

Crews file
(name file)

CREWS John
Genalogical data

of DARTMOUTH Devonshire

- 1669 John son of Nicholas baptised Townstall Chuch.
1687 John son of Richard Baptised Townstall
1706 John son of Richard baptised Townstall
1713/14 John married Grace Stone St Savkours Church
1714 John and Grace had ~~xxx~~ twins John and Grace.
1714 oct the twins were buried
1724 Sep John had son John.
1737 John married Ann Hamilton Townstall Church.
1746 John son of Richard baptised st Savkours church
1747 John son of Edward baptised St Savkours church
1754 John son of Isaac baptised St Saviours Church
1758 John buried St Saviours church.
1761 John a Dissenter, baptised in Dartmouth Chapel
1771 Apr John buried.
1786 John a shipwright married mary Randall
1789 John and mary had a son John
1791 John Mariner of Twonstall married mary Harker
st St Saviours Church.
1788 Aug. John son of Benjamin and Mary baptised St Saviours
1789 he died.
1790 John Weymouth son of Benjhamin and Mary baptised
1790 he died
1797 John son of Benjamin and Mary baptised.
1795 Oct. John son of Richard and Mary baptised St Saviours.

OF CHURSTON FERRERS (near Dartmoth, Devonshire

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1673 John son of John and Anne baptised.
1691 John Churchwarden of the Parish.
1699 John married Christian Griggs both of the adjoining
parish of Brixham.
1701 John and Christian had a son John.
1717 John buried.
1729 John son of John and Edith baptised.
1729/30 he was buried
1730 John son of John and Edith baptised
1732 John buried/

OF THE PARISH OF BRIXHAM Devonshire

1693 John married Mary & Eam (Eames)

OF THE PARISH OF PAIGNTON (adjoining Brixham

1730 John married Elizabeth cooke
1733 John had a son John baptised
1736 John and Elizabeth had a son George
1739 John and Elizabeth had a son James
1757 John Husbandman (Farm worker) married Mary Fletcher
1760 John and Mary had a son John
1772 John and Ann had a son James
1775 John and Ann had a son William
1788 John and Mary had a son John.

OF BRIXHAM Parish

1661 John son of Francis baptised
1695 John and Mary had a son Azarias
1727-8 John son of John of Galampton(Chruston Ferrers) died
1729/30 John son of John and Mary buried
1732 John of Churston Ferrers buried.
1739/40 John son of Francis and Ann baptised.

OF DENBURY PARISH, Devonshire)

1726 John son of William and Ann baptised.
1757 Feb. John Mariner married Mary Coish(both literate).

OF WOOLBOROUGH PARISH(Newton Abbott

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1694 John son of Jeremiah baptised
1695 he was buried.
1702 John son of George baptised
1703 John son of Jeremy a pauper baptised
1744 John son of Jeremiah baptised
1754 john son of George baptised
1768 John son of Jeremy and Ann baptised
1773 John son of George and Sarah baptised
1781 John son of William and Sarah baptised
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1769 John married Frances Goodyear
1780 John and Frances had a son William
1782 John and Frances had a son Jeremiah Griest
1786 John and Frances had a son Thomas
1788 John and Frances had a son Charles
~~2269226~~ 1791 John and Frances had a son Robert
1799 John died age 45
1795 John son of George and Elizabeth baptised.

OF KINGSTEIGNTON Parish, South Devonshire

1783 John and Ann had son john
1784 John, infant buried at the charge of the Parish
1785 John and Ann had a son John.

1835 John died aged 91.

OF ABBOTSKERSWELL Parish Devonshire

1796 John son of Thomas and Grace baptised.

OF BOVEY TRACEY Devonshire

1723 John married ALXICE Steer

OF ILSINGTON Parish(*Devonshire)

~~XXX~~ 1654 John son of John and Joane baptised
1656/7 John and Joane had son Robert.
1667 John and Joane had a son Jeremiah.

1664 John son of Hannibal and Joan baptised

1670 John buried.

1676/7 John "a Youth" buried.

OF LYMPSTONE Parish(*near Exeter Devonshire)

1749 John son of Edward baptised

1778 John buried.

of POOLE(Dorsetshire)

1752 John buried.

CREWS Career Data

1798 John owned land in Coffinswell(Near Newton Abbott) Devonshire.

1807-8 John shpwright and Chandler of Dartmouth supplied Tar, Topmasts and compasses for Newfoundland ships, to the firm of Robert Newman and Company of Dartmouth.

zzz 1683-4. John a cloth merchant of Exeter exported moderately large quantities of a Woollen Cloth known as "Perpetuanas" to Rotterdam.

1754 John(probably of Woolborough) , a "Bye Boat Keeper" in the Newfoundland fishery. Bye Boat keepers lived in England but owned fishing rooms in Newfoundland. They and their fishing crews migrated out and back to Newfoundland every year as passengers on the "Banking" or fishing vessels.

OF WOOLBORO Mariner, Ship Captain and Shipowner in the Newfoundland Trade . Certainly related to the "Bye Boat Keeper" above.

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other data.

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1787 - 1791. traded in St Johns Newfoundland with the large merchant house of Robert Newman and Company of Dartmouth. He was there described as being of Newton Abbott devonshire.

1788. Member of the Grand Jury in St Johns Newfoundland.

1789 Occupied premises at Magotty Cove St Johns leased from the ~~EXECUTORS~~ Executors of Robert Newman Deceased at a rent of L40 per annum. Room called "Middleton's Room"

1789 February/april. Bills drawn by him in Newfoundland on Frances (female) Crews of Newton hbbot sent to the firm of Robert Newman at Dartmouth who would then obtain payment from Frances.

1790 January. Signed a petition from the traders of Dartmouth bewailing the decline of prosperity in the Newfoundland trade The company was engaged in the actual fishery as well as in ship owning and the carrying trade.

~~zzz~~.1797 John seems to have given up going out to Newfoundland for another Crews(relative) Jeremiah, appears to head up the Newfoundland end of the business, drawing bills of Exchange on John in Newton Abbott whenever he made a purchase from another individual The company ceased business almost immediately after this date. This was not surprising for they were a very small firm and like a host of others collapsed as a result of war induced depression in the years 1795-1800.

JOHN JR= son of the above?

~~for sea faring career see below~~

1799 Sent from Dartmouth to Newfoundland to be employed as a clerk in the firm of Roope Harris Roope and Company of Dartmouth and St Johns.

1803 After spending a winter home in Devon was appointed by another Dartmouth merchant, Peter Ougier, to be

CAREER DATA CONTINUED John of Woolborough

John ~~ANNIX~~ continued

Ougier's Agent at his premises in Bay Bulls Newfoundland.

1804. Peter Ougier committed suicide, his company was declared insolvent and John Crews was out of a job.

1805 November. A Court case in St Johns in which he was sued by Peter Ougier junior and the executors of the insolvent estate for £x L91/1/10d expences alledged to have been improperly charged by him against the Firm. He counterclaimed for non payment of salary. He claimed to have been hired by Peter Ougier Junior in 1803 to go out to Newfoundland for a salary of L400 per annuym on a verbal agreement. The case was ordered to be arbitrated and John Crews was awarded back salary and expences due of L65/15/5d.

After this date John Crews (Senior) returned to Devonshire and was never again involved in either the Newfoundland fishery or the shipping business. By now of course he was by the standards of the day, rather elderly and almost certainly retired from active life. As we see from the details of his early seafaring career (~~below~~) (below), John Crews had gone around in a circle. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Son of a Bye boat Keeper he went to sea as a young boy in the vessel owned by an acquaintance of his father. He rose rapidly to become a ships master, from thence bought a vessel of his own; went into Partnership with another man and leased premises in St Johns from which they engaged on a small scale in the fishery. Depression forced the collapse of the firm, and John, despite his advancing years was forced to take employment as a mercantile clerk. In 1803 his experience and knowledge made him suitable for appointment as the agent or manager of the fairly extensive trade of Peter Ougier. Ougier's suicide and insolvency left Crews with nothing much except whatever property he owned in Devonshire, and whatever (if anything) he had managed to save during his active career.

JOHN CREW'S SHIPOWNING

He only ever owned one vessel the ELIZABETH AND CLARE a "Banker" ~~fx~~ brig of 114 tons and a crew of 10 men. He owned her in partnership with Robert Coysh of Newton Abbott who was for several years also master of her. The vessel was owned by them from 1788 until 1794 when she was captured and burnt by a French Privateer.

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JOHN

CREWS RESIDENT IN NEWFOUNDLAND

AT ST JOHNS

1815 November. John Branscombe son of Charles and Mary Crews baptised St Johns Anglican Church.

OF HEARTS CONTENT TRINITY BAY (probably of Dorset ancestry)

1800. John and William fishermen resident there .
NAME SPEALT rented a house and fishing planation from the
CREW wealthy Poole merchant Benjamin Lester at a
rent of 20 shilling ~~pexxx~~ per annum. They
were protestant and owned two fishing boats but
employed no servants and were both unmarried.

OF SOP ARM AND NOTRE DAME BAY Newfoundland

Probably of Dorset ancestry.

1786 John CREW owned a salmon fishery in Notre Dame Bay, wherein he employed one boat and one servant. Also ran a salmon fishery at Sop Arm White Bay on the French Shore (Northern Peninsula) of Nfld at Sop arm employed 3 men and made a catch of 150 tierces of Salmon.

1786 Evicted from his premises in Sop- Arm at the order of the Governor of Newfoundland It was decided that although he claimed to have had a fishery there for 30 years his land claim and occupnacy were illegal since under the terms of a treaty between England and France, English settlers were forbidden to settle or own land on that part of the Newfoundland coast.

OF LANCE AU LOUP Forteau Bay LABRADOR

1810 John witness in a court case of ma man charged with assault there in March of that year. Thus John Crew must have "wintered" on the Labrador coast.

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JOHN CREWS - seafaring careers.

COMMON SEAMEN

1820 4 April-- 7 September. John of Denbury Devonshire, aged 28, seaman on the PLOVER of Dartmouth Richard Weeks, master. Vessel employed in the Newfoundland and South European fruit trades.

OF KINGSTEIGTON Devonshire

1801 21 January-12 April. seaman on the MILFORD of Teignmouth Thomas Willicott master. employed in the English coasting trade.

28 June-29 July. Made another voyage on the same vessel, Richard Westlake, master.

After that probably pressed into the Royal Navy until

1808 16 August - 30 April 1809. signed on as MATE of the ORION of Teignmouth William Martin Master. a coasting ship.

OF DEVONSHIRE, parish unknown

1814 1 March-16 October. seaman on the POMONA of Exeter, Henry Adams master.

OF TOTNES Devonshire

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1790 May. entered on board his Majesty's frigate DAPHNE as an Ordinary Seaman.

OF DODBROOKE/KINGSBRIDGE Devonshire

date of birth between 1747 and 1754.

1770 8 July-20 October. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

in Newfoundland signed on the OLIVE BRANCH of Dartmouth John Sanford master. In the preceding year had been a seaman on another Dartmouth fishing vessel the SCHOONER John Harvey master. He was discharged in Newfoundland at the end of the fishing season on the 20 October.

1770 20 October-31 January 1771. Immediately on leaving the Olive Branch signed on as seaman on the JOSEPH AND BETTY of Dartmouth, William Bonnett master. Discharged in Dartmouth 31 Jan 1771.

1771 4 April-18 February 1772. at Dartmouth signed on the JOSEPH and BETTY above for another fishing voyage to Newfoundland and thence to southern Europe with fish. The master that voyage was John Heath. discharged Dartmouth 18 February 1772.

1772 3 April-12 December. at Dartmouth signed on the GEORGE banking vessel of Dartmouth, Smith master. discharged Dartmouth 11 December 1772. apparently gave up the sea after this.

SEAFARING CAREERS
OF NEWTON ABBOTT(Woolborough)

John(iii)
1819 24 Aug-3 Dec. seaman on the Fame of Teignmouth Robert Langley master. voyage to New Brunswick.

John(l) born circa 1744
(The shipowner and merchant whose other atactivities were discussed earlier).

1771 29 March-29 Nov. MATE of th e Elizabeth and Mary of Newton Abbot. Richard Way master. (in 1770 had made a voyage on the Polly and Betsey Widdecombe master. employed in the Newfoundland fishery. mate of the PEGGY of Tiengmouth. - Newfoundland trade in Newfoundland was placed in command bf her. PEGGY Arrived Dartmouth from Viana (Portugal) with fruit.
12 April. Sailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland.
24 Oct Sailed from St Johns for Leghorn Italy with fish.
18 Nov Arrived at Trepani from Leghorn to pick up a cargo of salt.

DETAILS OF THE PEGGY

a BANKER

1775 7 April Brig of 45 tpms amd 7 men. built in New England, owned by Nich Mudge and Company of St Marychurch(Torqu uay) devonshire.
12 November sailed from Torquay to Newfoundland.
5 December Sailed from Newfoundland for Torquay with 81 passengers(fishermen returning home after the fishing season).
1776 4 April arrived Torquay from Newfoundland.
22 October Sai led from Torquay for Newfoundland. fished on the grand Banks during summer.
14 November Sailed from St Johns for Torquay with 90 passengers.
1777 20 March Arrived home at Torquay.
1778 February. Cleared for Newfoundland.
November. Sailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland and the Mediterranean.
sailed from St Johns for Dartmouth with 70 passengers.
1779-80 nothing heard of him -
1780 appointed to command the POLLY AND BETSEY 65 tons and 9 men owned by Henry Norman and William Farley of Newton Abbot.
28 Feb. Arrived Dartmouth from Exeter.
20 March sailed from Dartmouth for Bristol(England) and Newfoundland.
November Sailed from St Johns Nfld for Bristol.
1781 November Sailed from St Johns for Teignmouth.
1782 December.15th Arrived Dartmouth from Newfoundland.
1783 april appointed commander of the UNITY of Dartmouth. a Banker. owned by Nicholas Mudge.
3 May sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland.
August. News of her arrival at St Johns Newfoundland.

John(i¹) of Newton Abbott, seafaring career continued)

as we know at some time before 1786 Crews became a shipowner himself by going into partnership with Coysh of Newton Abbott. He gave up active seafaring himself until 1790 when he purchased the FORTITUDE a brig of 101 tons and 10 men, built New England in 1777 and captured by the British during the late war. He personally took command of her.

1790 May Sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland.
 1791 13 April Sailed from Torquay for Nfld.
 9 December Arrived Torquay from Newfoundland.

After this voyage John Crews again left the sea, this time permanently. He continued to own the Fortitude until 1794. For the remainder of his career see above.

JOHN(ii) of Newton Abbott.

Born circa 1784-5

1791 April-December. sailed as a boy on the Fortitude commanded by John above (father?-,

1792 April-October. sailed as a seaman on the Fortitude.
 discharged in St Johns Nfld.

1793 April-November. sailed on the Fortitude discharged Newfoundland. nothing further known for certain BUT probably became the ships ~~xxxx~~ Master commanding the Irish and Scots vessels mentioned below.

JOHN ship master

1797 December. commander of the JEAN brig 70 tons 10 men owned by Elliot Elmes of Waterford (Ireland). Arrived Waterford from Newfoundland.
 1798 January. 20th Arrived Bristol from ~~xxxxxx~~ Ross and Nfld. with cod oil and provisions for W P Lunell and Company.
 23 Feb. sailed from Bristol for New Ross Ireland and Newfoundland.
 July. News of her arrival at Nfld from Bristol
 1799 13 Jan. Arrived Milford (Wales) from Newfoundland in distress following heavy storm damage.
 1800 appointed to command the CATO brig 147 tons 12 men owned by Messrs Hunter and Company of Greenock (Scotland). this vessel was licensed as a Letter of Marque (Private Man of War) and carried 6-4 pounder cannon.
 10 Aug. Sailed from the Clyde to Newfoundland.
 September Sailed from St Johns to the Mediterranean with fish
 November. News of arrival at Lisbon from Newfoundland in Convoy.
 From thence returned to Newfoundland.
 28 Dec Arrived Clyde from Newfoundland
 1801 25 Feb. Sailed from the Clyde for Newfoundland.
 June News of arrival at Newfoundland.
 September News of arrival at Boston (*USA) from Nfld from thence returned to Nfld with provisions
 7 December Arrived Boston from Nfld.
 1802 10 January Arrived Lisbon from Nfld and Boston.
 26 March Arrived Waterford Ireland from Lisbon.
 9 April Sailed from Waterford for Nfld.
 12 June news of arrival at Boston from Nfld.

1823	26 Jan	Arrived Barbados from Nfld.
	11 Aug	Arrived Nfld from Clyde.
	19 Nov	Arrived Nfld from Alicante.
1824	15 Mar	Arrived St Johns from Oporto.
	8 Sep	Arrived St Johns from Greenock
	14 sep	Sailed St Johns for Naples (Italy) with 3000 quintals of fish.
1825	23 Feb	Arrived Barbados from Newfoundland and Demerara.
	23 July	sighted by another vessel on a voyage to Nfld from Newfoundland to the West Indies
	29 July	Arrived St Johns from Greenock/
	15 Sep.	Arrived Gibraltar from Nfld.
	30 Sep.	Arrived Alicante from Nfld.

nothing further known at this time- although more will undoubtedly emerge as further research is done.

NOTE the Firm of Robertson and Co which employed Jn Crews was only another name for that of the Newfoundland fish merchants Hunters and Company and thus an employment which commenced in 1800 continued with the same ~~Co~~ Company until at least 1825 although many years of this were spent probably as a prisoner of war.