

The Patten family and Newfoundland

The Patten's are a West of England family, especially prominent in Devonshire but also during the 17th and 18th centuries to be found in Dorset (on the border with Somerset) and Hampshire . Many Patten's were connected with the Newfoundland fishery in that era, mainly from Devonshire but those who lived in North Dorset also came out as "planters" or worked as seamen in the migratory fishery.

SETTLERS

William of Kingskerswell, Devonshire a boat keeper in St Johns 1764 circa-1796. retired to Devonshire but his son lived in st Johns (died 1854).

William resident in Port de Grave, Conception Bay in 1816. Related to the other Conception Bay Patton's.

JOHN

of Dorset a "Planter" at Silly Cove Trinity Bay in 1681.

JOHN of Port de grave, married 1782 Mary Bishop.

JOHN of Devonshire a sailmaker in St Johns from 1788 to circa 1800.

JOHN of Ilsington Devonshire. a Planter at Petty Harbor in 1681

JOHN OF GRAND BANK

connected with your family possibly the son of Charles (whom see) born at Grand Bank in the late 18th century. died as a merchant "and roed singer" in 1856. he and his father in 1825 owned a small schooner the INDIANA 23 tons which he commanded.

THOMAS

Born place unknown in 1780., but possbly connected to the Conception Bay family. became a merchant first in St Johns then at Bareneed Port de Grave and finally 1817 went back to reside in St Johns. died 1826 .

SAMUEL

Born 1779 a planter at Grand Bank - worked on his own from about 1803 onwards died in 1829. Probably came from North Dorset since he and all the Grand Bank Patton's of that period had strong connections with a merchant of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, Joseph Bird.

GEORGE

Son of Edward and Mary baptised at St Johns in 1780 probably one of the Devonshire Patten's.

CHARLES

of Grand Bank, first appeared in the records in 1802 - connected with Bird of Sturminster but as a planter, dealt with the Firm of Robert Newman and Co at St Lawrence, and at Little Bay (Fortune Bay)

1811 built and registered his own schooner the MARY of 46 tons which he owned and commanded until 1817. a prominent resident in Fortune Bay he was Foreman of the Grand Jury there in 1811.

In the records he is noted mainly for apparently having a long running and quite ferocious feud with Samuel Rose of Grand Bank.

EDWARD

(1) of Grand Bank, contemporary of and related to Charles and John. first appeared in records in 1801 as a "planter" supplied by Newman and Co but like the others was strongly connected to Mr Bird. had at least one son Edward, and was still alive in 1826 - owned a fishing room in Grand Bank.

(2) of St Johns a resident fisherman who had been born in Newfoundland. had a son George in 1780 but the latter apparently died young.

(3) probably from Dorset . a Planter(unmarried) at New Perlican, Trinity Bay 1681(had come outto Newfoundland since 1677)

1706-8 Edward, probably the same man ~~of~~ his son. t was a planter at Harbor Grace Newfoundland 1706-8. married and had a child.

(4) a descendent of the above a Planter in Conception bay in 1750.

(5) son of the above? in 1782 Edward and Frances had a daughter Mary baptised in Harbor Grace and in 1784 had a son Edward.

NICHOLAS

a Planter at Port de Grave in 1816

JOSEPH of Woolborough Devonshire

born 1769 an agent in St Johns 1792-1795 for the Dartmouth Devonshire firm of R.H.Roope. died back in Devonshire 1813.

FRANCIS

born place unknown 1771 became a coasting and fishing schooner captain from 1820 onwards employed for many years by a Portugal Cove Planter John Picot.died age 80.

There is much more information concerning Patten's but it relates to their activities in the migratory fishery or in the West of England.