

GEORGE CREWS

DARTMOUTH DEVONSHIRE

1706 George son of Philip baptised, St. Saviours Church
1711 Philip buried, St. Saviours Church
1716 George son of Philip baptised Townstall Church
1747 George married Mary Dolling, Townstall Church
1751 George son of Philip baptised, Townstall Church
1754 George son of Philip died
1755 George son of Philip baptised Townstall Church
1793 George married Sarah Cullen in Townstall
1776 George son of Philip baptised at Townstall.

BRIXHAM, DEVONSHIRE

1700-01 George and Grace had a son Henry baptised

PAIGNTON, DEVONSHIRE

1736 George, son of John and Elizabeth baptised

IPPLEPEN AND COCKINGTON, DEVONSHIRE

1779 George and Mary of Ipplepen had a son
Thomas, baptised at Cockington

WOOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE

1702 George had son John
1731 George son of Jeremy baptised
1754 George had son John
1760 George married Sarah Meadway
1769 George and Sarah had son George (died 1771)
1776 George and Sarah had son George (died same year)
1773 George and Sarah had son John
1780 George and Sarah had son George
1793 George died aged 65

1778 George (jr) married Elizabeth Coyle
1779 George and Elizabeth had son Nicholas
1790 George and Elizabeth had son Nicholas
1792 George and Elizabeth had son Walter
1795 George and Elizabeth had son John
1798 George and Elizabeth had son George

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVONSHIRE

1790 George son of Richard and Margaret baptised
(died same year)

IN BIRD ISLAND COVE, NEWFOUNDLAND

1807 George, a planter, married Elizabeth Head
1817 George and Elizabeth had son Benjamin baptised
1818 George and Elizabeth had daughter Suzannah
baptised, Anglican Church
1821 George and Elizabeth had daughter Elizabeth baptised
1823 George purchased a pew in the new Methodist Chapel for £5.00
1824 George and Elizabeth had a daughter Elizabeth baptised
1826 George and Elizabeth had son Thomas baptised
1828 George and Elizabeth had daughter Tinzah baptised

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CAREER DATA

- 1770 10 April to 15 December, George (date of birth variously given as 1725-1731) of Newton Abbott (Woolborough) seaman on the Robert of Dartmouth captian Norhay, in the Newfoundland trade. Previously a seaman on the Palliser of Dartmouth Captain Henley, also in the Newfoundland trade. Discharged at Dartmouth.
- 1773 George (age given as 42 of Newton Abbott. In March signed on the Betsey of Dartmouth, Captain Cummings. Discharged in Newfoundland in September.
- 1788 George (aged 59) of Newton Abbott on the Kingsbridge of Dartmouth a "Banker" in the Newfoundland trade. Discharged newfoundland in September.
- 1791 April-December, aged 59 of Newton Abbott on the Fortitude of Dartmouth John Crews master, in the Newfoundland trade. (previously had been a seaman in the English coasting trade.
- 1810 George of Newton Abbott. Seaman on the Aurora of Teignmouth, Nicholas Howard master, in the Newfoundland trade.
- 1817 15 March 27 December, George aged 19 of Newton Abbott (Woolborough) seaman on the Isabel of Dartmouth, voyage to Newfoundland, discharged Dartmouth.(previous voyage on the Jubilee of Dartmouth Captain Mardon, another Newfoundland trader.
- 1818 20 March - 8 January 1819, seaman on the Jubilee above, Captain Samuel Mardon/ in the Newfoundland trade.

OF TEIGNMOUTH

- 1817 30 April - 18 November, seaman on the Eliza of Teignmouth Richard Henley (of Newton Abbott)jr. captian.
- 1818 12 March - 12 December, another voyage on the same vessel.

RESIDENT IN BRIXHAM - DEVONSHIRE

- 1813 George aged 36 mate of the Fancy of Brixham, Jeremiah Crews master, employed in the English China clay/coal trade.

OF DARTMOUTH

- 1770 11 May - 31 December, aged 15 a boy on the Polly & Nancy of Dartmouth captian Bussey, voyage to Newfoundland (before this had made at least one earlier trip to Newfoundland as a boy on the Ann of Dartmouth, Maddick master.
- 1771 22 March - 29 December, age now said to be 18 seaman on the Honour of Dartmouth, Norris master, fishing on the Newfoundland Grand Banks.

- 1772 Another trip to Newfoundland on the same.
- 1773 Age given as 17, another voyage to Newfoundland on the same.
- 1774 Aged 20 another voyage to Newfoundland on the Honour, Oliver now master.
- 1775 3 May - 20 October, mate of the Honour Captain Jackson, employed in the English coasting trade.
- 1776 Aged 21 another voyage as mate of the same vessel, employed English coasting trade.
- 1785 Commander of the A.I. of Dartmouth a sloop of 60 tons and 8 men, owned by Robert Newman and Co. of Dartmouth. 2 April sailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland.
- 1786 13 Jan. arrived Dartmouth from Newfoundland, appointed to command the Lark of Dartmouth, a schooner of 50 tons and 8 men, owned by Messrs Thomas and Stokes of Dartmouth and St. John's, Nfld. 26 Mar. sailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland. August news of arrival at Newfoundland. 24 Nov. arrived Plymouth Devonshire from Newfoundland. 3 Dec. Dartmouth from Newfoundland/Plymouth.
- 1787 22 Mar. sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland on a fishing voyage to the Grand Banks. June news of arrival at Newfoundland, made two trips fishing on the Banks. 10 Oct. end of fishing season at Harbour Grace, Nfld. from the Grand Banks, from thence took fish to Southern Europe.
- 1788 28 Jan. Dartmouth from Ponte Vedra (Spain) with fruit and wine. 1 Feb. voyage from Dartmouth to Viana (Portugal) and returned to Dartmouth. 28 May age now stated to be 32 sailed from Dartmouth to the Newfoundland fisheries as a "banker". 10 Oct. at end of fishing season returned to Harbour Grace, Nfld from the Banks, discharged Hr. Grace. While in Nfld he together with Philip Beenlan a small merchant of Dartmouth purchased a vessel of their own the Nancy a schooner of 62 tons built and registered in Nfld. 13 Nov. sailed as commander of her from Harbour Grace for Waterford Ireland with 34 passengers, 197 quintals of Codfish and 110 seal skins. From there took a cargo of salt beef home to Dartmouth, arriving at the latter port 5 Feb. 1789.
- 1789 7 March sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland to fish the Grand Banks. In Nfld he seems to have sold his share of the vessel to George Lewis a small merchant of Bristol and Harbour Grace, but he continued to retain command of her. 29 Dec. sailed from Harbour Grace to Spain with 1070 quintals (hundredweights) of fish.
- 1790 March, news of her arrival at Oporto (Portugal) from Vigo in Spain. 13 Mar. arrived Dartmouth from Oporto with wine and fruit.

- 1790 2 April sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland. 4 May arrived Harbour Grace, Nfld. from thence fished the Grand Banks. 4 Oct. finished the fishing season and arrived Harbour Grace. 18 Nov. sailed for England 18 Dec. Arrived Bristol, England from Newfoundland.
- 1791 3 February arrived Dartmouth from Bristol and relinquished command.

By 1791 the Newfoundland trade had entered one of its periodic slumps and indeed with the outbreak of the French Revolutionary War in 1793 great and irrevocable changes occurred which lead to a rapid decay of the Devonshire fishery in Newfoundland. Captian George Crews never again appears in the records - even as a seaman. His life after this date and eventual fate are so far not known.