containing a map of Winterton, showing the location of land owned by Hiscock and other families there.

The next Hiscock name takes us to Chamberlains, a small community in Conception Bay South, where in 1957 Albert Hiscock was convicted of manslaughter for the death of Michael Joseph Smith. This file lists witnesses and their testimonies of the events leading up to that tragic night. These court documents hold a lot of information and can give you some insight into how your ancestors lived. The earliest Hiscock in Chamberlains was Edward Hiscock and son Edward Jr. who were listed in the 1835 Census.

Whether your ancestor was famous or infamous there is a lot of information in the above files. We invite you to come into the FHSNL and view the maps and charts, which contain many other names connected to Hiscock. Read their stories and learn what life was like for them.

SOURCES AT OUR OFFICE

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BRINGING LIZZIE HOME By: Craig Morrissey, PLCGS

More You See Genealogy

I do not possess a smart watch and probably never will. To be honest, I prefer my journeys not to be dictated by how many steps I have taken. Rather, I prefer my focus to be on the journey and rely on my stamina to tell me when it is time to go home. This has worked for me quite well thus far in this journey.

Despite lacking this type of technology, I can pass along this solid piece of advice when visiting New York City, no matter your fitness level: **avoid walking from midtown Manhattan to Brooklyn!** Trust me on this! Although good footwear is a must (thank you Blundstones) and the sights along the way are worth the effort, the three (3) hours to reach Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn would test the physical fitness of most genealogists. We family historians are usually a sedentary lot (perhaps sub-sedentary) and so our mettle and determination are tested whenever we decide to leave our offices and archives to venture forth into the world seeking our ancestors. Yet, suggest an opportunity to visit a cemetery and we are like a dog on a bone!

My wife and I traveled to New York City in October 2022 for a variety of reasons. This was not our first visit to the wonderful city that never sleeps as we love the hustle and bustle of the metropolis and each time we visit we discover something new and venture further afield to discover another corner of the Big Apple. As is typical of most tourists we have visited the Empire State Building, taken in Broadway shows, seen the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, visited Central Park and even watched the Rockettes at Radio Music Hall. But let's not be fooled, every trip for me has primarily centred around one thing - seeing my New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. When asked if I am a diehard fan, I usually correct the inquirer and say that I am actually a dying hard fan. To follow the team one must accept a great deal of drama and usual heartbreak... sound familiar Leafs fans?

So, every few years my wife and I make the journey to NYC eager to make new discoveries and for me to take a seat at MSG and take in the spectacle of the World's Most Famous Arena. In October 2022 however, there was another goal high on my agenda, one that had a deep personal genealogy focus. For on my bucket list for a number of years, was to seek the gravesite of my 2X great-aunt, Elizabeth Morrissey.

The paternal side of my Morrissey family tree has its Newfoundland origins from the east end of St. John's by way of County Waterford, Ireland. From my research I have determined that they lived in the Temperance Street area of the capital and were possibly burned out in the infamous fire of 1892. They set their roots in The Battery area of the city. At the time of the disaster, my 2X great-grandfather (Matthew Morrissey) and his wife (Catherine Luby) had brought forth into this world a healthy Roman Catholic number of nine (9) children.

In addition to my great-grandfather Edward (Ned), Matthew and Kate had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was born on 08-Jan-1868 and baptized on January 23rd of that year at the St. John's Roman Catholic Basilica¹:

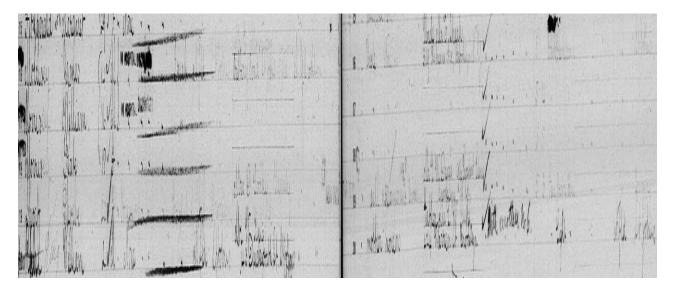
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Like her sister Julia Ann, who married a member of the British Royal Navy and moved to England never to return, so did Elizabeth relocate for her remaining years.

I first became aware of Elizabeth when conducting my own family tree research several years ago. I could locate her birth/baptismal record but then the trail stopped cold. However, fast forward a few years and in a roundabout way the New York Rangers helped solve this mystery. While watching a Rangers-Devils game with my father along with a friend, my Dad commented to the latter "Did I ever tell you that my father lived in Brooklyn with a rich aunt for a couple of years to go to high school?"

Naturally, I was flabbergasted with the news of my grandfather's brief New York history and immediately set out to dig further. I asked other family members about this new information and was told that James had lived there with a rich German uncle, some saying paternal and others saying maternal.

Further research resulted in the discovery of a 1913 Ellis Island Immigration document showing my paternal grandfather James Morrissey (14 years old) arriving in New York with his siblings William (16 years old) and Kate (18 years old)²:



This record reveals that upon arrival at Ellis Island, James and William were quarantined for a short period before being allowed to enter the United States. Their father (E. Morrissey) is listed as living on the Battery Road in St. John's. When they were discharged from the hospital section of Ellis Island they proceeded to live with an Uncle E. Scharf in Brooklyn.

Further research solved our mystery as it revealed this was Elizabeth Morrissey's husband as evidenced by their 1897 Boston marriage certificate³:

ALTERATION MADE ON THIS DOCUMENT BY ANY PERSON. THIS CERTIFICATE with Public Statutes, Chap. 145, Sect. hereby certify, that the following-named persons did on the ine 189 7, cause notice of their intention to be joined in Marriage to be entered in this office, and that they furnished the following facts required by law to be ascertained and recorded, viz. = ... -150 BRIDE whereof I have hereto, at Boston, this set my hand. 189 Registran CERTIFICATE MARRIAGE. 2329 OF REGISTRAR OF BOSTON: To I hereby certify, that I joined the above-named persons in Marriage, Bist 189). NAME RESIDENCE, #2779 M

As we can see, Elizabeth (Lizzie) was 24 years old at the time of her marriage and was born in St. John's to parents Matthew and Katherine Morrissey. Of interest here is that the official misspelled her surname, which is not an unusual occurrence when you carry this moniker in life! Due diligence in cross referencing these details however confirmed that Lizzie Morris and Elizabeth Morrissey were one in the same. We also note from the marriage certificate that Ernest was originally born in Germany and was employed in Boston as a bartender.

The happy couple's vital statistics marriage record confirmed these details⁴:

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Through the wonder of "you never know what you will find" I then discovered Ernest's United States passport application from which we see his photograph⁵:



The passport application revealed that he was born on 05-June-1874 in Bamberg, Germany and his father was named Frederick. Ernest declares that he arrived in the United States in 1891 and since that time was living in Brooklyn, New York. A distinguishing physical characteristic was that he had a "flat thumb" on his right hand for which he wore a glove.

With the proverbial Pandora's Box opening, I was able to easily find Ernest's World War 1 draft registration card⁶:

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From this document we discover that he and Lizzie were living at Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn and he was born on 05-June-1874. At the time of registration, he was 44 years old and was employed as a "Lunchman."

As for Lizzie and Ernest's family, we find evidence of same in the United States Census records beginning in 1900⁷:

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From the details of their household we discover that Ernest was 26 years old, born in Germany and working as a bartender. Lizzie was 25 years old and we discover that they had two (2) daughters. Anna M was 2 years old and had been born in 1897 in Rhode Island, New York. Ernestina was born in 1900. Also living in the household was Ernest's brother, Conrad, who was 18 years old and working in the "Confection" field of work.

Five (5) years later, the 1905 New York State Census shows that the family was still living in Brooklyn. Ernest is employed as a cook and both daughters are now attending school⁸:

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The 1910 United States Census shows the family remaining in Brooklyn and Ernest working as a "Lunchman" in a restaurant. One significant change in the household however is the absence of Anna M which we will discuss shortly⁹:

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Ten (10) years later in 1920, the United States Census reveals that the household only consisted of Ernest and Lizzie. The former is working as a cook in a hotel. Of particular interest here is that for the first time in the census records, Lizzie's birthplace is given as Newfoundland¹⁰:

The 1930 United States Census confirms Ernest and Lizzie, at the age of 56 years, still living in Brooklyn with the former now listed as being the manager of a restaurant¹¹:

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In 1940, they are still in Brooklyn and despite now being 75 years of age, Ernest continues to work, being employed as a bartender in a restaurant¹²: (An error in entries is evident in both census records, however cross referencing confirmed this is the same couple.

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According to a transcription of her death record available on Familysearch.org, Lizzie passed away eight (8) years later in 1948 on June 6th of that year¹³. Unfortunately, a cause is not provided but considerable information is provided including her place and date of birth (17-Jan-1873 in St. John's, Newfoundland), and her parents (Matthew Morrissey and Katherine Lupie (sic).

Of particular interest to me and what brings us full circle to our present story was the detail that Lizzie was buried at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. I reflected on my ancestor for many years and always held it high on my personal genealogy bucket list to one day visit her

gravesite. It is my current understanding that after 1891 Lizzie did not return to her home soil of Newfoundland. It also appears that besides my grandfather and his siblings, had anyone visited her from home. Needless to say, that other than her immediate family nobody from Newfoundland had paid respect at her burial place.

In researching Green-Wood cemetery I discovered that it consists of 478 acres of pristine green space in Brooklyn that dates back to the first burials occurring there in 1840. They have a wonderful website that also contains a searchable database which certainly would be of interest to researchers with Newfoundland ancestors who relocated to Brooklyn. Given the prevalence of Newfoundlanders who had moved to Brooklyn, I would highly suspect we have many folks buried there as is the case with our Lizzie. Although the database does not contain birthplaces it is very much worthwhile to research the names. Their website is as follows:

www.green-wood.com.

Prior to leaving for New York, although I knew from the database where Lizzie's burial spot was located at Green-Wood, I decided to reach out to the cemetery for further assistance. I was incredibly blessed to make contact with the curator, Jahongir Usmanov, who not only provided me with additional information, but also promised a personal tour of the cemetery and guidance to the specific plot where Lizzie was buried. If only I had followed his advice to take the subway!!!!!!!!

Following our arduous journey, my wife and I finally made it to Green-Wood Cemetery and its breathtaking property. Its winding driveway led us to its cathedral like entranceway where we met with Jahongir who proved to be as friendly and helpful as his emails. Without hesitation he welcomed us aboard one of the cemetery vehicles and pointed out areas of interest in the graveyard (did I mention it is 478 acres?). Interestingly, he told us that the cemetery now welcomes in the general public for entertainment including that evening when a performance of jazz was taking place. Apparently, cemetery tourism is a growing at a rapid pace and they wish to make the space more welcoming and not just a place to bury the deceased.

After a period of driving over the winding paths of Green-Wood, Jahongir finally brought us to a large section with thousands of gravesites. Leaving the vehicle, he guided us to counting nine (9) rows of burial plots at which point we would count fifteen (15) sites. When we did so, we initially thought that Lizzie's burial space was without a headstone (not a big surprise given the timeframe since her passing). However, we were delighted when we spotted just to the immediate right her simple granite marker. My heart raced as I moved forward to get a better view and spend some time, finally, at a lost family member's burial site. And a further surprise awaited us as we discovered that her daughter, Anna May, was buried there as well having passed away in 1907 (hence her absence from the 1910 United States Census discussed previously).

Our newfound friend, Jahongir, then stepped away to the cemetery vehicle, giving me some wellearned time alone with Lizzie. I felt honoured to be the first Morrissey from home to be at this place, to meditate on her journey and to bring the memory of her home.



Did I mention you should <u>never</u> walk from Manhattan to Brooklyn?????

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14. Author photograph at Scharrf Gravesite. Taken by Theresa Roberts-Morrissey on 22-Oct-2022.

IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Pat Walsh

Note: In this and previous issues of *The Ancestor*, I have attempted to pay honour and respect to our veterans of World War II and the Korean War, 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.

Davis, Catherine (nee Picco) Nov. 19, 1923 – Oct. 13, 2023, in her 100th year, in St. John`s. Predeceased by her husband Lorne E. Davis, her daughter Holly & sons, Lorne Jr. & Ken. Born in St. John`s. She moved to London, ON, following her marriage to a serviceman. She returned to St. John`s in her 99th year. Mother of Dianne Butz (Richard) of Florida, Bonnie Collins of BC, Wayne, NL & Gary of Ontario. Obit & photo Caul`s Funeral Home St. John`s.

Hutchings, Rufus April 20, 1923 – May 9, 2023, in St. John's. Veteran WWII, Royal Navy. Predeceased by his wife Effie (Green), his brothers Ralph, Frank, Eugene & his sister Rallie Payne. Father of Barbara Gibbons (Calvin) & Katherine Dawe (David). Brother of Percy, in Ontario. Obit & photo Barrett's Funeral Homes, St. John's.

Mahaney, Francis "Frank" Oct. 1, 1923 -Feb. 11, 2023, aged 99, in Halifax, NS, Veteran, WWII, Artillery. Born on Fogo Island. Predeceased by his parents, Thomas & Elizabeth, his wife Leora, his sister Louise & his brother John. Father of David, brother of Netta Greene of Clarenville. He worked with the Federal Government until his retirement. He was a 50-year member of the Church Lads Brigade. Obit & photo Barrett's Funeral Home Ltd. St. John's.

Smith, Alice Agnes May 20, 1923 – Sept. 6, 2023 in St. John's. Former resident of The Battery. Predeceased by her husband Cecil H. & her 11 brothers & sisters. Mother of Robert Evans, Wanda Cole (Victor), Craig Smith & Glenda Bragg (Pat). Obit & photo W. J. Caul Funeral Home Ltd. St. John's.

White, Arthur "Art" Frederick, aged 101. March 11, 1922 – Oct. 20, 2023 in St. John's. Veteran, WWII. Predeceased by his parents Walter & Edith (nee Knight), his brother Ronald & sisters Margaret Brittain, Ann Puddister, Jean Scott & Barbara Lilly. Husband of 65 years of Daphne (nee Adams). Father of Ronald & Pamela O'Neill (Kenneth). Obit & photo Barrett's Funeral Homes Ltd., St. John's.

<u>MORE JOISEY BIRDS – TOCQUES, GASNIER, POINGDESTRE,</u> <u>MESSERVY, SNOW</u>

Part 16

By Pete Noel

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, the Matthews name files and Jerripedia.

1. The Tocque Brothers and Freshwater/Clown's Cove

Jersey sailing ships by John Jean MERCHANT'S SIGNALS OR HOUSE FLAGS 1792 - 1900	Tocque	

Freshwater has always been of great interest to Noel family researchers because, at one point in time, the earliest records of the family were found there. The first indication that the family had an earlier residence was the court document that recorded Clement Noel's purchase of two properties from Philippe Tocque and "one Le Suier". It stated that Clement was "of Harbour Grace". A note on the Plantation records of 1804 indicates that the family had been long time residents on the Southside of that town. The Freshwater Plantation records may be an indicator of the level of development of properties there in 1804. Possibly they are relevant to the time of the purchase in 1774 as well. If so, then Clement bought 2 of the 5 most developed properties of the twenty listed in Freshwater/Clown's Cove. One had 4 houses and the other had three.

Recently the Family History Society of Newfoundland added the Simon and Nicollas Tocque Fonds (1731 -1765) to their online resource list. The documents proved eye-opening. There are not a lot of accounting records but there are enough to gain some insight. The records show that the brothers were operating out of Freshwater taking supplies in June and closing their accounts with fish at the end of the summer. I was impressed by the wide range of products that were made available to them by the merchants. A couple of early entries were in French.

The Toque family, sometimes written Tuck, was probably using the property that Clement Noel later bought. They may have been using the adjacent property as well and had sold one to Pierre Le Sueur. I had incorrectly assumed that they would be based in Carbonear where the family's descendants later operated. Philppe Tocque is documented taking supplies from Thomas Pike in 1731 in Carbonear. In 1736 he was a passenger on a ship called the *Three Brothers* that traded to Newfoundland. He seems to appear in all the family's fishing-related Samedi Court records in Jersey. A fourth brother, Pierre, settled in nearby Clown's Cove as well.

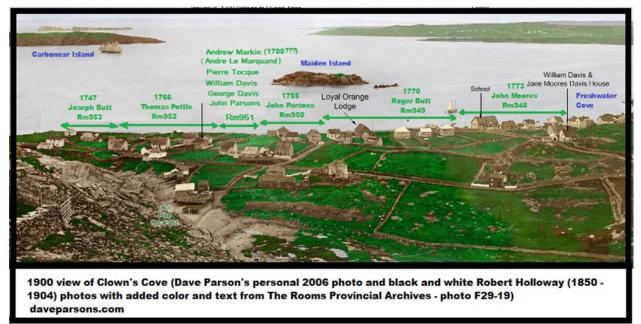
It looks this generation was not the first one to trade with Newfoundland. In 1704 Philippe Tocque (Sr?) was a witness with Philippe Le Marquand (his brother-in-law) in a Jersey Court case involving Abraham Giffard and Simon de Caen in Newfoundland. Abraham Giffard had been operating in Trinity. The Caens seem to be seasonal participants.

The accounts also indicate that extended family of the Tocques may have been employed. There are entries for the passages of John Le Gresley and Edouard Hamon. John Le Gresley was the sonin-law of Nicollas Tocque. Edouard Hamon seems to be the brother-in-law of Simon Tocque. The accounts include a range of Jersey and English participants in the fishery. The ship *Elizabeth* owned by Philippe and Francois de Heaume (Holmes) appears. The ship *Jenny* is entered. Philippe Robin had bought the *Jenny* of Bristol in 1748.

	Simon & Nicollas Tocque Fonds (Merchant Accounts)					
Year	Merchant	Agent	Customer	Location	Other	
1731	Thomas Pike		Philippe Toque	Carbonear		
			Ph Tocq		Th Hunter for schooner £800, 4 small cannons,	
			& Pierre de		gunpowder, cannon balls, bills of exchange from	
1742	Capt David Le Galle		Jersey	Marblehead, NE	Pierre Tocq on Thomas Denton	
1749	Francois Bailhash & Mr Pike	Cyprion Monnogh	Tocq???	Carbonear		
1749	Mr Chissmell (Chisman?)		Tocq???		Eau de vie	
			Tocq???		Jean Le Mointais, Jean Le Blanc rum accounts	
1749	Pike & Green	George Ayers	Nic & Simon Tocq	Clown's Cove	receipt for fish	
1749	Pike & Green	William Toecker?	Nic & Simon Tocq		receipt for fish	
1749	Pike & Green	John Kennedy	Nic & Simon Tocq		receipt for fish	
	John Pike	Francis Pike	Simon Tocq	Clown's Cove	Fish for cider	
1750	Benj Hussey		Nicollas Tocq		receipt for fish	
1750	Pike & Green	John Quinlan	Nicollas Tocq		receipt for fish	
1750	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nicollas Tocq		receipt for fish	
?	Thomas Durell	Nicollas Le Couteur	Nicollas Tocq		receipt for fish	
1751	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nic & Simon Tocq	Freshwater	receipt for fish	
1751	Philippe Mauger & Co	John Thoreau	Nic & Simon Tocq	Freshwater	receipt for fish	
1751	Pike & Green	Samuel Phellops	Nic & Simon Tocq	Freshwater	Thomas Shapach scribe? Receipt for fish	
1751?	Abraham Malzard		Nic & Simon Tocq	Freshwater	Fish oil receipt	
1752	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nic & Simon Tocq	Carbonear	6 passages	
1752	Philippe Mauger & Co	John Thoreau	Nic & Simon Tocq	Carbonear	on ship Elizabeth, pay Jn <u>o</u> Pike, 5 passages	
				Freshwater/		
1753	Pike & Green	George Davis	Nic & Simon Tocq	Carbonear		
1754	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nic & Simon Tocq		Payment to Philippe Tocq, 6 passages	
					on ship Elizabeth, buy fish from David Dolbel, liquor	
					for Ph Brocq, pay Mrs Bisson, Rodger Shelton's? bills, 5	
1756	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nic & Simon Toca	Carbonear	passages	
1756	Thomas Durell	John Geffrard	Nic & Simon Tocq	Freshwater	2 receipts for fish above for Durell	
1756	Nicholas Fiott			Freshwater	Receipt for fish	
1761	Pike & Green	Thomas Pottle	Simon Tocq	Carbonear	pay Jn <u>o</u> Moore, Jn <u>o</u> Parsons	
					Simon Tocq, John Le Gresley, Edouard Hamon	
					passages, Mathew Gosset Letter of Exchange, Doctor	
1764	Nicholas Fiott		Simon Tocq	Harbour Grace	Fenese? Bill, 3 passages	
					on Ship Jenny, Simon Tocq, John Le Gresley, Philippe	
1765	Fiott/Gosset		Simon Tocq	Harbour Grace	Le Boutillier, pay Dr Farrer?, 3 passages	

While I was perusing the Toque Fonds, another researcher, Susan Snelgrove, was combing the Harbour Grace Court Cases. She unearthed a jewel and passed it my way. The 1774 will of Jane Tocque (Harbour Grace Court, 1788-1790, pg 93) decrees that her grandson William Davis will inherit her one third share in a property in Clown's Cove. From the general description of the document it appears that she had four daughters who all married into neighbouring families. She

referred to the property as the Andrew Markin Plantation. Her other daughters seem to have had an interest in the balance of the property ownership. William Davis would have inherited on the death of his grandmother in 1778. The property is likely No 951 in the Plantation Records of 1804. I assume the then owner, George Davis, is a son of William Davis. George Davis registered the sale of his property to John Parsons in 1807 (Misc Deeds & Wills/hat tip to Susan Snelgrove again).



*To get full & excellent value you should click/zoom in on it on his website, similarly his map.

IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THIS RELATES TO THE SAME PROPERTY - It looks like George Davis then may have rented back at least a house on this or another property. He was in court in in 1828 for back rent related to the period June 1820 to Oct 1828. If this is the same property, there seems to be some inconsistencies concerning it as recorded in court or in the Matthews Files. The Matthews files state that Joseph Parsons purchased the property in 1806. The document I saw had John Parsons Jr. and Sr. sign. The property is in Freshwater but - does this include Clown's Cove? I have been told that this particular geographic name-swapping was not uncommon. The dispute seems to be about improvements George Davis made to the property. The Matthews notes state:

- 1) George Davis owes £ 4 rent
- 2) Joseph Parsons bought properties? from George Davis, James Kemp, William Marshall and others for £60.
- 3) He and Robert Marshall built the stage 18 years ago but it fell down 8 years ago
- 4) George Davis repaired it and wants compensation but lost his case

James Kemp was a merchant with diverse interests. I wonder if, from the purchase description, he had called in debts of the planters in Clown's Cove and forced them to sell.

I presume Andrew Markin is the Andre Le Marquand mentioned in previous articles and noted as operating in Newfoundland from 1700. He is probably the Anthony Markin listed as an

inhabitant by 1706. His mother was Jeanne Grante. The earliest Le Marquands I have active in Newfoundland are Jean in 1681 and Pierre in 1687. Peter Merkin was a captain in the defense of Carbonear in 1709. This was probably Andre's brother. In 1706 Pierre and Andre Le Marquand had a bill owed to Samuel Hamon in (Carbonear?) Newfoundland. They were represented by Gedeon Chevallier who was likely the father-in-law of Philippe Tocque. Simon Tocque married a Marguerite Hamon daughter of Jean. Jean seems to be unrelated to Samuel Hamon. There was a Jean Hamon in Newfoundland in 1700 in a dispute with Samuel.

Cours du Samedi: Jersev. Court Records 1704-1705 Sept 1, 1705 orane

Jean Grante was employed by Philippe le Marquand in 1700 in Newfoundland. They are in court to clear up a wage dispute over the payment made via Pierre Le Marquand. Earlier, in 1681, Martin Grante was in court for his wages from Newfoundland to Bilbao. In 1750 Pierre Grante must pay Philippe Mauger and partners for his passage and freight from Newfoundland to Jersey on the *Good Intent*. In 1721 Jean & Josue, sons of Abraham Grant, and Philippe, son of Josue Grant, owe their Dixieme tax for fish in St Clement. It is not clear whether they were fishing in Newfoundland and this is a different parish than St Ouen from which the Le Marquands came. Property No 937 in the Freshwater Plantation Records is owned by Thomas Grant. He did not get the property until 1802. This is quite a stretch from the era of the Le Marquands but a connection is still worth considering. Roland Noel records that Thomas Grant built the first decked sealing vessel in Newfoundland on the beach there.

Thomas Grant purchased the property from Richard Dolby which could be the Jersey name Dolbel. A David Dolbel appears in the Tocque accounts in 1756. He was probably from the parish of St Jean in Jersey and married to Marguerite Perree in 1759. The name Richard is common in the family of that parish. A Jean Dolbel was in court with William Thacker over a boat rental in 1751. This probably puts him in North Conception Bay. William Thacker may have been an agent of Pike & Green. Pierre Tocque's son-in-law, Thomas Pottle, may have been an agent for the firm as well. Edouard Dolbel travelled to Harbour Grace in 1768 on the *Good Intent* which will be discussed below.

The development of the Jersey presence in Newfoundland seems to usually take the form of a cluster of fishermen - either in small settlements or as seasonal camps. Initially up to about 1690 they wintered and travelled with the French fleet. Jersey ships often setup within, or on the fringe of, French fishing regions. The French practice of hiring servants for two summers and a winter

seems to persist. This protected the assets of the trader and allowed him to be fully prepared (traditionally using half a crew) in the spring when the balance of a full complement of servants arrived. This practice would probably change when working sons and daughters participated. At that point residence had likely evolved to permanent settlement.

Salmon Cove and Trinity Harbour in Trinity Bay seemed to have seen the earliest activity - being well-established by 1650. Other clusters seem to have been at Port de Grave, Belle Isle and Blackhead. Although I am not familiar with the South Coast, Burin and St Pierre seemed to draw interest. Strangely, I do not see the indications in the courts of Jerseymen in Harbour Grace before 1700 to support the oral tradition there. Possibly this port was organized enough to handle

St Ouen	the NF t	raders? from Freshwater					
2 Philippe Tocque(-1745 St 8) m (1703, St 8) Perrol	nelle Le Cornu (1675-1762) (St O) daughter of Elie	(L'Etaco) and Perronelle Grandi					
Witnesses with Philippe Le Marguand re	e NF 1705 and Abraham Giffard						
John Giffard working for Tocques 1750'							
42 3 Philippe Tocque (1704-1793) (St B) m (1726, S	ue (1704-1793) (St B) m (1726, St O) Marie Chevallier (1704-1789) (St B) daughter of Gedeon son of Gedeon						
Sold Freshwater property to							
Clement Noel 1774	Gideon married to Marie Le Mar	quand? 1664					
Plantation 942 or 943 adjacent to Pierre Le Sueur	Andre's estate in Clown's Cove	inherited by					
(possible Sweet connection	William Davis via Grandmother Jane Tocque						
Clewn's Cove ?)	(1717-1788) after 1774						
	Andre's mother was Crante. Cra						
	nearby Clown's Cove Plantation						
NF 1736 passenger Carbonear "I NF 1740	Les Trois Freres" to Medit. Capt Nic Coute	ur					
NF 1743 Salt transaction							
NF 1743 his ship Capt Abe Chevalli							
1747 part owner "les Trois Frei 1753 Accounts with Robin & Ro	res" Capt Nic Couteur (appears in Tocque	accounts also]					
NF 1758 Philippe Toeque rented ho							
		1775-1783					
 4 Philippe Tocque (1728-) could be the o 4 Marie Tocque (1730-) 	ne in transactions above?	Privateer Captains ????					
 4 Marie Tocque (1730-) 4 Marie Tocque (1741-) m Elie S(e)lous 		Hunter, Tyger, Corbet					
	71, St Mt) Susanne Messervy (1757-1835) (St H)	Mars					
 3 Jeanne Tocque (1706-1776) (St P) m (1731, St 							
 3 Pierre Tocque (1707-1768) [6] m Jane ?? 	te) sean vibert son or Philippe						
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4 Jane Tocque m Richard Marshall	and the second second second						
• 4 Patience Tocque m Thomas Pottle	own 2/3 of Markin Estate? witness widowed mother's will						
4 Elizabeth Tocque m ??? Pike	withess widowed motier's will						
4 daughter Tocque marries a Davis 5 William Davis is willed 1/2 part 1	the Markin estate in 1774 (Plantation #95	4)					
*6 George Davis inherits 1803 - se							
 3 Jean Tocque (1710-) 							
m = 3 Nicolas Tocque (1712-1792) m (1737, St O) Es	ther Le Ruez (1714-1771) daughter of Esther						
= 4 Esther Tocque (1739-1798)							
= 4 Marie Tocque (1740-) m (1765) Jean Le Gi	resley in accounts						
4 Nicolas Tocque (1743-)							
= 4 Jean Tocque (1746-bef 1795) m (1772, St	0) Susanne Tocque (1744-1816) , daughter of Philip	ppe (St P)					
= 5 Jean Tocque (1772-1775)							
= 5 Susanne Tocque (1775-1862) m (1794)	[7] Elie Slaus (1768-1848) (St. P) son of Elie						
4 Simon Tocque (1748-1748)							
4 Jeanne Tocque (1751-1827) m Elie Sohier							
 4 Philippe Tocque (1758-1830) ^[8] m Anne Ho 	well of Carboncar						
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more disputes locally. The English censuses seem lean on Jersey connections though. Father Beaudoin's census in 1697 shows more opportunity for their inclusion with 14 plantations. Jersey ships like the Speedwell in 1698 with Captain Dan Janvrin did land there. The presence of Jersey ships supports the presence of Jersey planters. Possibly Harbour Grace was large enough to handle more of their issues locally.

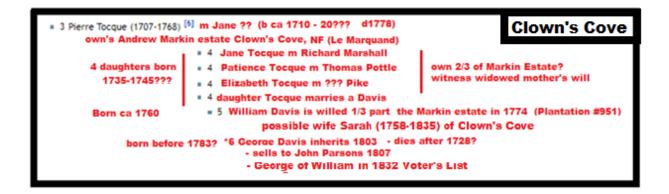
The Tocque Fonds indicate to me that Freshwater was an early cluster point as well. The Tocque brothers, Pierre Le Sueur and Sam Hamon names lend credence that the Sweet (Le Sueur), Jeffers (Giffard), Grant (Grante), Dolby (Dolbel) and Harvey (D'Herve) could have Jersey origins. These names appear as former owners on the Plantation records. Philippe and Peter Brock, Poindestre? and Peter Le Vesconte seem to be in the Carbonear area may have been a part of the cluster as well. They seem to be near the Butts on the list of signees of the 1704 Petition in favour of John Moody. A Philippe Brocq was paid by John Geffrard for the Tocques in 1756. Mr (or Mrs?) Bisson was similarly paid in the same account. I think this cluster probably preceded the activity at Blackhead.

During the French attacks Newfoundland in 1696-7 a census (below) was provided by Father Baudoin who accompanied the French force. I believe a significant portion of the 42 men in Freshwater/Clown's Cove were probably from Jersey. Legend says they fought and held the French off from Freshwater Hill. The fact that the attack comes in January means the population was at a low. During the summer operations the population probably doubled without considering the sack ship operators.

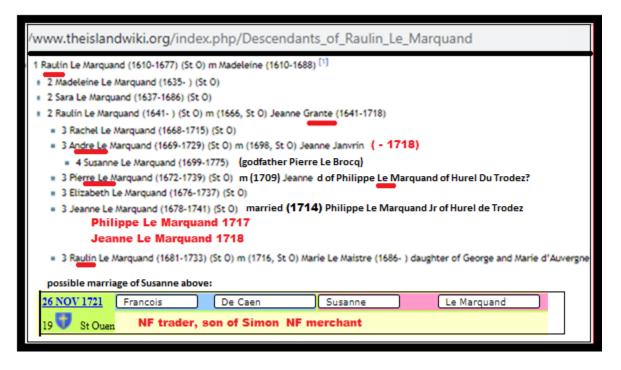
Father Baudoin's War:page 80D'Iberville's Campaigns in Acadia and Newfoundland,1696, 1697 - Alan F. Williams, Alan Gibson Macpherson

	men	planters	boats	codfish
Havre de Grâce [Harbour Grace]	100	14	15	7500
Mosquit [Mosquito/Bristol's Hope]	35	3	5	2500
Carbonnière [Carbonear]	220	22	50	25000
Croquescove+ [Crockers Cove]	30	4	5	2500
Kelinscove+ [Clowns Cove]	22	3	4	2000
Fraische oüatre+ [Freshwater]	20	2	4	2000

The will of Jane Tocque seems to point to a tightly-knit community in Clown's Cove. The family unit below is not explicitly defined but seems to fit the described relationships:

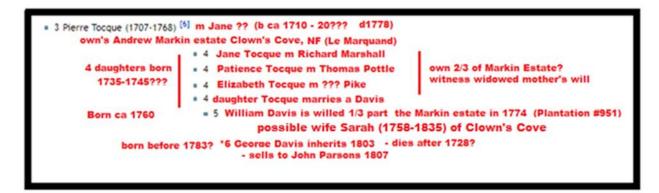


It shows a solid contribution of Jersey DNA to the Anglo community from just one family unit. This contribution of DNA to the local community by four daughters goes completely under the radar as males dominate the early records. I have to wonder if the Markin estate came into the Tocque family as a purchase or as an inheritance. The possibility exists that Jane Tocque was born a Le Marquand. Both Andre and Pierre Le Marquand's wives were named Jeanne. Their sister Jeanne married Philippe Le Marquand who also appears in the fishery. He had a daughter Jeanne baptised in 1718.



I was debating whether to add this further speculation. In 1804 we have the Marshall Plantation of Clown's Cove six over from what was the Markin Plantation. I think the Marshall name has to be considered as possibly having derived from Le Marquand (Marchand/Marshall), which is a form of Marchand (silent "d" in French). If Pody came from Poingdestre this evolution would not be a huge leap in comparison. I have always thought that the Harbour Grace Marshalls might have a tie to Exeter but this geographical proximity of the two names here raises an eyebrow.

"Speculating again, I wonder about the origins of the name Clown's Cove (by 1675). On maps of this era the names are primarily French. The translation of clown seems to be "pitre". The early French fisherman may have named the bay Peter's Cove (Easton?). He seems to have been a calculating man and no doubt surveyed the area thoroughly from as early as 1602 (Gilbert Pike, in Carbonear 1611) before seizing Harbour Grace in 1612 (and leaving 1613). The name might have evolved from Peter to Pitre to Clown."



I expect William Davis who inherited the Markin Plantation of Clown's Cove may have been born ca 1755-1765. George Davis, if a son, and of full age when he sold the plantation was probably born before 1783. This might make his father's birth around 1760. There is a George of William in 1832 Voter's List of Clown's Cove. The usage of Davis first names in Clown's cove points to the father of William born ca 1760 as being a George or William. As he inherited property from the Tocque side he may have been the first and solitary Davis in Freshwater/Clown's Cove. A Sarah Davis of Clown's Cove dies in 1835 at age 77 - possibly a wife born ca 1758.

There is a 1713 reference to Davis being in Clown's Cove but I do not know the source.

2. Sampson's Cove Plantation, Harbour Grace and Gasnier/Goosney



A Jersey court case records Samuel Gasnier (Goosney/Gosnay?) selling the Sampson's Cove Plantation to Philippe Le Couteur in 1755. This was right after his house was burned down. In 1765 Le Couteur sells to Pierre Le Cronier. The problem arises in 1766 when the Governor declares the property a Ship's Room which designates it for the use of seasonal fishermen. Cronier sells to the unsuspecting Nicollas Fiot - the Court case results.

Sampson's Brook is also known as Nicollas' Brook and that family seems to be concentrated around this area. For Sampson's Brook in the 1832 voters list, Nicholas was the most common name with three Browns, a Powell and a Smith. It makes me wonder if this might have been where the Jersey Browns originally settled.

In 1759 the Newfoundland governor was questioning Charles Garland. He orders an explanation for his burning down the house of (Sam and/or? Tom) Gasnoy in 1755. Gasnoy was absent in Guernsey. While he was away, Garland fired him for not attending a court hearing for which he had no notice. In 1760 the Governor suspends a fine levied to Mr Gasnoy concerning a contract for fish. Garland had not given just cause. Nor had he proven neither he, nor his father, had not given the orders to burn down Gasnoy's house. In 1766 a James Goosney was settling accounts with Tim Galton in Trinity.

The Gasnier (Goosney?) family seemed to have had earlier Jersey court disputes. Jean Gasnier Sr. died in Newfoundland in 1728. Philippe Journeaux was looking after the children. Henry Pynn was trying collect on a related bill in 1738. In 1743, in a separate Jersey court case Samuel Gasnier was suing the guardian of the children of the deceased Jean Gasnier Jr. He is trying to recover payment for the funeral expenses of Jean Gasnier Jr and for the passage of his son Thomas from Newfoundland to Jersey 1742.

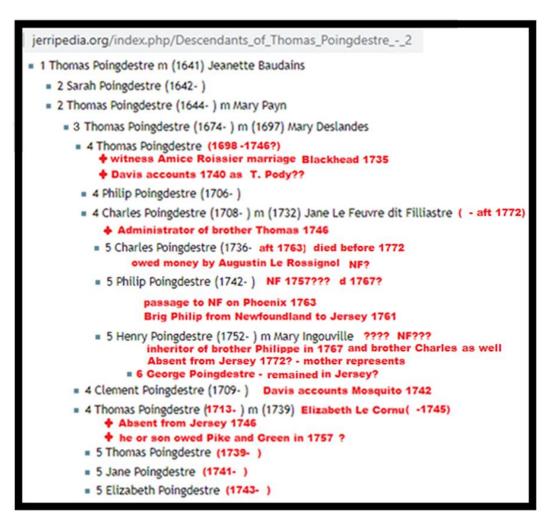
https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Descendants_of_Jean_Gasnier2
 1 Jean Gasnier (-1742) m (1705) Elizabeth Hamon (-1773) maybe died 1728??? 2 Jean Gasnier (1705- 1742) m Anne Borsh???? Beuse/Beusnel???? 3 Jean Gasnier b 1728 3 Thomas Gasnier b 1729
House burned down by Garlands 1759? 2 Banjamin Gasnier (1706-)
 2 Thomas Gasnier (1710-)
2 Thomas Gasnier (1713-1794) m (1749) Marie du Val (-1812) (St My)
2 Samuel Gasnier (1716-) Sold Harbour Grace Property in 1755?
2 Catherine Gasnier (1720-1746)
2 Elizabeth Gasnier (1725-)

In the 1804 Plantation records there seems to be a Mr Nicollas who testified as a surrogate for 3 properties 966/7/8 in 1821? Roger Snelgrove occupied 967. Roger Snelgrove buys the property from a Garland. The Garlands would likely have had the clout to work around the Ships Room issue one way or another. Fiot did sell another property to Garland, so 967 may not be the correct one....

3. <u>The Poingdestres</u>

The accounts of the estate of John Davis of Mosquito ca 1741 had entries for Thomas Pody and Clement Podaxter. Since Clement Poindestre was not that common, it seemed to point to a Grouville family with a mother Marie Deslandes. The father was Thomas (though there appears to be an error on Jerripedia regarding Clement's father). Somewhat oddly, this family unit has 2 sons named Thomas. Usually this means the first one died but I am thinking that may not be the case here. There is that example of the early Mayor of Southampton, Pierre Seale. He was known as little Pierre because of his older brother. I did not find a death record for the first son Thomas Poindestre. From this Grouville, Jersey family that appears to be immersed in the fishery, he fits perfectly with a new record. Possibly he is already the wayward son at 15 when his younger brother is named.

This is the first of some additional supporting Poingdestre records. A Thomas Poindestre was a witness to Amice Roissier/Catherine Clark (Le Clerq?) in a marriage registration performed by George Garland in Blackhead in 1732. At 36 years old, he verifies the marriage for its registration in Jersey in 1735 (hat tip to Susan Snelgrove).



In 1746 there is a record of Charles Poingdestre acting as the representative of Thomas Poingdestre who is absent from Jersey. He must pay a bill owed by Elizabeth Le Cornu wife of Thomas Poingdestre to Francois Le Four and Nicolas Pallot. Elizabeth seems to have died by this time. The tree below hopefully shows the data accurately. The same Charles Poingdestre had sons Henry and Philippe. In 1757 Philippe Poingdestre owed Philippe de Ste Croix for fish he bought. In 1767 Philippe has died and brother Henry, his inheritor, must deal with a debt of his brother. Philipe was supposed to cover the cost of the passage of Louis Carrel (Carrol?) to Newfoundland. Presumably Philippe was a crew leader and the family plantation had been established. Henry is only 15 years old at this time so a guardian is probably managing the estate. The relevant ship for this passage was the *Discovery* captained by Philippe Giffard and owned by Philippe Robin.

Henry Poingdestre was married to Marie Ingouville. In 1744 Jeanne Ingouville was trying to collect payment for a "Run" in Western Bay. A "Run" seems to a reference to what was known as a Jersey Room in Newfoundland. The money was owed to her deceased brother Philippe by Pierre and Philippe Vibert. It looks like these Ingouvilles were from a very small line in St Peter Parish. Henry Poingdestre's wife was also from the St Peter Parish. Marie was probably the daughter of George Ingouville. A George Ingouville was returning from Newfoundland on the *Good Intent* in 1750 and may have been a crew leader. He seemed to broker freight and passage to Newfoundland in that period.

I think Wayne Puddester, who did extraordinary work on his family history, estimated that the Henry of interest to his line was born about 1730. Given that he was unaware of his older brothers, this Henry born in 1752, may fit the bulk of his analysis. Wayne was also expecting the names Clement and George to be found on the family tree. At this point, though, I am not convinced that we have all the answers on this family. In the 1704 petition in favour of John Moody there is a transcription of a name (appearing to be north of Carbonear) that is transcribed as Cronistan(?). Al Beagan in his transcription had this transcribed as Poingdestre (?). Looking at the script, and with the usual suspect names, I like Mr Beagan's call on this.

An earlier Captain Charles Poindestre, who operated the ship *La Bonne Industrie* in Newfoundland in the 1720's, does not appear to be linked to this line. In 1747 Charles Poingdestre owed Francois Le Moigne for fish sold in Newfoundland. In 1755 Nicolas Le Maistre owes a Charles Poingdestre for fish sold.

In 1758 it is recorded that a Thomas Poingdestre had died while serving on the corsair *Duke of Cumberland*. Henry Poingdestre is listed as his inheritor. This was probably his oldest brother, Henry Jr (bapt 1713), inheriting. This line does not appear to be on the main line in Newfoundland.

4. Death on a Voyage to Harbour Grace

A ship named *Good Intent*, part owner Philippe Mauger, was involved in the Newfoundland trade around 1750. It is probably a different ship than the one mentioned in the Jersey Samedi Court in 1768. The captain of that ship was on trial for the death of ship's carpenter Amice Bailhache. Hellier Messervy was accused of having abused the man severely on a voyage from

Jersey to Newfoundland. The long list of witnesses included: Edouard Dolbel, Philippe Bichard, Philippe Pelgue, Charles de Ste Croix, Jean Hamon, Elie Amy, David Le Lievre, Philippe Le Brun, Philippe Robert, Philippe Gaudin, Thomas Le Sueur, Edouard Norman, Jean Norman, Jean Le Gresley, Charles Le Masurier, Philippe Gallichan, Jean Coignard, Jean Piecy (Piercey?), Philippe Collas, Jean Le Sbirel, and Pierre Laurens. The jury ruled that the man had died of an incurable ailment. That was the cause of his not working at the level expected. Messervy was ordered to pay his inheritor Francois Bailhache the value of the deceased man's clothes that he had sold.

Some notes from David Anstey:

*Oct 24, 1766, edition. "Good Intent" Captain [Helier] Messervey/Messervis
*Lloyd's Register 1777. Helier Messervy owned the "Jane & Elizabeth", Harbour Grace to Waterford. Captain Phillip Messervy.
*Lloyd's Register, 1779. "Jane & Elizabeth", Brig, 150 Tons, 12 Men, Captain Helier Messervey, Jersey to [Harbour Grace] Newfoundland. Captain & Co.

*Jerripedia. Messervy, H – Enterprise 1780

David thought (and I agree) that Helier Messervy was probably the Capt. Messervy who had owned half of property #1003 in 1760 per the 1804 Plantation Records. The Philippe Le Brun here may have worked on St Pierre Island previously and be the one recorded in the burials of Harbour Grace in 1775.

5. More on The Snows

In the last article we pulled together information on John Snow's line of Harbour Grace. It seems that for a time at least he was a resident of Guernsey for a short period during the war around 1765. Guernsey was a major centre for privateering and the opportunities for better financing and therefore superior vessels probably drew him.

In the last article I speculated that Marie Poingdestre who married Abraham Snow was the sister of an early Jean Poingdestre who died in Newfoundland in 1714. A property record shows that this is not the case. A document from 1737 provides some clarification on Abraham Snow, the native of Newfoundland, who died in 1730. The document involves his son Abraham Jr and some property rights he has inherited from his mother. His mother (deceased by 1737) was Marie Poingdestre, daughter of Jean Poingdestre and Marie Christmas/Christment. Given that Abraham Snow Sr was a native of Newfoundland it seems likely that his children were also. They would probably have been in the Port de Grave region. I see no other sign of Abraham Snow Jr in the Jersey records. The chart below brings in some additional information on the Snow family. Thomas Snow's descendants also had a broad nautical interest and some members were involved in the fishery and privateering. Part of this side of the family seems to have stayed in the Port de Grave area rather than relocating to Harbour Grace. There is still more work to do on this side of the tree. I am hoping additional records will turn up.

theislandwiki.org/index.php/Descendants_of_Abraham_Snow	
 2 William Snow (1639-) (England) m ^[2]Rachel Gibaut 	
3 Rachel Snow (1654-1655) (St L)	
= 3 Thomas Snow (1657-1750) (St L) m (1683, St L) Marie Messervy	
 4 Marie Snow (1685-1723) 	
 4 Marguerite Snow (1686-1686) 	
4 Thomas Snow (1688- 1750) m (1712, St L) Jeanne Le Cras (-1765)
5 Jeanne Snow (1714-) m (1731, St B) Jean Snow (St B)	
5 Thomas Snow (1716- 1755) m (1746) Marie Chepmel da	u of William
Capt of William NF 1731-1740	
Willing Mind 1745 corsaire NF 1749	
6 Thomas Snow (1749 -)	
6 William Snow (1750 -)	
5 Marguerite Snow (1718-1794) m (1743) 1 Daniel Laverar	nce; 2 (1756) Abraham Godel
 5 William Snow (1721-1725) 	
 5 Guillaume Snow (1726-) m Madelaine Le Haguais 6 William Snow (1758 -) m Anne Allez 	"William" Armateur Lively corsaire 1761?
5 Anne Snow (1728-1800) m (1752) Richard Le Cras	
5 Edouard Snow (1730- 1767) m Marie Mocquet Capt O Lt R	range 1766 NF evenge corsaire 1759
Capt Earl of Alb Capt Jenny 176	emarle corsaire 1761 5
5 Jeanne Snow (1733-) m (1757) Jean Mauger	
5 Elizabeth Snow (1734-1789) m David Nicolle ? Cont	re-maitre 1752 Prince De Galles NF d before 1768
 5 Marie Snow (1739-1763) m Jean Le Maistre 	
5 Douce Snow (1740-) after 1766	
 5 Abigail Snow (1742-1746) 	
 4 Elizabeth Snow (1698-) 	
 3 Jean Snow ^[4] (1678-) m Jeanne (1695-) 	
4 William Snow (-1730) "native of Newfoundland"	
4 Jean Snow (Newfoundland) m 1 (1730) Elizabeth Enouf	
5 John Snow (1730-) (Newfoundland) Guernsey Privatee	er 1765
4 Abraham Snow (-1730) "native of Newfoundland"	
5 Abraham Snow (before 1716 - ?) m Marie Poindestre (
5 Other children?	& Marie Christmas/Chrichement (b 1621 dau of Henry)

QUERY RE METHODIST MINISTERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND From Marian R. Hardy

Currently I am trying to research the backgrounds of the Methodist ministers who were provided by Joseph Laurence of East Keswick, Yorkshire, to become probationers in Newfoundland between 1870 and 1886, when Laurence died. Those who did not complete their time as probationers I am unlikely to find; similarly poor Theo B. G. Howe who died at the beginning of his fourth year, with no obvious 'paper trail' other than his stations. Some moved on to Canada or the USA so there may have been no descendants left in Newfoundland. In a few cases, the person has been found not to have come from UK, like Rev Albert Angel Holmes.

I have the following list of names which are proving difficult, in some cases even when the exact birth date is known viz:

Rev. William Swann born 1846 died Cupids 1928, born England....many of them! Arr. NL 1871 A daughter Annie married an Alexander Serrick, a school master.

Rev. Charles Myers, arr. NL in 1872..a much more common name than expected; he may have moved on. A later reference is to a J.G. Myers who moved on in 1917. Is there an error in Johnson's listings, perhaps. (I have found one such)

Rev Arthur Hill, probationer in 1874; might he be linked to Rev Jabez Hill, I wonder? (Jabez was from Bingley, Yorkshire, where he was a worsted spinner at the age of 10.)

Rev Joseph Lister was from Yorkshire...but where? He returned to England and died in Chepstow, Monmouthshire Wales, in 1892...fingers crossed for finding a useful obituary.

Rev George Bullen was born Nov. 1847, arrived in NL 1876...which of three possible people? He moved on to Michigan, died 1917.

Rev. Henry Lewis was born Dec. 27 1852 in Wales...was he from Newport or Anglesey? NL from 1874 until he moved on to Manitoba. Seems to have been related to Edwin White Lewis. He died 1906?

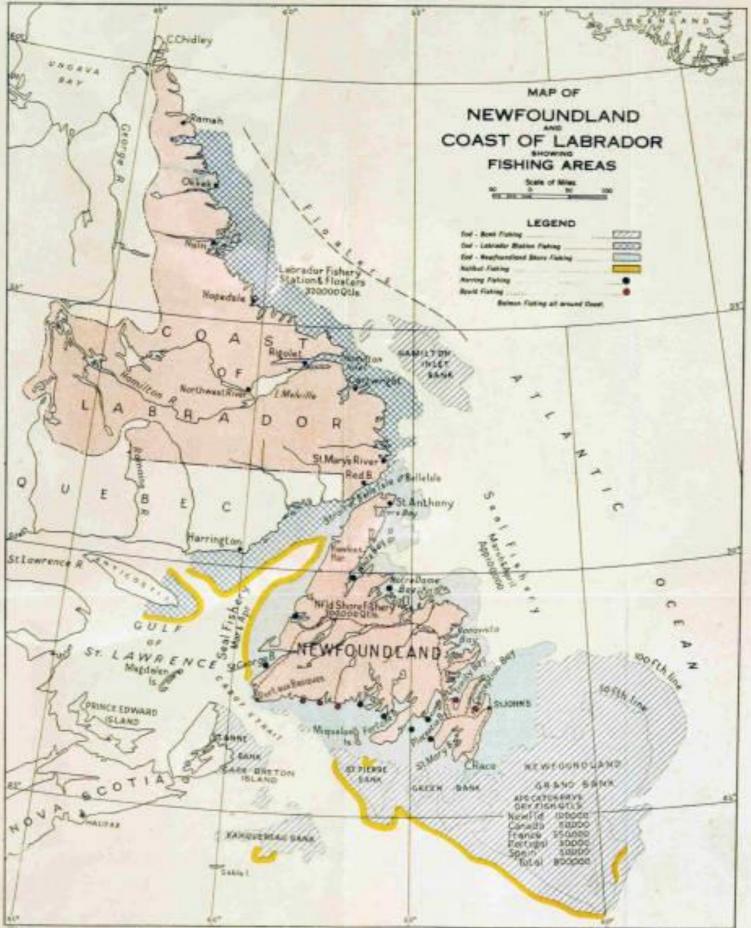
Rev John Peters arr. NL 1877.....moved to Toronto 1883.

Rev Henry Abraham arr. NL 1881 elusive!! and

Rev Samuel Reed arr. NL 1883.....

Please, would any of your members recognise any of the names as having family connections I wonder? I am interested in finding the men's hometowns, the occupations of their fathers and their own occupations before becoming probationers. In some cases they benefitted from additional education, sometimes directly with Laurence or perhaps with local Methodist education. Rev George Noble, from Kent, appears to have progressed from gardener's labourer to school master in the course of ten years. Sadly, he found the NL climate difficult, moved to South Africa, but died there in 1892.

Marion Hardy by email at <u>marionrhardy@gmail.com</u>.



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