

CAVE HISTORY

Three Cave brothers as young men came to Newfoundland from Devon, England, in the early 1800's. One at Pouch Cove, One at Bay Roberts and one at Change Islands. They were seafaring, shipbuilders and blacksmiths. As far as can be gathered Henry Cave came to Bay Roberts in 1820. I had the original grant in my possession for several years of the buying of the Autibury and lands in vicinity dated 1823. The said Henry Cave also bought two acres of land by applying for same July 15th 1829, Also the schooner HENRY - Cave master, was lost on weather edge of ice near Western Bay. The crew rescued by Monroe's brig, and arrived at Carbonear. Henry Cave married a miss Coombs, and had a family of three sons and two daughters. The two daughters married at Greenspond. One a Mrs Bourne the other Bemister. The names of the three sons were, George, Henry and Edward. George the eldest, was my grandfather. He had one son and four daughters. He died when my father, Charles was three years old 1854. He was captain of the brig ALERT, who in company with six other vessels left Conception Bay for Sydney, Cape Breton to load cargo for Quebec. He wrote a letter to his wife at Bay Roberts tellin her of his safe arrival, and of being the first arrival of the seven vessels, but before the letter reached Bay Roberts he was buried on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, having contacted the dread disease CHOLERA, and died rather suddenly. The letter along with his nautical instrumentare in my possession.

The four daughters of Capt. George Cave were - Jane, Mrs Elijah Mercer, the Coish, Bay Roberts. Elizabeth Ann, Mrs George Allan, Greenspond and Bloomfield, B.B. Charlotte Mrs James Snow, Central Road, Bay Roberts, and Melvina Mrs Wm. Edward Spraklin, Cupids, who was drowned when the schooner Water Witch was lost at Pouch Cove 1875. Jane and Charlotte had both their husbands scald to death when the S.S. TIGRES blew her boiler up at the sealfishery 1874. In command of Capt. Isaac Bartlett of Bay Roberts.

Charles, known as C.CAVE, the son, was the first local shoemaker in Bay Roberts. Besides his trade, he and his son George owned five schooner one after the other, fishing on the southern shore, French shore and Labrador, from Cape Ballard to Grois Water Bay, having to abandon their last (20 18) ton schooner HOPE in a sinking condition, with one spar overboard, sails torn - ten miles east of Cape St Francis, at 4pm, Sept. 22nd 1922. In the meantime having lost our motor boat which parted her towlines but was later recovered and then left in her for Biscyan Cove ten miles west but with much difficulty, as there was a big wave and took in much water before getting the motor boat dead into the wind. For the first three miles a constant bailing of water was necessary, but finally reached Biscan Cove where the light keeper and many willing hands, who had been watching from the cape helped haul up the boat and made us very comfortable for the night. The next morning left for home but as the wind was still strong we put in Portugal Cove, and arrived at Bay Roberts the next morning.

Dictated by; George C. Cave part owner of schooner - Great Grand Son of Henry Cave

*Henry Cave died Oct. 1841 age 56  
He was part owner of schooner HOPE from England to the Madroct's  
of Newfoundland in the Bay ALERT  
ALERT built in N.S. (Sydney) for the Marston (Boston) 150 tons  
used to haul up to the main town*

*Address Evans 753-1490 (Several anecdotes)  
etc*

CAVE, A surname of England and Guernsey. (Channel Is.)  
from Latin *Calvus*, Old French *Chauf* - bald, in  
England also from the English place name *Cave*. (Yorkshire, EA)  
after a swift (OE *cāf*.) Stream nearby.  
Traced by Guppy in Dorset, Northamptonshire,  
Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and by Spiegelhalter in Devon.

In Nfld.

Early instances: Benjamin Jr. of Fogo, 1803. Susannah  
of Change Islands, 1821; Thomas of Pouch Cove, 1833.  
-HENRY-, on the Margaret in the Seal fishery out  
of Bay Roberts, \*1838 "Newfoundlander" 29<sup>th</sup> March 1838;  
Robert (and others) of St Johns 1871.

Modern Status: Scattered, especially at Bay Roberts  
and Change Islands.

Mary Greenland

\*1835—?

married

Henry Cave  
1826. Bay Roberts.

Henry born 1827 died Oct 1890

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