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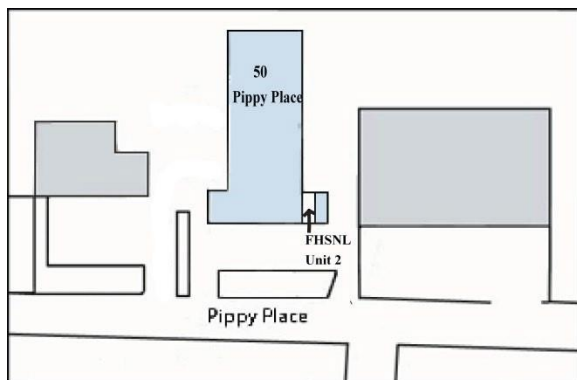


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EDITORS' NOTE**WELCOME TO OUR FIRST 2025 ISSUE OF THE ANCESTOR.**

It looks like we are coming close to the end of winter; hopefully the warm weather we have had lately will continue.

The old curse, 'may you live in interesting times, certainly applies right now. A Federal Election has been called and the Provincial election is in the works. We must remain apolitical, but if you are out campaigning for your favorite candidate, as you go from door to door, if someone mentions a genealogical collection, please note the details and let us know.

We hope you did some genealogical research over the winter and have had some breakthroughs. Although a true breaking of brick walls is rare for any one person, we hear of some remarkable discoveries on a frequent basis. When you do, please let us know and perhaps consider publishing your results in The Ancestor. A lot of people would be interested.

As we say in every issue, we are always looking for articles for The Ancestor and donations of genealogical data to the Society's Archive. We have been very lucky over the last couple of years and have had substantial genealogical donations.

Good luck with your research.

The Editors



CONFERENCE 2025

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Newfoundland & Labrador Genealogy Conference next summer! [Rockbound Roots Genealogy Conference 2025 - St. John's, NL](#) will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland at The Rooms (www.therooms.ca) over the weekend of July 25 to 27, 2025. There will be two days of presentations covering a range of topics of interest to the family historian whose research has led them here, to our historic province. We are currently inviting submissions for presentations from people who are interested in speaking. If you have an idea, send us an email at conference@fhsnl.ca

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

David Allen Lambert: David, a seasoned member of American Ancestors since 1993, is a distinguished genealogist and historian renowned internationally for his expertise and engaging presentations. Authoring numerous articles and books, his specialized focus includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records, military archives, DNA research, and Native American genealogies, with a special enthusiasm for exploring his Newfoundland and Labrador roots.

Brenda Jones: Brenda Jones will be speaking at the FHSNL Conference, sharing engaging insights from her 2024 genealogical journey through Newfoundland, where she unraveled family history gaps using DNA results, local archives, historical sites, and graveyards. Her presentation will highlight the interplay of DNA and genealogy, challenges in immigration research, and valuable tips for exploring Newfoundland's rich resources and heritage.

Dale Jarvis: Dale Jarvis, folklorist and Executive Director of Heritage NL, will share insights on using family history projects to preserve traditions, stories, and cultural heritage. His session will highlight the importance of recording oral histories to bring family trees to life and safeguard customs for future generations.

David Pike: David Pike, a Mathematics Professor at Memorial University and former President of the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, has extensive expertise in genealogical DNA testing and the Pike surname. Founder of the global Pike Surname DNA Project with nearly 300 members, he will present on Y-DNA's role in genealogical research, showcasing advancements like the BigY test and discoveries related to the Pike family in Newfoundland.

Raymond M. Keogh: Raymond M. Keogh, an expert in tropical hardwoods and identity studies, draws on his scientific background and family social history to explore the concept of objective identity, as outlined in his book *Shelter and Shadows*. At the 2025 FHSNL Genealogy Conference, he will launch the Southeast Ireland & Newfoundland Identity Project (SINIP), examining Keough surname connections through biological identity and Big-Y 700 DNA testing.

Susan Squires: Susan Squires, an Anthropology professor at the University of North Texas, discovered her passion for genealogy during a family trip to Newfoundland, leading her to specialize in genetic genealogy and administer the Squires and Pitts YDNA Surname Projects. A published researcher and qualified WikiTree expert, she is currently studying 18th-century families along Newfoundland's English Shore, focusing on their migration and kinship patterns.

Katie Crane: Katie Crane, a folklorist and PhD candidate at Memorial University, will speak at the FHSNL Conference on preserving historic cemeteries and their significance for family history and cultural heritage. Her presentation will include an overview of the BillionGraves app, expert tips for cemetery documentation, and insights into its impact on genealogical research and tourism in Newfoundland.

Frank Gogos: Frank Gogos, a historian and Memorial University graduate, is the chair of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Regimental Advisory Council and Museum, as well as a researcher with the Unmarked Graves Program. A published author and tour guide to historic battlefields, Frank is deeply involved in preserving and documenting Newfoundland's military history through research, writing, and monument building.

Willeen Keough: Willeen G. Keough, recently retired as a History Professor at Simon Fraser University, has focused her research on gender, ethnicity, and the lives of ordinary people in Newfoundland's history. At the Family History Society, she will challenge the opening line of many traditional family histories in Newfoundland: "Two (or three, or four) brothers came out from Ireland (or England)." by highlighting women's significant roles in the cod fishery and early settlement, supported by intriguing anecdotes and innovative research methodologies.

Cheryl Kaiser: Cheryl Kaiser, a Certified Professional Photographer and genealogy enthusiast known as The Photo Archaeologist, specializes in uncovering stories hidden in historical images through her Uncover-Curate-Share framework. Her FHSNL presentation, "Uncovering Hidden Stories," will teach attendees how to analyze vintage photos using visual clues to date and contextualize them, fostering deeper connections to their ancestors.

Raymond B. Blake: Raymond B. Blake, PhD FRSC, is a history professor at the University of Regina and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, renowned for his extensive work on Canadian and Newfoundland history, nationalism, and identity. Author of over 20 books, including *Where Once They Stood* (2019) and *Canada's Prime Ministers and the Shaping of a National Identity* (2024), his research has been supported by SSHRC and other scholarly programs.

Hayward C. Blake: Hayward C. Blake, originally from Pushthrough, Newfoundland, dedicated his career to education, serving as a teacher, principal, and school district executive in rural K-12 schools, as well as an instructor at Memorial University. Honored with awards such as the Reader's Digest Leadership Award and Canadian Principal of the Year, he is also an active community volunteer.

Susan Reid: Susan's passion for genealogy began in childhood, driven by a desire to recover her grandfather's untold stories and the rich history of her Newfoundland roots in Conception Bay, Trinity Bay, and St. John's. She is an active member of multiple genealogical societies and DNA interest groups, dedicated to preserving and uncovering her family's legacy.

Susan Snelgrove: Susan Snelgrove, a passionate genealogist, began her journey 35 years ago and has since built a family tree with over 44,000 Newfoundland names, using both traditional and modern research methods. Following her retirement as a global Vice President in Risk Management, she created her website genijunkie.com and is now transcribing and enriching historical court records for the Bristol Records Society, with a focus on Newfoundland's ancestral ties to Bristol.

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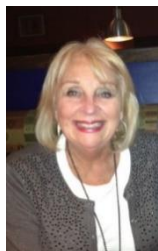
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The Ancestor relies on its members and general public to submit articles regarding their family histories, community histories and other historical events related to family history. In order for us to continue to publish The Ancestor we need you to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

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

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AN ANNOTATED COMMENTARY ON BISHOP EDWARD FEILD'S 1849 BAPTISMS IN THE WEST COAST AND LABRADOR, PART III

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In the two preceding issues of *The Ancestor*, I transcribed and provided commentary on the majority of the baptismal records for the Rev. Edward Feild's 1849 voyage across western Newfoundland and southwestern Labrador, one of the many he and his clerical companions would undertake in reaching out to the desolate corners of his extensive diocese. These transcriptions have been compared alongside a published journal that Feild maintained during his voyage on the *Hawk*, which has revealed some interesting insights regarding the lives of the far-flung ancestors detailed within. In this final article, the remainder of these 216 baptisms, which were divided into three sets, will be shown adjacent to some relevant excerpts from Feild's journal. It will complete the extensive second set, the last 46 baptismal entries having not been covered in the last article, as well as the 24 records comprising the much shorter third set of records, which primarily focuses on the southeastern Labrador coast reaching as far north as St. Francis Harbour. Oddly, the last two sets seem to have been recorded simultaneously (perhaps by different members of Feild's team taking notes separately), so while the remaining records will be presented in chronological order in a vain attempt to maintain a cohesive narrative, any switches in focus between the two sets will be clearly denoted.

As a final reminder, 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.¹ The journal that Feild kept during his voyage is available for reading online at <http://anglicanhistory.org/canada/nf/spg25.html>. Unreadable or lost sections have again been denoted as "[lost]," with presumed transcriptions based on partial information indicated by square parentheses. I have occasionally supplemented the information provided here with entries from publicly available Vital Statistics entries, among other sources.

August 19, 1849 – Battle Harbour, Labrador

As the last article had left off with Bishop Feild encountering the Reid family whom he had previously met in Labrador, it feels prudent to take a step back again and begin discussing the third set of records here, especially since that set commences with the remaining three children of William Reid. The arrival of a clergyman was a matter of importance for many settlers in this part of the world, and the Reid family were not an exception to this trend. Feild says for the entry dated August 20, 1849:

At five we said evening prayers in the store, and two children of a man named Reid, from Quirpon, were baptized, one of them seventeen years of age. They appeared very earnest, though simple-minded. The father entreated us to call at Quirpon (on the Newfoundland shore) to baptize his other children and those of his neighbours, who had never seen a Clergyman among them. He visits the harbour every summer to fish, and he volunteered to give a day's fishing every year for the Church.

¹ More specifically, they can be found in Box #6 sorted under the Parish Records collection for the "St. John the Baptist (Cathedral) Parish."

An odd discrepancy between the journal and the surviving records should be noted here. As mentioned previously, Feild states in his journal that he baptized two children surnamed Reid on August 20, but the actual records detail three children surnamed Reid who were baptized on August 19, 1849. This strengthens the idea that these records were recorded in St. John's following the voyage on the *Hawk*. It is also worth noting that the third set of records commences with #72, which suggests that there were other records in this set which have not survived. Given the deterioration of these entries, it would not be surprising if any other surviving sheets were thought to be too far gone for preservation.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
72	John	William and Anne	REID	December 29, 183[1?]	This is presumably the child who was "seventeen years of age." Probably married Martha Jane Eddy on Apr. 2, 1872 in Hawk's Bay. ²
73	Henry	William and Anne	REID	November 5, 1832	Died Oct. 17, 1865 in "Old Fort Island," Quebec. ³
74	Elizabeth	William and Anne	REID	[...] 18[3?]	8

These three baptisms were all credited to Feild's companion Todd J. Jones, although very little of his name is legible on any of the entries.

August 21-23, 1849 – St. Francis Harbour and Henley Harbour, Labrador

While Feild had certainly adjusted somewhat to the harsh conditions of the Labrador current, he was "very anxious to begin my homeward journey" back down to St. John's. However, he had an obligation to his friend, the local agent, made during his previous trip to Labrador the preceding year:

I was yet more than willing to proceed to St. Francis Harbour, should a favourable opportunity occur, both for the sake of holding a conference and consultation with Mr. Saunders, on general matters affecting the Mission, and particularly to gratify him and his lady by baptizing their infant, the first child, I believe, of an English lady born on the Labrador. I had occasion to notice with admiration last year the cheerfulness with which she looked forward to her first winter on the Labrador, without any female friend or servant; and I was truly thankful to hear from Mr. Kendall [a contact in Battle Harbour] that her cheerfulness had continued without diminution, and that the birth of her baby, even in that unprotected unbefriended state, without nurse or companion, had been a source of comfort in every way.

² John Reid and Martha Eddy's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279J-VJ>), Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #21, entry #6).

³ Henry Reid's burial record, "Quebec, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1968," database with images via Ancestry (L > Labrador > Church of England > 1865, image #4). It gives his birthdate as Nov. 4, 1833.

Indeed, the wind was fair that day, and Feild's group made their way to Saunders' home in St. Francis Harbour. At 2:00 PM, Feild held a short service where "I baptized and admitted into the Church, Mary Prudence Saunders, and two Esquimaux boys." Another discrepancy exists here in that one of the two Inuit children whom Feild had baptized was actually a young girl named Elizabeth.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
75	Mary Prudence	William and Mary Anne	SAUNDERS	[...] 184[8/9]	"H" written by child's name. This was who Feild believed was the first child born to "an English lady" in Labrador. Perhaps he meant "lady from England" as opposed to "lady of English descent."
76	William	Thomas and Anne	GOODCHILD	April [...] 1838	
77	Elizabeth	Thomas and Anne	GOODCHILD	J[une? ...] 1843	

It has been a while since we have seen this "(H)" notation; it seems to denote hypothetical baptisms, meaning that the child had previously been baptized by a layman. As seen in the first article in the case of the Crocker family of Trout River, the children were usually baptized by a local community leader or even the father of the children before the arrival of an ordained clergyman.

Following the service, Feild was asked to deal with another local controversy. This was a much less violent matter than the one involving Charles Stone the following day, but it nonetheless appears to have greatly impacted the wellbeing of the accused:

I visited the house of one M— at the earnest request of himself and [his] wife, who were very desirous of denying an accusation which had been made against the woman of stealing feathers from a lodger's bed. She was ready, she said, to go before me and Mr. Saunders, and meet her accusers. I was particularly struck and pleased with this woman's manner and appearance last year, when she was one of those who partook of the Holy Communion, and I was grieved to see her appearance so much changed, as it seemed, by her trouble. I could only say I would speak of the matter to Mr. Saunders, and assure her that if her conscience was clear, the slanders or suspicions of unkind or mistaken men would in the end do her no real injury.

It's hard to identify Mr. and Mrs. "M" for certain. Assuming that they were represented in the parish records, they could be the Thomas and Betsy Marnock mentioned below, but there is no way to know for sure.

After enjoying some curlew and venison at Mr. Saunders' home, the two men planned for the erection of a chapel, which was to become the Battle Harbour mission's first outpost.⁴ The following morning, August 22, Saunders reported to Feild that "a large family of Esquimaux" who had been baptized as Roman Catholics wished to convert to the Church of England "to which all their brethren belong." For those devout Anglicans who were reading Feild's journal at home, the conversion of the Indigenous peoples to their church was seen as a vital 'civilizing act.' Denominational situations such as these served as another impetus to set up missionary work in remote colonial areas. Feild describes the ceremony thus:

I admitted a very interesting set of Esquimaux to the Church; two full-grown men, two women, and four children. They behaved very well. The women and girls were nicely and neatly dressed, with no ornaments save a necklace.

While the dates have vanished with time, only three children appear to actually be mentioned in the records. One could regard this as another discrepancy, and that is most likely, but I suppose it is not impossible that this was an intentional comment and that one of the adults below may have been on the younger side!

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
78	John		ALESWAKE	[lost]	"H" written by person's name
79	Mary		[G? ...]	[lost]	"H" written by person's name
80	John		PAULS	[lost]	"H" written by person's name
81	Mary		PAULS	[lost]	"H" written by person's name. She had two children born out of wedlock (John Thomas and John) ⁵ before marrying Joseph Langar on Aug. 29, 1859 in St. Francis Harbour. ⁶
82	Susan	Samuel and Anne	KIBENHOCK	[lost]	Their surname is spelled Kippenock or Kibenock in the Battle Harbour parish

⁴ Robert H. Cuff, *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*, vol. 5, ed. Cyril Poole (St. John's, NL: Harry Cuff Publications Ltd., 1994), s.v. "St. Francis Harbour."

⁵ John Thomas Pauls' baptism, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-GZ>, Labrador > Battle Harbour > Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113 > Image #17, entry #8). See also John Pauls' baptism, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893" (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-LX>, Labrador > Battle Harbour > Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113 > Image #23, entry #11).

⁶ Mary Pauls and Joseph Langar's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-ZN>, Labrador > Battle Harbour > Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1881, Vol. 114 > Image #8, entry #3).

					records, ⁷ and it is usually spelled Kippenhuck today. Susan would have a son, James, born out of wedlock in 1865 in Williams Harbour. ⁸
83	Nancy	James and Kitty	PAULS	[lost]	Married Edward Holly on Sep. 6, 1860 in Fox Harbour. ⁹
84	Betsy		MARNOCK	[lost]	“H” written by person’s name
85	Thomas	Thomas and Betsy	MARNOCK	[...] 184[...]	

All of the above baptisms in St. Francis Harbour are accredited to “Edw’d. Newfoundland,” an alias of Bishop Feild’s that we had seen earlier in the first article.

The small congregation gave Feild and his companions various gifts following this final service. Before his team were to depart to cheers and hurrahs, another family approached him:

Just as we were getting under weigh [*sic*], a child of Newfoundland parents was brought on board for baptism. The parents had not heard of our arrival soon enough to bring their child to the service at the winter house, as their cottage was at some distance. I gladly delayed my departure to gratify their wishes. The service was performed in the large cabin.

No.	Name of Child	Parents’ Names	Parents’ Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
86	Joshua	James and Emma	NEWMAN	Jan. 14, [...]	The couple were probably married on Dec. 12, 1826 in Harbour Grace, and the mother’s maiden name was Clark . ¹⁰ Joshua likely married Matilda Noseworthy

⁷ See, for instance, Henry Kippenock’s baptism, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-ZJ>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113 > Image #1, entry #1).

⁸ James Kibenock’s baptism, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279K-DD>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Birth 1849-1881, Vol. 113 > Image #42, entry #16).

⁹ Nancy Pauls and Edward Holly’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-HQ>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1881, Vol. 114 > Image #10, entry #2).

¹⁰ James Newman and Emma Clark’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-244V-4>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace (Church of England) > Marriage 1776-1833, Vol. 45 > Image #95, entry #6).

					on Dec. 16, 1875 in Harbour Grace. ¹¹
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The narrative then picks up where the previous article described Feild's trip to Henley Harbour. One baptism recorded on that day, August 23, was recorded in this set of records rather than the second set for whatever reason:

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
87	Eliza Anne	William and Sarah	HODDANOTTE	[lost]	Usually spelled Hoddinott . The family periodically show up in later Vital Statistics records, mainly in Battle Harbour. ¹²

This baptismal ceremony, and the remainder of those in the third set of records, were attributed to Todd J. Jones. By this point, it seems that Jones had taken on the brunt of the holy work!

August 29-30, 1849 – St. Lunaire, Griquet, Braha, and St. Anthony

With the remainder of the Labrador records having been covered, the rest of the narrative can focus on the east end of the “French Shore” where it had left off at the end of the second article. Upon its arrival in the harbour of “Griquet,” now commonly rendered Griquet, on August 29, The *Hawk* found itself having to dodge the fishing nets that had been laid out. The settlers were too heavily engaged in the fishery to give Feild and his companions any time, so they decided to cross over to the nearby community of St. Lunaire to hold service there instead. A local guide entertained them with his account of the capture of a polar bear, which were then commonly called “white bears:”

Our guide amused us with an account of his shooting a large white bear in the woods. He and a companion followed the beast six miles in the woods, and then he turned upon them, and they had to run; but being able to move quicker round the trees, they managed to put the contents of four sealing guns in him, and stopped his journey. He was nine feet long, and the men obtained between eighty and ninety gallons of oil from his fat, and [they] sold his skin for four pounds. "Scattered ones," our guide informed us, come down on the ice every spring, and as the season goes forward they come back overland to get northwards.

The Patey family were the only residents of St. Lunaire at this time, although their surname was commonly rendered “Peatey” or “Peaty” in contemporary records. At the time of Feild's arrival, the

¹¹ Joshua Newman and Matilda Noseworthy's marriage record, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24H3-N>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace South (Church of England > Marriage 1872-1891, Vol. 45 > Image #2, entry #7).

¹² 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).

father of the family, John Peatey, “was out hunting,” and the mother Sarah Peatey was lying in bed. The family gathered for a ceremony where Feild correctly reports that he baptized an infant and six other children.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
88	Anne	John and Sarah	PEATEY	[...] 29, 1839	Surname usually spelled Patey . Either this couple or the other John and Sarah Peaty were married on May 20, 1827 in Harbour Grace, and the mother's maiden name was Pilgrim . ¹³ She married David Peatey (set 2, #89) on Sep. 6, 1871 in St. Anthony. ¹⁴
89	Thomas	John and Sarah	PEATEY	Jun. 19, 1841	
90	John	John and Sarah	PEATEY	Oct. 13, 1842	Died Oct. 4, 1928 in “French Point.” ¹⁵
91	George	John and Sarah	PEATEY	May 29, 1844	Married Sarah Larkin (set 2, #120) on Jul. 27, 1867 in Battle Harbour. ¹⁶
92	Joseph	John and Sarah	PEATEY	May 4, 1846	Married Sarah Jane Pilgrim on Sep. 6, 1871 in St. Anthony. ¹⁷
93	Joshua	John and Sarah	PEATEY	Sep. 9, 1847	Married Emily ... ¹⁸ Died May 26, 1940 per his headstone at

¹³ John Peaty and Sarah Pilgrim's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-24HM-S>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace (Church of England) > Marriage 1776-1833, Vol. 45 > Image #99, entry #1).

¹⁴ Anne Peatey and David Peatey's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1G>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #10, entry #4).

¹⁵ John Peatey's death record, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840-1949,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-2791-SC>, Deaths 1927-1930, Certificate Number 286247-296460, Image #146, entry #24, certificate #291502).

¹⁶ George Peaty and Sarah Larken's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-GD>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #19, entry #4).

¹⁷ Joseph Peatey and Sarah Jane Pilgrim's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1G>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #10, entry #2).

¹⁸ Joshua Peatey's household, “Canada, Newfoundland Census, 1935,” database with images via *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9FX-V5SY>, White Bay > Image #193).

					the cemetery in Great Brehat.
94	Selina	John and Sarah	PEATEY	[lost]	Feild refers to her as an infant. She married James Hillyer on Sep. 4, 1867 in Griquet. ¹⁹

Following this, Feild and his team returned to Griquet to host an evening service amidst an “abominable stench” while crossing the harbour. It is here that we switch back to the second set of records, which covers most of the remainder of Feild’s voyage, and so the numbers jump back to where they were at the end of the second article.

We held service in the house of one S. Hill, an old Englishman. The room, furniture, and people were very neat and clean. Two or three French captains attended the service, and I was much pleased to find several of our friends from Quirpon, who had walked over for the purpose. Eleven children were admitted into the Church.

Hill was certainly the father of the John Hill who is described in some of the records below. True to Feild’s description, several names from the Quirpon section reemerge here especially the Dacres, Paines, and Tuckers. Oh, and Feild’s numbers gets his numbers right again!

No.	Name of Child	Parents’ Names	Parents’ Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
76	Jane	Charles and Susan	TUCKER	W. Dacres	Mar. 27, 1848	Married Joseph Greenland on Sep. 2, 1867 in Fortune near Griquet. ²⁰
77	Elizabeth	William and Mary	BARRETT	Sutcliffe	Aug. 29, 1837	No first name was given for the layman clergy.
78	Sarah Jane	William and Mary	BARRETT	Charles Paine	May 17, 1849	
79	David	William and Mary	BARRETT	Henry Tucker	Sep. 9, 1840	
80	Sarah	John and Sarah	HILL	Thomas Hutching	Nov. 9, 1828	
81	Charlotte	John and Sarah	HILL	John Langdon	Jan. 20, 1835	

¹⁹ Selina Peatey and James Hillyer’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9T-SW>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #5, entry #2).

²⁰ Jane Tucker and Joseph Greenland’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9T-SW>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #5, entry #1).

82	Isaac	John and Sarah	HILL	John Hedge	Jan. 10, 1837	
83	[lost]	John and Sarah	HILL	William Morley	Aug. 3, 1839	
84	Anne	John and Sarah	HILL	Charles Paine	Jul. 13, 1841	Married William Freake on Sep. 5, 1867 in Griquet. ²¹
85	Elizabeth	John and Sarah	HILL	Samuel Burton	Feb. 17, 1845	
86	Abraham	John and Sarah	HILL	Cha's. Westringcoach [?]	Aug. 6, 1847	Married Susanna Norman on Oct. 21, 1876 in Battle Harbour. ²²

The following morning, the *Hawk* sailed to the eastern side of St. Mein Bay and found the then-much smaller community of “St. Anthony’s Harbour.” Feild’s companions went onshore and spoke with one “J. Macey” (John Macey) who happened to have “several of the neighbours in the house.” He notes that John’s wife Anne Macey had been “confined two or three days ago” from some unknown ailment. The clergymen agreed to hold service in the evening, and the residents of St. Anthony promised to inform their neighbours “far and near” of the upcoming ceremony. Deciding to take some initiative himself, Feild attempted to walk to the next harbour over, called “Creniaillere” alongside the young Julian Moreton. This harbour’s name is today rendered “Crémaillère,” a French word referring to a hook which holds a cooking pot over a fire. Feild and Moreton were unable to actually get there due to the heavy brush which had done “much hurt and damage to our clothes.”

But thankfully for the Anglican ministers, the neighbours had fulfilled their promise by bringing a whopping 36 children for the service. This final service, then, encompasses the remainder of the surviving baptismal records! One of them included an infant born to Anne Macey, where it is revealed that her ailment had been the aftermath of a difficult pregnancy as she requested to be churching as well. Feild makes some general observations about the settlers in St. Mein Bay, especially regarding their literacy:

They are chiefly from Carbonear. One woman told me she had been confirmed by Bishop John (Bishop of Nova Scotia), another by Bishop Spencer. Thirty at least of the children were young enough to be at school; some, indeed, too young. There are probably twenty-five who ought now to be under instruction. Several of the men can read; some can write also.

While the column for location previously referred to the physical location where the baptisms had taken place (see, for instance, the first article, where most of the residents of Trout River were baptized

²¹ Anne Hill and Wm. Frake’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9T-SW>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #5, entry #3).

²² Abraham Hill and Susanna Norman’s marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279J-PX>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #29, entry #8).

on the “Church Ship”), they now seem to refer to the abode for each of these families. The Peaty family mentioned below were all from St. Anthony proper. Another very important observation must be made here in that the John and Sarah Peaty mentioned below are not to be confused with the John and Sarah Peatey which were mentioned earlier despite having the exact same name. Let it never be said that genealogy is a simple and easy hobby!

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
87	Keziah	John and Sarah	PEATY	Charles MacNeile	Nov. 27, 1825 [sic]	This couple may actually be the John Peaty and Sarah Pilgrim mentioned earlier.
88	Sa[rah]	John and Sarah	PEATY	Charles MacNeile	May 4, 1837	
89	David	John and Sarah	PEATY	William Marley	Oct. 12, 1838	Married Ann Peatey (set 3, #88) on Sep. 6, 1871 in St. Anthony (see above).
90	Peter	John and Sarah	PEATY	Charles MacNeile	Jan. 29, 1840	
91	Jane	John and Sarah	PEATY	M. Thomas (Medecin)	Aug. 12, 1841	Probably married Thomas Kavanagh on Apr. 6, 1873 in St. Anthony. ²³
92	K [...] [son]	John and Sarah	PEATY	Charles MacNeile	Dec. 5, 1842	“son of” can be made out in the margins.
93	Job	John and Sarah	PEATY	Samuel Burton	Jan. 10, 1837	Married Mary Ann Morgan on Sep. 6, 1871 in St. Anthony. ²⁴
94	Rebecca	John and Sarah	PEATY	Henry Compton	Jul. 26, 1848	Died Aug. 29, 1870 per her headstone in the Interdenominational Cemetery in East Side, St. Anthony.

The following children, all members of the Pilgrim family, were listed as being from St. Anthony Bight:

²³ Thomas Kavanagh and Jane Peatey's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1L>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #12, entry #7).

²⁴ Job Peatey and Mary Ann Morgan's marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1G>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #10, entry #5).

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
95	Mary	Henry and Elizabeth	PILGRIM	Charles MacNeile	Nov. 28, 1840	The couple were married Jan. 12, 1832 in Carbonear as Methodists, and the mother's maiden name was Penney . ²⁵
96	Maria Anne	Henry and Elizabeth	PILGRIM	Thomas Peaty	Sep. 7, 1842	
97	[Abrham?] [son]	Henry and Elizabeth	PILGRIM	Thomas Peaty	Oct. 6, 1843	
98	Henry	Henry and Elizabeth	PILGRIM	Henry Compton	Jan. 6, 1848	Married Julia Ann Howell on Sep. 6, 1871 in St. Anthony. ²⁶ A deteriorated headstone for a Henry Pilgrim who died in June ... 187[...] can be found in St. Anthony Bight.
99	Mark	Henry and Elizabeth	PILGRIM	Henry Compton	Apr. 7, 1849	Married Rachel Moore s on Sep. 2, 1871 in St. Anthony. ²⁷ Died Oct. 20, 1912 in St. Anthony and buried at St. Anthony Bight. ²⁸

The next four families mentioned below were all again from St. Anthony:

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
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²⁵ Henry Pilgrim and Elizabeth Penny's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-244G-T>, Harbour Grace > Harbour Grace (Church of England) > Marriage 1831-1891, Vol. 45 > Image #3, entry #6).

²⁶ Henry Pilgrim and Julia Ann Howell's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1G>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #10, entry #3).

²⁷ Mark Pilgrim and Rachel Moore's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9Y-XW>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #9, entry #8).

²⁸ Mark Pilgrim's death record, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SJ-PJ>, Death 1911-1914, Volume 06 > Image #339, entry #12).

100	Mary	Henry and Elizabeth	COMPTON	James Allen	Jul. 24, 1848	Probably married John Burt on Dec. 22, 1863 in Battle Harbour. ²⁹
101	[Wi]lliam	John and Anne	MACEY	Hugh Welch	Dec. 10, 1831	
102	Sarah	John and Anne	MACEY	Thomas Peaty	Mar. 3, 1834	
103	Isaac	John and Anne	MACEY	Charles MacNeile	Feb. 5, 1836	
104	[lost]	John and Anne	MACEY	Thomas Peaty	Mar. 15, 1838	
105	Mary Anne	John and Anne	MACEY	Thomas Peaty	Sep. 17, 1840	
106	Thomas	John and Anne	MACEY	Charles MacNeile	Dec. 9, 1842	Probably died Jan. 28, 1882 per his headstone at the United Church Cemetery in Cook's Harbour. ³⁰
107	Anna Maria	John and Anne	MACEY	Thomas Peaty	Dec. 27, 1844	
108	Eliza	John and Anne	MACEY	Thomas Peaty	Jul. 15, 1847	
109	David	Joseph and Mary Anne	JANES	John Peaty	Jul. 19, 1843	
110	Susanna	Joseph and Mary Anne	JANES	John Peaty	Nov. 19, 1844	
111	Joseph	Joseph and Mary Anne	JANES	John Peaty	Jun. 24, 1846	Married Elizabeth Mercer on Apr. 6, 1873 in St. Anthony. ³¹
112	Ellen	Joseph and Mary Anne	JANES	John Peaty	May 23, 1847	Married James Boyles on Sep. 9, 1868 in St. Anthony. ³²

²⁹ Mary Compton and John Burt's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279J-1Q>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #15, entry #1).

³⁰ Note that this headstone gives his age as 38 (1844).

³¹ Joseph Janes and Elizabeth Mercer'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 #1).

³² Ellen Janes and James Boyles' marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1D>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #6, entry #8).

113	Emma	George and Mary	BEST	William Larkin	Feb. 14, 1849	The couple were married on Nov. 27, 1836 in Carbonear, and the mother's maiden name was Burton . ³³
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The Colbourne family listed below were from the earlier-mentioned Crémaillère. Sadly, much of this section has heavily deteriorated.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
114	[lost]	[George] and [Ra]chel	COLBOURNE	Thomas Peaty	Sep. 2, 1839	
115	[lost]	[Ge]orge and Rachel	COLBOURNE	John Hainey	May 3, 1841	
116	[lost]	[Geor]ge and Rachel	COLBOURNE	Thomas Peaty	Dec. 17, 1843	
117	[lost]	George and Rachel	COLBOURNE	Henry Compton	Mar. 24, 1846	
118	[...]ae [daughter]	George and Rachel	COLBOURNE	Henry Compton	Dec. 29, 1848	"daughter of" can be made out in the margins.

The second set of records finally concludes with the Larkin family of St. Anthony:

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Layman Clergy	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
119	Stephen	William and Mary Anne	LARKIN	Thomas Peaty	Dec. 26, 1841	Married Caroline White on Oct. 10, 1868 in Battle Harbour. ³⁴
120	Sarah	William and Mary Anne	LARKIN	Thomas Peaty	Dec. 5, 1845	Married George Peatey (set 3, #91) on Jul. 27, 1867 in Battle

³³ George Taylor Best and Mary Burton's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-27SG-LK>, Carbonear > Carbonear (Methodist) > Marriage 1794-1891, Vol. 50 > Image #23, entry #3).

³⁴ Stephen Larken and Caroline White's marriage, "Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893," database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-279V-GD>, Labrador > Battle Harbour Labrador (Church of England) > Marriage 1850-1882, Vol. 114, image #19, entry #6).

						Harbour (see above).
121	[...]as	William and [Mary Anne]	LARKIN	Samuel Burton	Mar. 18, 1847	No sex is apparent.

This is where the second set of records ends. With 35 baptisms having been covered, the final child present at the August 30th ceremony in St. Anthony can be found appended to the very end of the third set of records. Our last baptismal record concerns the infant girl of St. Anthony referred to earlier.

No.	Name of Child	Parents' Names	Parents' Surname	Date of Birth	Notes by Transcriber
95	Caroline	John and Anne	MACEY	J[...] 1849	Married Alfred Simms on Aug. 21, 1868 in Brandy Harbour. ³⁵

Following the service in St. Anthony, several women in the community asked if Feild could consecrate their cemetery. As the headstones were separately enclosed, Feild told them to instead build a community cemetery. Feild would remain in the community the following day, August 31, instructing the settlers on how to properly create a cemetery for consecration. This probably became the Interdenominational Cemetery on the East Side of St. Anthony, where the earliest legible headstone is that for a Thomas Peaty who had died on Sep. 20, 1841, aged 25 years (1816).

Feild concluded that the people of St. Anthony “all appeared hearty and earnest in the cause [regarding the cemetery], and certainly do not seem to have deteriorated in Church feeling through their removal from Carbonear.” Our narrative ends, then, upon Feild and his men’s departure for Twillingate. As the Anglican missions in Notre Dame Bay were more well established, Feild does not spare nearly as much detail in discussing the Anglican residents of this area.

Final Thoughts

That concludes the comparative reading between the surviving records from Bishop Feild’s 1849 trip to the corners of his diocese and the journal he had kept on that voyage. While it was interesting to see how often the two adjacent works gelled with each other, it is also noteworthy how many times they found themselves to be contradictory. Primary sources are crucial in any good genealogy, but the discrepancies noted throughout these three articles should remind us that they should each be treated with appropriate discretion. When they did work in conjunction, however, some of the insights into Feild’s writings have been fascinating. What stands out to me personally is Feild’s reference to the antisocial behaviour of Charles Stone of Henley Harbour, but there have been other moments of elucidation, such as Maurice Darrigan of Lark Harbour’s contribution to the establishment of literacy in the west coast. Feild had hoped to illustrate the challenging, and in his eyes unorthodox, lives of Newfoundland’s early permanent European settlers, and in this he succeeded.

³⁵ Caroline Peatey and Alfred Simms’ marriage, “Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893,” database with images via FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:9398-KD9R-1D>, White Bay > White Bay (Church of England) > Marriage 1864-1891, Vol. 94 > Image #6, entry #7).

This little study would not have been possible, of course, had the journal itself not been digitized and made easily available. The conjunction of the parish records at the provincial archives alongside Feild's own commentary has, in a sense, woven together traditional history and the narrower discipline of family history. My hope is that, as the popularity of genealogy endures in our increasingly digital world, historical treatises like Feild's become increasingly available for all those who may be interested in learning more about the past.



Bishop Feild; The Rooms; LS 740

CAPE BROYLE ON THE IRISH LOOP

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It is believed that Cape Broyle comes from a Portuguese word broile, meaning to roar and refers to a ledge jutting out from the cape causing water to form and bubble up at the bay's entrance. As early as 1618 Sir William Vaughan, a man of Welsh descent, named the harbour Cambroil but despite the early influence it is the Irish who are credited with giving the community its official start in the 1780s. History says 12 families lived there in the year 1715, but must have moved on as there were no families there in 1780.

Having recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day it seemed fitting to focus on the Irish in Newfoundland. Many of the early settlers of the southeastern shore of the Avalon peninsula were of Irish descent. The young Irishmen who came for a fishing season said they were coming to "Talamh an Eise" - land of the fish. One of the files at The Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is named Cape Broyle. If someone says "did your mother come from Ireland" and your ancestor's name is Walsh from Cape Broyle, the answer is yes.

The following are the early names of residents there:

John and Ellen **Walsh** (Nellie Lyons) and their son Michael arrived in Cape Broyle from County Wexford, Ireland, in 1785. In the early 1900s nearly all the people in Cape Broyle were related to John and Ellen through marriage.

Descendants of John Kelly and Cornelius and Catherine **Kelly**, also from County Wexford, remained in Cape Broyle for 168 years. We have the Will of 1890 of descendant, Michael Kelly at our office.

John and Mary **Grant** arrived in the 1780s. Mary was a native of Tipperary, Ireland.

There were two **Aylward** families who came to Cape Broyle from Waterford, Ireland. James and Johannah Aylward arrived in the 1780s and the second family were brothers Martin, Maurice and Thomas, sons of John and Alice Aylward, who arrived in 1815. It is through the family of Maurice that the name continued in Cape Broyle.

There were so many O'Briens in the area that they had to use nicknames to distinguish them. John, James, Michael and Thomas **O'Brien** came from County Waterford in 1791. Later their two sisters arrived. The O'Briens of Waterford are descendants of Brian Boru (Brian of the Tributes) High King of Ireland 1002. There is a picture of their original castle at our office.

William and Mary Ann **Lahey** arrived around 1812 leaving an estate in Ireland. Years later Lahey received 60 pounds, his share of the estate. Kitty Lahey was the first telegraph operator in Cape Broyle. The Laheys became known as Kehoe's gang. (They may have been employed by Keough as were other early settlers who were servants for George and Thomas Keough and Co. who came from Wexford and established a business at Cape Broyle around 1788).

John **Cashin** (1791-1861) from County Wexford, lived in Caplin Bay for two years then married Mary Walsh, only daughter of John and Ellen Walsh in 1814 and moved to Cape Broyle where he lived until his death in 1861. Cape Broyle is the birthplace of Sir Michael Cashin who became Prime Minister of Newfoundland in 1919.

Richard **Furlong**, from Tipperary and Johannah Doran were married in County Galway and walked from the church to the vessel that brought them to Newfoundland in 1815. Today the Furlong name is no longer in Cape Broyle.

John **Dalton** came from Wexford in the year 1820. He married Mary Grant in 1828. One of his four sons emigrated to America, another moved to Renews. The many descendants in Cape Broyle today are from son John and daughter Ann.

Michael and Mary **Ryan** came from County Wexford in 1826. Their son Michael drowned in 1830 and his widow married **Edward Coady**, a native of County Wexford. This name has been long gone from Cape Broyle.

Little is known about the **Fitzgerald** family who came from Tipperary.

The following names came later to Cape Broyle from other parts of the Avalon Peninsula:

John and William **Costello** came to Cape Broyle from Conception Harbour in 1850s. John married a girl from County Cork. The **Duggan** family came from Trinity Bay around 1858. John **Shannahan** was born in Ferryland and came to Cape Broyle about 1900. John and Michael **Kent**, sons of John Kent from South Brigus came to Cape Broyle. Ronald **Hayden** arrived in the spring of 1918 from Harbour Grace and a large number of his descendants are still there today.

This collection covers not only the early names of Cape Broyle but many of the descendants and how they are all connected by marriage. There is an account of Cape Broyle Churches, Schools, Priests, Teachers and Doctors who served the community. Many communities on the Irish Loop have stories of pirates and buried treasure. Cape Broyle also has mysterious stories of buried treasure, the Devil's Stairway, the Fairy Pond grave and the disappearances of Alfreda O'Brien and Pauline and Albert Gjesdale. There are also stories of tragedies at sea that claimed the lives of so many and the murder on St. Patrick's Day 1942 of young Josephine O'Brien of Cape Broyle. There are also many tributes in this collection containing information that could add to your family history.

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**AN EXCERPT FROM THE NEWLY PUBLISHED
BIOGRAPHY/SOCIAL HISTORY, *LETTERS FROM SID: SARAH
SIDNEY HOLBROOK, 1822–1860: HER FAMILY STORY***

Aiden Holden

Letters from Sid is a non-fiction biography/social history set in the early 1800s centred on the Holbrook family in Newfoundland. It reveals personalities and conflicts in a true story made possible only through an extensive collection of private letters, almost two hundred years old, which have survived to the present day in an 1820 sea chest. The book is available on Amazon.ca <https://a.co/d/0pc3mib>

An excerpt from chapter 10:

On 20 Feb 1894, the 2,696-ton *Lord Spencer* set off from the Port of Barrow, Lancashire, under master John Leahy of Cork, Ireland, with a load of railroad rails bound for the Port of Freemantle, Perth, Australia. Fourteen-year-old James Graham Macnab, second son of Lieutenant John Macnab of Liverpool, was one of the crew. The *Lord Spencer*, originally named the *Java*, had been built in 1865 at Glasgow as a three-masted, iron-hulled hybrid with two steam engines. It was designed as a passenger ship but, after changing hands a few times, the new Liverpool owners removed the engines and converted it to a sailing cargo ship in 1892.¹

This was young Macnab's first sailing engagement and his employment as ship's boy at the rate of one shilling per month hints that adventure and experience were the motivating factors on this planned voyage around the world. Along the way, they docked at Cape Town in June 1894 and Newcastle, Australia, in August. Finally, they docked at San Francisco in December 1894. Although some crew members had either disembarked or deserted at the various ports of call, James Macnab remained with the ship to continue his adventure trip around the globe. Nine new men, including George Augustus Holbrook Lilly as boatswain, signed on at San Francisco.² He was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, to William Lilly and Eunice Isabella Holbrook on 17 Jul 1843.³ At age seventeen, George joined the merchant marine and left his home in Newfoundland, never to return.⁴ He took up a sea-faring life during the golden age of ocean-going steamships. Steamers rigged as sailing vessels, burning coal only when necessary, could make long voyages and still have plenty of cargo space. His career was to take him all over the world.

After a long port call, Master Leahy finally set out on 9 Apr 1895 laden with wheat for Queenstown, Ireland, sailing south along the Pacific coast of South America around Cape Horn and then north up the Atlantic coast.

Meanwhile, on 27 May 1895, the 1,292-ton iron-hulled sailing ship *Prince Oscar*, under the command of Master John Henderson of Leith, embarked from Tyne Docks, South Shields, England, bound for Iquique, Chile, with a crew of 23 and a cargo of 1,850 tons of coal. The planned route would take them to the South Atlantic, around the tip of South America, and up the Pacific coast to Iquique.

On the night of 13 Jul 1895, the weather was dark and squally with the wind out of the southeast and the moon nearing its last quarter. At about midnight, position readings had placed *Prince Oscar* at 9.30 S 28.20 W or about four hundred nautical miles off the coast of Recife, Brazil.⁵ They were "under main and top-gallant sails running in the wind at about 6¼ knots on the port tack." Shortly after midnight, the master retired leaving the chief mate in charge. It was the lookout's duty to report the state of the side lights every half-hour. On 14 Jul at 12:32 a.m. he signalled that the red port light was out. It took about three minutes to take it out of the screen,

trim, re-light, and replace it. At about 12:40 a.m. the lookout spotted a ship slightly to the port bow. The chief mate went forward to investigate and saw an indistinct ship ahead at an estimated distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles although he could not discern whether she was coming or going. He could see no navigation lights and thought it must also be sailing south, as was his ship. As it became more distinct, he realized that it was actually proceeding northward toward them and crossing their bow at an angle from port to starboard but he still could not see any lights. He maintained course and ordered the wheelman to keep it close to the wind. The unknown ship continued until it was about two pointsⁱ on the starboard bow. This was an unsafe maneuver but it had already cleared when, at about two ship-lengths distant, its red light shone! It was crossing the bow of the *Prince Oscar* a second time. A collision was inevitable and the mate ordered the helm to be put hard down.ⁱⁱ They crashed into the ship on its port side between the two aftermasts.

Master Henderson later reported, "Our bows were torn completely in twain." The unknown ship (determined to be the *Lord Spencer* months later) deflected and sank within two minutes. "We could not see any sign of life about her or hear any cries for help." The master also stated that the mysterious ship was "under full sail and had not the slightest appearance of having been deserted."⁶ It was clear that the *Prince Oscar* was also floundering; the master ordered the boats be put out. It was sinking so quickly that they succeeded in lowering only two boats—a lifeboat and the gig.ⁱⁱⁱ Almost as soon as the boats touched the water, and only seven minutes after the collision, the *Prince Oscar* keeled over and disappeared into the depths. Five men had no time to get into the boats; the suction of the whirlpool created by the sinking ship took four of them down. The chief mate, who was commanding the gig, was able to rescue only one man. They searched the area for some time but found no sign of their missing men nor any survivors from the *Lord Spencer*. The two boats made for land but, amid heavy swell, misfortune struck again in the afternoon when the gig capsized. Another two men were drowned before the others could be hauled aboard the lifeboat.⁷ Respite finally came on 16 July when the *Dharwar* spotted the survivors in the lifeboat and brought them aboard. Later they transferred to the steamer *Capac* bound for Philadelphia. By late August they had arrived in Liverpool aboard the White Star liner *Britannic*.⁸

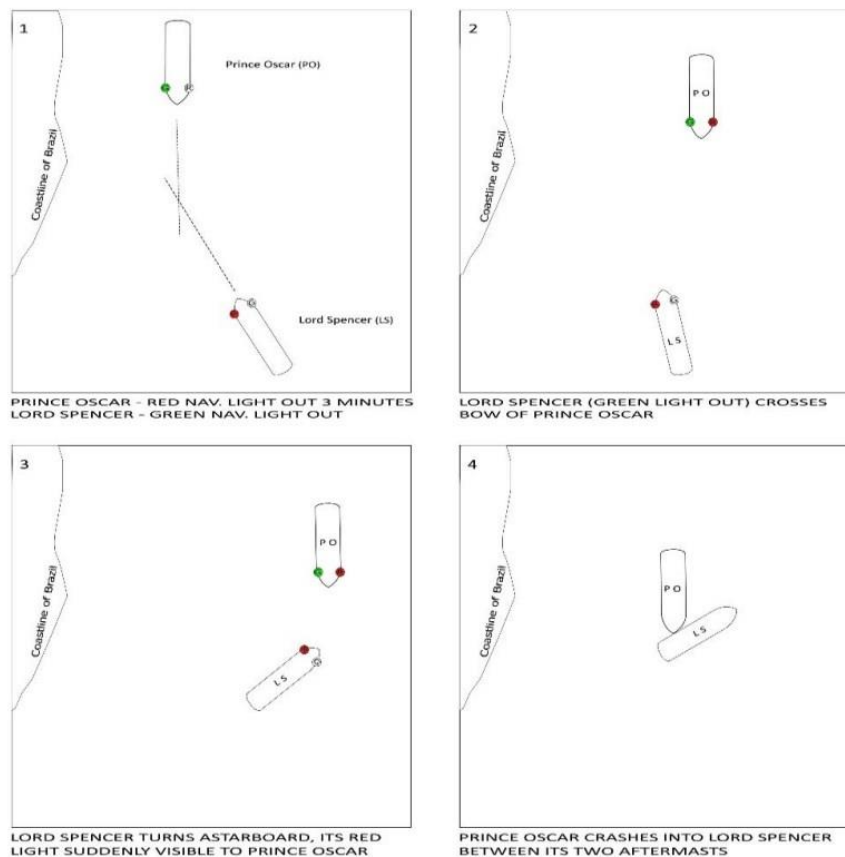
Over three days in September 1895, the Liverpool Board of Trade held an inquiry into the loss of the *Prince Oscar*. At that time the identity of the other ship was still unknown. Chief Officer Bartholomew Lynch agreed with Master John Henderson that "the collision was due to the strange vessel suddenly reaching across his bows."⁹ David Pigot, the second officer, stated: "Shortly before the collision, *Prince Oscar's* port light went out. Orders were at once given for it to be trimmed, and this was done with all expedition." Able seaman, Alfred Bunting, testified, "he saw the other vessel change her course just before the collision and attempt to cross the *Prince Oscar's* bow, showing her red light as she did so."¹⁰ The Board found that the crew of the *Prince Oscar* was not at fault. It had correctly maintained its course until the last minute when a collision became unavoidable. The fault lay with the other vessel which failed to yield the right-of-way to the vessel on the starboard tack. However, the inquiry noted that the other ship may have misinterpreted the sudden appearance of *Prince Oscar's* red light (which had been out for about three minutes) as a porting of the helm.¹¹ That finding makes sense only if the *Lord Spencer's* navigator had wrongly supposed during the entire encounter that the *Prince Oscar* was travelling in the same northerly direction as the *Lord Spencer*.

i. "Two points" refers to the 32 points of a compass, so two points would be $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. It is a quick way for sailors to describe the relative position of an object.

ii. "Helm hard down" is an instruction to push the helm or tiller all the way leeward. Quickly turning the helm from one side to the other would have the effect of rapidly reducing speed.

iii. A gig was a rowboat traditionally used to take crew to shore or a local pilot to an incoming ship.

No mention was made of the apparent fact that the *Lord Spencer's* green starboard light must have been out the entire time. Neither ship was equipped with a white stern light which could have averted the disaster by making the direction of travel more obvious.



James Macnab's adventure had come to an abrupt and tragic end. Exactly one year after the final sailing of the *Lord Spencer*, James' parents memorialized their son in the *Liverpool Mercury* issue of 9 Apr 1896, "in memoriam—Macnab—Lost at sea, in his 16th year, in the missing ship *Lord Spencer*, which left San Francisco for home on 9 Apr 1895, James Graham, second and dearly-loved son of Lieutenant J. Macnab, RNR, Liverpool."¹² The commemoration date was the anniversary of its last sighting. The UK Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen used 9 Apr 1895 as the date of death for the thirty crew members although they lived another three months until the end of that ill-fated voyage on 14 Jul 1895.¹³

There was no comparable memorial for George Augustus Holbrook Lilly; no one noticed his death only four days short of his fifty-second year. Long estranged from his family, he had been legally declared dead eleven years earlier. He spent his adult life as a merchant marine sailor travelling all corners of the earth on both British and American vessels. He had cut all communication with his family. He never settled down and when he wanted downtime, he took a

hiatus at whatever port he found himself between sailings.

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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. Thank you to The Ontario Genealogical Society for this definition of a Stray.

I do take most of our strays from *The Telegram & The Chronicle Herald*. For more detailed information, please research the newspaper for the dates listed. Strays from Bell Island appear on the Historic Wabana Nfld 2.0 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 private group page has over 500 members.

Note: Now that we no longer have a daily newspaper in St. John's, more and more of the strays will be taken from the funeral homes' website. I ask our readers to submit strays from their own local areas.

Bragg, Franklyn Delino Montgomery April 30, 1945 – Dec. 20, 2024 in Nova Scotia. Born in St. John's, he was raised in Pouch Cove. Predeceased by his parents Abe & Hilda Bragg & his brother Kevin. Husband of 55 years of Linda (Hudson). Father of Jamie & Christa Purdy (Tim). Sister of Lucy Slade. Long-time employee of Hertz Company in Ontario. Long-time resident of Dartmouth, NS. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS Dec. 28, 2024.

Clarke, Gary Herbert in Ottawa, ON. Feb. 8, 1950 – Jan. 17, 2025. Predeceased by his parents, Herbert R & Dorothy Clarke & his brother Terry. Brother of Roslyn, Keith, Donna, Beverly Parsons (Winston), David & Carl. He retired from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2005 following a career with the Council of Students Union & the Breezeway Bar. He moved to Ottawa in 2018. Inurnment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's. A Facebook page submission.

Furey, Dorothy (nee Blackmore) on Dec. 22, 2024 in Kitchener, ON, aged 82. Born on Bell Island in 1942. She was nicknamed Queen. Predeceased by her parents Roger & Elizabeth Blackmore, her sister Shirley Batten & her brother Don Blackmore. She left home at age

18 to join the Canadian Armed Forces. She settled in Galt, On. Mother of Shawn & Glenn. Sister of Walter Blackmore, Laura Stortz (Orval) & Roslyn Power (Gerald). Obit & photo Historic Wabana Facebook site.

Francis, Wayne Joseph April 29, 1977 – Dec. 13, 2024. Born in Burin, graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS & the University of New Brunswick Law School. Predeceased by his father Ben & his grandparents Elizabeth & Robert Lundrigan & Sarh Francis. Son of Mary Francis. Brother of Lou & Brian. Husband of 20 years of Norma Snow. He was inducted into the Burin Peninsula Soccer Hall of Fame. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS Dec. 28, 2024 & Atlantic Funeral Home, Dartmouth, NS.

Gannon, Mae Selina (nee Appleby) Aug. 23, 1929 – Jan. 27, 2025. Born in Burin, daughter of Hubert Frank Appleby & Primadine Appleby (Taylor). Predeceased by her parents, her husband Edward James Gannon & her brothers Don & Hubert. Sister of Laura Tibert & Grace Noel. Mother of Lalia, Ruby, Timothy & Edward. She retired as Manager of Perry Hope Pharmacy. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald* Jan. 29, 2025.

Grandy, Albert Archibald in Halifax, NS on Jan 17, 2019. Born in Garnish on March 11, 1932, son of Maxwell & Edith (Moulton) Grandy. Predeceased by his parents. He was employed with Dominion Stores & IGA for over 40 years. He moved to Bridgewater, NS in 1963. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 60 years. Husband of 66 years of Lorraine (Moulton). Also predeceased by his father and mother-in-law, Fred & Pearl Moulton. Father of Beverly Hubley (Willie), Norma Hipper (Donnie) & Yvonne (Bonnie) Porter (Kevin). Brother of Myra Freeborne & Stanley. Stepfather of Mark, Terren, Adam, Jaclyn & Ryan. Photo & obit on the Newfoundlanders & Genealogy Facebook page, a Randy Harnett submission.

Grant, Peter Theu on Feb. 5, 2025 in Colchester East Gants Health Centre, Nova Scotia. Born in St. John's in 1935, son of Grainger Grant & Margaret (Smith). He spent his early life on Bell Island & then Val D'Or, Quebec, where he worked as a mining engineer. He received a geology degree from the University of New Brunswick. He then obtained an Education degree & began a thirty year teaching career. Husband of Helen (nee Howe). They met while teaching in Campbellton, NB. Father of Theresa & Stewart. Predeceased by his parents & three brothers, Gerald, Harold & Leonard. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS. Feb. 13, 2025.

Hickey, Stephen of Riverview, NB, in Moncton, NB on Jan. 13, 2025. Born in Corner Brook on March 15, 1977, son of Leo & Geraldine (Dalton) Hickey. Brother of Craig. He moved to New Brunswick at age 9. Obit & photo Dunphy's Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Holyrood, Conception Bay.

Kunsch, Ruth (nee Skanes) in Waterloo, On. May 4, 1941 - Jan. 10, 2025. Born on Bell

Island. Predeceased by her parents, Thomas & Ethel Skaines, her husband of 50 years, Bill Kunsch, (married in 1967), her brothers Hubert & Max & her sisters, Joyce Loveys (Roy), Joan Hunt (Ozward) & Jean Skanes. She taught school in Grand Falls & in St. John's & in Kitchener, ON. She & Bill owned & operated The Donut Castle in Waterloo, ON for 14 years. Obit & photo Historic Wabana Facebook site.

Langin, Jill Margaret (nee Chalker) Oct. 9, 1940 – Jan. 14, 2025 in Halifax, NS. Born in St. John's, daughter of J. R. Chalker & Margaret (Butt). Wife of Clifford Langin. Married in 1961. Mother of Glenn & Scott. Sister of Timothy. Predeceased by her parents, her daughter Holly & her brother Richard. She graduated as a Registered Nurse. She & Clifford moved to Nova Scotia. They founded East Coast Mobile Medical in 1995. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald* Jan. 16, 2025.

Lewis, Olivia (Pip) March 9, 1955-Jan. 30, 2025 in Halifax, NS. Born in St. John's. Daughter of Dr. A. S. Lewis & Elizabeth (Wood) Lewis. She started a small business, Olivia Lewis Originals, in 1990, designing & manufacturing rainware for women, men & children. She was an active volunteer with Exon House, Teachers on Wheels & other organizations. She moved to Halifax, NS in 2019. Partner of 42 years of Michael Lonardo. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald* Feb. 8, 2025.

O'Toole, Maude Marie (nee Pearson) Aug. 17, 1942 – Feb. 26, 2025 in NS. Born in Great Paradise, daughter of Jack & Jessie Pearson. Predeceased by her partner, John Abbott. Mother of Janet, Dawn, Lynn & David. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald* March 1, 2025 & J. A. Snow Funeral Home, Halifax, NS.

Garland Benjamin Butler of Griquet

Submitted by Peter Hefferton



Garland Benjamin Butler was born in 1853 in Middle Bight, Newfoundland. He was the fourth child of William and Amy Butler. In his thirties he moved to Griquet, Newfoundland and was a school teacher and lay reader for the Church of England in northern Newfoundland. He met his wife to be, Sarah Reid (nee Wadman), a widower, while on vacation in Halifax in 1877. They were married on November 6, 1877 in St. Barbe, Newfoundland. They would have 7 children, all born in Griquet, Newfoundland.

It would appear that Garland acted as a spokesman for the area, as it was recorded in the Daily Colonist in September 1886, he was in St. John's to represent the people of the area in front of the Government. It would also appear that he operated a store in Griquet as there is a story in the Daily Colonist on May 2, 1888 documenting a theft from his store.

Garland worked hand in hand with Rev. J.J. Curling, a traveling minister with the Church of England, who worked in many of the outposts in Northern Newfoundland. Although Garland was not an ordained minister, he visited and offered services to many of the small fishing villages in the area. Garland and Rev. Curling were instrumental in having the Anglican Church Hall built in Griquet.

Garland died in late October 1895 after transporting Rev Weaver by boat from Cape Norman. His boat and body were washed ashore near Barge Bay Labrador. It was reported that he died as a result falling while getting out of his boat due to weakness in his legs.

His body was transported back to Griquet and he was buried in the Griquet Anglican Cemetery

Garland Benjamin Butler

Born: 1853 Middle Bight, Newfoundland Died: 22 OCT 1895 Griquet, Newfoundland

Father

William Butler

Born: 1810 Middle Bight, Newfoundland

Died: 6 NOV 1888 Foxtrap, Newfoundland

Mother

Amy Emma Andrews

Born: 1814 Upper Gullies, Newfoundland

Died: 7 JAN 1883 Upper Gullies, Newfoundland

Siblings

Lavinia Butler

Born: 1839 Upper Gulies, Newfoundland

Died: 14 FEB 1906 Upper Gilies, Newfoundland

Nathaniel Butler

Born: 1844 Middle Bight, Newfoundland Died: 1 MAR 1928 Kelligrews, Newfoundland

William Butler

Born: 1848 Middle Bight, Kelligrews, Newfoundland Died: 11 Jan 1928 Codner, Newfoundland

Elizabeth (Betsy) Butler

Born: APR 1858 Middle Bight, Newfoundland Died: 28 SEP 1946 Kelligrews, Newfoundland

Wife

Sarah Wadman (Reid)

Born: 1851 Rose Blanche, Newfoundland Died: 1908 Griquet, Newfoundland

Married: 6 Nov 1877 St Barbe, Newfoundland

Children

Madeline Butler

Born: Sept 1878 Griquet, Newfoundland Died: 10 Jan 1879 Griquet, Newfoundland

William Arthur Butler

Born: Jan 1881 Griquet, Newfoundland Died: 11 APR 1943 Topsail, Newfoundland

Lillian Blanche Butler

Born: 22 JAN 1883 Griquet, Newfoundland Died: 13 MAR 1971 North Sydney, Nova Scotia

Emma W. Butler

Born: 1884 Griquet Newfoundland

Died: 10 SEP 1952 Manchester Hartford Connecticut

Thomas Charles Butler

Born: 1888 Griquet, Newfoundland Died: 2 MAR 1917 Saily-Saillisel, France

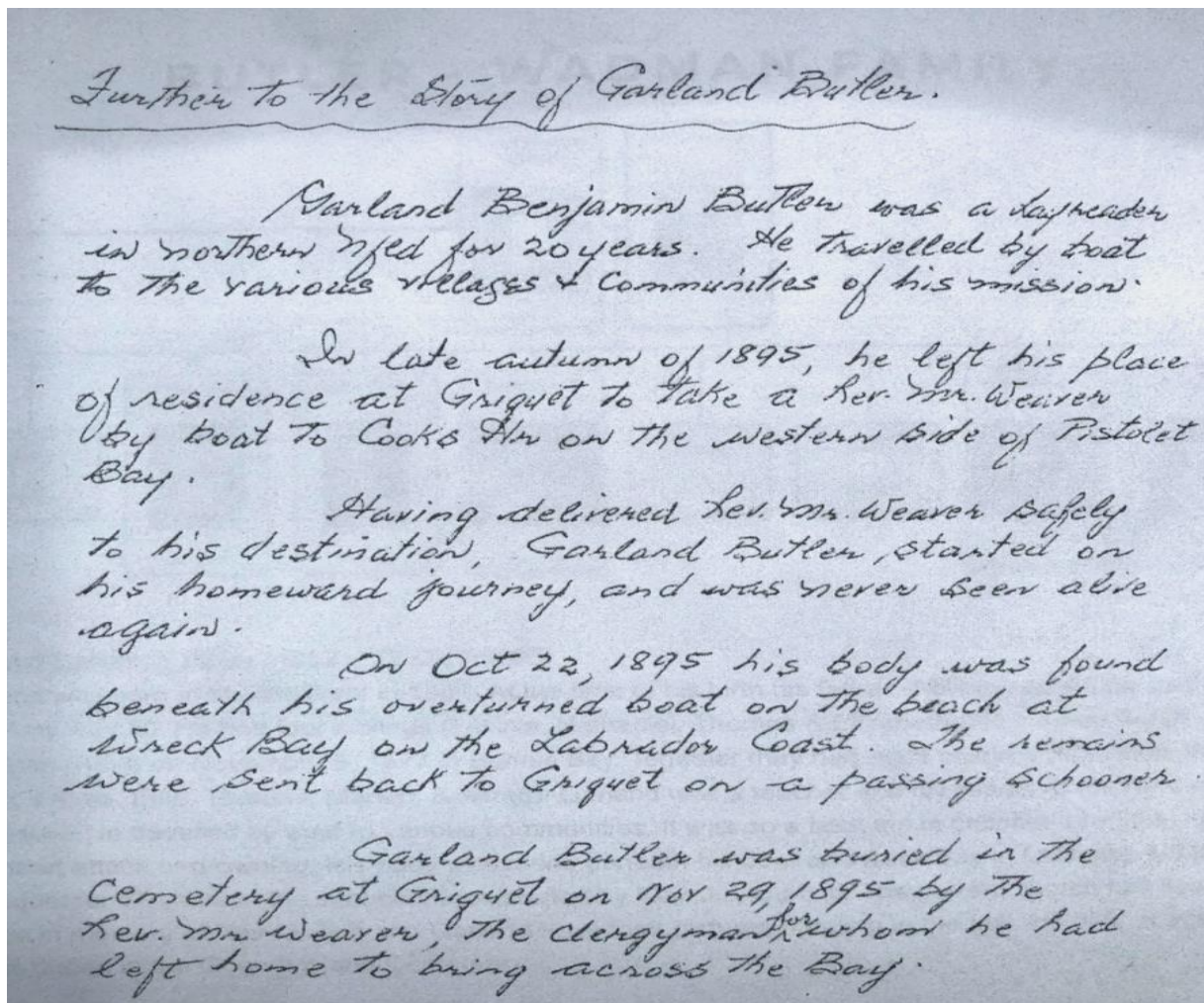
Marion Ethel Butler

Born: 22 SEP 1891 Griquet, Newfoundland Died: 3 JUN 1984 Miami, Dade, Florida

Alfred Frances Butler

Born: 19 DEC 1892 Griquet, Newfoundland

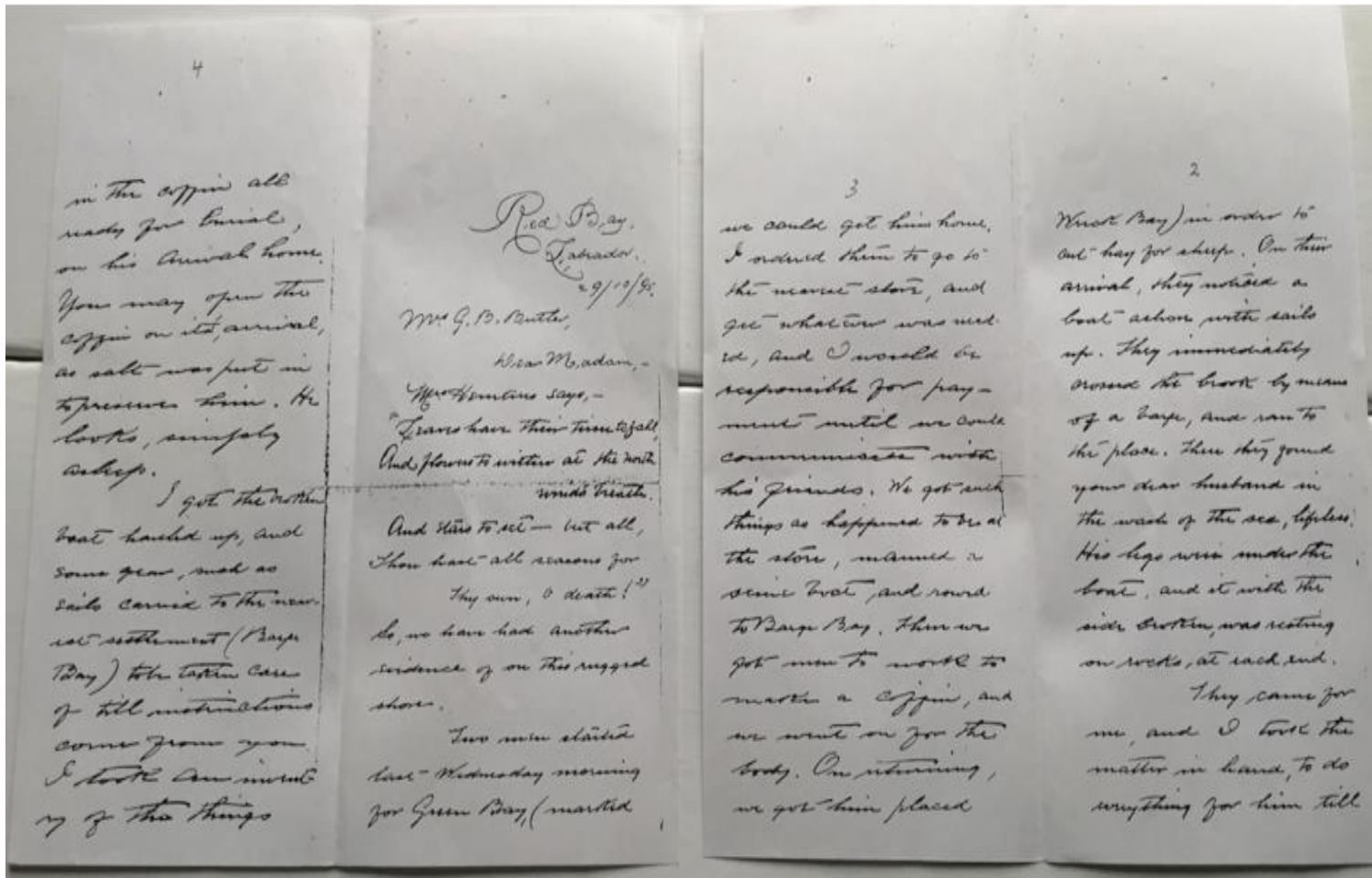
Died 14 May 1931 Manchester Hartford Connecticut

Marion Rowe's hand-written note about Garland Butler (Marion's Grandfather)

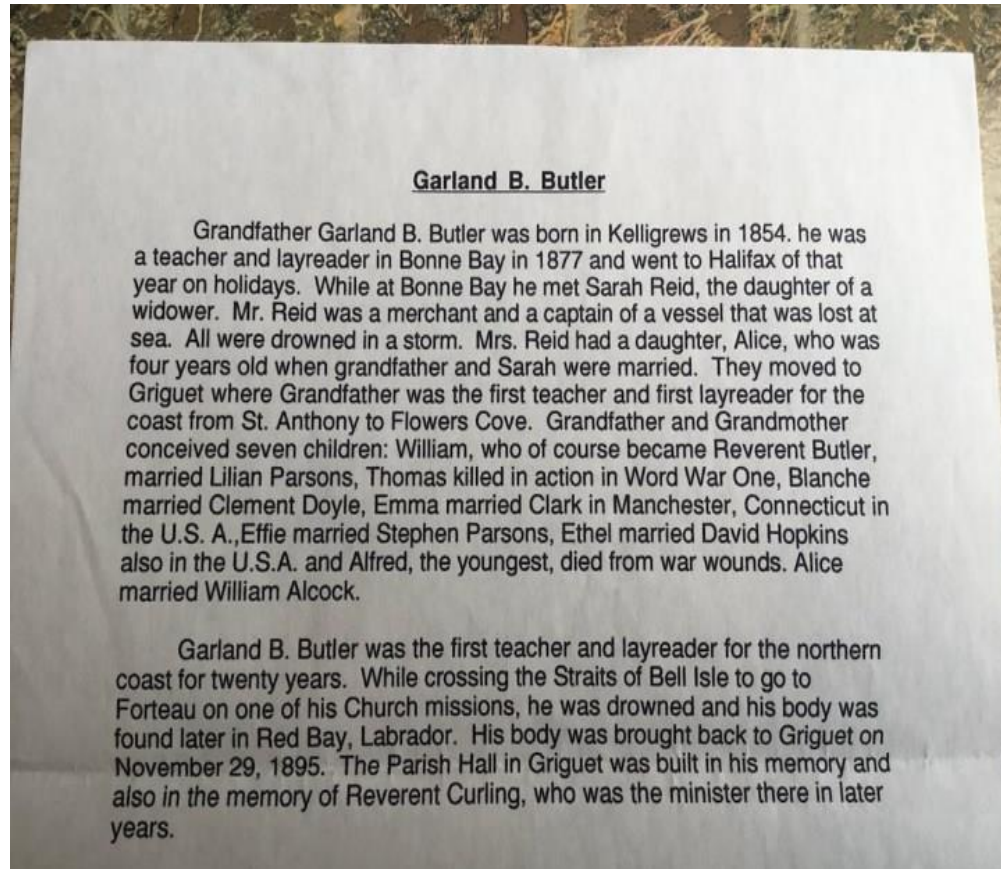
The letter below was written to Mrs. G. B. Butler on Garland's death from someone in the community of Red Bay Labrador where his body was found.

The poem at the beginning of the letter was written by Felicia Dorothea Hemans (1793 -1835) - 'The Hour of Death' written in 1823.

Thanks to Harold Hefferton for providing this letter.



**A note, author unknown, provided by Harold Hefferton on the background of
Garland Butler.**



**Plaque attached to Anglican Church Hall in Griquet Newfoundland in memory of
Rev. Curling and Garland Butler**



Barb Hefferton & Peter Rowe holding the picture of Garland Butler which hangs in the Church Hall in Griquet, Newfoundland. Barb & Peter are great grandchildren of Garland. Photo taken August 2019.



Articles from various publications about Garland Butler.

Daily Colonist September 30, 1886

Daily Colonist.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1886.

CONDITION OF THINGS NORTHWARD.

Mr. G. B. Butler, of Griquet, is in town this week on behalf of the people of that place, to represent to the Government the necessity of immediate relief in the shape of public works, such as the opening of roads. From Griquet to Ming's Bight very few fish have been taken this year. The average catch does not exceed more than seven quintals a man; and unless some money be expended amongst them now for labor, whilst they can work, it will have to be spent, later on, in the shape of pauper relief. Mr. Butler holds a responsible position as a teacher in the Church of England School, and is an intelligent gentleman, whose representations are, no doubt, strictly correct. He has had several interviews with members of the Government, and they have promised to adopt means to help the people of the Northward to tide over this season's difficulties.

Daily Colonist May 2, 1888

Griquet, with heavy snowfalls. The coldest day for the season was February 4th, on the morning of which day the thermometer went down to sixteen degrees below zero. To add to the misery of the situation many persons were badly off. On the night of the 11th of February Mr. G. B. Butler's store was broken into and sixteen gallons of molasses and twenty pounds of beef taken. Some families there had enough food to last till the middle of March, after which our correspondent said he did not know how things would go. In Hare Bay fifty persons were short of food. Up to date of the letter three seals had been got at Hare Bay, and two at Griquet. A French merchant has written to some man in the neighborhood of Griquet asking what the latter thought would be the best place in the vicinity to start a business, and would the resident English settlers object to trade. He, beside, inquires the price of fish, "and this," adds the writer, "looks as if the French had a notion of settling here."

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THE VISITATION VOYAGE.

ON Monday the 7th July, His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland sailed in the Church ship *Lavrock*, on the Visitation Voyage. The visitation will extend over three months, and comprise part of the Labrador coast, and all that portion of the Diocese north of Conception Bay. The Rev. J. M. Noel, Rector of Harbour Grace, accompanied His Lordship as Chaplain for the first part of the voyage. The *Lavrock* has lately undergone a thorough overhauling and repair, rendered necessary by her previous hazardous voyages, and will, we hope, carry the Bishop safely through this arduous part of his duties. She is commanded by Capt. E. H. Axford.

We have received letters from the *Lavrock* dated 10th July, from St. Anthony, four days after leaving St. John's; and 16th July from Battle Harbour. Numerous icebergs were met all along the coast. From Cape Freels to Fogo, they were aground! "like a regiment of soldiers." The progress of the *Lavrock* was stopped by ice off the N. E. Coast, and on Thursday, 10th July, she was in St. Anthony harbour, waiting for a fair chance to get further north. There was a good hope of doing so speedily, which was happily realized.

"On Friday morning, July 11th, the *Lavrock* left St. Anthony, and beat down shore towards Cape Bauld. The wind, however, was light and dead ahead. We consequently did not arrive off Griquet till 5 o'clock, twelve miles north of the last-named port. The harbour was full of fishing craft, bound north; many vessels being from Bonavista and Notre Dame Bays. Flags were run up, and as we lay down the harbour, and threaded our way amongst them, a *feu de joie* greeted His Lordship's arrival. We anchored well up the Arm, off Mr. Baxter Crocker's premises. After tea, the Chaplain left in the jolly-boat to inform Mr. Garland Butler of the Bishop's arrival, and to request him to come on board to make arrangements in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Howells, the Missionary. He accordingly did so before nightfall. Several candidates had been prepared for Confirmation during Mr. Howells' visit in the winter, but there were others living at Noddy Bay, Quirpon, and adjoining places north.

On Saturday, Mr. Noel started with the Lay-reader and two men, in the ship's jolly-boat, and sailed up the N. E. Arm about three miles. The

party landed at the identical spot where Rev. Mr. Curling providentially found footing when, in 1874, the boat capsized and Mr. Curling swam for the shore, and Mr. Moor and the sailor were unfortunately drowned. Mr. Noel and Mr. Butler walked over the rocky and swampy country to Noddy Bay. Several houses were visited, and notice was given of the intended Sunday services, and several candidates were spoken to. Thence a journey was made to two branches of Quirpon harbour. Other families were called upon, and a walk back over a rocky mountain brought them to North Bay. Here, by appointment, the ship's boat was to be in waiting to bring them to the ship.

"In the evening the Bishop went through Dark Tickle to Griquet proper. Evensong was said in the little School-chapel, erected by Mr. Curling as a thank-offering for his special preservation from drowning. The Bishop gave an address, and a Confirmation class was held about 9 o'clock. Thus ended what might be termed preparation day.

"Sunday, July 13th.—The Church population for several miles around assembled in the School-chapel. Mattins were said at eleven, followed by a celebration of Holy Communion. Confirmation class was held at two, and the service itself at three, when thirteen candidates were presented by the Chaplain, in the absence of Mr. Howells, and received the Apostolic Rite. Evensong was said at 6.30, when the Bishop preached. There was also a private baptism before returning to the *Lavrock*.

"Monday, July 14th.—The wind sprang up from the westward about nine, and as this was a head wind after doubling Cape Bauld, and the Straits were lined with icebergs, it was deemed more prudent to stand for Battle Harbour. A splendid run was made through the Strait, inside of Belle Isle, where an iceberg was passed of not less than three miles in length, and the vessel anchored in Battle Harbour at four p.m. Mr. Bell, the Missionary, was at Indian Cove, four miles distant, preparing some candidates for Confirmation. He arrived ere long, and arrangements were made for services in this mission. Through the kindness of Mr. Bendell, the Bishop was conveyed to Indian Cove in the steam launch *Pundit*. Confirmation was held in the small School-chapel, where ten received the laying on of hands. At 7.30 many crews arrived in their boats from Cape Charles, Duck Island, and neighbouring coves.

Evening Telegram April 15, 1895-Mrs. Nathaniel Butler was Garland's older brother's wife

Daily News October 31, 1895

THE POLICE COURT.

(BEFORE JUDGE PROWSE.)

FAMOUS Foxtrap furnished a police case for solution at the hands of the equities this morning. Judge Prowse was the presiding diety, and the contending parties were Mrs. Nathaniel Butler, complainant, and Mr. Garland Butler, both of the settlement named, and both related by affinity. An assault was the charge. The woman had placed a feed-trough before the door of the defendant's dwelling; the defendant as gently took it up and laid it down in front of complainant's entrance-way. She grew wrath and attacked the trespasser with a sharper weapon than her tongue; it was a pitch-fork. Defendant wrested the ugly prong from her grasp, whereupon she beat him smartly with a stick, and he beat a retreat. Hence arose the charge of assault. His worship heard the lady's story in patience to the end, but he had previously made her acquaintance. It was when he (Judge Prowse) and his aids-de-camp had to fly before the well-wielded pitchforks of the Amazons of Foxtrap, defending their little plots of land against the invading tramway surveyor; and on that victorious occasion the complainant was one of the leading spirits. Those stirring proceedings were vividly revived in the judge's mind as he again looked upon the face and figure of the plucky Foxtrap matron. But the odds were in his Worship's favor now and he gazed upon her without trembling. He decided against her, and in doing so he took occasion to deliver a good deal of extra-judicial advice, which was "neither here nor there." He told her that she ought to be out in the Soudan, helping General Wolseley. There could be no doubt of her ability to route the Arabs and strike terror into the Mahdi. Foxtrap was too peaceful a scene for restless spirits; in Egypt she would win a name which would rival Joan of Arc's. In all this, it seems, the Judge was smarting under the sense of defeat he once met with from Mrs. Butler. Can it be so? Eh, Judge!

GARLAND B. BUTLER.

The following particulars in regard to the fate of Garland B. Butler, C.E. School Teacher and Lay Reader at Griquet, came by the s.s. Virginia Lake. He left Griquet on the 2nd inst. in an ordinary sail boat to bring Rev. Mr. Weaver to Cape Norman, and having landed him safely set out on his return trip at 8 a.m. next day. The wind was N.W. and there was a fine time down. When about a mile off Fishing Point the light house keeper noticed that Butler's boat came up to the wind two or three times but he did not think there was

Anything Serious

the matter on board until later in the day when by the aid of a glass he discovered that there was no one in her. He gave the alarm about 3 o'clock and the people went out to look for the boat but found no trace of her. Just before dark, however, she was seen by parties from the Cape drifting towards Black Bay, Labrador. William Hiscock got a crew of men from Cape Norman and put out in search of her but had not returned before the Virginia Lake left. Garland Butler was about 40 years of age, a native of middle Bight, near Kelligrews, and had been living at Griquet for 12 or 14 years. He leaves a wife and 7 children to mourn his untimely death, for there can be no doubt that he has been drowned. What makes the unhappy occurrence all the sadder for Mrs. Butler is the fact that her first husband—a trader on the West Coast—also met his death by

Evening Telegram Oct 31, 1895

NOTES FROM THE NORTHWARD
By the S.S. "Virginia Lake"—
The Fleet at Seldom-Come-
By—A Pilley's Island Liquor
Dealer Fined—Garland But-
ler's Disappearance.

THERE are numbers of crafts at Seldom-Come-By, principally from the Labrador, awaiting a time to leave for home.

SERGEANT DAWE raided a house at Pilley's Island and had the proprietor arraigned in court for illicit sale of liquor, and fined.

No discovery has yet been made of Mr. Garland B. Butler, of Kelligrews, supposed drowned. He is the man who left Griguet on the morning of Tuesday week for Grandy Harbor with the Rev. Mr. Weaver. He got over there all right with him, and on the way back was seen in the offing by the lighthouse keeper of Cape Norman, the sails of the boat now full, and again shivering. That was the last account of him.

Daily New November 6, 1895

BUTLER'S BODY FOUND.

On Oct. 28th, two men from Red Bay, Labrador, went down to Green Bay a few miles below. There they saw a boat ashore on the rocks with all sails set but no one in it. They waded out to it and underneath, entangled in some lines, they found the body of a man. They got it ashore, and putting it in the woods, went on to Red Bay for help, on getting which they returned and brought the body up to Red Bay. The body was not

Immediately Identified.

but it was not long before some recognized the form and features of Mr. Garland Butler, who for twenty-five years has been a resident of the North. Reverently and decently his remains were conveyed to the vessel of Mr. Josiah Manuel of Exploits, who is taking the body to Griquet for interment.

Daily News November 23, 1895

GARLAND B. BUTLER.

HOW HE MET HIS DEATH.

It was thought as reported in a previous issue of the News that Garland B. Butler had been drowned by falling out of his boat shortly after leaving Cape Norman, such, however, is not the case. Here are the particulars:—Just before leaving the Harbor Mr. Butler complained of feeling unwell, and remarked to a Mr. Longman that he felt tired and was troubled with severe pains in the legs. Mr. Longman urged him to remain that day and not venture by himself, but this poor Butler refused to do. He left the wharf at 8 a.m., and was

Picked up at Barge Bay.

Labrador, next day at 10 o'clock by the natives of that place. After leaving Cape Norman the unfortunate man must have been paralyzed as when picked up his body was quite warm and his watch had been stopped only two hours. The boat had been washed ashore in a cove, the sea running high on the shore. It is thought that while in the act of trying to jump out, being weak, he must have slipped, and fell, as when found his legs were entangled in the ropes, his neck being broken and the skull completely crushed in.

It seems, to say the least, strange, that the people of Cape Norman did not go to the rescue sooner, as it is reported that many people saw the boat as it was drifting towards the Labrador, evidently in a disabled condition, and wondered what could be the matter.

Telegraphic Ticks.

Another Sad Affair.

School Teacher Missing.

Supposed to be Drowned.

Special to the Daily News.

Garland Butler, Church of England lay Reader and School Teacher at Griguet is supposed to have been drowned. He left Cape Norman 22nd October. About three miles from the harbour, the boat was seen to come to the wind two or three times. At 3 o'clock the light-keeper at Cape Norman gave the alarm that a boat had been drifting all day with no person in her. The Brandy Harbor people went out to search, but failed to find the boat. William Alcock went later, but got no tidings. No doubt poor Butler fell overboard. He will be sorely missed, and leaves a large family to mourn their sad loss.

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For Mr. Crank H. 1896	
Captain Eberly Prior	\$3 00
Total	\$91 75

[We shall be glad to receive and forward any assistance there may be given by our readers to the above work.—E.T.]

FLOWER'S COVE.

It will be remembered that the Rev. W. Weaver volunteered last fall for the Flower's Cove mission. The following diary of his work will be read with interest. Writing under date Jan. 4th, 1896, from Flower's Cove, he says:—

The old year left the Straits with a shower of rain, and the new one, of course, came in with a similar ceremony, which in a few hours changed to wind and rain. One of my sextons of bygone years would have arranged an alteration between the exit and the entrance. There happened to be a church fall in the outlying settlement where the said sexton lived. The men of the congregation advised the sexton to mark the two years by ringing for one and tolling for the other. Then a decision had to be made as to when the tolling should take place, and the sexton acted accordingly, *ringing out the Old Year* and *tolling in the New*. Well, I laughed, but it never occurred to my mind till this New Year's day that the sexton had an original idea, for the word toll is sometimes used in Newfoundland in the sense of entice.

I see it was in October I wrote to you, then just as I posted your letter the sad news came that Mr. Butler had not reached home. Then I pass on for three weeks:

Thursday, Nov. 21.—Very heavy and sudden squall, with rain at 2 p.m.; received letter asking me to bury Mr. Butler, whose body was found at Wreck Bay; three men came at night to read. I arranged to go to Griguet, knowing I had 100 miles to walk unless I could shorten it by boat. Heavy gale all night. Went out on the marsh at 3.30 p.m. to see direction of wind, or rather in what direction my house was likely to be launched.

Friday, Nov. 22.—Started with the mailman at 7 a.m. to walk to Eddie's Cove; felt tired, as I had about 30 lbs. to carry. Put on skin boots to cross Eddie's Cove Brooks. The two made a total width of 600 feet.

Saturday, Nov. 23.—Walked to Boat Harbor (about 30 miles), found it very trying to bend my knees the last few miles; crossed all the brooks today without an accident. "Big Brook" was crossed by crawling on the ice; very cold night, therefore slept in overcoat and skin boots.

Sunday, Nov. 24.—Very stormy; wind and snow. Had morning prayer with the solitary family living in Boat Harbor. Walked to Deep Cove for

tea; thence to Cook's Harbor for evensong; asked the people to try and help me to get to Griguet without walking round Pistolet Bay.

Monday, Nov. 25.—Visiting and resting.

Tuesday, Nov. 26.—Messrs. Penney, Warren and Keats carried me in boat across Pistolet Bay to Ha Ha. Mr. Parmiter sent his son-in-law, Ed. Evans, with me in boat, if possible, to Lanse-a-Midee; came to snow and blow; when we reached Cape Onion both wind and tide were against us. We were three-quarters of an hour rounding the cape. It seemed to us a matter of life or death during these forty-five minutes; at last, inch by inch, we got far enough to put up the sail once more and run into Wester Head (Sacred Bay.) There we gladly landed; then walked about a mile, where I had evensong in a well warmed kitchen about ten by twelve and eight feet high, and about thirty persons to the service.

Wednesday, 27.—Wind ahead. After an early dinner the wind abated, and Nimrod Bessie boated me across to the head of Sacred Bay; two boys walked with me to Lanse-a-Midee. There I found Mr. Alcock, who had walked from Griguet to meet me; evensong at Mr. Dicker's (Lanse-a-Midee), and stayed the night.

Thursday, 28.—Walked to Griguet, and glad to rest; arranged for funeral to-morrow.

Friday, 29.—Went on a very sorrowful errand—to see Mrs. Butler and family, a widow and seven orphans (two are away.) Two p.m. buried Garland Benjamin Butler, my right hand in the Griguet section of this mission. He and I were almost as brothers the last three weeks of his life; we were together all day and slept together almost every night whilst cruising between Hare Bay and Cape Norman. I made the following entry in the Burial Register after the name, etc.:—

"The above death was somewhat mysterious. Mr. Butler had volunteered to take the clergyman of the mission in his own boat to the various stations in the Griguet district; the last place to visit was Cook's Harbor. At that place the clergyman thanked him and said good-bye; alas! it was a long farewell, "till the day break and the shadows flee away," for Mr. Butler was not again seen alive. Some of the Cook's Harbor people saw the boat drifting across the Straits of Belle Isle as though no one was in charge, but no alarm was given till it was too late in the day to venture out. The boat drifted over to the Labrador shore and was found on the beach at Wreck Bay. Mr. Butler's body under the boat. The people in Red Bay took charge of the body and sent it to Griguet by a passing schooner. Information was sent to the clergyman at Flower's Cove, who at once came and took the burial service on the above mentioned date, thus performing the last sad rite for one who had

Newspaper article on the 60th anniversary of Griquet Church Hall (courtesy of Harold Hefferton)

VOLUNTEERS SHOW CHURCH
COMMUNITY SPIRIT

60-year-old parish hall gets facelift

When many of the churches and support buildings on the Northern Peninsula serve their congregations and communities for three score years or more, they become victims of the area's climate or a wrecking crew. In the latter instance, workmen move in with hammers, wrecking bars and saws and in a few days turn a proud structure into a pile of rubble.

It would have been easy for residents of Lower Griquet to follow that route last year when it looked like their Anglican Parish Hall, which was badly in need of repair, might have outlived its usefulness. But, recognizing the skill and workmanship that had gone into the building and as a testimony to those who had built the landmark 60 years ago, a group of parishioners rallied to raise the funds needed to give the hall a facelift.

By WENDY-DALE HARDING

When they walked away from the finished job last week, they were proud of what they had accomplished. And, because of their dedication and effort, the old Parish Hall — with a new look — stands proudly again atop the hill above the sea beaten-cove as a tribute to two men who gave their lives to preach the Word of God around the rugged coastal communities of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador in the early years of the century.

Church records

While church records scantily show what brought the community of Lower Griquet together back in 1929 to build the



The parish hall was erected in memory of two men who delivered the Word of God in the Griquet area in the early 1900s — Garland B. Butler (top) and Rev. J. J. Curling.



The Anglican Parish Hall in Lower Griquet, built in 1929, underwent extensive renovations during the past two years. The building stands on a hilltop above the shoreline and is a prominent landmark in the community.

hall, the engraved dedication stone on the front of the building adds to the story. It reads: "In memory of Rev. J. J. Curling and Garland B. Butler."

Rev. Curling was a travelling minister who brought his mission boat around the coast in summer and offered service with the people of the fishing communities. Mr. Butler had come to Northern Newfoundland as a teacher but also served as a layreader. He wasn't an ordained clergyman but, like Rev. Curling, he visited outposts and offered service. While crossing the Strait of Belle Isle from Flowers Cove to Forteau on one of his church missions, he was drowned.

Ford Elms of St. Anthony, Nfld., was a young man and a member of the Griquet congregation when the parish hall was under construction.

"Everything had to be done by hand back then," he recalls. "But, there was plenty of free labor."

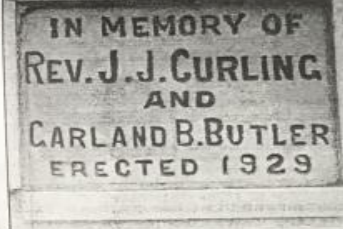
Men of the congregation cut logs that were sawed into lumber and hauled to the construction site. Through various church activities and socials, money was raised to help with the construction. Astrah Small, a carpenter from Springdale, was in charge of the construction project and the local congregation chipped in to lend a helping hand.

Handling building supplies

"A chute was built and all the supplies for the cement were hauled up over the hill," Mr. Elms remembers. "Most of the other materials had to be brought up on your back."

When the building was completed, it fast became the activity centre of the community. In addition to church socials, the hall served as a school for a short period of time and Roman Catholics in the area used it for church services.

Over the years, hundreds of students participated in school concerts in the hall. Back in 1934, "Lighthouse Man" was on stage and a pair of swords, made of cardboard, which served as props for that play continue to hang in place above the stage today. Large black and white photographs of the two men to whom the building is dedicated hang nearby.



After being a centre of activity for more than half-a-century, use of the building dwindled and it began to show its age. It became apparent that something would have to be done if the parish hall was to be saved.

The Anglican Church Women raised money through church socials to begin renovating the building. Then some government funding, made available to fishermen after a disastrous season last year, was used to install new siding. Volunteers from the congregation came forward with an eagerness to help get the job done.

"There were nights last year when we were here until twelve o'clock working on it," says Allan Hillier, one of the parishioners who helped with the renovating. "There was lots to do."

While some joined in painting caves, others brought out caulking guns and compound to give the building extra protection from the elements. Still others went about doing minor repairs inside and outside the structure.

They admit that the hall isn't used as much as it was years ago. But, the renovations have given it new life.

It's ready again to welcome wedding parties, church groups or maybe even a school concert. The swords are still in place over the stage and the two men, who may have sowed the seeds for the building, seem to be looking on approvingly from the sidelines.

"Yes," one of the parishioners remarks, "it's ready now for another 60 years."



A fine volunteer effort went into renovating the parish hall as parishioners came forward with ladders, paint brushes and carpentry tools. (L-r) Lewis, Stella and John Bridger, Allan and Annie Hillier and Lloyd Parsons were some of those who were instrumental in getting the work done. Other volunteers included Rhoda Parsons, Carl and Violet Hillier, Loretta and Caleb Bridger, Steve and Gwen Knudsen, Barry Bridger and Larry Tucker.



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In Memoriam**WILLIAM ARTHUR BUTLER****Priest**

The Reverend William Arthur Butler, Incumbent of Topsail, entered into rest at St. Clare's Hospital, early Sunday morning, April 11th, after an operation two days previously.

The Holy Communion was offered in the little church of St. John the Evangelist, where he had ministered when he was remembered before God by the people whom he had faithfully served and who now mourned him. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday and was largely attended. There were present the Lord Bishop and the following clergy from the Deanery of Avalon: Rev. A. T. Tulk, Rural Dean; Revs. Canon Bolt, Canon Stirling, J. Brinton, Canon Howitt, Canon Meaden, H. Gosse, E. J. Simpson and H. M. Batten. Conception Bay Rural Deanery was represented by Rev. Canon Rusted, Rural Dean; Revs. H. F. Kirby, E. Hunt, G. Camp, H. Torrance, R. Farwell. There was also a representation from the C.L.B., consisting of Colonel Crawford, Major Williams, Major Best, Capt. Victor Reid, Capt. Gordon Winter, and ten members of the N.C.O.'s Mess.

Mr. Butler was ordained Deacon in 1912 and advanced to the Priesthood in 1913.

His Church work, however, did not begin with his Ordination. Previous to his entering Queen's College, he was, for some years, Teacher and Lay Reader at Griquet. In this respect he followed in the steps of his father, who for seventeen years not only taught in the school opened at Griquet by the Rev. J. J. Curling, but also, year after year, periodically visited this difficult coast, teaching, baptizing, catechising, visiting the sick, etc. On his way

home from Cook's Harbour, he either died from a heart attack or lost his life trying to save his boat, when she reached the shore, as his body was found under his boat on the opposite side of the Strait.

Used to travelling by land and sea in his Northern home, Mr. Butler was well fitted for work in Random, to which mission he was appointed on his Ordination and laboured there for seven years, when he removed to Port de Grave, where he served for nine years. The next six years were spent at Brigus and Salmon Cove and in 1934 he was appointed to Topsail, where for over eight years he gave himself wholeheartedly, as in his former charges, to the work of his calling.

Topsail being a Summer resort, not a few visitors attended Church services and were helped by his sermons, which were thoughtful and suggestive.

The schools were Mr. Butler's special care and he endeavoured to make them efficient with the means at his disposal. As Camp Chaplain his services to the Brigade, when in Camp at Topsail, were highly appreciated by the Officers and lads.

Possessed of a placid disposition he was unruffled by trifles. Undaunted by disappointments or opposition he pursued the even tenor of his way. His readiness to take things as they came was at times a source of amusement to his friends. But may not that seeming indifference to ordinary events have had its roots in that faith which realizes that our lives are in the hands of One who doeth all things well, and that if we are faithful in the discharge of our duties, we may leave the rest to Him.

The sudden passing of Mr. Butler was a shock to his parishioners and friends, but especially to his wife and four daughters, who survive him, to whom many hearts will go out in sincere sympathy at this time.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. ANTHONY

By FORDE ELMS

The Anglican Church in this area has a long and varied history. From its beginnings the Mission of the Straits of Belle Isle to the present day, it has seen many developments and changes.

As part of the Mission of the Straits of Belle Isle, St. Anthony received periodic visits from a priest who visited the area once or twice a year. In the meantime, layreaders conducted funerals, marriages, and baptisms; beginning as early as 1880. The first records of regular church services begin in 1888. Mr. Garland Benjamin Butler was a layreader who served this area for over twenty years, travelling up and down the coast as often as possible. His base was at Griquet, and it is interesting to see familiar place names spelled in the records as: Kirpon (Quirpon), St. Karl's (St. Carol's), Lanse a Medee (Lanse-aux-Meadows), among many others; as well as communities which no longer exist: Springs, Ireland Bight, the list of places he visited is long and varied. For a time in March and April of 1888, a Deacon Field visited Griquet.

It is interesting to note that the Sabbath was not the only day on which services were conducted. Although, on Sunday, Matins and Evensong were conducted,

services were conducted also during the week.

Bishop Llewellyn Jones visited the area in July of 1890 for confirmation. This is the first recorded bishop's visit.

Mr. Butler died in 1895 of unknown causes. The story is this: he volunteered to take a visiting cheryman of the mission, Rev. Weaver, to the various settlements, the last of which was Cook's Harbour. On October 22, 1895 he left Mr. Weaver at Cook's Harbour to return home. His boat was later seen floating, apparently unguided, by men of Cook's Harbour. His boat was found on the beach at Wreck Bay, Labrador, and his body was found under it. The body was put on a passing schooner and it was buried on November 29, 1895 in Griquet by the minister he left in Cook's Harbour who returned to conduct the funeral and stayed to conduct services till December 15 of that year. No more services are recorded until November 15 of 1896 when a Kenneth Burry took the Rev. Weaver's place.

In 1903, St. Anthony became part of the new Mission of Flower's Cove, and again in 1909, St. Anthony became part of the newly formed mission of Griquet. Finally, in 1912, St. Anthony became the

headquarters of the mission of St. Anthony consisting of: Big Brook, Boat Harbour, Cook's Harbour, Griquet, Ireland Bight, Lanse-aux-Meadows, Lock's Cove, Main Brook, Noddy Bay, Quirpon, Raleigh, St. Anthony, St. Carol's and perhaps other places.

All these little changes meant little to the everyday life and worship of the people. They continued their worship under the direction of various incumbents.

From 1912-1916, services were conducted in a small school-chapel on what is commonly called Boyd's point. Then the new Church of St. Mary the Virgin was built by a man commissioned by the people. Much free labour was required to complete the church. It was opened December 24, 1916 with the service of Evensong.

The A.C.W. in St. Anthony boasts some 40 women now, yet, when it was first opened, the "Guild" had only seven members.

The work commenced on the new Church of St. Mary the Virgin in 1965 the incumbent then being Rev. T. Moulton. The church was opened on Christmas Eve of 1968, and was dedicated in June of 1970. At the same time the old church was deconsecrated. The church was finally consecrated in November of 1975.

In February of 1973, the old parsonage burned down and it was necessary to build a new one as quickly as possible. The new parsonage was built next to the new church.

St. Anthony became a self-supporting parish on January 1, 1971.

CLERGY WHO HAVE SERVED THE PARISH

1888-1895—G.B. Butler
1895 —William Weaver
1896-1897—Kenneth Burry
1897-1909—various layreaders
1909-1911—W.K. Pitcher
Dec. 1911-June 1913—W. Leckie Ball
Oct. 1913-Dec. 1915—N.G. Vivian
Dec. 1915-July 1917—G.S. Tarrant
Sept. 1917-July 1919—N.J. Hiscock
Sept. 1919-June 1921—layreaders
June 1921-June 1924—W.F.A. Stride
July 1925-Dec. 1929—N.S. Noel
Dec. 1929-Sept. 1934—W.G. Meadus
Nov. 1934-April 1943—E. Peckford
Sept. 1943-Dec. 1946—M.K. Roberts
July 1947-June 1952—L.A. Ludlow
Jan. 1953-Aug. 1958—G.W. Ethridge
Oct. (?) 1958-July (?) 1964—M. Mate
(?) 1964-July 1970—T. Moulton
Sept. 1970- —S.S. Payne

Court Documents related to Garland Butler's will (1906)

FACTS OF ADMINISTRATION.

J. W. Withers, King's Printer.

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the Estate of

Garland Butler

DECEASED.

*J. William A. Butler*of *Conquest*, in the Electoral District of *St. John's*
in the Island of Newfoundland, *Teacher*, make oath and say, that*Garland Butler*late of *Conquest*, in the Electoral District ofin the Island aforesaid, *Teacher*, deceased, died intestate; that I will well

and faithfully administer the estate and effects of the said deceased, by paying

just debts and distributing the residue of *his* estate and effects according to law;

that I will exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said estate and

effects, and render a just and true account thereof whenever required by law so to do;

that the said deceased died at *Red Bay*on the *22nd* day of *October*, one thousand*eight* hundred *thirty five*; and, that the gross value of the said estate andeffects of the said deceased is *Eleven hundred and forty*

dollars and no more, according to the best of my knowledge,

information and belief.

Sworn at

St. John's

on the

*20th*day of *September*

A. D. 1906, before me,

*William A. Butler**Simon Butler*
clerk

Ex. A. W. B.

INVENTORY AND VALUATION.

J. W. Withers, King's Printer.

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the Estate of *Garland Butler*

Deceased.

Inventory and Valuation of the Property of the said Deceased.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	VALUE OR AMOUNT.
Lands, Houses, Stores, &c., and any interest in Land	800. 00.
Household Goods and Furniture.....	200
Stock in Trade	
Book Debts and Promissory Notes.....	
Moneys secured by Mortgage	
Moneys due under Life Insurance	
Bank and other Stocks, Shares in Companies, &c.	
Securities for Monies.....	
Cash on Hand	
Cash in Bank.....	100
Ships, Boats, Nets, and other Outfit for Fishery	
Horses, Horned Cattle, Sheep and Swine	40
Farming Implements, and Produce of all kinds.....	
Other Property not before mentioned (if any)	
	<u>\$1140 00.</u>

I,
 make oath and say, that I am
 and that the above is, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, a just and true
 Inventory and Valuation of the Property of the said Deceased at the time of _____ : th
 as far as I can at present ascertain.

Sworn at
 this day of
 A. D. 19 , before me,

Clerk.

* This Inventory and Valuation may be certified under Petition.

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the Estate of

, deceased.

I,

make oath and say: that I was present and did see the within Bond duly executed by the parties named therein; and that the name set and subscribed as a witness thereto, is of the proper handwriting of me, this deponent, and that the same was executed at

Sworn at

, this

day of

, A. D. 190

before me



ADMINISTRATION BOND.

In re

In the Supreme Court.

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the Estate of

Garland Butler

, deceased.

The Clement Bloch of St. John's Accountant
and Theodore Thompson of same place Accountant

severally make oath and say:

That we are the proposed sureties on behalf of William A. Butler
the intended administrator of all and singular the estate and effects of Garland
Butler deceased, in the within bond named, for the faithful administration
of the said estate and effects of the said deceased; and I, the said Clement
Bloch

, for myself make oath and say that I am worth
property to the amount of eleven hundred forty
dollars, over and above all incumbrances and over and above what will pay my just debts,
and every other sum for which I am now bail, or which I am liable as surety or endorser or
otherwise; and I, the said Theodore Thompson
for myself make oath and say that I am worth property to the amount of eleven hundred
forty
dollars, over and above what will pay my just debts, and every other sum
for which I am now bail or for which I am liable as surety or endorser or otherwise.

The above named Clement Bloch

and Theodore Thompson

were severally

sworn at

St. John's

, this

20th day of September

, A. D. 1906,

before me

Simon Butler
Clement BlochC. Bloch
Theo. A. Thompson

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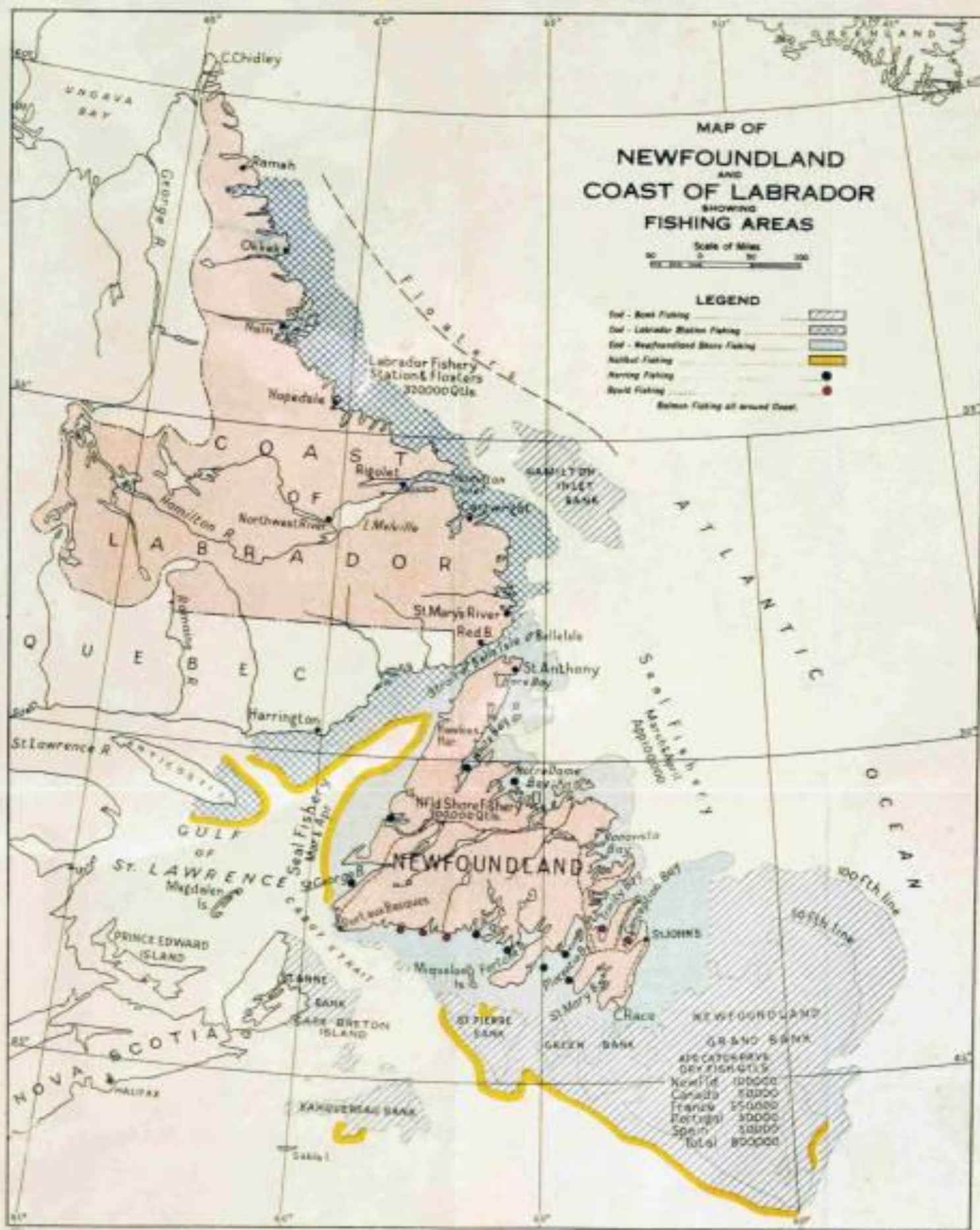
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