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Dear Keith,

Very many thanks for your letter of 21st June, Lectures on Newfoundland History and the Lidstone family notes, which I received on return from holiday. I apologise for the delay in replying but my bank took over a fortnight to give me the enclosed overseas draft for \$50.00 to settle your invoice.

With regard to the Lidstone notes I do not require any Devon genealogical detail as I have been through the parish registers already. If you just quote the year and place of birth or baptism or even just their age with biography of any Lidstone that will be sufficient.

The career data you sent is ideal. Gabriel Beer Lidstone was a Kingsbridge solicitor and a bank manager and, inter alia, Portuguese Vice-Consul for Kingsbridge & Salcombe, which explains his interest in Dartmouth vessels. It was news to me that John, the ironmonger and foundry owner of Kingsbridge, had shares in a Dartmouth vessel. He was not related to John of Galmpton, whose father married the last of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's line, and who was brother-in-law to John Adams, commander of the Mary and Sally.

The Dartmouth exporter, Robert Newman b. 1704, was probably the son of Robert Newman and Joyce Lydston, the daughter of John and b. 1655, and ancestor of Baron Newman of Mamhead.

Most grateful for your help and I look forward to a further batch of Lidstone biographical notes from your files when convenient to you. I am visiting Toronto in September and will not be returning here until 16th October so any time after then will suit me well.

Hope your Devon leave was beneficial to you.

Sincerely, Hugh Lighton

LIDSTONE

GUSTAVUS Illegitimete son of Elizabeth born and buried in Townstall 1746.

GABRIEL BEER Lidstone Gentleman of Dodbrooke. held shares in a Dartmouth vessel in 1861.

ARTHUR Lidstone son of John and Elizabeth baptised St Petrox 1695

MARY Lidstone "Old Mother Lidstone", inhabitant of St Johns Newfoundland died November 1780 and buried there. owned a well which was named after here in the Upper part of St Johns harbour.

Bernard Lidstone Illegitimate son of Sarah baptised St Petrox 1709.

NICHOLAS Lidstone

(1) Baptised 1659 St Petrox son of John and Joan. CARREER

1685 7 January. Commander of the Lamb 70 tons of Dartmouth arrived Barbados from Ireland.

1685 22 November. arrived Barbados from England.

1686 16 February. arrived at Barbados from St Andero(Spain) with a cargo of salt.

1686 17 July. Arrived Dartmouth from London with miscellaneous cargo.

1687 3 May. arrived Barbados from Dartmouth.

1688 March arrived Dartmouth from maryland with Tobacco for wm Hayne 1688 July Arrived Dartmouth from Norway with timber for Wm Hayne. 1694 May commander of the GEORGE 120 tons of London. arrived Dartmouth from the Canary Islands with Nuts for JOHN Lidstone. 1695 January. commander of the ST GEORGE (probably same as above) arrived 21st from Bilbao after three week passage with a cargo of wool. on the passage escaped from 2 french privateers by using sweeps (long oars) in a calm. the vessel itself had 14 cyannon.

1700 NICHOLAS Nad Mary kadx children of Mr John and Elizabeth baptised at St Petrox.

17205 Nicholas son of Mr John baptised st Saviours

1725 Nicholas buried st Petrox

1726 Nicholas son of Mr Nicholas and Elizabeth baptised st petrox

1726 Nicholas son of Mr John baptised st saviour

1761 Nicholas son of Thomas baptised st Saviours.

LIDSTONE John Genealogical

- 1610 John Married Elizabeth wortley at st petrox
- 1655 John son of John Baptised St Saviours
- 1667 John son of John baptised St Saviours
- 1684 John son of Mr John buried st petrox
- 1697 John son of Mr John and Elizabeth baptised st petrox
- 1703 Mr John Senior buried st petrox
- 1713 John married Katherine Darte at townstall
- 1715 John had son Stephen baptised townstall
- 1716 John son of John baptised townstall

his daughter married Robert Newman.

- 1720 John had son thomas baptised Townstall
- 1725 John had son Roger baptised Townstall
- 1726 Mr John had son Nicholas baptised st saviours
- 1729 John son of Mr John and Elizabeth baptised st petrox
- 1729 John buried st petrox
- 1741 John Buried sownstall
- 1745 John married Mary Tozer at St Petrox
- 1754 John son of Thomas and Mary baptised st petrox
- 1755 John died townstall
- 1756 John a ropemaker of stoke damerel married at st petrox
- 1763 MR John buried st Fetrox
 - 1777 John son of Joseph baptised at Dartmouth dissenting chapel

1875. John died at St Johns Newfoundland age 70 buried in St Thomas anglican church,

COMMERCIAL/career

- 1667 John 21 February. commander of the DOROTHY opf Dartmouth.
- Dartmouth from Ilfracombe with coal for John Sykes
- XXXX John(a). commander of the ROBERT of Dartmouth
- 1679 26 March dartmouth from Milford with culme for self
 - 12 June Dartmouth from Milford with culme for self
 - 27 September. Dartmouth from Norway with lumber for John Hayne (john (b) commander of the ELIZABETH of Dartmouth
 - 31 March Dartmouth to Norway XEXXX serge cloth for John Hayne
 - 2 June Dartmouth from Penryn pilchards for Walter Harris
 - 22 14 June Dartmouth to Norway. serge and hops for John Hayne
 - 20 July Dartmouth from Penryn for walter Harris
 - 3 November. dartmouth from Cork provisions for John Haune.
- 1681 commander of the ELIZABETH (above) 250 tons burthen.
 - 8 May.Dartmouth from Norway with timber for John Hayne 25 July Darrmouth from Norway with timber for John Hayne and 100 deals for himself
 - 13 October commander of the ROBERT (above) 90 tons Dartmouth from Bilbao with salt for John Hayne.
- 1685 commander of the ELIZABETH
 - 20 March dartmouth to Norway with spanish wine and serge for William Hayne.
 - 8 July dartmouth from Norway with spars masts and baulks for wm Haynes.
- 1686 commander of the ELIZABETH
 - 24 April dartmouth to Norway with barley rye and pease for William Hayne.
 - 17 May Dartmouth from Norway with timber for wm Hayne.

- 1687. Commander of the POMEROY 80 tons and 10 men of Dartmouth
- 1688 December commander of the POMEROY above. dartmouth to Barbados for William Haynes.
- 1694. imported nuts at dartmouth from the Canaries on the George 120 tons Nicholas lidstone commander. May)

 July. commander of the CRANE of 50 tons dartmouth from Cadiz with wine and fruit for several importers.
- 1696 a Freeman-voted in the Maximunkx Parliamentary election for Dartmouth
- 1698. commander of the FRANCIS 80 tons **2 a fishing ship with 12 men and 5 boats. in September sailed from Petty Harbor In Newfoundland for Dartmouth with 60 homeward bound passengers.

 November. arrived Dartmouth with 50 quintals of fish and half hogs head of train oil for himself, but most of the cargo for his passengers and Nicholas Redwood.
- THIS IS THE JOHN(gent) born 1697 buried 1763.

January. commander of the LITTLE NICHOLAS of Dartmouth Dartmouth to San Sebastian with fish for Robert Newman. March. Dartmouth from Croisic with salt for Arthur Holdsworth. November. Dartmouth from Newfoundland with train oil and fish for Arthur Holdsworth.

- 1724 commander of the NICHOLAS of Dartmouth.

 January Dartmouth to Figuera with 800 quintals codfish and 40 Hogs head pilchards for Arthur Holdsworth.

 November. Dartmouth from newfoundland with fish and oil for Arthur Holdsworth.

 December. Dartmouth to Figuera with the fish brought from Newfoundland, now re-exported fror Arthur Holdsworth.
- 1727 Isaac Bonovrier a planter of Bonavista Newfoundland gave him a note of hand for 28/-d for goods supplied.
- 1729 commander of the ANNE 100 tons and 14 men of dartmouth.
 voyage to Newfoundland and the Mediterranean. the Vessel was
 owned by Arthur Holdsworth.
 - 1731 Admitted as a freeman to Dartmouth Corporatioln.
 Februaryu. commander of the ANN above. voyage from Dartmouth
 to Newfoundland with serge, tinware, shirts and shoes for
 thomas Holdsworth and Himself.
 during the summer a FISHING captain at Petty Harbour cmmplains

that a fishing room had been engrossed by a new planter
Angel.

- 1732. styling himself as a Dartmouth trader signed a petition protesting against the activities of the Justices of the Peace in Newfoundland.
- 1736 Feburayr. exported miscellaneous goods and german linen from Dartmouth to Newfoundland on the CHARMING MOLLY Edward Woolcott master. He was the sole cosnignee.
- 1737 18 February. with Arthur Holdsworth owned the <u>SQUIRREL</u> schooner of 40 tons Captain stapledon of Dartmouth. Arrived Barbados from Lisbon in Ballast and then cleared out to Newfoundland.
- 1738 20 March. their Squirrel arrived Barbados from Genoa in Ballast and then celared fro Newfoundland.
- 1739 Signed a petition of Dartmouth merchants asking that Newfoundland be better fortified in case of war with France.

 February exported hardware and linen to Newfoundland on the Peter and Mary Captain Prince.

 November imported 2½ tons of train oil and returned linen from Newfoundland on the same vessel.
- 1740 april.Robert Newman exported salt to Newfoundland on his account November. Rpobert Newman imported into Dartmouth 11½ tons of train oil from Newfoundland on his account. He imported train oil into exeter.
- 1741. Voted in the General election at Dartmouth
 January. imported fruit from Lisbon on one vessel and
 was the sole owner of thex a cargo of salt from Lisbon on
 the Loyal consort John Fouche master.
 March. exported leather to Newfoundland on the Loyal Consort
 May. with others exported salt to Newfoundland on the JOHN
 May exported hilling stones(slates) to Middleburg on the John
 and Mary John Freethy master.

 June. expoted Biscuit to Newfoundland on the Eagle
 August exported more biscuit on the same.
 November. received train oil from Newfoundland on the Two Brothers
 Captain Oliver.
- 1742 John addmitted as a freeman of Dartmouth.
- 1745 February. imported 10 gallons of rum from Newfoundland on an Exeter vessel.

 August. imported wine from Oporto.
- 1746 imported train oil at Teignmouth from Newfoundland.
- by 1750 owned a plantation in St Johns on the Water front.
 1758. signed a Dartmoyth petition complaining of the distress caused
 by the current war. upon his death in 1763 it was purchased
 by another Dartmouth merchant Philip Leigh.

17**6**3 died.

ANOTHER JOHN

- 1771 5 March aged 17 of Dartmouth crewman on the SALLY a dartmouth "banker" (newfundland fishing ship) commanded by captain Gale. (before this had been on the MOLLY also commanded by gale. Discharged Dartmouth 7 February 1772,
- 1772 went to Newfoundland to fish for the summer in an inshore boat.
 20 Octob æ at Bayt Bulls signed on as a seaman on the MOLLY nichola
 Gale master. disch arged at Ferrol Spain 9 January 1773.
- 1773 on the Molly. discharged at Bay Bulls Newfoundland.
- 1774 seaman on the BETSEY of Dartmouth Captain Bonnett.

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- - 1779 (same man?) caeared land at Port de Grave Conception bay Nfld upon which over the ytears he erected 4 houses and 3 gardens.

JOHN of variously Ford, Stokenham ar Salcombe

1788 March aged 30? seaman on the Bonetta a Dartmouth banker commander by Nicholas Hayes. in 1787 he had worked in the inshore fishery in Newfoundland. October discharged at Bay Bulls.

1788 October.a ge 28? of Stokenahm at Bay Bulls signed on the Good Intent of Dartmouth, captain Webber. Discharged Dartmouth February 1789.

1790 June age 20? of Salcombe enrolled as an Able Seaman on HMS DAPHNEin England.

Antoher John 1798./ John owned Land in Dodbrooke partly occupied by himself and the rest leased to John Quarm(corum).

1810 JOHN paid a fee by Lidstone and Richard Newman for work done in surveying cotterbury Barn (Stokenham).

John of Galmpton (South Hmish) YEOMAN 1/5th owner of the Mary and Sally a coasting sloop of 56 tons John Adams commander.

This vessels/ was sold and registered anrew.

1829 John Ironmonger of Kingsbridge supplied Splitting knives and Hatchets to Robert Newman and Company for export to Newfoundland 1830. again suplies same to Newman.

1861 Ironmonger owns shares in a Dartmouth vessel.

NOTE THERE WAS ALSO in the 1820-40 period a John Lidstone who commanded foreign boing wessels of Guernsey.