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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.

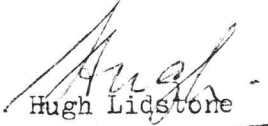
The career data you sent is ideal. Gabriel Beer Lidstone was a Kingsbridge solicitor and a bank manager and, inter alia, Portuguese Vice-Consul for Kingsbridge & Salcombe, which explains his interest in Dartmouth vessels. It was news to me that John, the ironmonger and foundry owner of Kingsbridge, had shares in a Dartmouth vessel. He was not related to John of Galampton, 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 Lidstone

(also in J-148)

LIDSTONE
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FILE

LIDSTONE

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

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

STEPHEN Lidstone Son of Ralph baptised St Saviours 1588
STEPHEN(2) son of John baptised townstall 1715
died and buried same year.

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 ~~xxxx~~ 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 townstall
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 Petrox
1777 John son of Joseph baptised at Dartmouth dissenting chapel

~~1826~~ 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 of 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 ~~XXXX~~ serge cloth for John Hayne
2 June Dartmouth from Penryn pilchards for Walter Harris
~~20~~ 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 Hayne.
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.

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 SQUIRREL 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 fortifieid 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 ~~the~~ 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 gallcns 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.
- 1763 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 # 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.

