

# Newfoundland Names

## Agnes Ayre

great Sachem or King."

South of Newfoundland is **Hazores**, said to be **Hare's Ears**. From **Hazor** in Canaan, Palestine; it means 'an enclosure.'

Captain Richard Clarke turns up again 13 years later when he and Matt Ryoos, Phil Fabyan, Mate Sam Clarke, Surgeon, and 17 others are set upon by Admiral Michael de Sance and Vice-Admiral Martin de Sance, who cried: "Rendez vous, Rendez vous." A Clarke cut Henry Southwood's map of Newfoundland, 1675. **Clarke**, **Cleary**, **MacCleary** from cleric, 'clerk.' Why cannot we have some of these old maps in the schools here? Mary Saucey from Sance?

### VII.—EARLY NAMES

The names with Gilbert have a familiar sound to Newfoundland ears. Some of the men in 1579 were: **Henry Pedler**, master; **William Martin**; **Richard Smythe**, Boteswane; **John English** (English an old name in Devil's Cove, Job's Cove. **Deval** is Gypsy for 'god'); **Mr. Batts**, deputy of his ship (probably **Vaaz**. **Joa Baaz**); **Richard Wigmore**, esquire; **Thomas Hammonde** (an old Portugal Cove name); **Thomas Skivington**; **Jaquis Harvy**, a French gent; **William Heringe** (Gosling tells us there were two men named **Capelin** in 1583. Probably from **Capelinos** in the C. Verde Islands); **John Friar**, priest; **Charles Bucly**; **Rise Lewis**; **John Martin**; **Thomas Mychelas** (Mitchel, a relative of **Robert Hayman**); **Lewis Jones**; **Richard Nycols**; **Thos. Fowler**; **Benjamin Butler**; **Francis Rogers**; **George Worseley**; **Arthur Messinger** (Messenervy, Burns: 'a tinker's messan.' 'Moses,' and **Beothic** for Red Indian bay 'Mozayeech.')

**Mr. Reynolds**; **John Robartes** (Rabbits; **Bay Roberts**, and surnames like **Hobson**; **Dobson**; **Robins**, **Robertson**, etc., from **Robert**.) **William Hawkins** (a famous Devon name). (Parkhurst sailed with Hawkins); **Myles Morgan** (Morgans well known pirates). **Kelligrews** (famous Cornish pirates).

Perhaps **Chamberlains** from Rev. G. Chamberlain, Bay de Verde, 1864.

Other names with Gilbert later on were **Henry Noell** (a relative of Queen Elizabeth); **John Anthony**; **Captain Maurice Browne**; **Captain William Andrews**; **Captain Butler**; **Captain Robert Davis** of Bristol,

etc. **Winters** with **Guy Fawkes**. **Winters** with **Baltimore** to **Chesapeake Bay**. Dutch Admiral **De Winter** gave up his sword to Admiral **Bligh**, **Winters** of **La Malines** (Mechlin). **Howley** says: "Lamaleen in Irish means 'great northern diver.' **Oldmixon**: "The **Lamantine** called the **Sea Cow**."

### VIII.—MORE EARLY NAMES

**Hutchings Street**, **Brine Street**, and where **St. Patrick's church** stands, was part of **Hutchings' estate**. **George Hutchings' descendants** are in **St. John's** today. **William Baird** is another name about this time, 1757.

**Captain Abram Kean** ('Millionaire'), **M.L.C.**, **M.B.E.**, in his family has the same names, **Samuel**, **Benjamin** and **William**, as in **William Keen's family**.

The powerful **Huguenot family Caen** in **Canada**, in **Cardinal Richelieu's time**. The name **Kane**, **Caines**, **Coen**, etc., from **William the Conqueror's town, Caen, Normandy**. **Canterbury** and **Winchester Cathedrals** are built of **Caen stone**.

**Keen**, here 1708, was a partner with **George Skeffington**, the **Quaker**, who, the 'spirit not moving him,' surrendered the fort, **Bonavista**, 8 guns and 120 men. Later he ransomed himself from the French for £450. **William Keen**, first Judge, was murdered in 1754, just before the **Seven Years' War**. **Keen** owned the wharf and property at the foot of **Prescott Street, St. John's**.

In **St. John's** today are **Nicholas Gill's ivory tie pin**, 'an ancor guided by a lady,' his spectacles, etc. (We have had no museum since 1934. It is said no inventory was taken when the contents were scattered.) **Nicholas Gill** was a son of the great **Captain Michael Gill**. (Prowse.)

In our history books we read: "**William Keen**, first Judge, **John Lewis**, Customs Officer, succeeded by **William Keen, Jr.**, succeeded by **William Wigmore**, succeeded by **Nicholas Gill**, 1760."

In 1694-98 **Captain William Holman** and **Captain Michael Gill**, 'traders supplying the forts,' defended Newfoundland against the French. **Captain Gill's defence of Bonavista** (in Prowse), reads like a tale of the Vikings (**Vik-ing**, not **vi-king**). **Nicholas Gill's house** still stands, probably the oldest one in Newfoundland, "near the Fort," **St. John's (Fort William)**. **Governor**