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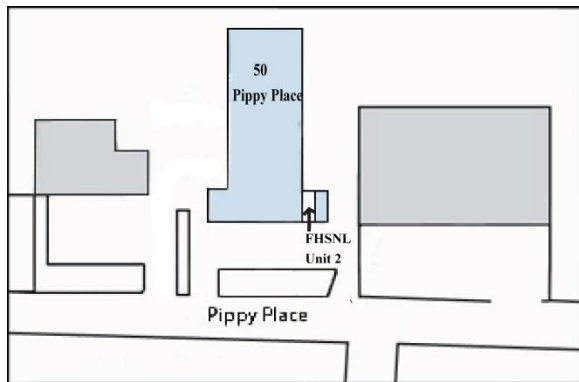
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Frederick R. Smith

For those of you who were unable to attend the last lecture for the season, we had a wonderful hybrid session, with people from across North America attending via ZOOM and a good in-person turnout at St. David's Church Hall, Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's. We agreed it was successful and that we have the technical knowhow to do hybrid meetings. That will be the norm for next year. We will start the next lecture series in September and we have many very interesting speakers booked.

We have received a number of fairly long and very interesting articles for *The Ancestor* and we have also received some short ones. We have limits on the number of pages our printer can handle, mostly because of the saddle stitch. Some may have noticed that we cannot go over 60 pages. Some of the articles we received will have to wait until the next issue. That said, if you do some summer research and would like to publish it, please send it to us. At one time we used to get many queries and we have a query in this issue. I think most people post queries on-line and on social media. But if you have some queries and would like to have them printed in *The Ancestor*, send them along.

This year and last we applied for a summer student through the Canada Summer Jobs Program and were unsuccessful both years. This has happened before when we were funded for a few years and then no funding for a few years.

We thank the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for their support through the Cultural and Economic Development Program (CEDP).

The first meeting of the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador was held on 9 October 1984. That means that in October of this year we will have our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are making plans for October - stay tuned.

The other interesting news is that we are planning a family history conference for summer 2025. We are hoping people from all over the world will attend. You will hear lots about it as details are worked out.

Good luck with your summer research.

## NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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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.



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## 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/](http://www.the-telegram.com/). Lest We Forget.

**Birmingham**, Shirley (nee Jackman), aged 100, in St. John's, Nov. 1, 1923 – Feb. 21, 2024. Predeceased by her parents Robert & Elsie Jackman, her daughter Jane, her stepmother Angela Jackman, her brothers & sisters, Robert, John, Jean Bowers, Frank, Dorothy Jones & Derm. Mother of Lynn & Gerri Humber (Kim). Sister of Sheila Patrick (Maine), Steve, Robin Kemp, Karen & Dave. Obit & photo Feb. 24, 2024.

**Bursey**, Ruth Evelyn (nee Ford), aged 104, in St. John's. Feb. 25, 1920 – May 9, 2024. Predeceased by her parents, Richard Ford & Julia Anne (Harvey), her sisters, Mary Jane, Reta, Elsie, Estelle & Ann & her son John, 2005 & her husband Byron, 2019. Mother of Mary & Anne. Obit & photo May 11, 2024 & Barrett's Funeral Home, St. John's.

**Cole**, Robert (Bob) Cecil, in St. John's, June 24, 1933 – April 24, 2024. Predeceased by his parents, John & Florence (Voisey), his brothers, Cecil, Kitchener & Edgar Wiseman & his sisters, Helen Noseworthy, Olive Andrews, Lulu Ringman & Elinor Curran. Father of Christian, Hilary, Megan & Robbie. Member of Hockey NL Hall of Fame & the Sport NL Hall of Fame, Hockey Hall of Fame, 1994. Lifetime Achievement Award for his career's work by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, 2022. Hockey Night In Canada Radio & TV play –

by play announcer . Member of the Order of Canada. Participant as a curler, Skip in the Briar. Obit & photo April 27, 2024.

**Hennessey**, Corbett McKee, Ann, in Key West, Florida, on May 19, 2024, aged 100. Born in Avondale. Predeceased by her husbands, Michael Corbett & Ross McKee & her eight brothers & sisters. Mother of Marie, John & Brian. In 1976, she married Ross McKee. A long – time supporter of the Arts, she was honored by the City of Key West which proclaimed November 20 as Ann McKee Day. In 1998, the Keys American Red Cross named Ann the Humanitarian of the year. Recipient of many other awards & tributes. She was also a strong supporter of many activities in Avondale. Obit & photo May 25, 2024.

**Luscombe**, William “Bill” Alexander, in St. John's on March 2, 2024. Born in St. John's on July 8, 1925. Veteran, World War II He was a volunteer with the Nova Scotia Highlanders & fought in Belgium & Holland. Predeceased by his wife Emily- Victoria (Goodyear), his parents John & Clara, his brother Jack, sisters Agnes, Sylvia & Marjory & his infant daughter Jill. Vicki was a Veteran; member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Bill was a long time member of the Royal Canadian Legion & a member of the Shriners. He was employed as a De



Haviland Aircraft foreman in Toronto, ON, was owner of Luscombe's Driving School in St. John's & proprietor of the Trading Post in Bay Roberts. Father of Bill, Hagersville, ON, Rob, Halifax, Deb O'Brien, St. John's, Captain Richard, St. Philip's & Phil, Cambridge, ON. Obit & photo March 5, 2024 & www.Carnells.com

**Murphy, Rex**, on May 9, 2024 in Ontario. Born in March 1947 in Carbonear, son of Harry & Marie. He grew up in the nearby community of Freshwater & in Placentia. He attended Memorial University of Newfoundland. Rhodes Scholar, 1968. Journalist, radio & TV commentator. National Post columnist. Host of CBC's Radio Cross Country Check-Up. Recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from a number of universities. See various media reports.

**Stirling, Leonard Walter `Len`** on Feb. 12, 2024. Born in Corner Brook in 1937. Predeceased by his father Sam, his mother Anna (Tucker) Walsh & his first wife Margaret (Evans) & his daughter Susan

Burry. Husband of Bernadette (Dawson). Father of Jane Soper (Bill), Bill & Joanne & stepdaughters Dr. Lesa Dawson, Christina McLoughlin (Paul) & Dr. Katie Saunders (Marc). Brother of Olga Alexander (Mike), Brenda, Maxine, Debbie & Margie. Long-time active in the insurance business with Johnson Insurance in Grand Fall & St. John's. Former Deputy Mayor of St. John's. In 1979, he was elected to the Provincial House of Assembly as Liberal Member for Bonavista North. In 1980, he won the leadership of the Liberal Party & served as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly. Obit & photo Feb. 15, 2024.

**Keough, Kathleen "Kay"** (nee Wakeham) July 25, 1922 – Feb. 19, 2024. Predeceased by her husband Philip & her son Bill. Mother of Brenda Collett (Max), Mary Baker (Calvin), Lorraine Pittman (Jim) & Mike. Obit & photo Feb. 22, 2024.



## MARGARET MULLINS – A TRIBUTE

A founding member of the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador passes.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Margaet Mullins passed away, aged 94, and we lost one of Newfoundland's foremost genealogists. She was an enthusiastic founding member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Genealogical Society (now the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador). Margaret attended the founding meeting in October 1984 and was always a keen member.

Margaret (Hillier) Mullins (1929-2024) was a tireless researcher for over 40 years. She spent many hours at the Colonial Building the Rooms, Provincial Archives, and at many parish offices on the Burin Peninsula and Fortune Bay. She transcribed early births, marriages, and burials from parish registers. She travelled at least once to Europe, to check her Guernsey Roots.

Margaret's greatest legacy is her CD "Fortune Families and Connections circa 1763-1900", published in 2009. It contains the family histories of 300 families of Fortune Bay and beyond. She worked for decades gathering the evidence and writing the book. It was published with the help of her family, particularly a grandson. Then she made more discoveries, and a revised edition was published.

Margaret served as a director of NLGS before she moved to Jackson Arm on the Northern Peninsula, and later to Fortune on the Burin Peninsula. In those early days the directors of NLGS were involved in all the daily tasks of running the Society. The one that was the most fun was preparing "The Newfoundland Ancestor". A generous supporter provided the photocopying of the pages of each issue. We would meet in the office on Harvey Road. We would all be in fits of laughter as we worked together to collate the pages of The Newfoundland Ancestor. These pleasant evenings made friends of us all.

Margaret was always interested in learning and making discoveries. NLGS began to exchange journals with other genealogical societies. I remember the day when she randomly opened a journal from the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society and gasped. There, she said, there is my family history going back to the 1500's!

We will always remember her kindness and good spirit. She was the ultimate genealogist; she was the authority on the people who settled Fortune. She loved talking to people and she often knew more about their ancestors than they did. Margaret once said to me that there are three things that you need to be happy in Newfoundland – a sunroom, a root cellar and a piano.

She leaves five children, Janice, Pamela, Edward (Ted), Larry and Ross. She was predeceased by her husband Jacob in 2011. To her family we offer condolences.

In her memory donations may be made to the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Her interview with CBC is on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T693gGBVGpl>

Elsa Flack, ONL, CG(C)

and

Randell Pope

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## An Annotated Commentary on Bishop Edward Feild's 1849 Baptisms in the West Coast and Labrador, Part II

Submitted by Andrew Ballam, FHSNL member  
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In the previous issue of the *Newfoundland Ancestor*, I transcribed and provided commentary on the first of three sets of records for the 1849 baptisms conducted by the Rev. Edward Feild and his clerical companions in some of the most remote corners of his diocese. These records were paired alongside the published journal that Feild had kept during his voyage on the *Hawk* which was used to provide commentary on my transcription and shed some light on the lives of the people that the clergymen encountered. This article will continue this work by covering some of the second set of baptismal records which document the sacraments conducted under Feild's supervision in Bonne Bay and the sparse settlements along the southeastern Labrador coast. This set of records is much more extensive than the other two – a total of 121 baptisms were recorded in the second set alone – so as an act of mercy towards the editors of this magazine, I feel that it is best to cover only a plurality of these records within this article and save the remainder of my transcription for a third article in the upcoming issue. As the first essay documented the 71 baptisms in the first set, this essay will stop at the 75<sup>th</sup> record within the second set, which brings the narrative up to the point where Feild and his compatriots returned to Newfoundland from the rugged shores of Labrador.

To reiterate, the records that have been transcribed in this series are kept by the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, and they have been photocopied by the Provincial Archives at The Rooms.<sup>1</sup> The journal that Feild kept during his voyage is available for reading online at <http://anglicanhistory.org/canada/nf/spg25.html>. Just as it was before, unreadable or lost sections been denoted as “[lost],” with presumed transcriptions based on partial information indicated by square parentheses. I have occasionally supplemented the information therein with entries from publicly available Vital Statistics entries, among other sources.

### August 5, 1849 – Little Bay (Rocky Harbour), Bonne Bay

The second set of records takes a chronological step backwards from where the end of the first set had left off. The first 22 baptisms were all recorded as taking place in “Little Bay,” but no place by that name is referenced in Feild's journal. However, his description for the community of Rocky Harbour, which was mentioned in the previous article, details an old man named Paine and his wife, who were both said to have been from England. It is noteworthy, then, that most of the baptisms in “Little Bay” were not only for members of the Paine family, but also that they were all actually administered by a man named John Paine, who was the father to many of the people baptized. It is interesting to note, though, that although Bishop Feild refers to John

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<sup>1</sup> More specifically, they can be found in Box #6 sorted under the Parish Records collection for the “St. John the Baptist (Cathedral) Parish.”

Paine as an Englishman, his headstone at the old Anglican cemetery in Rocky Harbour states that he was “a native of Jersey.” There are oral stories from his descendants which assert that John had been a soldier on a warship who had deserted his service and came to live an isolated life in the then-seasonal settlement of Rocky Harbour. While there’s no way to know how true these stories are, they do provide a plausible reason for the discrepancy regarding John Paine’s origins, as he may have been less than forthcoming about giving precise details of his life story to a church official for fear of repercussion.

Unfortunately, the notes that Feild must have made for these records did not provide many details, as no birth dates are recorded for anyone in “Little Bay.” Much of what does survive is in a desperate state:

No.	Name of Child	Parents’ Names	Parents’ Surname	Notes by Transcriber
1	[lost]	[John and Sarah]	[PAI]NE	The couple were married on Sep. 13, 1809 at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the mother’s maiden name was <b>Singleton</b> . <sup>2</sup>
2	[lost] [daughter]	[John and Sarah]	<b>PAINE</b>	“...ghter of” can be made out in the margins. This could be Elizabeth <b>Payne</b> who married James <b>Decker</b> (see baptisms #12-14), but it is impossible to know for sure.
3	Sophia	[John] and Sarah	<b>PAINE</b>	Born May 1816. Married Jesse <b>Decker</b> (see baptisms #9-11). Died Jul. 16, 1879 per the Old Anglican Cemetery in Rocky Harbour.
4	Philip	John and Sarah	<b>PAINE</b>	Married Catherine ... (see baptisms #21-22)
5	Charles	John and Sarah	<b>PAINE</b>	Born in 1818. Married Elizabeth <b>Brake</b> (see baptisms #19-20). Died Oct. 18, 1874 per St. Matthew’s Anglican Cemetery in Rocky Harbour.
6	Madeline	John and Sarah	<b>PAINE</b>	Referred to as “Magdalene” <b>Payne</b> in other sources <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> A photocopy and transcription of their marriage record can be found in Hutchings and Buehler, “Early Settlers,” 85. It is asserted elsewhere in that book that her full name was Sarah Cross Singleton based on her 1809 testimony in a murder case against Charles Pelley, who was accused of murdering her brother Richard Cross and her fiancée Joseph Rendall; see Hutchings and Buehler, 10. However, none of the contemporaneous documents shown give Sarah a double-barrelled surname or anything like “Sarah Cross alias Singleton.”

<sup>3</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, “Early Settlers,” 216 (Chart #65).

7	[lost]	John and [Sarah]	<b>PAINE</b>	
8	[lost]	[lost]	[lost]	

The first seven or eight baptismal records in this set, or at least what can be ascertained from them, match the known information passed down orally regarding the children of John Paine and Sarah Singleton.<sup>4</sup> As those individuals would have been adults by the time of Feild's arrival, it is fitting that many of their own children were baptized after them. Perhaps, then, the reason that no birthdates are recorded here is less a matter of neglect and more so that not everybody could remember when exactly they were born!

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Notes by Transcriber
9	[lost] [daughter]	Jesse and Sophia	<b>DECKER</b>	"...ter of" can be made out in the margins. The father was originally from England per contemporary sources. <sup>5</sup>
10	George	Jesse and Sophia	<b>DECKER</b>	Probably born ca. 1840. Married Selina <b>Decker</b> on Apr. 28, 1874 in Bonne Bay. <sup>6</sup> Died Jan. 7, 1901 in Lobster Cove. <sup>7</sup>
11	Louisa	Jesse and Sophia	<b>DECKER</b>	Married Edwin <b>Payne</b> of Green Point per oral sources. <sup>8</sup>
12	Amy	James and Elizabeth	<b>DECKER</b>	The father, James <b>Decker</b> , was originally from England per contemporary sources. <sup>9</sup> Amy married John R. <b>Roberts</b> of England per oral sources. <sup>10</sup>
13	Sarah	James and Elizabeth	<b>DECKER</b>	Married Joseph <b>Mudge</b> per oral sources. <sup>11</sup>
14	[lost]	James and Eliz[abeth]	<b>DECKER</b>	Amongst those whose baptisms were lost here was probably Emmanuel <b>Decker</b> , who married Maria <b>Crocker</b>

<sup>4</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 216 (Chart #65).

<sup>5</sup> Ulric Rule, "Names of Protestant Families In Bonne Bay and on the Coast from Trout River down," 1872, via the Diocesan Synod of Western Newfoundland Archives, trans. John G. Edgar, 2023, retrieved from <http://ngb.chebucto.org/Cmisc/names-of-protestant-families-in-bonne-bay.shtml>

<sup>6</sup> George Decker and Selina Decker's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24HV-X>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England), Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #5, entry #7).

<sup>7</sup> George Decker's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-2WN>, Deaths 1898-1902, Volume 03, image #363, entry #14).

<sup>8</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 222 (Chart #68).

<sup>9</sup> Rule, "Names of Protestant Families In Bonne Bay."

<sup>10</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 218 (Chart #66).

<sup>11</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 218 (Chart #66).

				(set 1, #64) on Aug. 20, 1872 in Bonne Bay, <sup>12</sup> as well as the Selina <b>Decker</b> mentioned above.
15	[lost]	[lost]	<b>[DE]CKER</b>	
16	[lost]	[lost]	<b>[DEC]KER</b>	
17	[lost]	[lost]	<b>[DEC]KER</b>	
18	Philip	James and Elizabeth	<b>DECKER</b>	
19	John	Charles and Elizabeth	<b>PAINE</b>	Born May 1843. Died Nov. 5, 1863 per the Old Anglican Cemetery in Rocky Harbour.
20	Virtue	Charles and Elizabeth	<b>PAINE</b>	Born Sep. 28, 1845 per Vital Statistics. <sup>13</sup>
21	Matthew	Philip and Catharine	<b>PAINE</b>	Born ca. 1843. Married Selina <b>Payne</b> . <sup>14</sup>
22	Fanny	Philip and Catharine	<b>PAINE</b>	Born Sep. 20, 1847 per Vital Statistics. <sup>15</sup>

While the patriarch John Paine conducted the baptisms themselves, each of the children were received into the church by Todd J. Jones, one of Bishop Feild's companions.

### August 7, 1849 – Cow Head, Bonne Bay

Returning back to where the first set of records had left off, Feild documents the other nineteen children that were baptized at the ceremony in Cow Head described in the previous article. In the service, which occurred in the house of a Mr. Charles Vincent, he emphasized “the sin of men separating from their wives, or women from their husbands, though the marriage might have been only a promise before witnesses.” Feild details one particular case of marital impropriety in his journal, but he unfortunately does not spare any details on the individuals themselves so as to not slander them in a work that he hoped would eventually be published:

One man had applied to me to be married to a woman who had been united to another man, but had left him, as it was said, before she had any children. By her present partner she had four children. The man, with a cousin of the same name, is

<sup>12</sup> Manuel Decker and Maria Crocker's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QK9Y-9S7D>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England), Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #2, entry #7).

<sup>13</sup> Virtue Paine's baptism, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24C4-Y>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Birth 1845-1891, Vol. 93, image #2, entry #7).

<sup>14</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, “Early Settlers,” 159 (Chart #17).

<sup>15</sup> Frances Paine's baptism, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24C4-Y>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Birth 1845-1891, Vol. 93, image #2, entry #10).

from Haselbury-Bryan [in Dorset, England]. They could read but very imperfectly, and seem to have led irregular lives.

It's not entirely clear if this couple's four children are within these records. If the marriage was documented, it would be within a set of records that is not presently available to the author. Regardless, the records we do have from Feild get slightly more exact as the birth dates resurface.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
23	Rebecca	William and Mary Anne	<b>HUTCHINGS</b>	January 9, 1836	The mother's maiden name was <b>Payne</b> per oral sources. Rebecca was actually the daughter of Elias <b>Gifford</b> and married Charles <b>Benoit</b> per those same sources. <sup>16</sup> She died Oct. 31, 1925 in St. Paul's. <sup>17</sup>
24	Jane	William and Mary Anne	<b>HUTCHINGS</b>	March 10, 1840	Married Sebastian <b>Benoit</b> per oral sources. <sup>18</sup> Died Oct. 3, 1927 in Innismara as "Mary Jane Hutchings." <sup>19</sup>
25	[...] Anne	William and Mary Anne	<b>HUTCHINGS</b>	October 4, 1841	Her name was Mary Anne (like her mother) and she married John <b>Benoit</b> per oral sources. <sup>20</sup>
26	[lost] [son]	William and Mary Anne	<b>HUTCHINGS</b>	November 19, 1844	"son of" can be made out in the margins. This was probably William <b>Hutchings</b> who married Mary Ann <b>Young</b> and died Jun. 25, 1875 per the

<sup>16</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 179 (Chart #34).

<sup>17</sup> Rebecca Benoit's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-2WCH-V>, Deaths 1923-1926, Certificate Number 300001-315960, image #321, entry #15, certificate #311739).

<sup>18</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 179 (Chart #34).

<sup>19</sup> Mary Jane Benoit's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279B-B1>, Deaths 1927-1930, Certificate Number 286247-296460, image #161, entry #36, certificate #292081).

<sup>20</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 179 (Chart #34).

					Old Anglican Cemetery in Cow Head.
27	[lost]	[William and Mary Anne]	<b>HUTCHINGS</b>	September 8, 1845	This was probably <b>Henry Hutchings</b> who drowned on Oct. 2, 1855 per the Old Anglican Cemetery in Cow Head.

William Hutchings, the father of the children mentioned above, was said to originally have been from Sturminster Newton, Dorset, and that he came to Newfoundland as a shareman for Charles Payne of Cow Head before eventually marrying his daughter.<sup>21</sup> But be wary! The Payne family in this community are not to be confused with the Payne family mentioned earlier in “Little Bay.” This Charles Payne came to Newfoundland via Christchurch, Hampshire with his wife Mary Brooks, initially settling in the Burin Peninsula before eventually making their home in Cow Head. Given that the way William Hutchings came to ground himself and his family in this community was quite common throughout Newfoundland’s colonial history, it is no surprise that the majority of families mentioned here were connected in some way to either Charles Payne or Charles Vincent, the man who gave his house for the baptismal ceremony:

No.	Name of Child	Parents’ Names	Parents’ Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
28	[...]a [daughter]	Charles and Elizabeth	<b>PAINE</b>	July 8, 1844	The mother was a daughter of Charles <b>Vincent</b> and Eleanor <b>Dennis</b> per oral records. <sup>22</sup>
29	Rachel	Charles and Elizabeth	<b>PAINE</b>	February 15, 1847	Married John <b>Hewlin</b> on Jul. 23, 1873 in Cow Head. <sup>23</sup> Died Dec. 29, 1928 per the Anglican Cemetery (#2) in Cow Head.
30	Isabella	Anthony and Jane	<b>RICHARDSON</b>	January 15, 1849	The mother was a daughter of Charles <b>Vincent</b> and Eleanor

<sup>21</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, “Early Settlers,” 25. See also Herbert Halpert and J. D. A. Widdowson, *Folktales of Newfoundland, Volume II* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1966), 1070 for a more specific oral testimony from one of William’s descendants.

<sup>22</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, “Early Settlers,” 24-25.

<sup>23</sup> John Hewlin and Rachel Paine’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24C1-J>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #7, entry #5).



					<b>Dennis.</b> <sup>24</sup> The Richardson family had moved to Plymouth, Massachusetts by 1854. <sup>25</sup> Isabella married Albert F. <b>Reed</b> on Feb. 16, 1870 in Plymouth. <sup>26</sup>
31	Samuel	Samuel and Hannah	<b>PAINE</b>	June 5, 1840	Married Charlotte <b>Crocker</b> (set 1, #61). Died Oct. 27, 1912 in Parson's Pond. <sup>27</sup>
32	Jane	Samuel and Hannah	<b>PAINE</b>	October 16, 1841	Married Luke <b>Crocker</b> (set 1, #60). Died Jun. 29, 1876 per the Old Cemetery in Trout River.
33	Catherine	Samuel and Hannah	<b>PAINE</b>	September 13, 1843	Married Charles <b>Crocker</b> (set 1, #63). Died in 1918 per the Salvation Army Cemetery in Trout River.
34	Ambus [sic]	Samuel and Hannah	<b>PAINE</b>	April 14, 1849	Usually spelled "Ambrose." Married Keziah <b>Biggin</b> on Oct. 31, 1878 in Bonne Bay. <sup>28</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Jane Venson Richardson's death record, "Massachusetts Deaths, 1841-1915, 1921-1924," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6F79-P4B>, 0960226 (004223250), image #785, entry #11).

<sup>25</sup> Household of Anthony Richardson, "Massachusetts State Census, 1855," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6S8W-33S>, Plymouth, Plymouth, image #39).

<sup>26</sup> Albert F. Reed and Isabella Richmond/Richardson's marriage, "Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D4KJ-P4>, 004332358, image #1091, entry #10). See also <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-9979-Q9CG-2>, "Vital records, indexes (1699-1893) - Plymouth, Massachusetts," Plymouth, Plymouth, image #153).

<sup>27</sup> Samuel Payne's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SJ-P2>, Deaths 1911-1914, Volume 06, image #338, entry #31).

<sup>28</sup> Ambrose Payne and Keziah Biggins' marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24ZW-G>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #13, entry #5)

35	Marcella	John and Helen	<b>PAINE</b>	December 1, 1848	The mother's maiden name was <b>Parsons</b> per oral sources. <sup>29</sup> Married Jesse <b>Humber</b> on Feb. 20, 1879 in Cow Head. <sup>30</sup>
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The remaining six individuals who were baptized in the Cow Head ceremony don't have an obvious connection to the Paine or Vincent families.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
36	Susanna	[lost]	<b>YOUNG</b>	July 23, 1849	
37	William	Sarah	[ <b>PAINE?</b> ]	June 13, 1841	It's possible that the mother is to be identified with the Sarah <b>Park</b> mentioned earlier (set 1, #70), who was living in the "licentious way."
38	David	[Sarah]	[ <b>PAINE?</b> ]	February 4, 1843	See above.
39	Stephen	Alexander and Sarah	<b>SHORT</b>	February 15, 1843	Probably married Mary Ann <b>Hutchings</b> , née <b>Young</b> (see entry #26) on Nov. 25, 1879 in Broom Point. <sup>31</sup> Died Jan. 14, 1917 in Sally's Cove. <sup>32</sup>
40	Susan	Alexander and Sarah	<b>SHORT</b>	December 24, 1836	

<sup>29</sup> Hutchings and Buehler, "Early Settlers," 193 (Chart #46).

<sup>30</sup> Marcella Payne and Jesse Humber's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24ZW-G>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #14, entry #1).

<sup>31</sup> Stephen Short and Mary Ann Hutchings' marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24CF-V>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #15, entry #2).

<sup>32</sup> Stephen Short's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SK-N3>, Deaths 1915-1918, Volume 08, image #357, entry #14).

41	John	John and Mary Anne	<b>HUSE</b>	March 31, 1849	Surname usually spelled <b>House</b> . Died July 12, 1868 per the Anglican Cemetery (#1) in Daniel's Harbour. <sup>33</sup>
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All of the baptisms in Cow Head were administered by Todd Jones. These are the last records in the second set which did not have a layman in charge of the ceremony.

Not many of the individuals mentioned in the above tables are noted by name in Feilds' journal, and some of those who are name dropped are not even mentioned in the records themselves. Feild highlights a young man from Suffolk who attended the ceremony, but had presumably already been baptized across the pond:

One, named Banfield, had been wrecked five years ago in St. George's Bay. He had removed to this place as servant to one of the planters, and was doing, as he said, very well; but suffered a good deal from a disease in the gums, which affected his cheek. He has several times written to his friends, but had received no reply. His father is a wheelwright in Suffolk. I felt an interest in the lad, both on account of his misfortunes, and his modest and gentle manners, and in my mind I fixed him for a schoolmaster. I supplied him with a large Prayer-Book, to be used for the Sunday service, and some school books, &c. for the children, and physic for himself.

It is interesting to note the connection to St. George's here as there was a Banfield family who would later make their home in Sandy Point. On Oct. 5, 1860, a William Charles Banfield married a Mary Messervey at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sandy Point, and they would have several children. While a positive identification cannot be made, I would wager that this can not be a coincidence.

#### **August 19, 1849 – Battle Harbour, Labrador**

The records pick up again in the frigid shores of southwestern Labrador. Owing to miscommunication, the fishermen came to shore in the afternoon and had missed the morning Eucharist. Feild mentions that several children were admitted into the church, which concurs with the records. From here on out, all of the children were said to have been baptized by various laymen, but all of them were received into the Church of England by Rev. Jones. Thus, I felt it prudent to omit the latter column from my transcription. It is, however, to be noted.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Layman Clergy	Notes by Transcriber
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<sup>33</sup> Note that he was probably not the John House who died Jan. 7, 1927 and who was buried at that same cemetery, as his age is given as 78 years and seven months (Jun. 1848).

42	Isabella	John and Sarah	<b>SMITH</b>	August 7, 1846	William <b>Wells</b>	Possibly married James <b>Smith</b> on Aug. 21, 1879 in Battle Harbour. <sup>34</sup>
43	Isaac	John and Sarah	<b>SMITH</b>	April 22, 1849	John <b>Strangemore</b>	
44	James	John and Eliza	<b>TAYLOR</b>	December 24, 1848	George <b>Ash</b>	Married Sebina <b>White</b> on Oct. 18, 1872 in Battle Harbour. <sup>35</sup>
45	Mary	Edward and M[ary?]	[ <b>SOWARD?</b> ]	October 22, 1848	George <b>Ash</b>	The surname is difficult to make out, but the parents may be the Edward and Mary <b>Soward</b> in Trap Cove. <sup>36</sup>
46	[lost]	[lost]	[ <b>..</b> ] <b>MBOLD</b>	September 27, 1848	John <b>Bone</b>	Surname probably <b>Rumbold</b> .

### August 23-24, 1849 – Henley Harbour and Chateau, Labrador

As the week continued, Feild and his colleagues pushed onwards against the Labrador current. They squeezed through the narrow passage between Henley Harbour and Castle Islands, which Feild noted had only come into existence “by some violent convulsion” of the wind and waves. A comment inserted after the journey further emphasizes the danger in this area, as just ten days later “a vessel was wrecked at this spot, having got too near the shore, when the wind failed and she fell upon the rocks.” Having become somewhat accustomed to challenging and frightening conditions, however, Feild does not spend too much time dwelling on the environment, turning his attention towards his congregation:

<sup>34</sup> Isabella Smith and James Smith’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279J-BV>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #30, entry #8).

<sup>35</sup> James Taylor and Sebina White’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279J-QW>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #24, entry #6).

<sup>36</sup> John Soward’s baptism, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-H7>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113, image #12, entry #14).

I went on shore to make inquiries about the residents [at Henley Harbour]. I found that four families reside here all the year, and three or four at Chateau, but that a very large number of persons assemble in the summer from Carbonear. These are chiefly Methodists, and a few Roman Catholics. Not one professed Churchman among the visitors. My friends were offered a house by a Roman Catholic (Kennedy) and a Methodist (Taylor) for an afternoon service. Another resident offered his also, but he bears such a bad character that I could not think him worthy, or believe that the son of peace could be there.

This will not be the last time the reader will hear of this particularly cantankerous settler. The Catholic man surnamed Kennedy probably refers to Michael Kennedy of Carbonear, who would consistently be recorded as a temporary resident of Henley Harbour in the subsequent decades. His will, dated Apr. 2, 1878, devises his fishing station and properties in Henley Harbour to his wife Bridget Kennedy (née Bailey) and their two daughters.<sup>37</sup> Such an identification cannot be made for the Taylor family there at the time of writing.

Feild ultimately decided to perform the service on the *Hawk*. He reported that there were sixteen to seventeen attendees, including some children:

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Layman Clergy	Notes by Transcriber
47	Mary Jane	William and Sarah	<b>HODDANOTTE</b>	October 25, 1847	William <b>Hoddanotte</b>	Usually spelled <b>Hoddinott</b> . The family periodically show up in later Vital Statistics records, mainly in Battle Harbour. <sup>38</sup>
48	Elizabeth	Solomon and Priscilla	<b>CHILD</b>	July 29, 1848	George <b>Coombe</b>	Sometimes spelled <b>Childs</b> . Probably married John <b>Quick</b> on Oct.

<sup>37</sup> Michael Kennedy's estate files, "Estate files, 1824-1930; index to estate files, 1830-1996," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRN-8QJ1-C>, Estate files 1879, S - W Estate files 1880, A - W, images #657-667). See also a transcription by Joanne Connors Parandjuk, retrieved from <http://ngb.chebucto.org/Wills/kennedy-michael-4-93.shtml>. Michael and Bridget were married at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in 1870 in Curling (today Corner Brook), where the groom's birthplace is listed as Carbonear. See Box #1 under the Provincial Archives' Parish Records collection for "Sacred Heart parish - Curling," Corner Brook.

<sup>38</sup> William James Hoddinott's baptism, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-ZF>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113, image #30, entry #10).

						16, 1873 in Bonne Bay. <sup>39</sup>
49	Susan	Edward and Mary	[MEANY?]	October 1, 1848	John Parsons	

Feild continued the practice of holding his holy services on his trusty and neutral “church ship” when communing with the residents of Chateau (or “Chateaux”), just across the bay from Henley Harbour. Having been presented with the opportunity to speak to someone with connections to the colonial government, some of Chateau’s denizens made a complaint regarding the earlier-mentioned cantankerous settler:

Before the service several (three) men came to me to complain of a certain neighbour, who is so furious in his temper and violent in his behaviour that they are afraid to meet or be with him. He has twice fired at them, once with a ball, and a second time with shot. They said they did not wish to kill or be killed, and they knew no remedy but to leave the harbour, and they thought it very hard three families should be driven away by one violent wicked man. I could suggest no remedy but that of holy Scripture, to return good for evil, blessing for cursing, &c. I took their depositions, and promised to report the matter to the Governor, but could hold out no hope of interference from that quarter.

Of course, Feild avoids explicitly naming the ornery man, just as he had with the bigamous couple in Cow Head. However, in this case, Feild acts with slightly less discretion in describing his eventual interactions with the source of the trouble. After the service had concluded, Feild gathered the irritable man and his accusers together (two of whom were William Hoddanotte and Solomon Child) and lectured him about his inevitable and eternal punishment in the afterlife should his violent behaviour continue. In detailing this admonishment, it seems that the Lord Bishop could not resist indulging in a subtle pun: “I much fear his heart is represented by his name; but God can take away the heart of stone, and give him a heart of flesh.”

The full meaning of this aside only becomes apparent when Feild’s journal is paired with the surviving records. The man with “the heart of stone” refers to Charles Stone, an Englishman from Dorset who had come to live in Labrador some thirty years prior.<sup>40</sup> For in his description of the actual service at Chateau, Feild notes that “the would-be assassin” had attended the ceremony and had brought two of his children to be baptized, bringing Feild to “[speak] very plainly of his sin.” An interesting insight!

No.	Name of Child	Parents’ Names	Parents’ Surname	Date of Birth	Layman Clergy	Notes by Transcriber
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<sup>39</sup> Elizabeth Childs and John Quick’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1757-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24CW-W>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England), Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #3, entry #8).

<sup>40</sup> This description of Charles Stone is from his headstone at the cemetery in Chateau, Labrador.

50	Elizabeth	Frederick and Mary	<b>CLARKE</b>	June 28, 1849	Philip <b>Vacher</b>	Philip's surname is usually spelled <b>Vatcher</b> . Feild notes that Frederick was "a Methodist from Carbonear [...] but resident here," while the mother, whose maiden name was <b>George</b> , was originally a Roman Catholic.
51	Dorcas	Charles and Diana	<b>STONE</b>	September 27, 1844	Edward <b>Bemister</b>	Married Thomas <b>Ballem</b> on Sep. 29, 1863 in Henley Harbour. <sup>41</sup>
52	Job	Charles and Diana	<b>STONE</b>	August 29, 1846	Edward <b>Bemister</b>	

It is worth mentioning here that Feild also makes reference to three "very pleasing girls" of Carbonear, all surnamed Taylor, who had also attended the Chateau service and who had informed him that "that their father intends to settle somewhere in the Straits on the Newfoundland shore." In the 1873 "List of Inhabitants of the French Shore" by Charles Knowles, Commander of the H.M.S. Lapwing, a Reuben Taylor is listed as a resident of "Morris Island" off Chateau Bay living with his wife.<sup>42</sup> Because Taylor is a fairly common surname, it's hard to make an identification here, but it is worth considering.

#### August 27-28, 1849 – Quirpon

The final series of baptismal records which will be covered in this article places Feild and his fellow clergyman back on the island of Newfoundland. In writing about Quirpon, Feild

<sup>41</sup> Dorcas Stone and Thomas Ballem's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-ZF>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #14, entry #5). It is not known whether or not the groom is of any relation to the author.

<sup>42</sup> *Journal of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland 1873* (St. John's, NL: House of Assembly, 1873), 750, retrieved from [https://collections.mun.ca/digital/collection/h\\_assembly/id/50169](https://collections.mun.ca/digital/collection/h_assembly/id/50169)

distinguishes between the French migratory sealers and the permanent English settlers, the latter of whom are paid with bread for taking care of the French provisions over the winter. As no one in the clerical team was familiar with this settlement, one of Feild's companions, the Rev. Julian Moreton, was tasked with getting to know the Anglican inhabitants:

There appeared to be eight families, nearly all emigrants from Harbour Grace, both men and women. One woman (a widow) has resided thirty-five years here [1814]: the Pynnes (the chief family) fourteen years [1835]. No Clergyman of our Church [has] ever visited the settlement.

Moreton agreed to hold the church services at the home of a Mrs. Bartlett, the mother-in-law of Charles Tucker. Feild possessed more respect for the settlers here, describing the attendees of the church ceremonies as "well-dressed and well-mannered." He recalled that 19 children were baptized while his records name 23. Most of the sacraments were administered by a Henry Tucker, perhaps a brother of Charles, and it is no coincidence that he took charge here:

No more than two or three persons in the settlement can read; but one of them (Henry Tucker) reads some of the Church prayers every Sunday, and the inhabitants meet at the house of Mr. Pynne, sen., for the service.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Layman Clergy	Notes by Transcriber
53	John	Henry and Anne	<b>TUCKER</b>	November 20, 1846	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
54	Josiah	Henry and Anne	<b>TUCKER</b>	March 26, 1848	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
55	Louisa	Henry and Anne	<b>TUCKER</b>	May 12, 1845	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
56	Catharine	Henry and Anne	<b>TUCKER</b>	October 8, 1843	Charles <b>MacNeile</b>	
57	Susanna	William and Mary	<b>DACRES</b>	June 20, 1848	Charles <b>Tucker</b>	Surname usually spelled <b>Decker</b> or <b>Dicker</b> . <sup>43</sup> Married John <b>Brewer</b> on Aug. 26, 1867 in "Lanse à Medi" (L'Anse aux Meadows). <sup>44</sup>

<sup>43</sup> See, for instance, Henry Dicker's baptism, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-B2>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113, image #11, entry #11).

<sup>44</sup> Susanna Decker and John Brewer's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-18>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94, image #4, entry #5).



						Probably died May 25, 1917 in Cook's Harbour. <sup>45</sup>
58	Eliza	William and Mary	<b>DACRES</b>	December 27, 1844	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
59	[...]a [daughter]	William and Mary	<b>DACRES</b>	December 10, 1841	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
60	Elizabeth	William and Mary	<b>DACRES</b>	May 25, 1846	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
61	Aurelia	Peter and Anne	<b>BASSE</b>	March 30, 1849	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
62	Lorenzo	Joseph and Lucinda	<b>BARTLETT</b>	October 24, 1848	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	Married Susan <b>Keefe</b> on Aug. 17, 1870 in "Lanse à Medi" (L'Anse aux Meadows). <sup>46</sup> Died Mar. 10, 1914 in Sacred Bay. <sup>47</sup>
63	Frances	Henry and Catherine	<b>PYNN</b>	July 23, 1836	François <b>Fauvelle</b>	The couple were married Dec. 22, 1818 in Harbour Grace, and the mother's maiden name was <b>Tucker</b> . <sup>48</sup> Married William Henry <b>Decker</b> on Aug. 26, 1867 in "Lanse à Medi"

<sup>45</sup> Susannah Brewer's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SK-CD>, Deaths 1915-1918, Volume 08, image #360, entry #38).

<sup>46</sup> Lorenzo Bartlett and Susan Keefe's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1Z>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94, image #8, entry #4).

<sup>47</sup> Lorenzo Bartlett's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SJ-PY>, Deaths 1911-1914, Volume 06, image #347, entry #7).

<sup>48</sup> Henry Pynn and Catherine Tucker's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-2446-5>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace (Church of England) > Marriage 1776-1833, Vol. 45, image #69, entry #7).

						(L'Anse aux Meadows). <sup>49</sup>
64	[lost]	Henry [and Catherine]	<b>PYNN</b>	September 6, 1839	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
65	Moses	Henry and Catherine	<b>PYNN</b>	June 3, 1835	James <b>Allen</b>	Married Mary Ann <b>Sampson</b> on Apr. 23, 1873. <sup>50</sup> Died Feb. 9, 1909 in Quirpon per the cemetery there.
66	James	Frederick and Patience	<b>PYNN</b>	May 6, 1849	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	Probably died May 27, 1883 per the cemetery at Quirpon.
67	Harriet	Frederick and Patience	<b>PYNN</b>	August 11, 1846	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	Probably died Dec. 26, 1891 in Quirpon. <sup>51</sup>
68	Albert	Frederick and Patience	<b>PYNN</b>	January 6, 1848	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	Married Susanna <b>Hedson</b> on Apr. 25, 1873 in Quirpon. <sup>52</sup> Died Jun. 1, 1933 in Quirpon. <sup>53</sup>
69	William	Charles and Susanna	<b>TUCKER</b>	September 23, 1842	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	The mother's maiden name was <b>Bartlett</b> per the excerpt quoted above.

<sup>49</sup> Frances Pynn and William Decker's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-18>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94, image #4, entry #4).

<sup>50</sup> Moses Pynn and Mary Samson's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9Y-CM>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94, image #13, entry #2).

<sup>51</sup> Harriet Pynn's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-243R-V>, Deaths 1891-1896, Volume 02, image #429, entry #13).

<sup>52</sup> Albert Pynn and Susanna Hedson's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9Y-CM>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94, image #13, entry #3).

<sup>53</sup> Albert Pynn's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279T-3D>, Deaths 1931-1933, Certificate Number 260001-271778, image #249, entry #24, certificate #268624).

70	Mary Anne	Charles and Susanna	<b>TUCKER</b>	November 20, 1844	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	
71	A [...] [daughter]	Charles and Susanna	<b>TUCKER</b>	March 6, 1846	Henry <b>Tucker</b>	

Despite their dignified appearance, the atmosphere in the community was rather melancholy owing to a recent death:

There was a good deal of sickness, and one young woman (a wife and mother) died; and her loss appears to have deeply affected the whole party. Her husband pointed out her grave to me, with many tears. It was very neatly fenced; the shipwrecked sailor had cut four stanzas of verse upon a head-board, and the husband had painted over the letters with his own hands. Several other graves were neatly fenced. I exhorted the people to enclose and fence a sufficient quantity of ground for a common burial-place, and dispense with private enclosures, and this they promised to attend to.

It would seem that the settlers of Quirpon eventually adhered to Bishop Feild's instruction. The earliest surviving legible headstone at the Quirpon Community Cemetery dates to 1865, and it belongs to Catherine, the wife of Henry Pynn. She shares her grave with her son Charles Pynn who does not appear to be mentioned amongst these records, although I suppose it is possible that he was the subject of the illegible entry #64 even if the birth years do not match.<sup>54</sup>

The narrative inevitably gets somewhat confusing here, however, as the final family mentioned in Quirpon had actually been encountered by the clergymen earlier in Battle Harbour.

Three or four children were brought from Noddy Harbour to be received into the Church. We had met the father (Mr. Reid) at Battle Harbour, and there baptized two of his children; and he earnestly hoped and requested we would inquire for his other children if we went to Quirpon; though he feared, on account of the distance of their residence (Noddy Harbour) from Quirpon, the mother might not be able to bring them before us. I was very thankful, for his sake and his children's, that his wishes could be gratified.

The entries for the rest of the Reid family mentioned by Bishop Feild here can be found at the beginning of the third set of records, which will be covered in the next issue. He had actually baptized three of the couple's children rather than two. But at this time, Feild and his colleagues did holy work for the four younger children in the family, who were all "nicely dressed and mannerly" during the proceedings:

<sup>54</sup> For reference, the headstone for Charles Pynn at the cemetery in Quirpon states that he died on Mar. 6, 1865 at the age of 32 (1833).

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Layman Clergy	Notes by Transcriber
72	Mary Anne	William and Anne	<b>REID</b>	March 4, 1837	James <b>Allen</b>	The couple may be the Henry <b>Reed</b> and Anne <b>Rumbolt</b> who married Nov. 6, 1827 in Harbour Grace. <sup>55</sup>
73	[Mahala?]	William and Anne	<b>REID</b>	October 31, 1841	Edward <b>Mangrove</b>	
74	Hester	William and Anne	<b>REID</b>	November 30, 1843	Edward <b>Mangrove</b>	
75	Absalom	William and Anne	<b>REID</b>	July 8, 1847	Henry <b>Compton</b>	Married firstly Bridget ... <sup>56</sup> Married secondly Elizabeth <b>Rumboldt</b> on Dec. 30, 1886 in Woody Point. <sup>57</sup>

### To Be Continued (again)

While these two articles have covered over two-thirds of the records from this voyage available at the Provincial Archives, it is still incomplete. The second set continues to cover some other families around the tip of the Northern Peninsula and the third set fills in some of the blanks from the previous communities, cumulatively containing 70 additional baptismal records. In the next issue, I will conclude this series with a transcription of these remaining records, which take the reader around the coast to St. Anthony, while noting some of Feild's relevant observations from his not-so-private journal along the way.

<sup>55</sup> Henry Reed and Anne Rumbolt's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-244R-5>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace (Church of England) > Marriage 1776-1833, Vol. 45, image #102, entry #3).

<sup>56</sup> Henry William Reid's baptism, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24C3-R>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Birth 1845-1891, Vol. 93, image #12, entry #15).

<sup>57</sup> Absalom Reid and Elizabeth Rumboldt's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24HJ-7>, St Barbe > Bonne Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1871-1897, Vol. 93, image #23, entry #8).

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## TREATISE ON THE HISTORY OF THE EARLY NEWFOUNDLAND VOKEY FAMILY & SURNAME

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The origins of the Newfoundland surname Vokey have been lost in the annals of time but a bit of sleuthing around reveals to us a possible origin.

### Introduction

Family folklore across multiple branches of the Vokey family of Newfoundland have stated that the Vokey family and surname originate from the Isle of Jersey, a part of the British Channel Islands located off the coast of France. This folklore about the origins of the family was even told by the author's great-grandmother, Martha Vokey (born 1879, Spaniard's Bay) and great-great-uncle John Vokey (born 1865, Spaniard's Bay). These family members would proudly recount how they were descended from Jerseymen who had settled in Newfoundland. Also a now deceased family member who lived in Spaniard's Bay claimed to the author that years ago in his youth he had seen a last will and testament of some Vokey ancestor where the first line read – "I, (?) Vokey, late of Jersey Isle...", though the first name of the individual could not be remembered. Sadly this last will and testament has never been found. Nonetheless, it is fair to say that folklore about the Jersey origins of the Vokey family has circulated for years.

The Isle of Jersey, as part of the Channel Islands, was connected to the Duchy of Normandy, whose dukes were also the King's of England from 1066. In 1204, during the reign of John of England, mainland Normandy was conquered and joined to France by King Philip II. The Channel Islands, oddly, remained under the control of England. The Islands were never officially joined to England but have remained a possession of the British crown to this day. Originally the majority of the islanders were of the Roman Catholic faith but adopted the Protestant religion under the Church of England during the reign of Elizabeth I. The Islands were also a refuge for French Protestant Huguenots escaping persecution in France during the 17th century. The main language of the Isle of Jersey was a Norman language called Jèrriais (Jersey French), a language related to and influenced by French, but also Norse and English. Jèrriais was used as the common everyday language of the majority of the population of Jersey until the late 19th century, and even at the start of the Second World War nearly half the population could still speak the language.

A unique feature of the Vokey family and surname is that it appears to be a single stem family, meaning that all Vokeys descend from a single family that settled in Conception Bay North, Newfoundland, sometime in the 18th century. This is a rare occurrence and may help to show that the surname possibly derives from another surname as there is no specific meaning to the

surname, there is no recorded use of the surname in other parts of the world prior to the 18th century, and the surname was not attributed to the family based on an occupation or a geographical location as in surnames like Sheppard, Smith, Tanner, Attwood, Heath or Oak. Similarly the chance that an illiterate fisherman living on the rugged coast of Newfoundland would randomly pick this surname seems far fetched to say the least. The author has only found one instance where the Vokey surname has been in use but the family is not a relation of the Vokey family of Newfoundland, and that was in the mid-west United States where an immigrant family changed their surname to Vokey in the 1950's. Of course this single stem family does not preclude the surname Vokey being used in other parts of the world such as Southeast Asia or Latin America where as an English transliteration of a local language the name may appear.

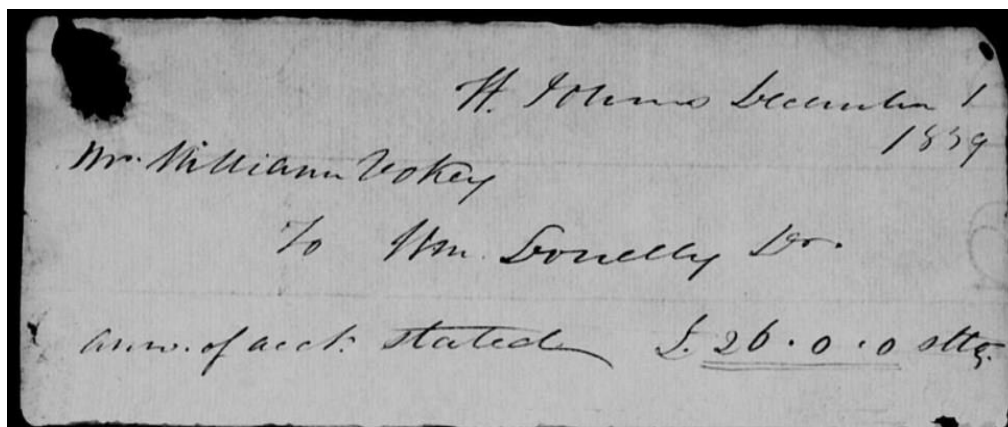
### **The Written Record**

The earliest found recorded instance of the surname Vokey being used by a resident in Newfoundland is a 1782 marriage in the Harbour Grace Church of England parish registers. The record is for the marriage of a Sarah Vokey and a John Coombs. In this instance the surname is written as Vokie, but essentially the same surname. The second instance is a Harbour Grace Surrogate court record from 1787, where a Mary Vokey is recorded, using the spelling of the surname as seen to this day. Other court and church records from the early 1800's also record the surname as Vokey. The inference here is that the, most probably English, recorder of the surname heard Vokey and spelt it as such. There would have been no indication of how to spell the surname from the Vokey family member because up till about the mid-1800's nearly all were illiterate. This is clearly illustrated with church records and wills that are consistently signed with "the mark", normally an X, of the Vokey signatory, as opposed to a written signature. There are several exceptions to how the surname was spelt in early written documents. This includes Harbour Grace court records and regional voter lists from the early 1800's and also a return from the Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor for Harbour Grace for the year 1848. In these documents the surname Vokey is sometimes spelt Vocquay or Vocque. What we can ascertain from this is that what was recorded by these local government employees was their interpretation of what they heard when the surname was communicated to them. Was this from a Vokey family member themselves or from another official is unknown but clearly there was a different inflection when the surname was spoken. The first syllable of the name Vo- is probably pronounced very similarly but is elongated with a c sound and the hard end of -key pronounced like the word key is softened to sound like -kay, as in "que sera, sera". In essence the same surname but much softer to the ears, and one could interpret this as a move away from a clear concise Germanic-English sound to a more smooth Continental-Latin sound, which may be how the early Vokey family pronounced their surname.

HARBOUR GRACE POOR RETURN—(CONTINUED.)				
No.	NAMES OF PERSONS RELIEVED.	QUANTITY OF RELIEF.		LABOUR OBTAINED, WORK ON THE PUBLIC ROADS.
		INDIAN MEAL.	MOLASSES	
		<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Gals.</i>	
128	John Gosse, sen. ....	313	1	23 Days at 2s.
129	Aaron Vocque (Philip) .....	256	2	18 " "
130	Moses Butt .....	326	"	18 " 2s. 6d.
131	Alfred Butt .....	196	4	16 " 2s.
132	William Brown (Robert) .....	236	"	15 " "
133	Jonathan Vocque, sen. ...	207	1	14 " "
134	John Vocque (Philip) .....	177	2	13 " "
135	Solomon Brown .....	283	"	22 " "
136	Jonathan Kennedy .....	283	"	21 " "
137	William Piddle (John) ...	392	"	20 " " & 10 sticks, 10s.
138	James Brown ...	254	3	21 " "
139	Bethel Barrett .....	343	"	23 " "
140	William Walsh .....	176	1	12 " "
141	William Vocque, sen. ....	686	3	37 " 2s. 6d.
142	John Vocque (William) .....	554	2	37 " 2s.
143	Caleb Anthony .....	490	3	20 " 2s. and 13 at 2s. 6d.
144	John Noseworthy (John) .....	510	4	36 " 2s.
145	William Balden .....	301	1	20 " 2s. and 1 at 2s. 6d.
146	William Jure .....	388	2	30 " 2s.
147	Philip Jones .....	490	5	36 " "
148	Philip Vocque (Philip) .....	441	3	33 " "
149	William Gosse (Robert) ...	471	2	34 " "
150	Alfred Gosse .....	98	"	6 " "
151	Humphry Neal .....	75	"	5 " "
152	Thomas Murrin .....	56	2	5 " "
153	William Baker (widow's son) .....	392	2	27 " "
154	William Vocque (Philip) .....	357	"	25 " "
155	Robert Gosse .....	388	2	30 " "

*Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor for Harbour Grace Report 1848*

One could assume the church books kept by the Church of England ministers, mainly from England and educated there, would use an anglicised version of what they heard and there would have been a motivation to anglicise a name as Great Britain consolidated its claim of the Newfoundland territory. This might explain why Vokey is consistently spelt Vokey in the Church of England parish registers from the earliest known instance going forward. This same logic may not have applied so wholeheartedly to government workers and court magistrates, many locally born, and this may explain why we see such variances in the Vokey surname in these documents.



*Promissory note of William Vokey to William Donnelly  
originally of Spaniard's but now of St. John's for £26  
pounds dated 1839 with the anglicised spelling of the Vokey  
surname*

What can be concluded by the anomalies in the Vokey surname in the written record? They may indicate that the Vokey surname that is clearly pronounced Vo-key today was not how it was pronounced in the late 1700's or early 1800's, that the surname had a softer inflection as a result of the accents of the early Vokey family. While the common language of the British Newfoundland colony was English, many of those arriving from other countries in the 1600 and 1700's spoke different languages and dialects from France, the Channel Islands, Portugal, and Ireland amongst others, and these home country languages would be used locally within families and also between communities of the same origin. The need for a common language of commerce and the emergence of local, mainly church run, outport schools in the early 1800's meant that these home country languages would fade with time. The accent used by the Vokey family in these early days may have been local regional dialectal accents of Conception Bay North or may be an indication that the family had a different home country language other than English. Could these variant spellings help us to find the origins of the surname and possibly confirm the folklore that the family originated from the Isle of Jersey? At a minimum they help us to conclude that there is a possibility that the surname is continental in origin and not from the British Isles.

### **Settlement of Newfoundland**

It is a known fact that the fishermen of Jersey were active in persecuting the fishery off the coast of Newfoundland and the Grand Banks from as early as the 1600's. Initially they were seasonal fishermen arriving in the summer months and returning to Jersey for the winter, but with time, starting in the second half of 1600's, Jersey men settled along the eastern coast of the Island, bringing over family and marrying locally with other settler families – primarily to English families that also followed the Protestant faith, as opposed to the French, Irish or Portuguese who were of the Roman Catholic faith. Many records from the 1700 and 1800's detail the family connections to Jersey. An example is the last will and testament of Francis Romville of Broad Cove, Conception Bay North, written in 1806, where he states he is “a native of the Island of Jersey and present inhabitant of Broad



Cove, Conception Bay in Newfoundland”, and where he makes a bequest to “my daughter Margaret in the Island of Jersey”, demonstrating the connections between Newfoundland and Jersey were ongoing. The parish registers of Jersey from the 17th, 18th and 19th century also show these connections with entries listing individuals and place names from Newfoundland.

The author H. W. le Messurier in his article entitled “*The Early Relations between Newfoundland and the Channel Islands*” published in 1916, details the connection between Jersey and Conception Bay North – “...we find in Conception Bay many places the names of which are evidently of Channel Island origin. ...Carbonear is a corruption of Charbonier, which was the name given to it by the Jerseymen, as they had charcoal pits there at a very early period. ...At Mosquito Cove near Carbonear there was a Jersey establishment very early in the history of Newfoundland. These fishing establishments were called rooms and it is quite usual in (Newfoundland) to speak of them as ‘Jersey rooms’. Harbour Grace is no doubt an Anglicisation of Havre de Grace and was not named by the French, as they never resorted to Conception Bay either for fishing or for settlement, but it is a well-known fact that at a very early period two Jersey firms had fishing establishments there. The ground on which the (Harbour Grace) Post Office stands and the land adjacent belonged to the Gushue family from time immemorial and was known as the ‘Jersey room’. Gushue is a corruption of Guizot, the name of a well-known Jersey family. As a proof that the Gushues were originally Guizots they can show a piece of silver with the name Guizot on it, which has been handed down for generations. Near the waterside of this property was a large rock in which an iron ringbolt was fastened, used in mooring ships, and on it were cut names and letters in old Jersey style. The De Quettevilles had an establishment on the south side of Harbour Grace, also known as the ‘Jersey room’, very early in the sixteenth century. ...Bay Roberts was originally Bay de Roberts; the Roberts were a Jersey family. A prominent hill in this place is still called Prelaux Hill, after two Jerseymen who lived there. Near the southeast point of Conception Bay lies the little fishing village of Bauline; there can be no doubt that the original name was Baleine, after a place in the island of Sark (of the Channel Islands) which it very much resembles. The names of many of the inhabitants of Conception Bay are reminiscent of the Channel Islands. Gushue (Guizot), Puddister (Poingdistre), Pasher (Perchard), Hookey (Le Huquet), Le Grow (Le Gros), Fillier (Filleul), Hawcoe (Hacquoil), Nichol (Nicolle), Piccott (Picot), Furey (Le Huray), Norman, Noel, Le Drew, Gosselin, Grouchey (Gruchy), Murrin (Mourant), Cernew (Quenault) are names peculiar to Jersey and Guernsey and prove the descent of these people. It cannot be argued that they are of French descent, as no French ever settled in Conception Bay or resorted there for fishing, and the people who bear these old Norman names have been settled there for generations.”

### **Possible Original Surname**

Given the strong connections between Conception Bay and Jersey Island, could the Vokey family also be from Jersey, and, if so, what potentially could be the original Jersey surname? Many people have looked for the Vokey surname in Jersey to no avail, but if the surname does originate in Jersey, one would have to look for the non-anglicised Norman surname, which to most would appear French sounding. When reviewing the surnames of Jersey one surname Le Voguer emerges, which when pronounced in French could

potentially sound like Le Vogay, so a similarity to Vokey. Unfortunately the surname Le Voguer appears to have only emerged in the 19th century and the surname cannot be found in 17th or 18th century records. Further reviewing of 17th and 18th century surnames of Jersey reveals some other options but could any of them actually be the origin of the surname Vokey? One surname that does have a potential could be the surname Vautier, though in our regular understanding of the French pronunciation of the name it would sound something like Vo-ti-ay, but how would it sound in Jèrriais, the local language of Jersey, is unknown.

Luckily there may actually be an example of how this surname sounded in Jèrriais in the written record, though not in Newfoundland but in Quebec. In the Roman Catholic parish of St-Michel in Percé on the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec there is recorded in 1850 and 1851 the baptisms of two girls by the names of Catherine and Elizabeth Jane born to a father with the name of John Voky, a fisherman living in the small coastal village of Newport, Quebec. The entries are clearly written and no doubt can be had that the surname written is Voky. Upon further investigation of this John Voky by researching the census rolls and further parish registers it emerges that in fact this John Voky is actually John Vautier of the Island of Jersey, born in 1818 to Jean (John) Vautier and Susanne Le Brun. John Vautier settles permanently in Quebec and dies of old age in the Gaspé Peninsula region in 1900, but in 1850 it would appear he was recently arrived from Jersey, and astonishingly when he communicates his surname to a French Quebec Roman Catholic priest in 1850 and 1851, the priest records the surname as Voky. This is the clearest indication that perhaps in Jèrriais the surname Vautier sounded very much like Vokey. John Vautier is the father of at least six more children born after these two girls and these births are recorded correctly as Vautier – perhaps as John Vautier mingled with the local inhabitants both English and French his Jèrriais accent faded. Interestingly the Canadian census records use the surname Votier until 1891 when thereafter the surname is correctly listed as Vautier. Two other points are worth noting – his children were all baptized Roman Catholic which would conflict a bit with the Church of England religion that was predominate in Jersey and that John Vautier was born into in 1818. This can be explained by the fact that he married a Roman Catholic Irish girl by the name of Bridget Glynn. Their marriage record has not be located in Quebec so a possible scenario is that he sailed from Jersey to Ireland on a fishing expedition, and married Bridget in Ireland and then sailed for Canada with her. The second point is that notwithstanding the fact that his wife and children were all Roman Catholic, John Vautier never changed his religion and is recorded consistently in the Canada census returns right up till his death as Church of England, demonstrating that deeply held Protestant faith of his forbearers.

A small postscript to understanding how the surname Vautier may have been pronounced in Jersey can also be seen in one entry within the parish registers of the island itself. The family of Jean Vautier and Marie Betram become the parents of multiple children born between 1797 and 1814 and all baptismal entries are listed with the surname Vautier except one. In 1799 for the birth of their daughter Elizabeth the surname is written in the parish register as Vauquer. This surname would be pronounced as Vo-kay in the French language. Why this anomaly occurred is unknown - was there a new priest or visiting priest in the parish who was unfamiliar with the family surname? While we will probably never be able to know why this one anomaly occurred, it does again give an indication that the

pronunciation of Vautier in Jersey may have sounded something like Vokey in the earlier days. If we see Vautier as a potential original surname for Vokey, the next question must be is there a way to connect the Vautier family of Jersey with the Vokey family of Newfoundland.

### Early Vokey Family

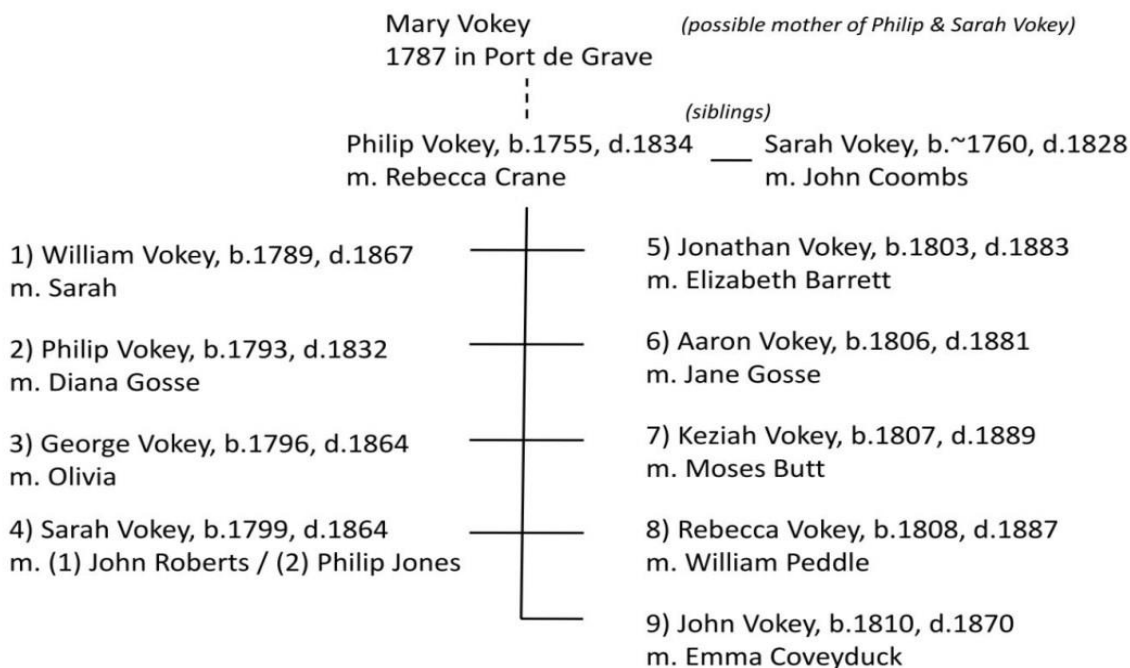
We must first look at what the early records of Newfoundland tell us about the Vokey family. The Conception Bay Plantations Book gives us information on at least two Vokeys in the area – one a Thomas Vokey, the other a Philip Vokey. Thomas Vokey is listed as selling land in Western Bay in 1783. Western Bay is much further up the coast in Conception Bay North, and no further mention of the Vokey surname occurs in this area after that date. There is also a Thomas Vokey listed as crew member upon a fishing vessel called the Adventure Way in the late 1760's. There is a chance that this Thomas Vokey who sold land is the same Thomas Vokey listed as a crew member but there is no way to prove that. What can be shown is that this Thomas Vokey did not leave any descendants in Newfoundland that carried the Vokey surname and, after he sold his land in Western Bay in 1783, no other record of him exists. One can come to the conclusion he either died with no issue or no male issue or he left Newfoundland and returned to where he had come from – the selling of his land in 1783 may imply that. To at least suggest that he may have come from Jersey and using our hypothesis of the Vautier surname being the origin of the Vokey surname, one would have to confirm if there was any person by the name of Thomas Vautier in Jersey in the relevant timeframe. A search of Jersey records reveals that in fact there are several candidates born in the first half of the 18th century that could be this Thomas Vokey noted above. There could be an argument put forward that Thomas is related to Philip Vokey, perhaps even his father, but the name Thomas is completely absent from the descendants of Philip Vokey or his sister until many generations down, and this would seem odd if Thomas was in fact Philip's father.



*One of the earliest photographs of Spaniard's Bay taken in 1887 by S.H. Parsons, originally published in the US magazine Philadelphia Photographer of February 5th, 1887 and referenced in The Colonist St. John's newspaper of February 24th, 1887.*

Our second Vokey from the Conception Bay Plantations Book is a much more well known character to researchers of the Vokey family. The Philip Vokey mentioned is with near certainty the Philip Vokey who was born around 1755 and died in 1834 at Spaniard's Bay. The Conception Bay Plantations Book lets us follow a bit of his early journey in Newfoundland with him being originally at Port de Grave, selling that property in 1787, moving to Upper Island Cove, where he developed a back lot which he then sold to his sister's husband and then finally settling in Spaniard's Bay where he cleared and created a homestead in 1799. The selling of the land in Port de Grave that is listed in the Conception Bay Plantations Book may in fact not have been his property at all, but that of a Mary Vokey, as the Harbour Grace Sessions Court Minute Book details a selling of land by her at Port de Grave in the same year 1787. Who was this Mary Vokey – the mother or sister of Philip? Given she was the one who sold the property, there is a good chance that in fact she is a widow, as it would be a rare instance to see a single woman as the seller of a property though not unheard of. So potentially we can attach this Mary Vokey as the mother of Philip Vokey. We also know by a marriage record from 1782, detailed earlier, that a Sarah Vokey married a man by the name of John Coombs. A lawsuit filed against John Coombs in 1825 by Philip Vokey attests to the fact that this Sarah Vokey is a sister to Philip Vokey and Philip Vokey has at least two sons, William and George. Further analysis of church records, voter lists, court records and other documents allows us to create an early Vokey family structure.

#### Early Vokey Family Structure



All descendants of the Vokey family today can trace their roots back to this family. There are claims that Philip and Sarah Vokey had further siblings, and in all likelihood they did. Further siblings that have been put forward include a sister Mary Vokey who married John Goodyear, and a sister Anne Vokey who married Richard Gosse, but both of these claims are folklore that may or may not be true, with this author not having encountered any data or theories to support these claims.

The Vokey family were staunch Protestants and members of the Church of England. Family members were active in the Masonic Lodge, the Oddfellows and the Orange Order amongst others - all Protestant associations. There was very little intermarrying even into other Protestant faiths and none into the Roman Catholic faith until the latter half of the 1800's, and still a marriage into the Roman Catholic faith in 1889 caused such a stir in Spaniard's Bay that a Vokey father disowned his daughter completely. This strict adherence to the Church of England is in line with those from the Channel Islands, many of whom were persecuted Protestant Huguenots from mainland France who found refuge in the islands and proclaimed their faith in both terms of survival and devotion.

Another interesting point to look at is the names given to the children of Philip and Rebecca. Nearly all names are seen when comparing them to the Vautier families from Jersey, including Aaron. Names such as Robert and Henry for example are not prevalent in the Vautier families of Jersey, nor are they prevalent in the early Vokey family of Newfoundland and are not seen at all in the first three generations. Though anglicised, all given names have easy French Norman equivalents such as Jean for John, Georges for George, Philippe for Philip, Marie for Mary, Sara for Sarah, etc. Hence the given names of the early Vokey family in Newfoundland correspond quite closely to the names we see used by the Vautier families of Jersey, and family naming conventions of this time period tended to use forebear's given names. The only name that lacks common use in the Vautier families of Jersey is William (Guillaume), where it is not recorded once in the 18th century being used by the Vautier family, though it is seen in the 17th and 19th centuries. Its inclusion in the given names of the early Vokey family may be related to the family of Rebecca Crane from Upper Island Cove.

### **From Jersey to Newfoundland**

It is assumed with some confidence that the children of Philip and Rebecca were born in Newfoundland, as Rebecca Crane was from Upper Island Cove, a short way up the coast from Spaniard's Bay going east. The unknown is whether Philip and his sister Sarah were born in Newfoundland. A search of Jersey Island births for the period of 1740 to 1760 does not reveal any obvious contenders for siblings Philip and Sarah, with the surname Vautier or otherwise. There is a Philippe Vautier born in 1752 to Thomas and Marie Vautier but the records indicate he stayed in Jersey and married there. For Philip and Sarah Vokey to both be in Newfoundland in the second half of the 1700's, one of two scenarios has to have occurred – 1) they were both born in Jersey and came with their parents or themselves to Newfoundland or 2) they were born in Newfoundland. Given that no birth records of a Philip or Sarah that would work with our given family structure appears to exist in Jersey we must conclude that if the Vokey family is from Jersey, that Philip and Sarah were born in Newfoundland. If we work with that assumption and no birth records for that period exist in Newfoundland, our only option is to look and see if

any potential Jersey couples exist that could potentially work as the parents of Philip and Sarah. Also looking for the possibility that the mother is named Mary (Marie), which would tie into the proposed structure above. Alternatively the father of Philip and Sarah could have been an unmarried Jerseyman who arrived on a fishing vessel during the period and who stayed and married a local woman – this scenario would make pinpointing potential individuals a bit harder.

An extensive review of the birth, marriage and death records of Jersey for the 18<sup>th</sup> century in fact reveals only one couple that could possibly be the parents of Philip and Sarah. This is Philippe Vautier of St Ouen parish, Jersey who marries Marie Chapelle on 25/01-1730. Philippe is born either 1703 or 1704, son of another Philippe Vautier, and Marie is born 1709, daughter of Philip and Magdelene Chapelle. There are no baptismal records of a child born to this couple and no obvious death records, so an indication they may have left the island for somewhere abroad. The problem with this marriage is that if we assume the birth of Philip Vokey born 1755 is relatively close to his actual birth year. Marie Chapelle would be 46 years at the time of his birth, not impossible but a rarer occurrence in those days. It would also assume that any siblings of Philip Vokey born 1755 would have to be older than him and born prior to 1755. If this Marie Chapelle is the Mary Vokey who sold land in 1787 in Port de Grave, then she would be 78 years of age at that point, again not impossible but a ripe old age for the period. If this scenario seems implausible then the only other option is that the father of Philip and Sarah Vokey arrived in Newfoundland as an unmarried man and married a local woman of another settler family.

## Conclusion

There has been some effort to see if the Vokey family ties to England proper with some proposing that the English Voke family may be the origins of the surname and family.



This seems unlikely as the surname is pronounced the same as the verb poke and is only one syllable. Whereas the Vokey surname is clearly two syllables. Additionally, the name Philip, which is very prominent in the Vokey family of Newfoundland does not occur at all in the Voke Family of England, making it highly unlikely to be the origins of the family.

*Street sign for Vokey's Road in Spaniard's Bay*

While this analysis has not furthered the origins of the Vokey family and surname with 100% certainty, I hope that it has given a possible indication of the origins of the surname and will help to continue the analysis into the future. I do believe there are numerous indications that the Vokey family originates from Jersey Island and hopefully one day the data will be found to prove it.

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STRAYS DEATHS AFAR

Compiled by Pat Walsh

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 & people of Bell Island, NL with particular emphasis on the Wabana iron –ore mining operation. Thank you to Gail Hussey-Weir, this public group page has over 4, 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 listed.

**Bown**, Ida (nee Sturge) on March 10, 2014, in Brampton, ON. Born in Safe Harbour, daughter of Alfred & Beatrice Sturge. Wife of 56 years of Fred. Obit & photo March 22, 2014.

**Burke**, Sister Mary Anthony, Order of St. Clare , on Feb. 19, 2013 , aged 89 in Lawrence, Ma. She was born in St. John’s on May 7, 1923, daughter of Pierre & Catherine (Smith) Burke. She entered Religious Life on Sept. 24, 1948. Sister of Rev. Michael M. Burke of Corpus Christi, Texas. (He died on Aug. 21, 2016, aged 91) .Funeral services at the Monastery of St. Clare, Andover, Ma. Obit in *The Lowell Sun*.

**Burt**, Rosella “Rose” (nee Browne) on June 8, 2020 in Orleans, ON. Born on May 25, 1923 in Windsor, daughter of Thomas Henry Browne of Brown’s Cove, Sound Island, Placentia Bay & Angela Mary Shea Browne of Bar Have, Placentia Bay. Predeceased by her husband Robert Burt & her son Gerald

Robert. Mother of Col. David (Ret’d) . Obit submitted to the Society.

**Cole**, Jessie Christine (nee Penney) Nov. 14, 1932 – March 21, 2024 in Dartmouth, NS. Born in Carbonear, daughter of Master Mariner Stephen L. Penney & Cecilia (Butt) R. N. class of 1954. She married Nathaniel Cole of Victoria, NL on Aug. 25, 1955. Mother of Winston, David & Stephen, She was a church organist & choir director & piano teacher. Predeceased by her parents & husband Nathaniel & her sons David (March 2023) & Stephen (Nov. 2023) & her brothers & sisters, William, Malcolm, Mona, Clyde, Norma, Les, Rob & Flora Head (Lloyd). Obit & photo March 30, 2024.

**Doerr**, Christopher H. of Hanson, Ma on March 7, 2017, in Brockton, MA , aged 47. Born in NL on Feb. 11, 1970, son of Allan & Donna (Perkins ) Doerr. He grew up in Andover, Ma. Husband of three years of Blodine Francois. Father of Kyle. Brother of

Patrick & Melissa Mallous. Obit in an unnamed & undated newspaper, submitted to the Society by Ruth Culpon.

**Dolloff**, Leona . “Lee” (nee Cooper) , aged 86, of Methuen, Ma, on March 27, 2017. Predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Kenneth, 15 days earlier. Born in Western Bay, on Dec. 31, 1930. daughter of J. Herbert & Olive Cooper, The Coopers immigrated to Everett, Ma when Lee was 16. She & Kenneth resided in Methuen for 46 years. Mother of Laurel Pittera (John) of Salem, N H & Wesley of Windham, NH. Also predeceased by her parents & her brother Herbert (Bert) Cooper of PEI. Photo & obit *The Eagle Tribune*, undated. Submitted to the Society by Ruth Culpon.

**Dorman**, Shirley (nee Picco) on Aug. 10, 2016, aged 71 , of Hampstead, NH. Born on Bell Island, on July 13, 1945, daughter of Leander & Anastasia (Costello) Picco. Predeceased by her parents & her husband James M. Dorman. She moved to Methuen in 1964. Mother of Eric, Shawn & Lisa. Sister of John, Buck, Kenney, Robbie, Margaret Peddle, Edna Schwaighofer, Daphne Sheppard, Eliza, Catherine Bickford & Marion Clarke. Obit & photo in unnamed & undated newspaper, submitted by Society member Ruth Culpon.

**Drown**, Uldine C. (nee Harnum), aged 88, of Sanbornville, NH on Aug. 18, 2018. Born in Twillingate, on May 11, 1930, daughter of Gordon & Gladys (Primmer) Harnum. She married Howard E. Walker in 1950. He died in 1962. She married William F. Drown in 1966. They ran a plumbing business. Predeceased by her parents & her first husband & her brothers Neil & Gordon & her sister Louise Hryniewich. Mother of Kathryn Poulin, Wendy Sheridan, Sandra

Thomas & Lauren Batten, & step-mother of Dora Drown- Lachance, Earle Walker & Brian Walker. Sister of Dorothy Noonan & Priscilla Denehy & William Harnum. Obit & photo *The Eagle Tribune*, Aug. 22, 2018 . Submitted to the Society by Ruth Culpon.

**Dunphy**, T. Herbert, at home on Long Island, New York, on June 6, 1988. Predeceased by his parents Bartholomew & Amanda Dunphy, Mt. Carmel, Salmonier, & his sisters Ada Gay, & Mabel Hawco. Brother of Bartholomew, Long Island, Ralph, & Weldon, Caroline Smart, Edna Shannon (William) & Marie Dunphy. Husband of Anna. Father of Herbert, Jr. Obit *The Monitor* Sept. 1988.

**Ford**, Mary , May (nee Drake), aged 91, of Sandown, NH , on Sept. 4, 2018. A former resident of Gloucester, Ma & Groveland, Ma. Born in Lally Cove, north of Belloram, Fortune Bay, on July 13, 1927, daughter of John & Elsie Drake. Mother of seven. Obit & photo *The Eagle Tribune*, Sept. 6, 2018. Submitted to the Society by Ruth Culpon.

**Hayes**, Johanna “Gertrude” (nee Power) in her 101<sup>st</sup> year, on Dec. 5, 2022 in Midland, ON. Born in North River. Predeceased by her parents William & Elizabeth Power, her husband Clarence Hayes, her father & mother – in law Patrick & Ellen Hayes, her sister Mary (Jack Laracey) & her brothers Edward, Jack, Patrick William & Frank. Mother of John, Rosalita, Ellen, Pauline, Regina, Clarence, Patrick & Edward. Funeral service from Broughton’s Funeral Home, Brigus. Burial in St. Patrick’s RC Cemetery, Brigus. Obit & photo , Broughton’s Funeral Home, Brigus. Submitted by Bill Winter.

**Henry**, Elizabeth (nee Janes) in Sarasota, Florida on Oct. 29, 2012, in her 79<sup>th</sup>. year.



Predeceased by her parents Harold & Theresa Janes & her sister Phyllis. Mother of Linda & Jay. Sister of Jean, Louise, Bernice & Harold. Obit Nov. 2, 2021.

**Manning**, W. Selwyn Thomas “Mick” on Oct. 7, 2013, in Guelph, ON., aged 69. Predeceased by his parents in St. John’s, William, 2003 & Eleanor (Thomas) , 2004, & his brother Peter, 2008. Brother of Loretta Vere- Holloway (Max) & Glendine Whalen (Bruce). Father of Elfrieda, Michael & Sabrina Manning - Graham. Obit & photo Oct. 12, 2013.

**Neary**, Peter Francis , Author & historian, on March 14, 2024. in London, ON. Born on Bell Island on Aug. 15, 1938. Predeceased by his parents , Peter Francis & Margaret (Dalton) , his brothers , John, Stephen & Gerald & his sisters Margaret Durkin & Mary. Husband of Hilary (Bates) . Father of Nicholas & John. He joined the Department of History at the University of Western Ontario in 1965 & retired in 2005. Obit & photo Harris Funeral Home Ltd., London, ON & Historic Wabana NF Facebook page.

**Neil**, Wilfred of Spaniard’s Bay, on March 15, 2024, in Ottawa, ON, aged 85. Retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces. Husband of Rosemary. Father of Anthony 7 Michael. Brother of Gerald, Herman, Helen , Marie & Ellen. Obit March 23, 2024.

**Noseworthy**, Glenda Gail, on Dec. 26, 2013 in Edmonton, AB in her 49<sup>th</sup> year. Predeceased by her father Eric, Nov. 2009, her mother Evelyn, July 2013 & her brother William, Jan. 1982. Sister of Eric, Jr., Gary, Charles, Ralph , Perry & Sharon O’Reilly. Obit & photo Feb. 1, 2014.

**O’Brien**, Cyril J. of Kensington, Maryland, on Jan.31, 2011, aged 92 , in Bethesda,

Maryland. Born in St. John’s , on Jan. 30, 1919. His family moved to the US during the Depression & settled in Camden, New Jersey. Predeceased by his wife of 25 years, Elizabeth Barr. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1942 – 1946.He was a 61 year member of the National Press Club in Washington. He worked for the John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel as supervisor of Public Relations and Media from 1949 to 1983. Father of Bridget Turow, Patricia Cahill, Johnine Meehan & Anthony . Obit *The Gazette*, Silver Spring, Maryland.

**Perks**, Shirley (nee Ryan) on March 7, 2024in Granisle, BC, aged 82. Born on Bell Island on Sept.5, 1941 Predeceased by her first husband Albert Rees & her second husband Herman Parks (they married in 1994 in BC. Mother of Albert & Walter. Sister of Gordon, Howard, Douglas & Mary. Obit & photo Historic Wabana NF facebook page.

**Schmeisser**, Barbara Ann (nee Howse) on March 12, 2024, in Halifax, NS. Born on April 20, 1948 in Mount Pearl. Predeceased by her parents Douglas & Mildred Howse. Wife of 50 years of Robert (Bob) . Mother of Scott & Shawn. Sister of Keith & Doug. She moved to NS in 1971. She kept in touch with her cousins in Glovertown. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS March 16, 2024.

**Smerdon**, William “Bill”, aged 62, on Sept. 16, 2016, in Worcester, Ma. Born in St. John’s, son of Russell & Helen (Summers).Predeceased by his parents & his wife Denise (Rowe). Father of Falisha, & William. Brother of Russell, John, & Diane

Armanan (Karl). Obit & photo in an unnamed & undated newspaper. Submitted to the Society by member Ruth Culpon.

**Tapper**, Henry J. in Washington, D. C. on May 20, 2002, aged 73, formerly of Torbay. Veteran, Korean War, US Airforce. Predeceased by his father Henry, 1984 & his mother Grace, 1998. Brother of Jean, &

Graham .Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Obit May 23, 2002.

**Williams**, Thomas, aged 67, of Cambridge, ON. Born in Conception Harbour. Predeceased by his parents Tom & Ann Williams & his brothers , Andrew, Nicholas, Gordon & Gerald. Obit Nov. 6, 2013.



## A FATHER FROZEN TO DEATH

Bill Whelan

*A Father Frozen to Death -A Son Nearly the Same--Rescuing Men Render Assistance --Details of the Tragedy--An Afflicted Family --A Clergyman's Appeal (information from Rev R Montague Bickle , resident Methodist minister at Spoon Cove , Burin). .-On Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup>) a man named Harding and his eldest son, about 14, were compelled through poverty to go into the woods and cut timber in order to pay for a barrel of flour he had previously received . They cut timber and went to check some rabbit snares but were overtaken by a snowstorm. They separated. A party of men found the boy, frostbitten and too weak to speak. When the boy taken home, it became evident that the father too was missing. He was found, frozen to death. Harding was about 40 years of age. He leaves widow and 8 children. (Evening Telegram 24 Dec 1895)*

## CALLING THE KENNEDYS OF CROCKER'S COVE

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More You See Genealogy

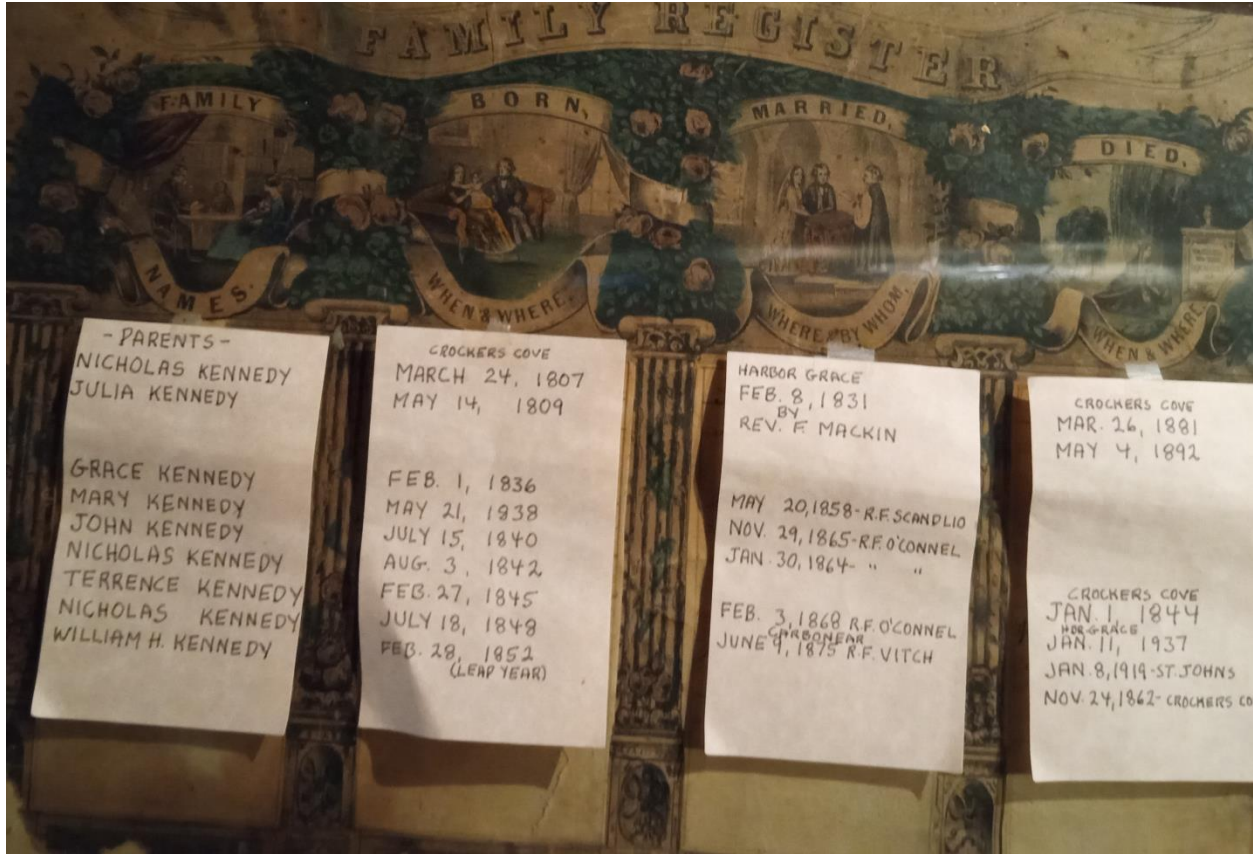
One of my favourite haunts when I stroll the downtown of St. John's is Livyer's Antiques, next door to another must visit place, Fred's Records. Both would be considered institutions on Duckworth Street and allows one to sometimes aimlessly browse their respective collections in hope of uncovering some unexpected treasure. Even when you leave empty handed, you do so with the knowledge of having spent some quality relaxing time away from the regular hubbub of life.

Recently I ventured with a likeminded friend to Livyer's looking for nothing particular. While making a circle around the store near the cash, I spotted on the floor an old picture frame with what seemed from afar old documentation in a seemingly Currier and Ives pattern. Drawing nearer I found much to my surprise that it held a rather old partial outline of a family tree. Although the writing has started to fade, fortunately someone at sometime had taken the trouble to transcribe the details on four (4) pieces of paper.

I walked away from Livyer's that day empty handed but almost immediately had a feeling of regret that I should have purchased that item. I believed that somewhere must be someone who would love to have this piece of family history. Fast forward two (2) weeks and my friend and I decided to return to the store and I immediately went to the section of the store where I saw the frame previously and first thought it was not there. However, upon searching further found it stacked along with other picture frames. This time I was determined to not leave it abandoned. Speaking with the owner of Livyer's (Ron Hoddinott), he offered what I considered to be a very fair price following which I was very eager to leave the store and more closely study this newfound treasure. However, in doing so I knew my possession of the tree would be hopefully brief as I wished to reunite it with some member of the family.

Returning home and looking closely I saw what was a careful outline of one branch of the family tree for Kennedys of Crocker's Cove near Carbonear:





As we can see, this wonderful document concerns the family of Nicholas and Julia Kennedy, detailing their names, birthdates, marriage dates (and by whom but not to whom) and their respective dates of passing. Specifically, we find the following details:

- Nicholas Kennedy was born in Crocker's Cove on 24-Mar-1807 and passed away there on 26-Mar-1881;
- Nicholas married Julia in Harbour Grace on 08-Feb-1831;
- Julia was born in Crocker's Cove on 14-May-1809 and subsequently died there on 04-May-1892;
- Nicholas and Julia Kennedy had seven (7) children who were all born in Crocker's Cove:
  - Grace, Date of Birth: 01-Feb-1836, Date of Marriage: 20-May-1858, Date of Passing: Unknown;
  - Mary, Date of Birth: 21-May-1838, Date of Marriage: 29-Nov-1865; Date of Passing: Unknown;
  - John, Date of Birth: 15-July-1840, Date of Marriage: 30-Jan-1864; Date of Passing: Unknown;
  - Nicholas, Date of Birth: 03-Aug-1842, Date of Marriage: N/A; Date of Passing: 01-Jan-1844, Place of Passing: Crocker's Cove;
  - Terrence, Date of Birth: 27-Feb-1845, Date of Marriage: 03-Feb-1868; Date of Passing: 11-Jan-1937, Place of Death: Harbour Grace;
  - Nicholas, Date of Birth: 18-Jul-1848, Date of Marriage: 09-Jun-1875, Date of Passing: 08-Jan-1919, Place of passing: St. John's;
  - William H., Date of Birth: 28-Feb-1852, Date of Marriage: N/A, Date of Passing: 24-Nov-1862, Place of Passing: Crocker's Cove.

I conducted some online investigations and discovered an individual who had completed considerable research on the very family in the tree. I immediately reached out to the person mentioning I had something of possible considerable interest to her family and was willing to donate it for free. Unfortunately, to current date, I have not received a reply. As such, I turn to the readers of The Ancestor to assist in reuniting this wonderful family heirloom to the rightful household.

It would be my pleasure to reunite this heirloom free of charge to someone of the Kennedy family. If shipping is involved I would just kindly request that the recipient pay for same. Obviously, whoever makes contact with me first would be the lucky person. To all others who reach out I will forward photographs of the framed document.

So, are you a Kennedy who has roots in Crocker's Cove? If so, I would love to hear from you!

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## Query

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a 'shot in the dark', looking for a straw in a haystack, but I thought that it might be worth a try.

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 home towns, 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.

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**EDITORS' NOTE** We welcome further enquiries similar to the one on this page which we will endeavour to print in future issues of *The Ancestor*.

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## **TUCKER FAMILY**

By Rosalind Babb Stokes

The name **TUCKER** has been in Newfoundland since the 1600s. The John Berry Census indicate that a Richard Tucker resided in St. John's in 1677 and John Tucker was there in 1681. In 1708 Tucker was still listed as one of the 52 inhabitants in St. John's. ???

At The Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador we have several files on the Tucker families of Conception Bay and Trinity Bay.

### **CONCEPTION BAY**

#### **Broad Cove (St. Phillips)**

The Tucker Family were said to have come from Teignmouth, Devon, about 1750 to St. Phillips. They were Robert and Hugh Tucker and sons Robert, William and John. They also claimed land in Maggoty Cove, St. John's, as early as 1765 and 1766 where they set up a fishing business. Their descendants were among the colonizers and developers of many villages, including Port de Grave, Harbour Grace, Bay Roberts, Scilly Cove (Winterton), Topsail, Chamberlains and Bell Island. Some of the files follow their movements. Robert Tucker 1728 -1812 and Anne Woodford of Bell Island have their descendants and the families they married into listed. There is a detailed map of Broad Cove showing the properties of the descendants of Robin and John Tucker. This file contains seven family charts starting with Robert Tucker Sr., Robert Tucker Jr. and his son Robin, taking you well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Family history is not just about the names, dates and places. It's also about the celebrations, scandals and tragedies. A Gerald Tucker of St. Phillips survived the tragedy of the "W. Garland" in the tickle. Others were not so lucky. Harry (Henry) Tucker from Broad Cove and Inez Tucker from Bell Island lost their lives. There is an account of this "tragedy in the tickle" at our office.

#### **Carbonear**

Francis Tucker held land in Carbonear in 1800 which had been purchased by earlier family members in 1724. A Walter Tucker (1852-1935) who was born Torquay, Devon, emigrated with his brother Richard to Carbonear In 1866.

#### **Port de Grave**

John Tucker from Teignmouth, Devon, settled in Port de Grave about 1757. Colonial records state that as early as 1683 John and James Tucker held land there. The descendants of this family spread out to Upper Conception Bay, Bonavista Bay, Trinity Bay, Little Bay Islands and the South Coast region.

## TRINITY BAY

### Silly Cove (Winterton)

Another account of the Tucker family says that in 1819 Robert Tucker at the young age of fourteen sailed from Poole, Dorset, to the “New Founde Land” as a stowaway on a ship owned by Slade and Company of Trinity. The story goes that he was hired by Slade out of Trinity before settling in Silly Cove (Winterton). Between 1822 to 1827 Robert is mentioned in the voyages he made while with Slade and Company. Robert married into the Green family from Silly Cove (Winterton) and by 1828 owned two acres of land and a house there. This file has a detailed family tree and a map showing his property. This file also contains a lot of information about Slade and Company of Trinity.

His great grandson, Ellis Tucker, author of *My Life Story* describes life growing up in Silly Cove (Winterton). He was raised by grandparents James Goldsworthy Tucker and Mary Ann. Ellis married Annie Follett and their children were all born in Winterton. In this story he names many of the teachers of the community and talks about the families connected to the Tuckers such as Harnum, Warren, Hindy, Downey and White.

***A little note for genealogists to remember: When Ellis Tucker was baptised on October 6, 1900 the minister misunderstood the pronunciation of his name and recorded it as Alice instead of Ellis. Ellis had this changed in Hearts Content baptisms in 1953.***

Otto George Tucker, was born at Silly Cove (Winterton) son of John Tucker and Clara Pitcher. Otto is well known as a public lecturer on Newfoundland heritage and culture. In his book “That Nothing be Lost” he shares many entertaining stories of not only his life but what life was like for many Newfoundland families in outport Newfoundland in days gone by. Here you will find out how Silly Cove got its name. This book also tells the story of the Salvation Army’s establishment in Newfoundland.

*Some of Dr. Otto Tucker’s achievements: In 1984 he founded the Wessex Society of Newfoundland. His contributions were recognized in 1997 when he was awarded a doctor of laws degree by Memorial University; in 2004 he was inducted into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador and in 2006 he was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada.*

### Elliston

Nebuchardnezzar Tucker (1779-1852) became the forefather of all the Elliston Tuckers. His son Robert was the first male to be born in the community. There is an interesting story here of William Tucker (1851-1917) described as an old man with a long white beard and why he was left to die on the ice. His last words to the those who came to the rescue were “you’m surely not goin’ to layve me out yur, iz eez?”

The Tucker Family Tree may or may not solve your brick wall and we have all hit our fair share of brick walls while doing research, but maybe through the many stories in this collection you will add something new to your own family story.



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**My Life Story** by Ellis Tucker

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## **A GRATEFUL FISHERMAN**

Bill Whelan

*He Amply Rewards Two Burgeo Families for Their Kindness to Him in Time of Sickness.* Howard Blackburn, a fisherman aboard a Gloucester schooner about 9 years before, went astray from his schooner and suffered great hardship before landing at Burgeo, where he was cared for by two families. He lost most of his fingers and toes to frostbite. However, he recovered and returned to the US and did well in business. He saved all Canadian silver money that came his way and in November of '95 went to Halifax and spent \$500 on food to be shipped to the two Burgeo families and the poor of Burgeo. (Evening Telegram 27Nov1895)

**TEACHERS WE MAY HAVE KNOWN** Submitted by Pat Walsh

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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 & at 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.

**Boland**, Edgar, on Dec. 15, 1981 in Brookfield, Bonavista Bay. Born on Pinchard's Island, Bonavista Bay, on June 3, 1918. His teaching career began in 1936 & continued until 1978. He taught at Indians Islands, Green Island Brook, Lewisporte, Happy Adventure, Harbour Grace, Upper Island Cove, Port Blandford & Badger's Quay. He also worked at Shell Oil at Gander, on the US Base, Argentia & at Adult Education on the west coast. Predeceased by his wife Lillian Garreth of Port Blandford in 1961. Brother of Josephine Bradley (Kenneth) of Eastport. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin*, May 17, 1982.

**Brazil**, Michael Francis Aug. 10, 1936 – Jan. 30, 2023, originally from Spaniard's Bay, in St. John's. Predeceased by his infant daughter Genevieve, his parents Corporal Matthew & Agnes (Delaney) Brazil, his brothers Gerald & Matt, sisters Cecilia, Margaret, Mary & Claire. Husband of 59 years of Josephine. Father of Angelo, Michelle, Eileen, Ginette & Pauline. Brother of Joan Ryan & Eileen. He began his teaching career in New York & taught throughout the province, including Wabush, Labrador. He retired in 1986 from Beaconsfield High School in St. John's. In

1983 Mike was proud to receive the Croix de Guerre on behalf of his father for acts of bravery during WWI. Burial services at Bellevue. Obit & photo Feb. 2, 2023, *The Telegram*.

**Caravan**, David, formerly of Country Road, Bay Roberts, in St. John's on March 25, 2023. Born on Oct. 28, 1936, at home on Country Road, son of Walter & Fannie (Samways) Caravan. Predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Sadie Goulding, 2014. Father of Heather, Christine & Peter. He began teaching in Fogo Island & later taught at Shoe Cove, Notre Dame Bay, St. Anthony, Happy Valley, Lewisporte, Wabush, Coley's Point & at Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts, where he retired in 1988. Obit & photo *The Telegram*, April 1, 2023.

**Collier**, Ralph Samuel, aged 84 in St. John's on April 4, 2023. Born in Channel – Port – Aux Basques. Predeceased by his parents Stanley & Susannah Collier, his step-father, Albert Hann & his brothers & sisters, Fred, Jack, Florence, Lena, Norman, Harold & Ruby. Husband of 58 years of Bertha (Chafe). Father of Diane, Brian & Dana. He taught in a number of communities

throughout the province & finished his career in Mount Pearl at Mount Pearl Junior High, where he taught English & Drama. He was an avid salmon & trout fisherman. He had a passion for adult literacy & for high school equivalency education. Obit & photo April 8, 2023.

**Crocker**, Scott, on April 11, 2023, in St. John's, aged 66. Predeceased by his father Hubert, 1974 & his first wife Janice Horwood. Husband of Iris Mackey. Son of Edna. Father of Shauna & Tracey. Brother of Sheila & step- brother of Rodney, Fred & Blair Parsons. He taught in Harbour Deep, Little Heart's Ease, Pearce High & Jacques Fontaine, in St. John's at Bishop Field & in Mount Pearl Intermediate, Teacher & Principal & with the Eastern School Board. Former CEO of the Autism Society. Obit & photo April 15, 2023, *The Telegram*.

**Drover**, Nina (nee Smith) of Spaniard's Bay on Feb. 12, 1983. A teacher at Holy Redeemer Elementary School in Spaniard's Bay. Born on Oct. 25, 1952, daughter of Fred & Eileen Smith of Tilton, Conception Bay. Her first teaching assignment was at Acreman Elementary School in Green's Harbour. She then taught primary school in Tilton, at the one – room school. In 1982 the school was closed and she and the students moved to Holy Redeemer Elementary in Spaniard's Bay. Wife of Wayne. Mother of Stephen & Andrew. Daughter of Fred. Sister of Josiah, Tilton & Linda Warford, Bay Roberts. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin* May 24, 1983.

**Duggan**, Paul Clifford , resident of Conception Bay South, Nov. 20, 1942 – March 23, 2024. Born in St. John's. Predeceased by his parents William & Irma

(Russell) Duggan & his mother & father – in-law, Bridget & Paddy Brothers. Husband of almost 50 years, Carol (nee Brothers). Brother of Mary Hunt (Joe), Bernard, Gerald & Bill. He taught school in St. John's, Mount Pearl & Paradise. Paul was an avid gardener, fisherman & hunter & a lover of his dogs. Obit & photo Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

**Laing**, Aubrey, in 1982, son of Mac & Emma of Gander, Physical Education teacher at Grant Collegiate in Springdale, from 1974 to 1981. Husband of Ruth (Green) of Bishop's Falls. They were married in August 1976. Father of Peter. Brother of Dennis. Predeceased by his infant son, Timothy in 1981. His mother Emma (Tucker) died on Feb. 17, 2020, aged 88. He was a former President of the Newfoundland Amateur Baseball Association. Obit, *The NTA Bulletin* May 17, 1982.

**Mercer**, Rendell J. at home in Spaniard's Bay on Sept 18, 2022. Born on Aug. 6, 1940, son of James & Elsie Mercer. He grew up in Upper Island Cove and married Gladys Parsons on Dec. 27, 1963. Predeceased by his parents & sisters Edie & Lizzie. Spent most of his teaching career as a school principal in Holy Redeemer School, Spaniard's Bay. He retired in 1992, following a 30 year career. He was Deputy – Mayor for the Town of Spaniard's Bay. He promoted music education and enjoyed restoring violins. He created the Baccalieu Fiddlers. Father of Robert, Stephen, Andrew & Susanne. Brother of Henry, Verdon & Cavell. Obit & photo Sept. 20, 2022.

**Newhook**, Marmaduke “Duke“, Reginald, Dec. 1, 1942 - Feb. 26, 2023. Born in New Harbour, Trinity Bay. Predeceased by his parents Selby & Elsie & his brothers &

sisters, Elizabeth, Elfreda, Clarice & Theodore. Brother of Norman, Clarendville & Hilda Speenburgh, Catskill, New York. Father of Todd, Susan Cassell & Chris. He taught Mathematics at Bishops College in St. John's before becoming a guidance counsellor. An active salmon fisherman & hunter. Obit & photo *The Telegram*, Feb. 28, 2023.

**Rowsell**, Ruby, on Jan. 27, 1982 in St. John's. She taught music in a number of schools in Conception Bay South and retired in June 1977. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin* May 17, 1982.

**Simms**, Roland J. on Feb. 22, 1983. Principal of James Cook Memorial in Cook's Harbour. He taught in William's Harbour, Mary's Harbour, Jackson's Arm, Baie Verte at the District Vocational School, Harbour Deep & Cook's Harbour. He started his career in William's Harbour, Labrador. Husband of Ella. Obit in *The NTA Bulletin*, May 24, 1983.

**Sullivan**, Maude (nee Sesk) . 1908 -1981. Born in Ferryland. She began teaching in 1924, at age 16. Her first years teaching were spent in Long Harbour, Southern Harbour & Bar Haven, communities in Placentia Bay. Later she taught in Aquaforte, Calvert & Ferryland. She taught for 37 ½ years. Predeceased by her husband, Aiden in 1980. Mother of Gerard (He died on May 3, 2022) & Raymond. Obit *The NTA Bulletin* May 17, 1982.

**Stroud**, Mabel, on Aug. 25, 1981 in Port aux Basques. Born at Harbour Breton on Dec. 8, 1911. She began her teaching career at Grand Bruit & remained there for four years. She moved to Rose Blanche for three years. She met and married Emanuel Stroud there, before moving to Port aux Basques.

She taught at St. James Elementary School for over twenty years. She retired in June 1972. Obit *The NTA Bulletin* May 17, 1982.

**Taylor**, Ella Millicent (nee Benson) on Jan. 11, 1983 in St. John's. Born at Grates Cove, Trinity Bay in 1912. Predeceased by her husband Vernon Graham Taylor, March 4, 1945, aged 38. She began her teaching career in Musgravetown, Bonavista Bay. She taught for 2 years at Whiteway, Trinity Bay. She also taught at the United Church in Green's Harbour. In 1961 she moved to St. John's & taught at MacPherson Academy, Grade 6, until she moved to the newly opened St. Andrew's School on University Avenue. She retired in June 1972, aged 60. Mother of Graham, Green's Harbour & Judy Barrett, St. John's. Sister of Lloyd, St. John's & Maxwell, Charlottetown, PEI. Burial at the United Church Cemetery, Green's Harbour. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin*, May 24, 1983.

**Walsh**, Pauline, on Jan. 29, 1983. Born on Oct. 14, 1932 in Bay de Verde, Conception Bay. In 1959, she began teaching part time at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Corner Brook. In 1961 -1963, she taught at Heatherton. In 1964, she returned to teach at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin*, May 24, 1983.

**Warren**, Edna M. (nee Down) on Jan. 7, 1983. Born on June 6, 1926 in Cambridge, Ma, daughter of Virginia & Cyril Down, former residents of Grand Falls. They returned to Grand Falls when she was three years old. In late 1967, she was hired by the Roman Catholic School Board to teach crafts to students in Special Education class. In 1974 she obtained a Grade III Teaching Certificate & accepted a position with the Exploits Valley Integrated School Board &

taught at the Clyde Brooks Elementary School in Windsor. She taught there until 1978 when she took early retirement. Wife of John. Mother of Mary Lynn & John Jr. Sister of five brothers & sisters. Obit & photo *The NTA Bulletin* May 24, 1983.

**Wells, Doug** on Feb. 5, 2023 in St. John's, aged 76. Predeceased by his parents Graham & Ida. Husband of 56 years of Elsie Symonds. (Note: Elsie died on March 18, 2024, aged 77) Father of Kim, Lisa Fleet (Harold) & Jennifer (Steve Grandy). Brother

of Eric & Ann. An educator for thirty years. He was a teacher, guidance counsellor & Educational Psychologist. He began his career at Bishop Abraham Junior High in St. John's in 1968. He retired in 1998 from Mount Pearl Junior High in Mount Pearl. He was a former member of the Church Lads Brigade & a past president of Probus, St. John's. Obit & photo *The Telegram* Feb. 11, 2023.



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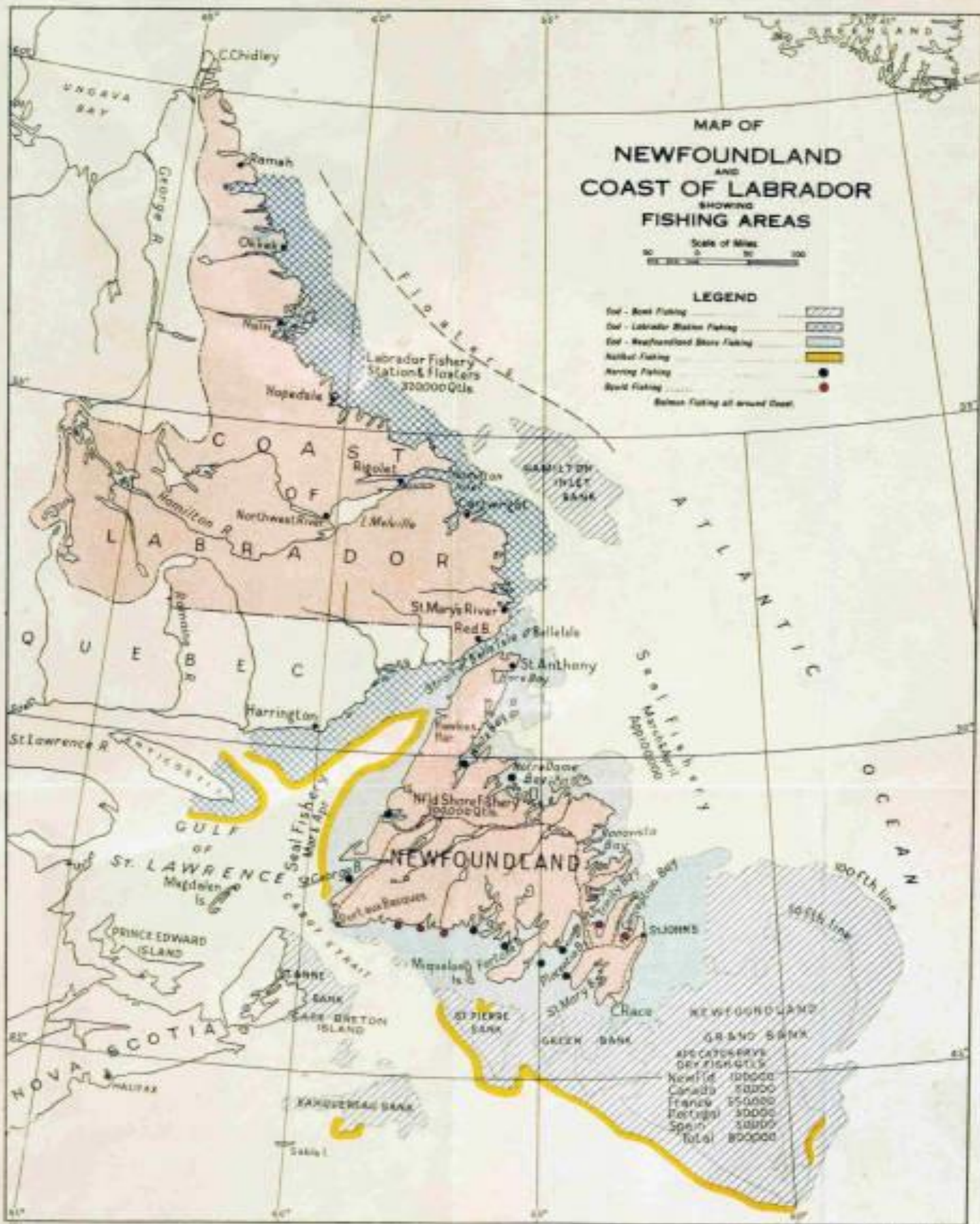
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