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Ms. Helen S. Richeson,
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Dear Mrs. Richeson,

Thank you for your letter of 19th April 1983 regarding John Ney Reynolds.

I have made a preliminary search of the Reynolds name files and suggest that it would not be worth your while to authorize a costly research.

There were Reynolds here throughout the second half of the 18th century. Our records indicate they came mostly from Devon; such towns as Cornworthy, Staverton, Kingswear, St. Saviour Parrish, Dartmouth and East Ogwell. Many were mariners, mates, and captains in the Newfoundland-European trade.

Carroll and Reynolds were a Waterford, Ire., supply firm trading with Placentia (Southern Shore) in the early 1800's. John Reynolds was a fisherman in Burin (1819). There were also Reynolds in St. John's.

We have no Ney family files. Ney was Probably John Reynolds' mother's surname. We have no Donlan name files. This does not suggest they were not here, however. Townspeople (St. John's) not engaged in the fishery are difficult to trace in the early 19th century.

Perhaps you could write to:
Margaret Chang, Archivist,
Newfoundland Provincial Archives,
Colonial Bldg., Military Road,
St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

For a small fee the Archives can supply you with the date of marriage of John Ney Reynolds and Bridget Donlan. The records might indicate their places of birth. It would be advisable to give them any relevant information you have, such as his date of birth (c. 1830).

I am enclosing an invoice for \$15.00 to cover the cost of the time involved in researching this material. We hope it will be of assistance to you in your research on the Reynolds family.

Keith Matthews,