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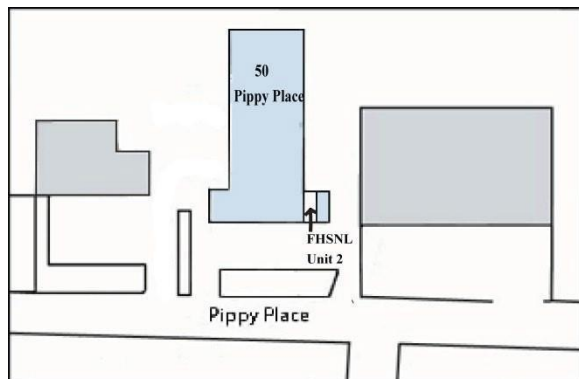
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janet Morrissey

Season's Greetings to all our members. And an early Happy New Year! It has been a wonderful year for the Family History Society. Next year is looking good, too, as we line up informative speakers for our Lecture Series and develop more ways to engage with members through more events.

Since September, we've had 1) Rachel Head from Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries presenting on genealogical materials available at your local library, 2) Craig Morrissey giving a detailed overview of genealogical records available to Newfoundland researchers, and 3) Kait Little showcasing what's on offer at MUN's Folklore & Language Archive. This latter talk was paired with an informative, and sometimes spirited, tour of the Archive itself. We invite members who didn't catch these lectures to download them from the website.

We are expanding our holdings with a few recent donations, which include surnames such as Walsh, Garland, and Fox. This latter donation is quite sizeable and a scan of the donation's documents shows surnames such as Beer, Gosse, Mulcahy, Ryan and Vinnicombe, just to name a **very few**.

Linda Crocker, a long-time member of the Board of Directors, and chair of the Research committee, will be stepping down at the end of 2025. She will stay on as a volunteer, which means we don't have to say a final good-bye to her. Linda has been a Board member since 2015 and we will miss her contribution, her experience and expertise. Jill Marshall, who many will know has been a long-time volunteer with the Society, has also decided to step away from volunteer duties.

In late October, I attended the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa's virtual conference entitled *Researching the Disadvantaged of England and Wales*, which was advertised in the last edition of *The Ancestor*. I hope there were others that took advantage of the opportunity to learn from experts in the areas of Poor Law, Workhouses, Mental Institutions, Prisons and other underexplored areas of family history research. There is a pretty good chance that, if you have Newfoundland roots, you have English ones too.

David Pike is continually adding records to our website, including the *1900-1901 Time Book from Woods Candy Factory*, kindly lent to us for copying by Jeff Waterfield. He's also uploaded David Lambert's keynote speech from last summer's conference, available for streaming to members.

Last Monday we hosted a Genealogy Drop-In session which was quite successful. There was lots of discussion around where to find records and it was a great chance for members to meet each other and bounce ideas off one another. Be sure to look for our next session and drop in!



NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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Index of names, baptisms, marriages, and burials

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Index by surnames 1835-1900 \$25.00

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

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

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

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Mcnamara, Francis (Birth Certificate)

Paul McNamara

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Linda Holwell Tibbo

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PRISONERS AT THE HARBOUR GRACE GAOL IN 1833

Janet Morrissey

As described in the last issue of *The Ancestor*, the researcher can find, within the Government Records collection of the Provincial Archives at The Rooms, the Incoming Correspondence of the Colonial Secretary's Office (GN 2/2). Only a small selection of these records is indexed - between 1831 and 1834 - as outlined in Finding Aid #349. Below is an extract from this brief selection; it is a *List of Prisoners confined in His Majesty's Gaol Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, 20th July 1833*, found in Volume 14, page 550.

The list is included at the end of a letter written by Sheriff Nicholas Stabb requesting enhanced security measures be put in place at the Harbour Grace prison. He argues that, because of the goal's "lonely situation" (remote location) and given the recent unrest in the town, there are weaknesses in security that could result in prisoner escapes. He wrote that there was no means of raising an alarm from within the goal, necessary in case of fire, prisoner disturbance or even an enemy attack and suggested that a bell be affixed to the Gaoler's apartment, at a cost he estimated to be less than £15.

He went further to ask for a night watch, someone to sleep in the hallway between the kitchen and the gaol's iron access door. Not only would this person serve as a security presence during the night but he would also accompany the Gaoler during his rounds of feeding the prisoners and ensuring the security of the cells. Stabb considered those were times when the Gaoler was most vulnerable and could be overpowered by prisoners who could then escape. The window at the eastern end of the goal had no iron bars and any disturbance there would not be heard by the Gaoler, whose apartments were at the western end of the building.

Forestalling questions about the men already paid to assist Stabb, he pointed out that there are three constables - two of them were old and the third was rarely there - and they didn't consider it their duty to do night watch.

The end of the letter records the names of 12 people housed at the Harbour Grace goal as of July 20, 1833 and gives particulars such as the nature and date of their crimes. For some, their sentences, the dates of sentence, and by whom they were sentenced is also provided.

Three prisoners stood accused of some form of insanity. These were: Thomas Nowlan, who had been committed as insane since 1831; Bethel Roberts, accused of assault, presumably committed while insane or because he was insane; and John Adams, who was committed for riotous conduct, also perpetrated while insane. Authorities appeared to have an all-encompassing definition of insanity which likely included extreme rage. No details of Nowlan's, Roberts' or Adams' crimes appear to be reported in contemporary newspapers.

Three prisoners also stood accused of larceny. They were: John Shea, who had been sentenced to several months imprisonment a couple of months prior to the creation of the list, but had been held since January 1833; and John Aspbell and Richard Sevier[?], who were committed on the same day suggesting that they may have been accomplices. No mentions of Aspbell or Sevier were noted in newspapers of the time, but there was a John Shea indicted and found guilty for stealing a barrel of pitch, per the *Public Ledger*¹.

John Parsons was committed for debt but there is no indication of the severity of the debt or to whom he was indebted. Again, details could not be found in contemporary newspapers.

With respect to more serious crimes, five prisoners fell into this category. Some readers will recognize that a couple of these men (Fanning and Malone but notably not Downing) were later transferred to the goal in St. John's and are found on the prisoner list of the St. John's goal for July 9, 1834, published in the last edition of *The Ancestor*.

Maurice Cusack was committed the month prior, on June 13th, for attempted rape while George Parsons was jailed for assault only two days prior to Stabb's letter. Neither man appears to be mentioned in newspapers of the day.

As reported in the last edition of *The Ancestor*, Harbour Grace baker Peter Fanning murdered his wife²; it was especially heinous as he beat her to death with a spade while she was heavily pregnant and approaching her confinement. He was subsequently transferred to the goal in St. John's.

Peter Downing and Patrick Malone were being held for the murder of Robert Crocker Bray. The pair set out to rob the man, who was Downing's master, and ended up murdering Bray, Bray's child and a servant girl.³ Malone was later transferred to St. John's, as can be seen from the list of prisoners at St. John's goal in 1834, but Downing did not appear to be. The original sentence pronounced on both men was execution and Downing was hung for his crimes on January 6, 1834⁴, before the St. John's list was made. Patrick Malone's sentence was commuted to transportation, possibly in exchange for testimony against his accomplice.

Scanning newspapers from the early 1830s shows there to certainly be a spate of murders at that time, making the unease of gaolers and sheriffs readily understandable. Both of these lists (and accompanying letters) demonstrate the state of both crime and punishment in the larger centres of Harbour Grace and St. John's in the first half of the 19th century.

¹*Public Ledger*, March 1, 1831

²*Public Ledger*, December 31, 1833 and *Times & General Commercial Gazette*, May 8, 1833

³*Star & Conception Bay Journal*, January 15 1834

⁴*Public Ledger*, January 7, 1834

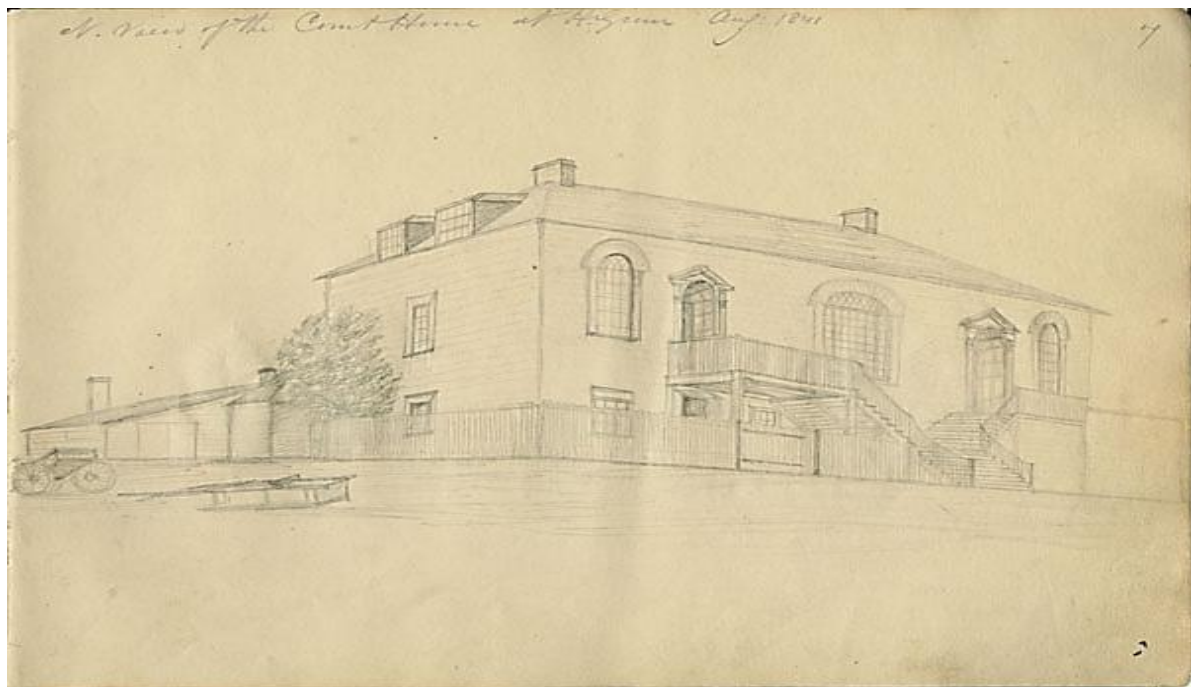
List of Prisoners confined in His Majesty's Gaol at Harbor [sic] Grace, Newfoundland, 20th July 1833.

No.	Name.	Crime.	When Committed.	By whom Committed.	Sentence.	When Sentenced.	By what Court.	When Liberated.	By whom Liberated, with Remarks.
1	Thomas Nowlan[?]	Insane	8 th Dec ^r 1831	Tho ^s Danson Esq.	Found to be insane and committed for safe keeping	27 th April 1832	Northern Circuit		Still in confinement
2	John Shea	Larceny	9 th Jan 33	do	[?] Months Imprisonment	6 th May 1833	do		do
3	Peter Fanning	Murder	1 st May "	J. Stark Esq ^r Coroner					
4	Maurice Cusack	Attempt to commit a Rape	13 th June	J. Buckingham J.P.					
5	Bethel Roberts	Assault, being Insane	16 th do	Cha ^s Cozens Esq.					
6	John Aspbell	Larceny	28 th do	T. Danson Esq.					
7	Richard Sevier[?]	d ^r	do	do					
8	John Adams	Riotous conduct being Insane	3 rd July	do					
9	George Parsons	Assault	18 th do	J. Buckingham J.P.					
10	Peter Downing	For further examination respecting the murder of Mr. R.C. Bray, his son and servant							
11	Patrick Malone								
12	John Parsons	For Debt	11 th May	Under a capson[?] of the Hon. Northern Circuit Court					

St. John's, Newfoundland, 24th Feb 1833

List of Prisoners confined in His Majesty's Gaol

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1	James Newlan	Indecent	18 th Decr 1831	John Connelley	12 months to be incarcerated	17 th April 1832	Justice of the Peace		Still in confinement
2	John Shea	Larceny	8 th Jan 33	do	6 months to be incarcerated	8 th May 1833	do		do
3	John Tanning	Murder	11 th May	J. Ward Esq.					
4	Thomas Church	Attempt to murder & Rape	15 th June	J. Ward Esq.					
5	Robert Roberts	Assault on a woman	18 th June	J. Ward Esq.					
6	John Ophell	Larceny	18 th June	J. Ward Esq.					
7	Richard Smith	do	do	do					
8	John Adams	Assault on a woman & Rape	18 th June	J. Ward Esq.					
9	George Wilson	Assault	18 th June	J. Ward Esq.					
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In Memoriam

Submitted by Pat Walsh

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

Andersen, Rita, Inuit elder. On November 5, 2025. Advocate for Labrador Inuittitut. She began her career with the public service in November 1976 with the former Labrador Inuit Association. She retired in 2016 as Interpreter/ Translator Coordinator with the Nunatsiavut Government. Recipient of numerous awards including the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors of Distinction Award in 2015, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal & the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Bidgood, John Thomas July 16, 1924 – Nov. 4, 2025 in St. John's. Born in Petty Harbour. Predeceased by his parents, Frank & Lucy, his wife of 54 years, Eileen Theresa, his brothers, Luke, William & Ambrose & his sisters, Gertrude, Teresa & Annie. Father of Tony & Michael. Brother of Betty. He was a truck driver with Gulf Oil & Ultramar. Obit & photo Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Cave, Annie May July 22, 1922 – October 12, 2025 in St. John's, aged 103. Predeceased by her husband Wilson & son Gordon. Mother of Bonnie & Wilson. Obit Barrett's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Costigan, Mary Catherine (Nee Hawco) Oct. 23, 1921 – July 14, 2025, aged 103. Predeceased by her husband Cyril in 2017, her sons, Cyril in 2023, Patrick & Raymond & her sister, Viola. Mother of Theresa Walsh (Larry) Marion Johnson, Tom, Viola, Frisky (Alan), Rose Arden (Cary) & Jim. Many friends from Labrador City, Harbour Main & Holyrood. Obit & photo Dunphy's Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Hayes, Margaret Mary (nee McGrath) March 21, 1924 – Oct. 19, 2025 in St. John's. Formerly of Brigus. Born in Tilting, Fogo Island. Predeceased by her husband Frank Hayes in 2007. She was the housekeeper for the Parish priest, Rev. Doctor E. J. Jones. When he was transferred to Brigus in 1941, she moved with him. Mother of Gerard, Joanne, Barry & Francis. Obit & photo Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Jackson, Charlotte Joyce (nee Newman) in St. John's on July 15, 2025, in her 100th year. Predeceased by her parents, Henry & Annie Newman, her husband William Jackson, her brothers Edward, Hughie & Walter & her sisters, Lucy Young (Ronald)

& Joan Andrews. Mother of Billy, David & Charlotte Ann. She was a WWII War Bride. Her husband, Bill, was a Naval Officer with the Royal Navy. She was a resident of Karwood Retirement Retreat in Paradise. Obit & photo Barrett's Funeral Home St. John's.

Lawton, Anna Catherine, aged 103, on October 3, 2025 in St. John's Born on Bell Island on August 23, 1922. Predeceased by her parents, Louis & Bridget (Murphy) Lawton & her brothers & sister, Keith, Louis, Eleanor, Robert & Father William Lawton. She graduated from St. Clare's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in St. John's as a Registered Nurse in 1943. She attended Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS to receive a diploma in Public Health. She was employed with the Red Cross, retiring in 1987. Obit & photo Carnell's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Martin, (Cooper) Bridget "Bride" (nee Butler) Sept. 13, 1914 – Jan. 3, 2016 in St. John's, age 101. A long-time resident of Coronation Street, St. John's. Predeceased by her parents, James & Mary Butler of Path End, St. Mary's, her husbands, Jack Cooper & Edward Martin, her sons, Gerald & Edward Martin, her brothers, Joseph & Patrick, her sisters, Mag, May Eliza, Stella & Frances, her children, Pat, Betty & Chris. Mother of Jim Cooper & John Martin, Joan Harvey (Walter, deceased), Anna Fitzpatrick (Bren). Patricia Martin, Betty Smith (Paul) & stepdaughter, Mary Fleming (Ontario). Obit & photo The Telegram, Jan. 4, 2016.

Taylor, Arthur William April 2, 1921 – March 1, 2010 in St. John's. Veteran, World War II, Royal Navy. He was the only remaining survivor of the HMS Jervis Bay, an armed Merchant cruiser, which was sunk by the battleship Admiral Sheer on November 5, 1940. Former employee of the Janeway Children's Hospital in St. John's. Former resident of Old Petty Harbour Road, St. John's. Predeceased by his brothers, Clarence, Maxwell & Cecil & his sisters, Mildred Kelly & Inez Briffitt. Husband of 53 years of Jessie (nee Pynn). Stepbrother of Gertrude Power & Rita Lyall (Gale). Interment at the Field of Honor, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's. Obit & photo Barrett's Funeral Home, St. John's. See the Obituary article in *The Telegram* on March 9, 2010. Note: Four Newfoundlanders were killed on the Jervis Bay: Wilson Avery, Gordon Sheppard, Cecil Sansbury & Jimmy Stamp. The two other Newfoundland survivors, George Squires & Lew Tilley both predeceased Arthur Tilley. See also *Under The White Ensign* by Herb Wells, 1977 for a very good article on the HMS Jervis Bay, page 73- 75.

Winsor, Hill Gertrude in St. John's, on Jan. 2, 2011, aged 101. Predeceased by her husbands, Harold Hill & Able Winsor. She was a long-time staff member of the Waterford Hospital. Interment at the Anglican Cemetery, Kenmount Road, St. John's. Obit *The Telegram* Jan. 2011.

James Morgan c. 1815 of Manuels, (CBS), Newfoundland

Len Morgan

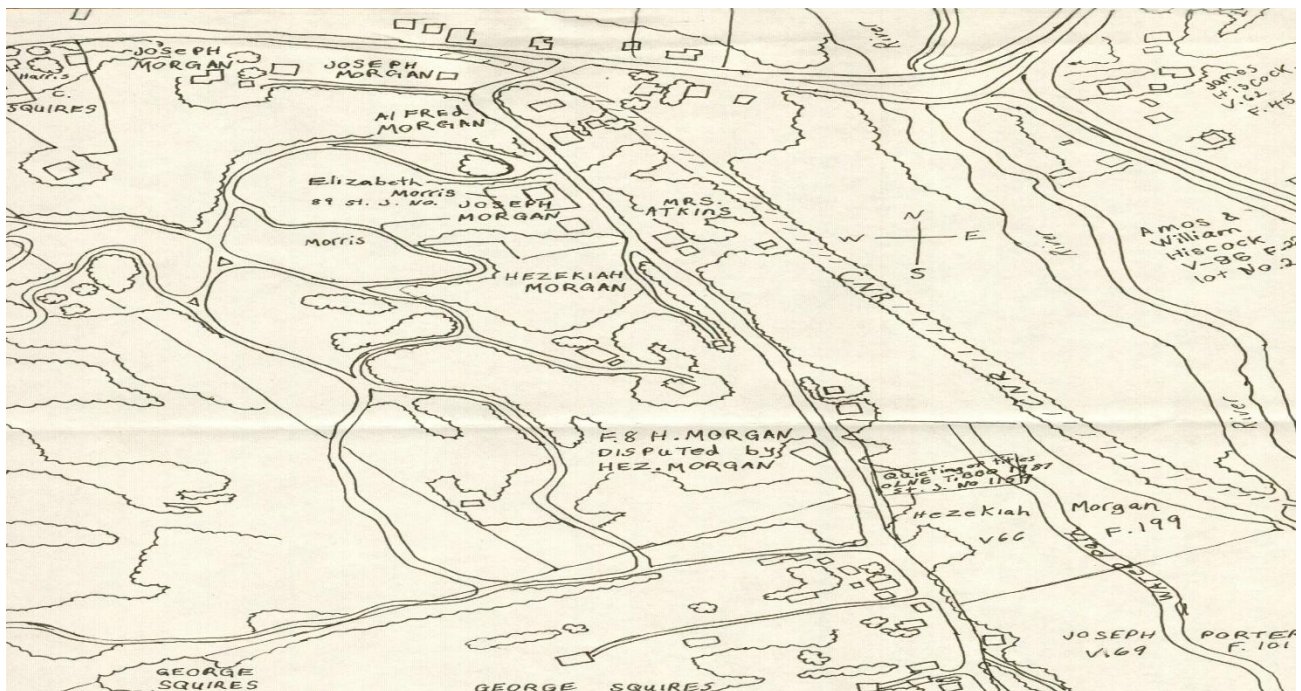
My initial research began in about 1990 with the facts my father gave me that his grandfather was Hezekiah Morgan and grandmother was Mary Jane Squires, so Hezekiah was my starting point. Most of dad's brothers, sisters and their families I was familiar with.

The first record of any Morgan at Manuels was found in the 1871 Lovell's Directory which was for a James Morgan, fisherman. The Directories never included much information, just name and occupation. James is listed in the 1874 Voters list but none of his sons? Joseph, his son c. 1846 would have been ~28 and married in ~1873, but possibly living at home, may not have been included in the voters list. Hezekiah would have been about 26 and does not appear in the voters list. It appears that they were not considered voters at that time.

There was a Land Grant in 1883 to a James Morgan, Manuels, South Shore of Conception Bay. Unfortunately, the original grant info was lost in the Great Fire at St. John's in July 1892 and only the index information could be found for the grant. From that grant index I did find, by visiting the lands office at St. John's several years ago, and obtain some copies of portions of the property listed in the grant to James. Having resided in the area, I am very familiar with the properties contained in the documents, so I am confident that the information is verifiable.

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4754	28	123	September 20, 1883	Morgan	James	23	3	13	Manuels, South Shore, C.B.

Below is a scan of a portion of the maps I received during my visit to the Government Lands Office at St. John's. You will note that the map has been added to and includes the new bridge

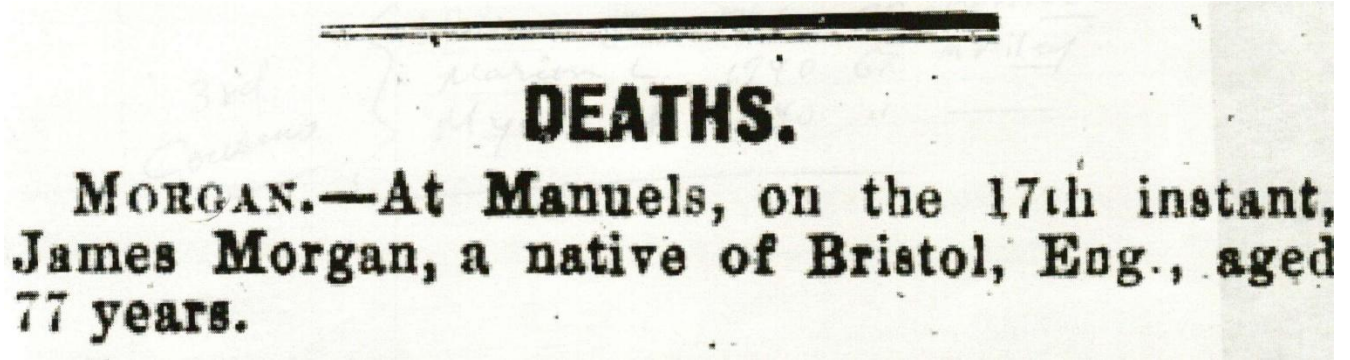


with four lanes of traffic and the new roadway to the TCH toward Mount Pearl. The old CNR rail line running parallel to both Manuels River to its East and Eason's Rd to its West. Our family home in the 1950-60's was directly across the main highway (Route 60) from the end of Eason's road. At the end of this document I have included a hand drawn sketch of what I remember of the area when I was growing up there.

I am convinced from my research that James Morgan c. 1815 is undoubtedly the father of at least four male children at Manuels - Joseph c. 1846, Hezekiah c. 1848, John c. 1850 and James c. 1856. I have not been able identify any female children for James.

The dates of birth are only estimated from ages listed at death and may not be accurate as dates recorded in older documents always seem to vary from one document to another. No actual birth/baptism records have been located. For a very long time my research could not identify a spouse for James, which may be because of lost records or other reasons. Fortunately, a friend, who had been working on our tree, happened to be researching at a church in St. John's and found, in the church marriage register, a record of the marriage of James's son James (c.1856), where it listed the parents of the bride and groom as James Morgan and Sarah. Finally we have a name; Sarah. I have searched for a death record for a Sarah Morgan without any conclusive success.

The directories for years 1894, 1898 and 1904 for Manuels lists Joseph and Hezekiah Morgan along with their sons and families. Son William (John) died in 1896 and James c.1815 had died in 1892.



DEATHS.
MORGAN.—At Manuels, on the 17th instant, James Morgan, a native of Bristol, Eng., aged 77 years.

The death of a James Morgan at Manuels, found in a newspaper for 1892, listed him as being 77 years of age and a native of Bristol, England, burial at Foxtrap. The death record lists as 77, born, England. Presumably this is the same James as found in the 1871 Lovell's directory and with the Land Grant in 1883. If age was correct as age 77, then James birth would have been ~1815. Attempts to find a James Morgan in the UK records proved futile as there were too many James Morgans born around 1815 and given I was not even sure if James's age as 77 was correct, I gave up searching. I have not located any record on a James Morgan immigration to Newfoundland.

The 1921 Census for Manuels lists Joseph Morgan as Widowed, son Alfred and his family,

Hezekiah with wife Mary Jane and son George and his family. After searching available local records, I ran out of options for searching and appeared to be at a roadblock. I decided to post requests for information to various genealogy websites. After a few months I finally received a response regarding my great grandfather Hezekiah Morgan. His name, Hezekiah, was caught by a woman, who later is identified as a 3rd cousin of mine, Virginia, a GG Granddaughter of James c.1856. She was residing in the Boston, MA area, and had obtained a series of letters from about 1921-1927, between Joseph Morgan c.1846 to his brother James Morgan c.1856. Also letters from Joseph Morgan's daughter, Mary 1886, to her uncle James Morgan where there are references to others of the family. From these letters it soon becomes apparent that there was a fourth brother, James (1856) and likely all sons of James (1815). James (1856) had married Emily Dawe at St. John's and they had several children born to them who were all baptized at St. Thomas Anglican Church from the records. About 1898, James, his wife Emily and only surviving child, Ernest Adrian, moved to Cape Breton, NS.

Along with the letters mentioned above, there were several other documents which now start to shed some light on the Morgan's of Manuels and the land granted to James Morgan in 1883. There is enough information to conclude that the land in this grant is the same land which James Morgan (1856) hired an investigator to find why he did not receive a share of that land when his father James died in 1892. Further investigation at the land registry office at St. John's where I was able to obtain copies of maps of several portions of land on the south side of the Conception Bay highway and Eason's Road, formerly called Country Rd. & Rocky Hill Rd., is conclusively the same lands included in the grant to James Morgan. Descendants of James, namely Joseph, Hezekiah, and John Morgan and their sons are mentioned on the copies of the maps I have in my possession. It appears, Joseph, Hezekiah and John divided up the property of their father James upon his death and excluded their brother James, from any part of the property, presumably because he was not residing at Manuels at the time of his father's death. James and his wife Emily were residing at St. John's. A letter also in my possession from an R. Gushue to a solicitor in Glace Bay regarding his investigation into James not being left a portion of his father's land indicates that James was not listed in his father's will and thus not entitled to any portion of the property. No actual will has been found.

One other document, a letter dated 23 Sep 1927, certainly confirms much of what is included above. Quoting from R. Gushue's letter, "I was on the property or a portion of it and have been in consultation with William Morgan, presumably William 1884, son of Joseph, brother of your client. I understand that part of the old man's property was sold by him to a man Squires, who now holds it. John sold a portion to Dr. Chisholm who now resides on it." Note: Dr. Chisholm's residence was directly across the roadway and railway tracks from Berg's store, which still remains today, and actually would have been adjoining to the property of Joseph Morgan. John had two sons, both of whom are out of the country. Hezekiah had a son, George, who is now living on that property. Joseph had three sons, Joseph (Warden of H.M. Penitentiary), who had a house on the property, William and Alfred live there. Three sons of the old man are dead, James being the only surviving son. "The will was never probated and I do not believe that the information he gave me is correct, I rather suspect it from his manner."

Len's comments on Gushue letter (1927) referenced above. "Three of old man's son's are dead"; John died 1896, Joseph in 1922, Hezekiah in 1924. "Two of John sons out of the country". In

looking at the son's of John there were only two, Frederic William and Henry Daniel. From the map I have of the Morgan land there is a portion marked "F & H Morgan, disputed by Hezekiah Morgan." I believe this was land that was marked for Frederic & Henry Daniel, sons of John who were away at the time. Apparently Hezekiah disputed the land earmarked for them. From research, Frederic, son of John, married Jane Tucker at Montreal but resided at St. Philip's for some time. Apparently he did not reside on any portion of the property either because he did not want to or was not aware that he had property at Manuels. Henry Daniel may have moved away but I have had no luck in finding anything further on him.

There were a couple of Morgan families who resided nearby when I resided at Manuels in the 1950-1960's and I was not aware of any family connection to those other Morgan's. A few years ago I asked one of my Morgan uncles if we were related to those Morgan families. He replied no yet, from my research, those same Morgan families were clearly related to us. Had there been some disagreement between the Morgans of Manuels?

Copies of these maps, letters and other documents have been given to the FHSNL and should be available at their office. The maps are public documents but the letters and other documents left with FHSNL contain private information which I trust people would respect the content of such information.

Further information on James c 1856: There is evidence that James immigrated to Cape Breton ~1898 and was residing at Port Morien and also at Marconi Tower, where he was employed as a laborer. I have a letter which places him at Marconi Towers when there was an accident during construction of one of the towers where several workers were killed.

James had obviously decided not to remain at Manuels with his family and moved to St. John's where I found a numbers of records for him. Their children we all baptized at St. Thomas Anglican Church. Barbara, their daughter, is shown as born at Manuels.

There is no death record for Emily, wife of James, that I have found. James is buried at the Anglican Cemetery at Glace Bay but little information has been found. Even a visit to the church office at Glace Bay was not able to provide me with any further information.

James (1856) & Emily's only surviving child, Ernest Adrian, married twice in Nova Scotia, enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and spent some time in England and France, from his military records. He was discharged from the CEF at Halifax in 1918, after being injured several times, as being declared medically unfit. He disappeared after being discharged and I could not find any other information on him. From his record, he had requested to be discharged in England but that request was denied. My suspicion is that he returned to England. I have successfully tracked down families from both of Ernest's marriages in Nova Scotia..

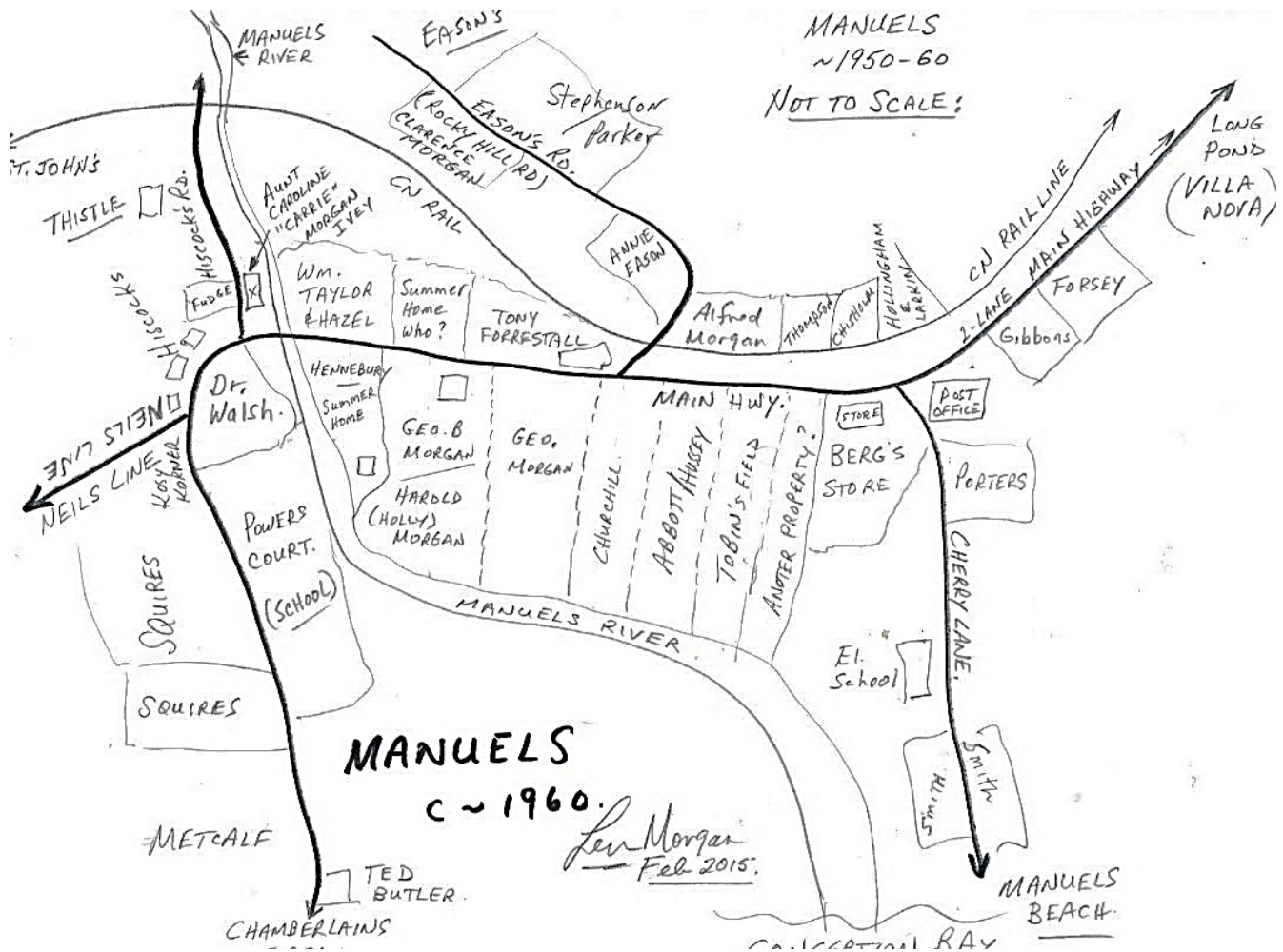
Having my DNA tested revealed many, many cousin matches, many I was aware of and of course, many more that I was not aware of. Some provided me with matches that were fairly easy to verify as belonging to a branch of the family and still others that are a mystery. Many of these were more distant cousins and more difficult to research.

So when and how did James Morgan c. 1815 arrive in Newfoundland?

Options: He arrived in Newfoundland at some point, as part of the migratory fishery crew and remained after the season. Likely most of those that did were undocumented.

The other option, that James c. 1815, may have been at Port de Grave, as the death record for his first son Joseph c. 1846, at death in 1922 indicates Joseph was born in Port de Grave, while Hezekiah, c. 1848 and John c. 1850 are both shown as born at Manuels. Through my many DNA matches, I have a number of matches with Morgans and other family surnames of the Conception Bay North area but yet to find, from many years of research and personal contact with others of the area, a confirmed direct connection. There are several reasons I believe for the many DNA connections between us, and it is mainly due to intermarriage of some many families of the area and also in the fact that a Morgan woman of Port de Grave married a Goose of Spaniards Bay, my mother's family line. This would certainly add to the gene pool on both family sides.

This issue of missing and inaccurate transcribed church records, for many areas of the province, makes family research very difficult and leaves us with unverifiable information in many cases.



Len's memory of Manuels c. 1960

Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador - Roll of Honour

Submitted by Pat Walsh

Each time I enter the main entrance of the Arts & Administration Building at MUN on Elizabeth Avenue in St. John's, I stop and read the names on the plaque of the Roll of Honour.

Three hundred and ten former students of Memorial College volunteered for service during World War Two, 1939 -1945. The University holds in special honour the past students who have been reported as dead or missing. David Monroe Baird

Lawrence Bannikhin
John Hamilton Barrett
Herbert Bond Clarke
Roy Clarke
William Bradley Collins
Thomas Joseph Delaney
John Kevin Evans
Victor Raymond French
Neil Willoughby Harnett
William Palmer Howse
David Simpson Kerr
Brendan David Lacey
Harold Lewis Learning
Lionel Edgar Legge

Wallace Clifford Luther
Edgar Raymond Martin
David Gordon Morris
Clarence Walter Parsons
Alexander Duncan Saint
Bernard Thomas Scammell
Francis Smith
Eric Augustus Snow
Charles Henry Steward
James Robin Stick
Philip Francis Templeman
Harold Baxter Wareham
James Walcott Winter

On September 15, 1925 the newly built Memorial College was opened in the presence of Prime Minister W. S. Monroe of Newfoundland. Enrollment at the time was fifty -five students.



Graduates of Memorial University College The Rooms C 3-53

THE BOBBITT/BOBBETT FAMILY OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND QUEBEC

Submitted by Rosalind Babb Stokes

It was a number of years ago while sitting on Middle Cove Beach with my late friend, Judith Bobbitt, that I learned her roots went back to Newfoundland. She didn't know much about her family's beginnings on the South Coast of the Island. She knew they were fishermen and that one of her distant great grandmothers was buried in Indian burying grounds somewhere in Newfoundland. She also thought that a distant Bobbitt relative married a Walters. She asked me if we had any information at FHSNL and I said I would take a look. We didn't have any family histories at our office but we did have cemetery and parish records from the South Coast of Newfoundland. She also told me that some of those early ancestors left Newfoundland and moved to Labrador/Quebec to fish.

History tells us that in the late 19th century the biggest wave of settlement along the various outports on the Lower North Shore of Quebec came from Newfoundland.

The Bobbitt family along with some of the other settlers who went to Quebec are Best, Buffitt/Buffett, Collier, Evans, Green, Organ, Pynn, Robertson, Rogers, Willcott and Yarn.

Life for Judith Bobbitt began in a small, quaint fishing village in 1948 in Mutton Bay in a time when transportation was bush planes, small boats and dog sled. It was through the Grenfell Nursing station and being an avid reader that she learned about the outside world. She could not deal with the female role in small community life and, wanting a different life, she left the village at age 13 to attend school at Harrington Harbour, with the assistance from a lady who came to the area after being a missionary in Africa. At age 14 with the help of the Lesage Government, during the Quiet Revolution and a report card from her teacher she went to Montreal and entered Westmount High. After high school she enrolled at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science, BSc Honours, in Physics, and under the supervision of Dr. Elton Pounder, a renowned Ice Physicist, she joined the Marine Science Center receiving a Master of Science, MSc, in Physical Oceanography from McGill. By the time she graduated from McGill she had a job teaching physics at Dawson College but said she didn't like it and only lasted a year. Then in 1978 Judith heard about Nordco in St. John's where she got hired as a physical oceanographer, bringing her to Newfoundland, the homeland of her ancestors. In 1980 she enrolled in a PhD part time at MUN. It was at this time she was severely injured offshore on an oil industry vessel which brought her work at sea and her PhD to an end. During her convalescence she established Oceans Limited in 1981.

Judith was a visionary in oceanography, oil and gas and spent her final years searching for a cure for cancer. Her company, Oceans Limited, built a reputation for providing ocean research and analyzing services in the areas of physical oceanography, marine weather forecasting and environmental effects monitoring.

Judith passed away July 17, 2022.

During her illness I decided to continue the search for her ancestors. It was during my research on the Bobbitt family that we received an acquisition at FHSNL for two Volumes of Quebec Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. (1)

Here I found a wealth of information, especially in the marriage records, informing me not only of marriages but previous marriages, parents' names and spouses' parents' names.

Some of the name spellings are different in Newfoundland records than the Quebec records as the people who took the information most likely wrote to the sound, such as I found in my research of the Bobbitt family where Berthinia Bowdridge became Pathenia Burgess.

Judith was born on December 26, 1948, baptized February 19, 1950, to Percy Norman Bobbitt born October 25, 1913, Mutton Bay and mother, Vandella Mabel Wellman, born October 24, 1939. Percy Bobbitt died March 15, 2006. Knowing her father wasn't born in Newfoundland I went to the 1921 Quebec Census. Here I found Percy Bobbitt age 7, with parents John born 1879 and wife Martha.

Continuing my backward research in the 1901 Chicoutimi & Saguenay, Quebec Census I found John (1879) born to parents John Bobbitt (1845) and Pethenia (1849). It showed they were born in Newfoundland. In the Newfoundland records I found John born February 10, 1879, Seal Islands, baptised March 21, 1879 to John and Pathenia. The Quebec Marriages gave me a marriage License for John (1879) and Martha Alice Pynn, dated March 5, 1906, Mutton Bay, Judith's grandparents. Knowing Judith's grandparents were born in Newfoundland I also found a marriage in Rose Blanche, Newfoundland, on August 29, 1967, for John (1845) and Berthinia Bowdridge. Judith's great grandparents. John (1845) was born to Thomas and Susannah, October 5, 1845, Rose Blanche, baptised August 2, 1846. I did not find a marriage for Thomas and Susannah. I did find that there were ten children born to Thomas and Susannah between 1840-1863 in Newfoundland. Going back to the Quebec Marriages I found most of the children of Thomas and Susannah were married in Quebec, giving me the surname of Susannah which was Walters. Confirming what Judith had told me was the name of a distant grandmother.

Thomas Bobbitt and Susannah Walters were indeed the great, great, grandparents of Judith Bobbitt who made their home in Mutton Bay, sometime around 1891, when he and his wife Susannah were listed in the 1891 Quebec Census.

Thomas and Susannah are both buried at Mitchell's Island, which is at the entrance to Mutton Bay. The island is covered with grass. Coffins are transported by boat or on ice in winter. Thomas was buried August 14, 1902, age 82 and Susannah was buried March 17, 1892, age 67, giving us the years they were born.

I have traced most of the descendants of Thomas 1821, John, William 1819 and Matthew 1817 who I believe to be brothers and the sons of Matthew and Mary. Ancestors of this early Bobbitt family came to the south coast of Newfoundland from Somerset, England.

All of this I discovered after Judith had passed away.

Sources:

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2. Tracing the Bobbitt Family from Newfoundland to Quebec by Rosalind Babb Stokes. This file is at the FHSNL and the sources are all listed with it.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STRAYS DEATHS AFAR

Compiled by Pat Walsh

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

I do take most of our strays from *The Telegram*, <https://www.saltwire.com> & *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, Nova Scotia. 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. See also Historic Wabana Facebook Group Blog.

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' websites. I ask our readers to submit strays from their own local areas.

Andrew, Rev. G. Maxwell, aged 55, on Feb. 25, 1966 in Norwood, Ma. Formerly of Petty Harbour. Father of Christine Foster. Brother of Phoebe Whitten (Cecil), Petty Harbour & Victor, St. John's. Interment at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham, Ma. Obit *The Daily News* March 2, 1966. DAI Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador.

Bartlett, Charles 'Charlie' in Halifax, NS' on Sept. 15, 2025. Born in 1938 in English Harbour, son of Isaac & Ida Bartlett. Predeceased by his parents & his brother Jim. Husband of Gladys (Barnes). Father of Richard. Brother of Evelyn. He was a fisherman & worked at National Sea Products for 14 years & with the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans, the Coast Guard for 25 years. Obit *The Chronicle Herald* Sept. 20, 2025.

Boyle, Roy William Jan. 16, 1938 - June 16, 2025 in NS. Born in Deer Lake, the fourth child of 11 children of Gerald & Maude Boyle. Predeceased by his parents & his wife, Ada (2021) & his son Paul (2016) &

his brothers, Gerald, Kevin, Bob, Coge, & his sister Alice. Father of Ronda. Brother of Joan, Lester, Jean, Norma & Harold. He will be buried in Gander at a later date. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS June 18, 2025.

Carmichael, Kathryn (nee Condon), aged 98, on Feb. 1, 1991 in Maine. Born in St. John's, daughter of Robert & Margaret Tobin Condon. She taught school in Nova Scotia & later moved to St. John, New Brunswick to work as a bookkeeper. In the mid-1920s she moved to Maine & also lived in New Hampshire for 17 years. In 1943, she moved back to Maine. She was predeceased by her husband, John H. Carmichael in 1977. Mother of John R., Thomas, Margaret & Veronica E. Plowman. Sister of Mildred Flood, St. John, NB. Burial services at Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, Maine. (From editor Pat's files)

Fewer, Dennis, of Calgary, AB on April 21, 2025, aged 65. Born in Holyrood on Nov. 5, 1960. Brother of Joe, Richard & Ann. Father

of Kori Hudyman (Steve) & Renee.
Dunphy's Funeral Home & Cremation
Services, Holyrood.

Flynn, Michael, of Conception Harbour, on
Feb. 11, 1955 in Philadelphia, Pa. Brother of
five brothers in Philadelphia & a sister,
Sister Mary Scholastica, Presentation
Sisters, Belvedere Convent, St. John's. Obit
The Daily News March 4, 1955. DAI
Memorial University of Newfoundland &
Labrador.

Flynn, Raymond Francis July 7, 1957- July
28, 2025 in Yarmouth, NS. Born in St.
John's. Retired, Royal Canadian Mounted
Police. Predeceased by his parents, Patrick
& Theresa (Brake) Flynn & his sister,
Patricia & his mother-in-law, Angela
McCarthy. A graduate of Memorial
University of Newfoundland, he joined the
RCMP in Dec. 1980. Husband of Linda
McCarthy. Father of Stephanie, Heather,
Kimberley Doucette (Ben), Samuel & Maria
Wilson (Patrick). Brother of Sheila & James.
Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald*
August 1, 2025.

Gaetz, Phyllis Marie, Snow (nee Banfield)
on Aug. 16, 2025 in Dartmouth, NS, aged
101. Born in Garnish on July 26, 1924,
daughter of Thomas & Florence "Flossie"
(Grandy) Banfield. She taught school for
four years, in Newfoundland before
immigrating to North Sydney, NS in 1947.
She worked with the Royal Bank & the
Bank of Nova Scotia until her retirement in
1987. Predeceased by her parents, her first
husband, Harold Snow (2009), her second
husband, Cameron Gaetz (2002) & her
brother Merle Banfield (1976) & her infant
daughter (1953). Mother of Lynn Landry
(Paul) & Catherine MacNutt (Doug). Sister
of Pauline Power (Robert). Obit & photo A.

L. Mattatall Funeral Home, Dartmouth, NS
& *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS. Aug.
23, 2025.

Gardner, Geraldine "Gerri" Mary (nee
Murphy) on Sept. 5, 2025 in New
Brunswick. Born In St. John's on Sept. 24,
1948. Predeceased by her parents, Kevin &
Ellen (Murrin) Murphy, her sister Rosemary
Maddicks (Bill) & her brother Paul. Wife of
56 years of Ted. Mother of Robyn Ann &
Christopher Kevin. Sister of Brenda White
(Mike, deceased), Barbara Renouf (Sean),
Tish Roche (Dave), Christine Symonds
(Dave) & Jim Murphy. Inurnment to take
place in St. John's at a later date. Obit &
photo Kennebecasis Community Funeral
Home.

Goulding, Stephen Robert, in Levis,
Quebec, aged 57, on Sept. 3, 2025. Born in
Grand Falls-Windsor on April 9, 1968.
Predeceased by his parents, Allan & Maude
Goulding of Gander. Father of Rachel &
stepfather of Kathleen. Brother of Allan,
William, Russell, Susan & Andrew. He
graduated from Memorial University of
Newfoundland in 1993 with a Bachelor of
Commerce. Obit & photo Carnell's Funeral
Home, St. John's.

Greene, Patrick Joseph Oct. 7, 1945 – Sept.
12, 2025 in Ottawa, On. Born in St. John's
(West End), son of Leo & Rose. He was a
proud former student of Holy Cross, a loyal
Crusader. Predeceased by his parents & his
brothers John & Leo & his sisters Jean,
Pauline & Rose. Husband of Cathy (Hearn).
Father of Rob & Susan. A former teacher
and Vice Principal in St. John's & in
Bangkok, Thailand. Resided in Ottawa since
2002. He excelled in baseball and softball.
Member of the Newfoundland Softball Hall
of Fame. He was an All-Star Softball

catcher. Obit & photo Ottawa Cremation Services.

Hasson, Thelma (nee Hillier) on July 1, 2025, aged 83, in Ottawa, ON. Born on Dec. 14, 1941. Predeceased by her husband Russell (1934 – 2008). Mother of Angela Cochrane (Cyril) & Michael. She operated a Dog & Cat Boarding Kennel in Chamberlains. Obit & photo Hulse Playfair & McGarry Funeral Home, Ottawa, ON.

Horlick, Oliver Malcolm (Mac) April 5, 1941 – July 10, 2025 Of Upper Lawrencetown, NS, in Dartmouth, NS. Born in St. John's, son of Oliver & Jessie (Giles) Horlick. Predeceased by his parents & his wife of 53 years, Penny & his half-sister Daphne Noseworthy. Brother of Elizabeth Canning, Parrsboro, NS. He was employed as a chartered accountant. Obit & photo *The Chronicle Herald* July 16, 2025.

Kent, Barry, on June 27, 2025, aged 71 in Cambridge, ON. Husband of 25 years of Mona Galway. Son of Jack & Kathleen Kent. Father of Paul, Mark, Genevieve & stepfather of Sean Galway & Ashley Holditch (Scott). Predeceased by his brothers & sister, Jack, Kay, Gord, & Shree Major (Rick). Brother of Bill, Tony, Joe, Alana Walter (Bob) & Mario, He was an electrician. Obit & photo Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON. & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook Group Blog.

Lamelin, Eva Dora (nee Pitts) aged 91, on Sept. 11, 2025 in ON. Born in Wabana, Bell Island on Oct. 11, 1933, daughter of John & Amelia Pitts. Predeceased by her parents & her three husbands, Douglas Haynes, Roger Lemelin & James Landers. Also predeceased by her son Peter Haynes & her twelve brothers & sisters. Mother of Paul Haynes & Mark Haynes, Obit & photo

Graham A. Giddy Funeral Home, Fergus, ON & Historic Wabana Facebook Group Blog.

McCormack, Marie (nee Hammond) on Jan. 25, 2025, aged 76, in Calgary, AB. Born on Bell Island, Feb. 6, 1948. Predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Joseph (Spud) Arnold McCormack on May 24, 2012. Mother of Joseph & Brad. Sister of three brothers & two sisters. Obit McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Calgary, AB & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook Group Blog.

Murphy, Daniel 'Dan' on Sept. 11, 2025, aged 71 in Cambridge, ON. Born on Oct. 21, 1953 on Bell Island. Predeceased by his parents, Tom & Josephine, his brothers, Mike, Wayne & Brendan. Also predeceased by his father & mother-in-law, Francis & Mary Hedderson. Husband of 52 years of Mary Hedderson. Father of Vince, Eileen Pendergast (Jim, predeceased), Gerry, Betty Danahy (Jack), Sharon, Peter & Junior. For many years, he was the Property Manager of South Cambridge Plaza. Obit & photo Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON & Historic Wabanna Nfld 2 Facebook page.

Ross, Kathryn Elaine (nee Pottle) Feb. 1, 1945 – Aug. 5, 2025 in Golden, BC. Born in St. John's, daughter of Dr. Herbert & Muriel (nee Moran) Pottle. She resided in Ottawa, Toronto & St. John's. Predeceased by her parents & her husband Henry Ian Lebreton Ross, her son Craig & infant brother, Herbert Franklin. Sister of Helen Wesanko (Morris, predeceased). Inurnment at a later date in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, ON. Obit & photo *The Telegram* Aug. 22, 2025.

Thiel, Noreen (nee Molloy) in December 1999 in Toronto ON. Born in St. John's. Predeceased by her parents Edward Joseph

& Pauline (Vaughan) Molloy. Mother of Beth Ann Craft (Lonnie), Deborah, Dermot & Charlie. Sister of Bernard V. (deceased on Nov. 8, 2000), Father Kevin Molly, Dermot, Helen Frances (deceased on Jan. 24, 2020) & Brenda Mooney (Al). Obit *The Monitor* Jan, 2000.

Vankoughnet, Bridget Gertrude (nee White) in her 90th year, on Jan. 14, 2024, in Fonthill, ON. Born on Bell Island in 1927. Predeceased by her husband, William Alexander Vankoughnet (2005). Also predeceased by her brothers & sisters, George, Frank, Fred, Mary, Pat, Belle, Nell & Kay. Mother of Francis St. Thomas (Tim), Sandra MacKeen (Gary), Wendy Keating (Peter) & JoAnne Koudys (Enzo). Sister of Norma. Obit & photo Pelham Funeral Home Ltd. Fonthill, ON. & Historic Wabana NF Group Blog.

Veitch, Ronnie (Ron) of Ottawa, ON. March 30, 1959 – June 22, 2005. Formerly of Holyrood. Predeceased by his parents, Fred & Ellie Veitch & his sister, Margie. Brother of Kevin, Catherine, Eileen, Eleanor & Betty. Obit & photo *The Shoreline News*, Conception Bay South, Aug. 14, 2025. See also Dunphy's Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Holyrood.

Walsh, Francis "Frank", aged 73, in Rockland, Maine on Dec. 9, 1973. Born in

Calvert, son of Ambrose & Mary Meaney Walsh. On July 2, 1944, he married Mary Canning in Calvert. In 1945, he moved to Woonsocket, Rhode Island to work on a dairy farm. In 1950, he moved to Maine & was a commercial fisherman for 35 years. He fished out of Rockland, Portland & Boston. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Predeceased by his wife Mary in 1986. Father of Ronald F. of Rockland, Francis, of Portsmouth, Shirley A. Allen, of Dearborn, Michigan & Sister Catherine Mary Walsh, of Biddeford. Brother of Louis, St. John's, Joseph, Rockland & Harriet Condon, Calvert. Burial in Coughlin Memorial Cemetery. (From my Strays collection files)

Winsor, Joseph 'Wilmer' Aug 1, 1938 – July 12, 2025 in Trenton, ON. Born in Victoria, Carbonear. Predeceased by his father, Pastor Arthur S. Winsor & his mother, P. Palmer (Bishop) Winsor & his brothers, Eric, Arthur & his sister Fay. A graduate of Acadia University, Wolfville, NS. A Veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force (Captain). Husband of Margie (Dawe). Father of Deanne Heimbecker (Allan), Paulette Winsor Holden & Tony. Brother of Baxter & Gary. Obit & photo *The Telegram* August 1, 2025.

"Remember me in the family tree, my name, my days, my strife. Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an enduring life" - Linda Goetsch

Christmas at the San

By Elizabeth Susannah Hopkins

Christmas Eve began with a radiant morning and continued fair to its close. It had been a busy day. Hither, thither went nurses, maids and messengers, bringing gifts and greetings to the patients. We all seemed very busy trying to tie up our presents. Some were sewing, getting ready for the Christmas Party and everywhere one might notice that someone was doing something for somebody else. And, after all, is not that the true Christmas spirit – Good will toward men.

In the evening when many of us lay in our beds we were delighted to hear the Victorola. The music that night was Christmas carols and each one sounded sweeter than the one before. At 9 o'clock the bell sounded, but after all the excitement of the day somehow sleep did not come easily. We were thinking of the kindness of our friends and the festivities of the morrow.

At last, sleep steals gently over us, but not for very long. Two a.m. we hear a rattle of paper as the night nurse goes her rounds, placing a bag of fruit on each locker and a card under each pillow. We try to sleep again – but this time it seems as if Santa Claus had arrived. Hark! some child has a doll that talks, another some musical toy we think has a faint ting-a-ling is heard through the ward. Then there comes a whisper, "What did you get?" It seems that it as well for the big ones to be quiet and remember they were little ones not so very long ago.

Seven o'clock finds even the drowsiest patient wide awake. Our day has begun and on every hand we give and receive greetings of Merry Christmas. Some of us have stockings that our friends have sent us and we open them and enjoy the old-time thrill of Christmas morning.

At 10 a.m. the Exercise Boys and Girls visit one another and it appears as if each patient has the liberty of the San. We display our gifts on our lockers, so that our friends may see them. Before long the genial Dr. Rendell and Miss Morse appear, they have smiles and good wishes for everyone. The Doctor has brought a little Christmas tree for the children, it is bejewelled with glittering ornaments and is a replica of the one we are to see later on. He speaks to us all and says "I am not in to-day, I have gone to Topsail." Before the day ends we decide the Doctor has been absent from a professional point of view. Of course we realize that would never do only for festal occasions.

At 1 o'clock the dining-room, so prettily decorated, presented a lively scene, when about sixty or seventy patients flocked in, all dressed in their holiday attire. The tables groaned under their weight of good things and all seemed to enjoy the sumptuous dinner that was served. Just as dinner began the Doctor and his good wife appeared. Mrs. Rendell likes to visit the dining-room on Christmas Day. We hope we gave her our very best smiles as we greeted her.

The afternoon was free for visitors, not a few of whom visited the Hut to see the surprises that were yet in store for us. They were pleased greatly to see how much trouble and time had been taken for our pleasure. The decorations bespoke some artists among the men.

The best is kept for last, so at 7:30 all those who were well enough either walked or were wheeled to the Assembly Hall, commonly called the Hut. We were honoured to have as our guests Lady Bowring, Mrs. Rendell and Mr. Edgar Rendell. All is still, when suddenly we hear the sound of bugles and see the flash of fire-crackers. This is to herald the coming of dear old Santa Claus himself, attended by a clown who is most amusing and acts as if he had escaped from a real circus. Then the curtains are drawn aside, the main lights turned off and we behold a large Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted, and with its sparkling ornaments it truly dazzles our eyes. The tree had been placed in the centre of a bower

of evergreen which, with its Chinese Lanterns resembled some fairy scene. We could easily imagine little elves tripping in and out among the green.

Soon the fun began. Santa spoke and began to distribute the very pretty gifts and forgot no patient, guest or member of the Staff. The clown supplies lots of fun and he and Santa sometimes get quite friendly, when some pretty damsel is called to receive her gift. Methinks there must be mistletoe about. The boys seemed to enjoy blowing their bugles between the acts. At last all the gifts have been given out. Many who have to go or lie are taken back to the wards; but those with exercise may stay a wee bit longer, and trip the light fantastic for a brief while. We are amused and delighted to see our best friend among the dancers. He is a real Peter Pan to-day and can dance as gracefully as a fairy.

Thus ended our day and we returned to our wards and thought what a joyful day it had been. We felt deeply grateful to our Doctor, Matron and Staff who had worked so hard to fill the day with gladness, and who give each day their time and labour so that we all might be restored to Good Health.

Note: Elizabeth wrote this article in 1928 when she was a patient at the "San". It was published ten years later in *The Evening Telegram* dated 6 January 1938.



Santa and Miss Eagan at St. John's Sanatorium MUN DAI Print 136

IRISH ORIGINS: WILLS & FAMILY HISTORY

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The following is a preliminary compilation of places of origin in Ireland as recorded from Probate Court records held at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador. The names of the various towns, when given, have not been checked for spelling.

1813 08 21. Fol.D34 Page 13.

Mary Maddock of St. John's, widow, & Patrick Doyle, John Murray, & Patrick Morris, all of St. John's, Merchants. Mary Maddock, adm of her late husband Luke Maddock of Waterford, Ireland, late of St. John's, Dealer in Chapman. £2000

1813 10 30. Fol.E02 Page 19.

Catherine Riordan of St. John's, Widow, Cornelius Quirk of St. John's. Catherine Riordan adm. of estate & effects of her late husband Peter Riordan of Limerick, Ire., late of St. John's. Corn. Quirk also adm. £200.

1813 11 06. Fol.E03 Page 21.

William Johnston, & Henry Simms, both of St. John's, Merchants. Wm. Johnston adm. of estate & effects of Thomas Whelan of Waterford, Ireland, late of St. John's. £100

1813 11 08. Fol.E04 Page 23.

John Kenny of St. John's, Cooper, & James Macbraire of St. John's, Merchant. John Kenny adm. of his late father, John Kenny of Co. Kilkenny, Ire., late of St. John's. £1000

1813 11 30. Fol.E07 Page 29.

James Lanes of St. John's, Taylor, & James Lilly of St. John's, Shop keeper. James Lilly adm. of estate & effects of James Fleming of Balliclougheen, Parish of Wine Gap, Co. Waterford, late of St. John's. £600.

1813 12 01. Fol.E08 Page 31.

James Maguire, of St. John's, Fisherman, & Thomas Beck, of St. John's, Shopkeeper. James Maguire adm. of estate & effects of Pierce Cody, of Gregnamand, Co. of Kilkenny, but late of Bay Bulls. £200

1813 12 01. Fol.E09 Page 33.

Thomas Angel of Bay of Bulls, Merchant, & William Warren of St. John's, Merchants. Thomas Angel adm. of estate & effects of Robert Hickey of Waterford, Ire but late of Bay of Bulls, Fisherman. £80

1813 12 04. Fol.E11 Page 37.

Lawrence Burne, Fisherman of St. John's & James Macbraire of St. John's, Merchant. Lawrence Burne, adm. of estate & effects of Dennis Mernaugh of Co. Carlow, Ire., late of St. John's, Fisherman. £40.

1813 12 18. Fol.E13 Page 41.

Daniel Hines of Witless Bay, Planter, & John Murray of St. John's, Merchant. Daniel

Hines adm. of estate & effects of James Comerford of Co. Kilkenny, Ire., late of Witless Bay, Fisherman. £40.

1814 01 07. Fol.E16 Page 47.

Mary Walsh of St. John's, Widow, & William Hogan of St. John's, Planter. Mary Walsh, adm. of estate & effects of her late husband Walter Walsh of Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary, late of St. John's, Cooper. £1200.

1814 03 16. Fol.E19 Page 53.

James Lanes of St. John's, Tailor & Timothy Flannory. James Lane adm. of estate & effects of Denis Lawlor of Laughan Bridge, Co. Carlow, Ire., late of St. John's, Shoreman. £10.

1814 03 16. Fol.E20 Page 55.

Michael Donovan of St. John's, Tinman, adm. of estate & effects of his son, John Donvan of Ross, Co. Wexford, Ire, late of St. John's, Fisherman. £200.

1815 03 01. Fol.E21 Page 57.

Timothy Flannory of St. John's, Shopkeeper, adm. of estate & effects of James Redmond of Newton, Co. Waterford. Late of St. John's, fisherman. £20.

1814 05 02. Fol.E22 Page 59.

William Thomas of St. John's, Merchant, adm. of estate & effect of John Butler of Carrick on Suir, Ire., late of Witless Bay, Planter. £200.

1814 05 04. Fol.E24 Page 63.

John Boyd of St. John's, Gentleman, for Walter Baine & Co., Merchants, James Stewart of St. John's, Merchant. John Boyd adm. of estate & effects of Philip Henesey of Thomas Town, Co. Kilkenny, late of Little Placentia, Planter. £200.

1814 05 18. Fol.E25 Page 65.

Richard Ash of Trinity, Merchant, & George Richard Robinson of St. John's, Merchant. Richard Ash, adm. of estate & effects of Christopher Hutchinson, of Co. Cork, Ire., late of Trinity, Fisherman. £80.

1814 05 21. Fol.E27 Page 69.

Richard Phelan of Torbay, Fisherman, & John Broom, of St. John's, Esq., Notary Public. Richard Phelan adm. of estate & effects of Patrick Kenny of Carrick on Suir, Ire., late of Torbay, Fisherman. £600.

1815 05 01. Fol.E28 Page 71.

Ellen Marce, Widow adm. of Est. of hus. Patrick Moore of Carrick on Suir, Ire., late of St. John's, carpenter. Henry Shea of St. John's, Merchant also adm. £300.

1814 06 08. Fol.E29 Page 73.

Bridget Connor of Petty Hr., Widow & John Murray, of St. John's, Merchant. Bridget Connors, adm. of estate & effects of her late husband Thomas Connors, of Suttons Parish, Co. Wexford, Ire, but late of Petty Hr. £1000.

1814 06 27. Fol.E30 Page 75.

William Stirling, of Harbour Grace, Surgeon, & Robert Hutton of St. John's, Merchant. William Stirling adm. of estate & effects of Patrick Flinn of Carrick on Suir, Ire. Late of Harbour Grace, Shoreman. £30.

1814 07 07. Fol.E33 Page 81.

Anthony Williams Godfrey, of St. John's. Merchant & Francis Dinam? Of St. John's, Shopkeeper. Anthony W. Godfrey, adm. of estate & effects of Timothy Dolohanty of Carrick on Suir, Ire, late of St. John's, Fisherman. £40.

1814 07 07. Fol.E34 Page 83.

William Cullen for Meller, Fergus & Co. of St. John's, Merchants, & George Lilly, Notary Public, Auctioneer. Wm. Cullen adm. of estate & effects of Jasper Maddock of Palenialoe, Co. Wexford, late of St. John's, Fisherman. £80.

1814 07 28. Fol. E36 Page 87.

Samson Mifflin of Bonavista, & Michael Kedlahar of Bonavista, adms. of estate & effects of James Frazer of Co. Kilkenny, Ire., late of Bonavista. £600.

1814 08 08. Fol. E37 Page 89.

Bridget Feehan of St. John's, Widow & Graham Little, & John Kenny of St. John's, Merchants, adms of estate & effect of William Feehan of Parish of Owing, Co. Kilkenny, late of St. John's, Taylor. £40.

1814 09 09. Fol. E38 Page 91.

James Murphy of St. John's, Merchant adm. of estate & effects of John White of Waterford, late of St. John's. Shoreman. £200.

1814 09 17. Fol. E39 Page 93.

Gerrard Ford, Esq. of Bonavista, Merchant & James Melledge of St. John's, Merchant. Gerrard Ford adm. of the estate & effects of Martin Phelan of Waterford, Ire., late of Bonavista, Fisherman. £80.

1814 09 29. Fol. E41 Page 97.

Dorothea Guest, Widow, Andrew Barnes, Carpenter, James Lane, Taylor, all of St. John's, adms. of estate & effects of John Guest of Waterford, Ire., late of St. John's, Dealer & Chapman. £2000.

1814 10 16. Fol. F01 Page 99.

Timothy Flannery, & John Kenny, both of St. John's, Dealers & Chapmans. Timothy Flannery adm. of estate & effects of Michael Breen of the Parish of Killeghny, Co. Wexford, Ire, late of Portugal Cove. £80.

1814 10 22. Fol. F02 Page 101.

Matthew Harty of St. John's, Fisherman, John Burke of St. John's, Dealer & Chapman. Matthew Harty adm. of estate & effects of his late nephew Edmund Harty of Temple Bradow, Co. Tipp., late of Witless Bay. £100.

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The Portrait of Sir James Pearl (1789-1840)

by Aiden Holden, CG (C)

Genealogists love to solve mysteries. However, these puzzles can become intense and time-consuming affairs that end without a definitive answer. Perhaps that is why I sometimes need a little push or an inspiring query to get going on a new project. A recent email from Emily Mills of the Admiralty House Communications Museum in Mount Pearl provided just the sort of spark I needed to take a shot at a new quandary. She contacted me after reading my book, *Letters from Sid: Sarah Sidney Holbrook (1822–1860): Her Family Story*, hoping that I might have some insight into the purported oil portrait of Sir James Pearl (1789–1840). Sid was James Pearl's niece. Her mother was Ruth Sidney Holbrook (Pearl) (1784 – 1852), a member of a family of seven sisters and one brother.

Emily told me about the Admiralty House Museum exhibit on the history of Mount Pearl, which includes a scan of a photograph of a portrait allegedly of James Pearl and how they were trying to authenticate it. Years ago, I had received a digital image of that painting from the Yarmouth County Museum & Archive, which received it from the National Portrait Gallery, London, in 1980. Emily had received emails from the National Portrait Gallery that mentioned a W. H. Lovejoy who had once tried to sell it to them. One message from the Gallery, which Emily relayed to me, stated:

“We were offered this portrait in 1930 and photographed it at that time. I believe it to be in oil on canvas, and its dimensions were recorded as 18” x 15”. As the sitter was not considered eligible for this collection, we carried out no research on it, so I cannot offer any comment on its provenance or identification, other than the fact that the then-owner's name was Lovejoy and he wrote that the portrait had been in his family's possession for many years. This was stated in Mr. Lovejoy's initial letter offering the portrait. The painting was subsequently brought to the Gallery for consideration. The name of the artist is unknown. It was offered for sale for £10 to the National Portrait Gallery.”



The first step in authenticating this portrait of James Pearl is to ascertain any evidence that a portrait was painted in the first place. We can answer positively that a painting was done from reading Sarah Sidney (Sid) Holbrook's letters. On 31 January 1840, Sid wrote, “Uncle and Aunt [Dr. James & Emma Holbrook] are sitting for their portraits, the same size and kind as Uncle's [James Pearl]. Today is the last sitting. You never saw better likenesses.” Also, on 10 September 1840, Sid wrote, “I am just made, my dearest Mama, most wretched by reading a letter from dearest Isabel to George [Sid's siblings] which he has just brought over. I am almost wild to think of the awful loss dearest Aunt Pearl has sustained. I trust Uncle's portrait is saved.” Other of Sid's many letters, which have survived in James Pearl's old sea trunk, suggest the portrait had been rescued along with many things from the house, including James' clothing, which was sent to Sid's brother in England in 1841.

Next steps included completing James Pearl and his wife Ann Hawkins' family trees, as well as discerning the correct Lovejoy family and building that family tree backwards to hopefully find a link between them.

James Pearl died in 1840, leaving everything to his wife Ann. Their marriage record at St. Pancras Old Church, London, on 8 May 1829, provides no clue as to her parents or relatives, nor does it state her age.¹ The 1851 census lists her as 40 (1811) while her 1854 burial record gives her age as 50 (1803).² In my experience, census records are notoriously unreliable for age. There are many birth records for Ann Hawkins born in Middlesex in that time period but, without a lucky break, there is no way of knowing which is hers.

Ann appeared on the 1851 census living at 47 High St., St. Martins, Stamford, listed as a 40-year-old annuitant and lodger.³ She was collecting a widow's pension from the Royal Navy. The head of the household was Eliza A. Moorhouse; her identically named mother was listed as a lodger. The mother is likely Elizabeth Ann Mould, who married John Moorhouse on 6 September 1800 at St. Luke's in Chelsea, London. Their daughter, Eliza Ann Moorhouse, was born on 21 Dec 1801 at Stapleford Tawney, Essex. I have yet to find a familial link between these two families; if they were mere acquaintances, then this would be a dead-end lead.

James and Ann had no children, but James wrote in his 29 January 1835 Will, "Should my dearest beloved wife die without children, I leave it to her to select such of our nephews, either by her side or mine, to enjoy the aforesaid estate [Mount Pearl]." ⁴ Ann Pearl drew up her Will on 12 Sep 1844 at St. John's shortly before returning to England, "considering the dangers of the sea."⁵ She was living at 37 Brompton Row, Kensington, at the time of her death on 8 November 1854. Her estate in England was valued at less than £100, and administration was granted to the solicitor for Her Majesty's Treasury, using the Will she wrote ten years earlier in Newfoundland, which did not specify what to do with her personal belongings.⁶ Unfortunately, Ann's Will was of no help either.

A long-shot bid using only the clue that W. H. Lovejoy had possession of the portrait in 1930 turned into a lucky break. In 1921, William Henry MacLean Lovejoy (1871-1952) was living at 45 Charnwood Road, London, and working at Hampton & Sons' Estate Agents & Auctioneers, at 20 St James's Square, London as an auctioneer's clerk.⁷ In 1939, he was still living at 45 Charnwood Road with employment listed as "estate agent's surveyor clerk."⁸ Hampton & Sons was involved in the sale of various paintings and had its roots in the 1830s. In business for almost 200 years, it is now owned by Connells Group.

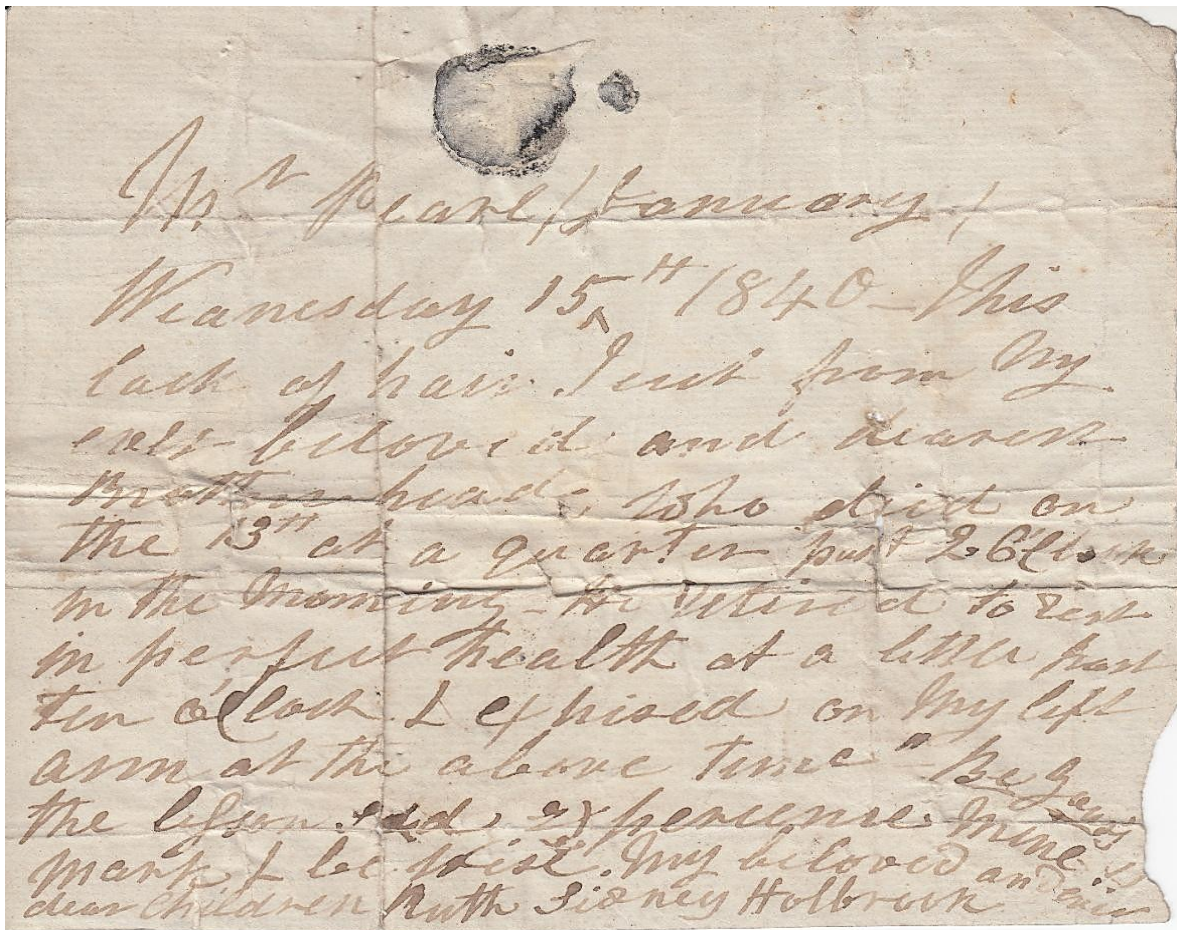
In building out his family tree, we see that his father, William Henry Lovejoy (1835– 1884), was a dentist from New York who moved to London in the late 1860s.⁹ Before that, he often set up short-term offices offering artificial teeth in St. John's, Newfoundland, along with his brother George Washington Lovejoy (1837–1913) and their father John Lovejoy (1801– 1874). All three were dentists and partners in the firm John Lovejoy & Sons, Dentists, out of Broadway, New York.¹⁰ When in St. John's, they advertised their services in local newspapers.

The father and senior partner in the firm died on 4 Jun 1874 in St. John's. The *Patriot and Catholic Herald* issue of 20 Jun 1874 announced that Dr. John Lovejoy, dentist, formerly of New York City, aged 70 years, died on Thursday evening last.¹¹ His wife was Julianna Cox Lovejoy (Teubner) (1806– 1849). Continuing backwards, we find that Julianna's mother was Maria Pearl (1779–1830), the spouse of Captain Charles Teubner.¹² Maria was one of James Pearl's seven sisters!

So, William Henry MacLean Lovejoy, a great-grandnephew of Sir James Pearl, and estate auctioneer's clerk at Hampton & Sons' Estate Agents, is surely the man who presented the portrait to the London Portrait Gallery in 1930. It is thus reasonable to conclude that James Pearl was indeed the subject of that portrait.

However, this finding raises new questions. Did Ann Pearl (Hawkins) take her husband's portrait along with her to England in late 1844, or did she give it to her husband's sister Ruth Sidney Holbrook (Pearl) (1784–1852), who had been living at James Pearl's estate before it burned down in August 1840? Ann Pearl died in London in 1854, which is long before William Henry Lovejoy moved to London in about 1868. It is more probable that Ann gave it to Ruth so that it could remain in the Pearl clan. *Letters from Sid* attempts to bring out Ruth's personality and shows that she and her brother were unusually close. On 20 March 1821, James presented "to his beloved sister Ruth S. Holbrook" a sea chest he had commissioned in the East Indies the year before. Ruth made it a repository for letters and all sorts of memorabilia, including a lock of James' hair, which she wrapped in a note:

"Wednesday, January 15th, 1840. This lock of hair I cut from my only beloved and dearest brother's head, who died on the 13th at a quarter past 2 o'clock in the morning. He retired to rest in perfect health at a little past ten o'clock and expired on my left arm at the above time."



In

1852, Ruth bequeathed all she owned to her daughter, Sarah Sidney (Sid) Holbrook. Unexpectedly, at age thirty-eight in 1860, Sid "died in very remarkable circumstances," and her every possession went

to her spouse, Thomas Holden. *Letters from Sid* explains how he disposed of the 1808 *Royal George*-100 logbook, owned by Sid's father George Papps Holbrook (1774–1832). Thomas likely did the same thing with the Pearl portrait by gifting or selling it to Dr. John Lovejoy or his son, Dr. William Henry Lovejoy, who both began sojourning in St. John's in the early 1860s. If so, we can assume William Henry Lovejoy brought it to England when he moved there in 1868. Twenty years later, in 1888, his son, the estate agent, would have inherited it. This scenario best explains the provenance of the portrait. Now, whether it still exists is a question for another time.

It is interesting to note that a second portrait of James Pearl exists or at least had existed. It was painted about a decade earlier than the subject portrait during Pearl's decade spent in the East Indies. It was early in the morning on February 7, 1822, when the ship *Indiana*, captained by Pearl, en route to Singkawang, Indonesia, laden with bales of opium, came upon debris from the *Tek Sing*. The *Tek Sing* was a large ocean-going Chinese junk that hit the Belvidere Shoal in the Gaspar Strait a day earlier and sank immediately after coming off the shoal. The logbook of *Indiana* reports that Pearl's crew retrieved 190 survivors.¹³ Pearl later wrote that one of the Chinese sufferers, an artist, painted his portrait and took it to Amoy, China.¹⁴ That portrait, if ever found, should reflect a somewhat younger version of the man in the photograph above.

Letters from Sid is available on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/2ABRNSe>

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We Remember - Florence Cowan

Submitted by Pat Walsh



Florence Cowan nee Blundon passed away in St. John’s on November 7, 2025, aged 92. From Bay de Verde, she was born in July 1933. Florence was active with the Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. She contributed to our quarterly, *The Ancestor*, and was a volunteer in our offices many years ago on Water Street. She enjoyed her research with her own family history and was always eager to help others. I remember visiting Florence & Alex in their home on Blackmarsh Road. Many times we discussed someone’s family tree and she always knew some of my friends out in Conception Bay North. Alex knew so many of our family relatives on Topsail Road and, of course, those who served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in the 1950s and 1960s.

Florence was a teacher and school board co-ordinator. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Alexander in 2020 & her sisters Norma Noel & Ena Emberley & her brothers Harry & Cal. Mother of Peter, in Alberta, Stephanie in Lower Island Cove & Craig in Quebec. She is the sister of Randy, Carmie Roy, Ellie Sutton, Anna Bursey, Yvonne Lambert & Patsy Coulombe. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John’s. Rest In Peace, Florence.



A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

(Author Unknown. Apologies to Clement C. Moore)

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The dining room table with clutter was spread,
With pedigree charts and a letter which said...*

*"Too bad about the data for which you wrote,
Sand in a storm on an ill-fated boat."
Stacks of old copies of wills and the such,
Was proof that my work had become way too much.*

*Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
And I, at my table, was ready to drop,
From work on my album with photos to crop.*

*Christmas Eve was here, and of such was my lot,
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.
Had I not been so busy, with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.*

*While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer,
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.*

*While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and yanked up on the sash.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a sleigh full of toys and ole Santa Claus too.
And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.*



*The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at our roof, with hoof-prints adorned.
As I drew in my head and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa — Crr-RASH!*

*Dear Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet (I could wring his short neck!)
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see,
I had no Christmas spirit; you'd have to agree.*

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings. (I felt like a jerk.)
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy,
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.*

*He spied my research on the table all spread,
"A genealogist!" he cried. (My face was all red.)
Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.*

*I gazed with amazement — the cover it read,
"Genealogy Lines for which you have plead."
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.*

*"While the elves make the sleigh full of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library.
A special treat, I am thus able to bring,
To the genealogy folks who can't find a thing.*

*Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."*

*As I climbed up the stairs feeling gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa, who'd brought much to me.
While settling in bed I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team which then rose like the down of a thistle.*

*And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"*



UNUSUAL HEADSTONE FROM ST. KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY, GOULDS

Submitted by Janet Morrissey

This headstone was recently observed in the Stonepics database under the heading 'Beautiful and Unusual'. It is located in St. Kevin's Catholic Cemetery in the Goulds (GOU02-3628). There are some readily recognizable words that give the viewer a clue to unlocking the message in the headstone. Anyone who knows the history of the stone or the family referred to is invited to submit a paragraph or two to [*The Ancestor*](#)



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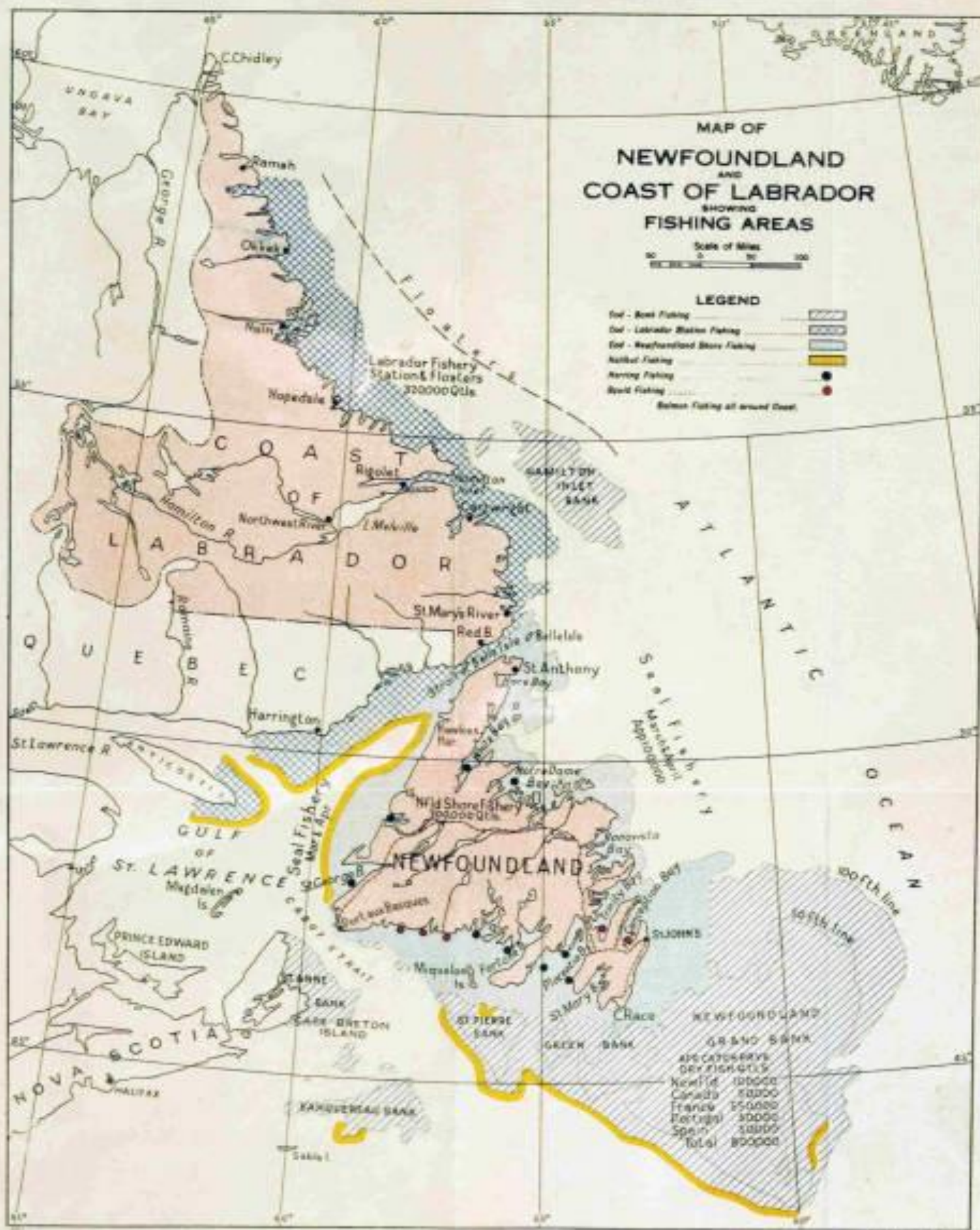
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