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Mr. Jeffrey Martin,  
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Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 1st March 1982 regarding your Newfoundland ancestors.

The Stanford name is not common here. We have a Henry Stanford, of St. Saviour Parish, Dartmouth, Devon, sailing as a mate out of Dartmouth and Brixham, Devon.

1815: 5th Feb.-20th Nov., Henry, mate, 23 yrs. old, on "Perserverance" out of Dartmouth, Charles Bedford, owner.

1817: 2nd Feb.-4th Dec., Henry, mate, 25, on "Harmony," Charles Bedford, owner, Jersey/Dartmouth/Newfoundland trade.

1819: 8th Feb.-26th Nov., Henry, mate, on "Harmony," (same).

1817: Jan., Henry Stanford married Alice Wayver, both of St. Saviour Parish, in Anglican service. We can only suggest there is a high probability that other Stanfords who settled in Newfoundland came from this area in Devon.

The Martin family was widely represented on Conception Bay in the early 1800's.

1782: 6th Apr. Francis Martin buried at Harbor Grace.

1797: 10th March Joseph and Mary Martin, of Carbonear, had son Francis born in 1784 and Charles (b. 1788). Also a daughter, Mary.

1807: Jan., Francis married Jane Snow, both Harbor Grace.

1820: Francis moved to Brigus, and was subscriber of Newfoundland school society.

1805: 27th Jan., Robert and Mary Martin of Carbonear had son, Charles Frederick, baptised at Harbor Grace, age 2½ months.

1816: 29th Oct; Charles Martin (not the same) sworn in as special constable, Harbor Grace.

1828-29; Charles now Juyman, No. District Court, Harbor Grace.

1782: Nicholas and Eleanor Martin, Carbonear, had son James.

1806: Nicholas, Carbonear planter with 3 cleared gardens in Adams Cove, C.B.

1802: Harbor Grace, Jonathan and Rebecca Martin had son George

1800: Hr. Grace, 26th April, Joseph Jr. and Margaret Martin had son George Frederick

1810: Sept., Hr. Grace, George and Elizabeth had daughter Elizabeth. George Martin was a shipbuilder.

1820: He built the "Nymph," 69 tons, at Brigus, for John Antle and Charles Norman.

1824: the "John/Charles" at Brigus for Charles Cozeus

1825: the "John," 150 ton bark for Charles Cozeus.

1826: the "Providence," 110 tons, at Bull Cove, C.B., for Cozeus

1817: George Martin (of Teignmouth, Devon) married Dorothy Prendergast of Mayglass, Co. Wexford, Ir.

1831: Thomas Martin and John Jacobs planters and fishery suppliers at Cupids, .CBB. Their premises belonged to late William Newman Thomas Martin at Brigus, a Methodist by 1831, though a former pen-holder at the Anglican Church in Harbor Grace. Had dealings in Mosquito, Carbonear, and other C.B. Locations. Thomas had inherited from his mother's will (1806) a stage, flake, 5 houses at Adam's Cove, C.B.

There were strongs established on the south shore of Trinity Bay as early as the middle of the 18th century.

1870, Old Perlican, Thomas Strong died, age 74 yrs.  
(b. 1796) Methodist

1828, Old Perlican, Thomas Strong died, age 63 yrs.  
(b. 1765) Methodist.

1848, Old Perlican, John Strong died, age 57 yrs.  
(b. 1791) Methodist

1801: Trinity census, John Strong, (not same as above)  
owner/occ//of house and stage, Trinity, widower, has son,  
no boat.

1787: 7th Sept., Trinity Court, Thomas, employee of  
Thomas Street of Old Perlican.

1786: 7th Oct., Trinity Court, Thomas married Grace  
Pilley, Old Perlican.

1767: Trinity, John and Mary Strong had daughter Martha

1753: Trinity, Thomas (not same as above) listed as head  
of Trinity family, wife, son, 2 daughters. He had 15  
Irish servants, 2 boats, 1 skiff, and 3 winter servants.

1759: Thomas Strong, (same) planter, sworn in as con-  
stable, Trinty.

Our records indicate that the Stanford/Martin/Strong families living in the same general vicinity- north side of Conception Bay and South side of Trinity- during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, The Stanfords were Captain-planter class and came from Dartmouth, Devon, or civinity. The Martins were more numerous and those in the Carbonear/Bay de Verde area (most likely your ancestors) probably came from Poole, Dorset, rather than the Devon area. They were planters and in one instance a Thomas Martin and John Jacobs were partners in a C.B. fishery supply business. George Martin, shipbuilder, (above) from Teignmouth, Devon was probably not an ancestor of yours. There were Strong's from Devon and Dorset on Trinity Bay. The Strong's in Old Perlican were probably from the Poole area of Dorset. John Strong, active in Poole politics (elected coroner in 1788) was a political supporter of the Lester family there, important Poole/Newfoundland Merchants.

We enclose an invoice for \$60.00 to cover 4 hours re-  
search and hope that we have been of some help to you.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Matthews,  
Chairman,  
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