Crews File (name file)

CREWS John Genalogical data

	UTH 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 1714 1714 oct 1724 Sep	John married Grace Stone St Savkours Church John and Grace had xxxx twins John and Grace. the twins were buried 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 1789	John a shipwright married mary Randall John and mary had a son John
1791	John Mariner of Twonstall married mary Harker st St Saviours Church.
1788 Aug. 1789 1790 1790 1797	John son of Benjamin and Mary baptised St Saviours he died. John Weymouth son of Benjhamin and Mary baptised he died John son of Benjamin and Mary baptised.
1795 Oct.	John son of Richard and Mary baptised St Saviours.

OF CHURSTO	N FERRERS (near Dartmoth, Devonshire
!¢& 1673	John son of John and Anne baptised.
1691	John Churchwarden of the Parish.
1699 1701	John married Christian Griggs both of the adjoining parish of Brixham. John and Christian had a son John.
1717	John buried.
1729 1729/30 1730	John son of John and Edith baptised. he was buried John son of John and Edith baptised
1732	John buried/
DF THE PAR	ISH OF BRIXHAM Devonshire
1693	John married Mary &m Eam(Eames)
OF THE PAR	ISH OF PAIGNTON (adjoining Brixham
1730 1733 1736 1739	John married Elizabeth cooke John had a son John baptised John and Elizabeth had a son George John and Elizabeth had a son James
1757 1760	John <u>Husbandman</u> (Farm worker) married Mary Fletcher John and Mary had a son John
1772 1775	John and Ann had a son James John and Ann had a son William
1788	John and Mary had a son John.

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OF BRIXHAM Parish

1661	John	son	of	Francis	baptised
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1695 John and Mary had a son Azarias

1727-8 John son of John of Galmpton(Chruston Ferrers) died

1729/30 John son of John and Mary buried

John of Churston Ferrers buried.

1739/40 John son of Francis and Ann baptised.

OF DENBURY PARISH, Devonshire)

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 1695	John son of Jeremiah baptised 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 W	John son of William and Sarah baptised
1769 1780 1782 1786 1788	John married Frances Goodyear John and Frances had a son William John and Rrances had a son Jeremiah Griest John and Frances had a son Thomas John and Frances had a son Charles John and Frances had a son Robert
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John died age 45

John son of George and Elizabeth baptised.

OF KINGSTEIGNTON Parish, South Devonshire

John and Ann had son john

John, infant buried at the charge of the Parish

John and Ann had a son John.

John died aged 91.

OF ABBOTSKERSWELL Parish Devonshire

John son of Thomas and Grace baptised.

OF BOVEY TRACEY Devonshire

John married ALKICE Steer

OF ILSINGTON Parish (*Devonshire)

XXX 1654 John son of John and Joane baptised

John and Joane had son Robert.

John and Joane had a son Jeremiah.

John son of Hannibal and Joan baptised

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)

John buried.

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CREWS Career Data

- John owned land in Coffinswell (Near Newton Abbott) Devonshire.
- John shpwright and Chandler of Dartmouth supplied Tar, Topmasts and compasses for Newfoundland ships, to the firm of Robert Newman and Company of Dartmouth.
- 12z 1683-4. John a cloth merchant of Exeter emported moderately large quantities of a Woollen Cloth known as "Perpetuanas" to Rotterdam.
- John (probablky 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.

DATEZOEZBIRTHIVARIOUSLYzgiwenzas. For details of his seafaring career see below. 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 Exemine Weecutors 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 bbot 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 was well as in ship owning and the carrying trade.

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 the be employed as a clerk in the firm of Roope Harris Roope and Company of Dartmouth and St Johns.

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

CAREER DATA CONTINUED John of Woolborough

John Munica continued

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

1804. Peter Ougier committeed Spuicide, 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 (beank (below), John Crews had gone around in a circle. Raxhexxmfxa Son of a Bye boat Keeper he went to sea as a young boy in the vessel owned by an acquiantance of his father. He rose rapidly to become ships master, from thence bought a vessel of his own; went into Parnership with another man and leased presmises 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 appointent 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" wix 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.

NAME SPEALT rented a house and fishing planation from the wealthy Poole merchant Benjamin Lester at a rent of 20 shilling prinx 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.

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.

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, on that part of the Newfoundland coast.

OF LANCE AU LOUP Forteau Bay LABRADOR

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.

JOHN CREWS - seafaring careers.

COMMON SEAMEN

1820 4 April-- 7 September. John of Denbury Devosnshire, 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 opf 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 ZNEWTONZABBOTTZD&GBOSBITE

OF TOTNES Devonshire

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

OFOF DODBROOKE/KINGSBRIDGE Devonshire date of birth between 1747 and 1754.

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 BETTM 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.

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SEAFARING CAREERS CONTINUED

COMMON SEAMEN continued of Dartmouth Devonshire

1775 3 May-11 July. boy on the HONOUR of Dartmouth, James Jackson master .vessel in the coasting trade.(last vessel he had served on had been the same captain Oliver.

1776-7 Seaman on the above in the coasting trade.

JOHN(ii) born bekwhen circa 1774.

1791 JuneOJuly . in Newfoundland joined as an apprentice on the Henry and Charles of Dartmouth Jeffery Goodridge master. his previous vessel had been the Hannah and Susan of Dartmouth/. Discharged At Lisbon Portugal.

JOHN(iii) born circa 1793-1795.

1812 12 May-13 October. seaman on the \$\mathbb{S}\text{wo Sisters}\$

John Geaves master.(last vessel the Dartmouth Captain Samuel Rowson.

1814 5 September-10 Jun 1815. apprentice and MATE of the @ sistefs (above) John Blondett master.

1815 26 Jun-4 Mar 1816. apprentice and Mate on the Two sisters under two different masters,

William Passmore and Samuel Stockman of Brixham
1817 15 mar-27 Dec. seaman on the ISABEL brig of Dartmouth
Captain Samuel Smardon. voyage to Newfoundland.

1820 4 apr-8 Sep. mate of the PROVIDENCE of Dartmouth
Captain Hugh Ball Champion. DISCHARGED IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

1820 28 sep-12 Jan 182#1 in Newfoundland signed on the PLOVER of Dartmouth Nicholas Weeks master. discharged Dartmouth.

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PLACE OF BIRTH GARNOWN NOT 57	47.8D.
	f the BENJAMIN of Dartmouth
50 tons 25 men a vessel at Bay Ro	nd 4 fishing boats. fishing berts Newfoundland. UNITY of Dartmouth 60 men
and 12 fishing b	oats. fished at St Johns Nfld. artmouth at end of season.
1677 Another voyage i	n the same vessel.
commander of the	NARWHAL of Dartmouth 60 mon
roos is march commander of the	oats. fished at Petty Harbor Nfld. e SARAH of Dartmouth coasting from Milford Wales with culm

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SEAFARING CAREERS OF NEWTON ABBOTT (Woolborough)

John (iii)

1819 24 Aug-3 Dec. seaman on the Fame pof Teignmouth Robert Langley master. voyage to New Brunswick.

John(1) born circa 1744

(The shipowner and merchant whose other atacftivies were discussed earlier). 2222

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.

1773 mate of the PEGGY of Tiengmouth. - Newfoundland trade 水泵泵水 in Newfoundland was placed in command of her.

1774 February PEGGY Arrived Dartmouth from Viana (Portugal) with

12 April. Sailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland.

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Sailed from St Johns for Leghorn Italy with fish. 18 Nov

Arrived at Trepani from Leghorn to pick up a cargo of salt.

built in New England, owned by Nich Mudge and a BANKER Company of St Marychurch (Torq way) devonshire.

1775 7 April sailed from Torquay to Newfoundland. 12 November

Sailed from Newfoundland for Torquay with 81 passengers (fishermen returning home after the fishing season).

5 December arrived Torquay from Newfoundland. 1776 **\$** April

Sai led from Torquay for Newfoundland. fished on the grand Banks during summer.

22 October Sailed from St Johns for Torquay with 90 passengers.

14 November Arrived home at Torquay.

1777 20 March Examedation Cleared for Newfoundland.

1778 February. \$Dailed from Dartmouth for Newfoundland and

the Mediterranean.

sailed from St Johns for Dartmouth with 70 November. passengers.

1779-80 nothing heard of him - maxxhavexbeenxkakenxpkissnexxby

appointed to command the POLLY AND BETSEY 65 tons and 9 men 1780 owned by Henry Norman and William Farley of Newton Abbot. 28 Feb. Arrived Dartmouth from NEWKENNAKANA Exeter. 20 March

sailed from Dartmouth for Br#istol(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.

17883 april appointed commander of the UNITY of Dartmouth. a Banker. owned by Nicholas Mudge.

sailed from Dartmouth to Newfoundland. News of her arrival at St Johns Newfoundland. August.

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

as we know at some time before 178 6 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.

Boon 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 Maxtex Master commanding the Irish and Scots vessels mentioned below.

JOHN ship master

1797 Decmber. commander of the JEAN borig 70 tons 10 men owned by Elliot Elmes of Waterford (reland). Arrived Waterford from Newfoundland.

1708 January. 20th Arrived Bristol from Wakekford Ross and Nfld. with cod oil and provisions for W P Lunell and Company.

23 Feb. sailed from Bristo 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
fellowing heavy storm damage.

1800 appointed to command the <u>CATO</u> brig 147 tons 12 men owned by Messrs Hunter and Company of Greenokk(Scotland). this vessel was licenses as a Ltter of Marque (Private Man of War) and carried 6-4 pounder cannon.

Sailed from the Clyde to Newfoundland.

September
November.

Sailed from the Clyde to Newfoundland.

Sailed From st Johns to the Mediterranean with fish
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.

News of arrival at Newfoundland.

September News of arrival at Boston(*USA) from Nfld from thence returned to Nfld with provisions

7 Deceber Arrived Boston from Nfld. 1802 10 January Arrived Lisbon from nfld

802 10 January Arrived Lisbon from nfld and Boston.
26 March Arrived Waterford Ireland frov Lisbon.

9 April Sailed from Waterford for Nfld.
12 June news of arrival at Boston from Nfld.

John, shipmaster continued

1802 9 Decmber. Arrived Clyde from Newfoundland.

appointed to command the HIGHLAND LASS a ship licensed as a Letter of Marque. (a very large vessel) 354 tons and 35 man crew armed with 12 cannon. Owned by Messrs Hunters.

29 November. Involved in a court case in St Johns relating to an incident in which the crew of the Highland Lass cut the cables of another vessel which restuled in the latter drifting and sustaining considerable damage. The defence was that this had been necessary in order to save their own shiop. However the Highland Lass was so badly damaged as to be treated as a constructive total loss.

1804 June. appointed to command the HERAAD of Greenock owned Hunters and Company. 189 tons 12 men and 12 guns, licensed as a Letter of Marque.

June Sailed from Greenock to Newfoundland.

August Left St Johns for the Clyde.

Semtmber Arrived Greenock from Newfoundland in 25 days passage.

(not a very fast time).

December News of arrival at Newfoundland from Lisbon.

1805 2 February. arrived New york from Newfoundland.

22 April Arrived Clyde from New York.

July news of arrival at Nfld from the Clyde.

27 July Arrived Lisbon(Portugal) from Nfld.

December. News that on passage from Newfoundland to Europe the Herald had been captured by a French Naval Squadron operating out of Rochfort, and taken

by a aprize crew to Teneriffe.

%%%%%%%%%%% Commander of the MINERVA

1814 27 July. Arrived St Johns Nfld from the Clyde.

@7 November Arrived Stangate Creek (*near London England)

From Altea(a mediterranean port).

1815 November news of arrival at Managanadkanakkam Alicante

in Spain, from Newfoundland.

1816 February. news of arrival at Newfoundland from Alicante.

THEN APPOINTED TO COMMAND THE FUNCHAL of Greenock 215 ton ship

owned by Messrs Crawford Robertson and Company.

1816 31 May. Arriva St Johns from Liverpool.

from thence took fish to Portugal

15 August Arrived St Johns from Lisbon with salt.

17 September Sailed from St Johns for Aligante Spain with

2900 quintals(hundredweights) of dry cod.

19 October Arrived Alicante from Nfld

9 December \$Arrived Stangate Creek(london) from Alicante with wine and fruit/

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1817 Arrived St Johns from Greenock (Scotland) in 40 days. April Sailed from St Johns for Oporto (Portugal) with May 24th 3100 guintals of codfish. June 9th Arrived Oporto from Newfoundland. July 14th Arrived St Johns Nfld from Oporto. 10 October Arrived at Alicant from Newfoundland with fish. 15 October. During a storm in Alicante Harbour parted her anchor cable during a storm and only saved with difficulty. Arrived St Johns from Alicante. 1 Dec. 1818 14 Jan Sailed from St Johns for Greenock. 1 Feb. Arrived Clyde from Nfld. from thence discharted and sailed very quickly for Newfoundland. Arrived St Johns from Greenock. 15 April. 6 June Arrived Demarara (West Indies) from Nfld with Wish. 17 Aug. Arrived Nfld from Demerara. 3 Oct Arrived Alicante Spain from Newfoundland with fish. 3 Jan 1819 Arrived Newry (Northern Ireland) from Alicante. 21 April Arrived St Johns from Greenock with a general cargo for Messrs Hunters and co(his old employers). X8XAMAXXXXXAKKXMEXXXXXAMAS 209 apr. Sailed foor Alicante with 3100 quintals of fish for Messrs Hunters. 18 aug Arrived St Johns from Quebec. Sailed for Oporto with 3000 quintals of fish. 23 Sep. 15 Oct Arrived Oporto from Nfld. 16 Nov Arrived St Johns from Oporto. 1820 2 May Arrived St Johns from Greenock. 16 May Sailed for Oporto with 3100 quintals fish. 29 June Arrived St Johns from Oporto. (very fast trip) Sailed for Alicante with 2950 quintals fish. 2 Sep 11 Dec Arrived back at St Johns from Alicante. 1821 3 Jan Sailed St Johns for Naples with 3000 quintals fish Arrived St Johns from @maxxx Cagiari (Italy) 12 May with salt. 26 May Sailed St Johns for Oporto with 3000 quintals fish 15 July Arrived back at St Johns from Oporto with salt Arrived St Johns from Greenock Scotland with 15 Nov general cargo. Arr ived St Johns from Greenock with general 1822 18 Apr. cargo for Messrs Hunters. 27 Apr sailed for Oporto with fish. 19 June Arrived St Johns from Lisbon. 5 July Sailed from St Johns for Gibralter with fish. 29 Nov arrived Newfoundland from Alicante. Sailed from St Johns for Barbados (West Indies) 28 Dec with fish.

1823	26 Jan 11 Aug 19 Nov	Arrived Barbados from Nfld. Arrived Nfld from Clyde. Arrived Nfld from Alicante.
1824	15 Mar # Sep 14 sep	Arrived St Johns from Oporto. Arrived St Johns from Greenock 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 framxNewfanndkandxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
		Arrived St Johns from Greenock/ Arrived Gibralter from Nfld. Arrived Alicant e 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 merchnats H unters and Company and thus an employment which commenced in 1800 continued with the same Max Company until at least 1825 although many years of this were spent probably as a prisoner of war.