Historical Records Of Harbour Grace

HARBOUR GRACE — The following are odd events taken from notes from old law books.

1776: Dr. Ferrar a doctor at Carbonear.

1769: Henry Webber owned a plantation at Carbonear, left to Francis Tucker.

1780: Solomon Goss, a planter at Torbay.

1828: Danson and Crawley, Secretary of Friendly Insurance Co. at Harbour Grace.

November 23rd 1832: Died at Harbour Grace Joseph Innott, residence Harriet Lodge, aged 47 years. Harriet Lodge was Parsons property head of Church Hill and was torn down in 1932.

Dec. 20th: Auction Danson's property. Land on which Danson's stood at Harbour Grace (Munn's), also Holyrood, Bay de Verde, also meadow at rear later purchased by Pike's.

December: Cargo of grain from Western Island to Bully Job and Co. This will be ground into flour and other feed in a fine mill lately erected by Mr. Job at Riverhead. A similar mill was erected by Mr. Cozens at Brigus. These are the only two mills in the country.

1828

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Nicholas Stabb, sheriff N. District in room of Benj. Scott

Matthew Guswell runs packet to Portugal Cove.

August 23rd: Four brothers, Munden of Brigus master to Oporto with 2000 qtls. fish, arrives back November 12th

Thomas Harrison Jr., doing business, at Harbour Grace.

Contract to remove remains of schooner at wharf of Thos. Harrison Barque, John King clears from Brigus with 2000 barrels fish.

For sale land between James Cowan and Bradbury's.

Married, James Hipnisley to Louise, daughter of Chas. Parsons.

Harbour Grace has a school for many years. Mr. Bray assisted by S. P. G. grants. Mr. Bary reads services when Rev. Mr. Burt is absent.

H. W. Loader, teacher at Carbonear and Mr. Meaden also teacher there.

At Cupids, a large Sunday school operated entirely by Methodist.

Brigus, a beautiful settlement, chiefly occupied by Methodists.

Grate's Cove, John Hoskins, a school teacher lately appointed.

The Newfoundland Society has no schools in Conception Bay except at Harbour Grace and Carbonear.

Rev. Mr. Burt missionary to Conception Bay, goes to Carbonear every Sunday, lives at Harbour Grace.

P. Rogerson and Innott moved back their fences and level road opposite their premises on Water Street to make street 16 feet wider wider for a distance of 100 yards, voluntarily and for benefit of all.

Nathan Norman master of Berkley Cousens had a narrow escape. Leaving Halifax on Jan. 28th. 1828, vessel hove on beam ends and all the month of February was blown about by gales. On March 16th made ice and got into it getting jammed. Previous to making ice, the men lived on a pint of water a day, was jammed until April 25th and was given up for lost at Brigus, where she arrived after being out for 90 days.

Mr. Molloy, surgeon at Harbour Grace.

1829: Tremendous bonfire on Point of Beach in honour of Catholic Relief Bill being passed also a parade. Bonfire was set for 7.30 and had at least 18 barrels of pitch and tar and 300 sticks of wood.

Sealfishery in 1829 a sad failure although few got a good trip.

Dr. Rochford at Harbour Grace.

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HARBOUR GRACE NOTES ..

HARBOUR GRACE, March 1st—The following item may be of interest to our Brigus readers:

1833: Insolvency of Charles Cozens, Brigus. Insolvent's dwelling: large store and barn, one meado dadjoining: Western half of meadow and half pond thereon; Ground and dwelling lately occupied by Mr. Hayes; Mount Dorset Farm consisting of 80 acres; Piece of ground south of Dorset Farm, and adjoining road to Cochrane-dale; South of Mount Pleasant Farm with several valuable sections thereon; Celebrated farm at Cochrandale, 250 acres tillage, meadow and brookland and valuable dwelling: Juniper Stump Farm, 150 acres; Sheppards farm at Cupids Road 20 acres and buildings; Valuable and commodious dwelling at Cupids; Premises at Kelligrews; Waterside premises and two oil vats, flakes and wharves; House occupied by James English. Wm. Sweetman agent at Brigus. W. F. Harvey, C. F. Bennette, R. H. Wakeham, Trustees.

1836

November 15th: Elections very rough. Launched at Heart's Content. Brig. William. 150 tons for Slade and Elson. Brig. Experiment dismasted near Sible Islands, master Richard Brassfield. All crew except two drowned Ship saved. Packets running. Nora, James and Maurice Doyle Empless, A. Drysdale St. Patrick, Edmund Whelan.

The Carbonear Sentinel (newspaper) very bitter against Harbour Grace and Thos. Ridley.

For Sale: Godrich Dole Farm, formerly belonging to Josiah Parkins on east side of Carbonear Road, in Mosquito Valley, about 15 0 acres. This might have later been Mark Thomey's near the bog.

Henry Corbin Watts, barrister at law.

Thos. Chancéy, President of Carbonear Commercial Society.

74 vessels from Carbonear this year to the ice. 6448 tons, 1789 men.

Wm. Johnston of Baine Johnston and Co. dies in Scotland.

1837

Mr. Rorke at Adam's Cove.

August 1st: Dr. Allan with Dr. Dow arrives at Harbour Grace in Brig Hebe. Dr. Allan settled at Brigus.

Dr. Dobie dies at Brigus.

Light started at Harbour Grace Island.

Died at Harbour Grace, James Hippisley, a native of Bristol aged 40 years. For many years he conducted the business of Wm. Danson and was mourned and esteemed.

Sept. 19th: Dies at Harbour Grace, Rev. Mr. Ellis.

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—1837—

Married at Brigus, July 21st, Naomi, eldest daughter of William Munden to John Munn, by Rev. John Henrique.

Coach Victoria between Hr. Grace and Carbonear. Covered sleigh in winter, also luggage passengers 2 shills; letter 3s.

Stars at John Casey's gate and from Keefe's Hotel at Hr. Grace), Nov. 1837.

Nov. 21st, 1837: Powerful light fixed on Hr. Grace Island. A tax put on all vessels entering any port in Conception Bay to pay cost of light.

November 28th; Grant of one hundred eight live pounds voted for bridges in Hr. Grace, Martin's Brook, Foxes, Prendergasts or Thistles and Bears Cove.

SEALERS

	1837	1838
Hr. Grace	49	47
Carbonear	74	73
Brigus, Cupids, Bay Roberts	83	81
Total	206	250

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—1838—

Co-partnership Slade and Elson dissolve; had been doing business at Trinity, Hants Hr., Heart's Content and Catalina. Business to be carried on by executors of Robert Elson.

March 20th—Sealing fleet is less than last year. Coast blocked with ice and vessels now jammed. Over a fortnight in port. Seals being reported as being killed by landsmen. Newman and Co. largest supplier.

March 27th—Wm. Howell of Wm. Bemisters, Carbonear, dies suddenly, aged 62 years. Wind veering to S.W.: a number of sealers were at last able to proceed on their voyage. A couple of Bonavista sealers reported with 1000 seals each.

May 5th — Statements of the most conflicting nature relative to suffering and distress reach here daily. It is currently reported that in various settlements that several people have died of starvation.

Tenders for new road to open line to Salmonier from Holy rood, C. F. Bennett, R. Job and W. M. Richards, Commissioners; 24 ft. by 12 ft. wide and cleared of all stumps and timber.

Regulations re clogging dogs and yolking of sheep.

July 17th—£150 towards defraying the salary of policemen at Hr. Grace, being £85 for a police constables, £35 for high constable and £25 for two constables.

October 2nd—Died at Brigus at residence of her father, Julia Dobie, relict of Robt. Dobie and daughter of Thomas Danson.

October 23rd—Entered Highlander from Copenhagen and Messenger (Watts) from Hamburg.

Nov. 6th — Grant of fifty pounds for a strone bridge over Sampson's Brook at Hr. Grace.

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—1839—

Seals landed in Hr. Grace 46,857, Carbnear, 41,019, Trinity 33,000, Greenspond 11,500, Brigus 9,250, Bay Roberts 5,200, Spaniard's Bay 6,300, King's Cove 5,380, Fogo 2,000.

Total 412,531. Reckoned 80 seals to one ton oil.

June 18th — Premises Thos. Foley (part of Kean's estate) for sale.

June 25th—Thos. Foley dead, aged 78 years, a man of unquestioned integrity.

July 30th—John Curry, goalkeeper at Hr. Grace.

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1843

May 23rd: Votes in House of Assembly, Magistrate Harbour Grace one hundred eighty pounds, second magistrate one hundred fifty pounds, Carbonear, one hundred fifty pounds; clerk Harbour Grace one hundred fifty pounds. All fees to go to treasury. Gaoler, ninety pounds; 3 constables at Harbour Grace thirty three pounds each. Vote for Martin's Brook Bridge, fifty pounds.

June 3rd: Act passed for the establishment of Harbour Grace Grammar School grant of four hundred pounds and also for a Grammar School at Carbonear.

June 20th: Rev. George Ellridge, Wesleyan Ministre at Harbour Grace.

July 4th: Thos Ridley, John Munn, J. L. Pendergast, Peter Brown, Dan Greene, Alfred Mayne to be Commissioners for Grammar School, Hr. Grace.

Trade of Carbonear: W. W Bemister, John Bemister, (also of New Perlican).

August 8th: Capt. Samuel Wills, master of the Clipper schooner Arabella of Harbour Grace: Punton and Munn owners, presented with gold medal for rescue of French crew on Eliza.

Mr. Arthur Thomey to be member of Catholic Board of Education at Harbour Grace.

October: Ross expedition returns.

Dec. 5th: Opening of St. Andrew's Church at St. John's. Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A., minister.

Dec. 26th: Rev. Chad Blackman, clergyman at Harbour Grace.

1844

Feb. 3rd: Bill to devide Newfoundland into 24 electoral districts.

March 26th: 126 sealers from Conception Bay, Harbour Grace 61, Carbonear 41, Chapel Cove 1, Brgius 31, Bay Roberts 11, Spaniard's Bay 5, Colliers 2, Port De Grave 10, Mosquito 1, Cupids 10.

112 vessels valued at eighty three thousand pounds in Harbour Grace Club.

May 28th: Grants for roads around Harbour Grace and many other places. Two hundred fifty two pounds for Harvey Street.

June 11th: Big fire at Harbour Grace, 24 houses burned.

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—1844—

1844

[illegible] Haides, 22 days [illegible] arrives at Harbour [illegible] Packet "North [illegible] from Halifax.

[illegible] House of Assembly to [illegible] entry into electoral [illegible] Harbour Grace district, [illegible] of river running at [illegible] Sal. North side of [illegible] have one member.

[illegible] Harbour Grace, [illegible] twenty pounds), [illegible] Road, Cock Road, St. [illegible] Sullivan Hill Road, [illegible] Road, Cottage Road, [illegible] Robert. Less to [illegible] twenty-five [illegible] Mobills Road, Prendergast, Newtown Road, [illegible] (Who can tell [illegible] roads are today?)

[illegible] Fire at Harbour [illegible] burned, Thorne [illegible] Foley and Co.

—1845—

[illegible] 4th: John Oke of [illegible] of Harbour Grace [illegible] barrel on board at [illegible] to sup- [illegible] son of Robert [illegible] Lighthouse keeper [illegible] Island.

[illegible] 28th: Married at [illegible] K Meaden to [illegible] of John Stenta-

[illegible] Act to regulate [illegible] Harbour Grace, Foxes [illegible] Bridge to be a [illegible] road street to be 50

[illegible] Entrance and [illegible] St. John's for the [illegible] 3147 vessels.

[illegible] Seal fishery for [illegible]

[illegible] Reference to roads [illegible] Grace, Cord Road, [illegible] Road, Main Street, [illegible] Hart Path, Mrs. [illegible] Road, Kitchens Hill, [illegible]

[illegible] Died Henry Gar- [illegible] formerly Sheriff, [illegible] Bidee at Demerara. [illegible] Hervey, aged 43, of Ridley Harrison employ.

AUGUST 9th: His Excellency appoints J. L. Prendergast, R. J. Pinsent, Wm. Sterling Commissioners for opening and making a new street at Harbour Grace.

AUGUST 16th: Punton and Munn dissolve partnership owing to death of Wm. Punton. John Munn announces that he will carry on under the old firm name of Punton and Munn.

OCTOBER 28th: Meeting in St. John's re forming Water Co. for St. John's.

DECEMBER 30th: 55 licensed publicans at St. John's. Peter Brown J.P. dies in 49th year at St. John's. Funeral from Vicotria Hotel.

—1846—

FEBRUARY 24th: Fortieth anniversary of Benevolent Irish Society at St. John's.

MARCH 4th: Trinity sealers got away, Old Perlican and Hant's Harbour sealers the 14th and 15th. The Brigus and neighbouring fleet still frozen.

APRIL 17th: Bay fleet still frozen, in all 183 vessels.

APRIL 28th: House of Assembly votes W. C St.. John fifty pounds in aid of publishing Catechism of Newfoundland.

JUNE 9th: Fire in St. John's all mercantile establishments burnt, 60 in number, Newman's excepted.

APRIL 17, 1958

January 2nd, 1850 — "Arabella Tarbett" launched today. Kearney builder. Brig, rigged, copper fastened, full length figure-head carved by Robertson of Liverpool. Length on deck, 102 feet; breadth midship, 23 fet 3 inches; depth hold, 13 fet; tonnage 103 new; 239 old measurements. Launhed across street. Christened by John Munn. Named after amiable lady of William Tarbett. Temperance band present. Flags on all mercantile premises.

For sale orto let: Premises at King's Cove belonging to estate of J. J. McBriare.

Lady Fynn buried at Cheltenham, a native of this country, if not of this very town. Widow of Sir Henry Pynn who fought at Waterloo.

Nicholas Molloy, M.D., M.H.A. for Brigus.

February 13th—New rules made for Brigus Club at annual meeting. Stephen Percy, president; Wm. Stentaford, secretary.

February 7th — Wesleyan Church at Harbour Grace burned down at 4.30 a.m. Alarm given by boy going to the woods. Lieut. Cohen, Rev. Mr. Cummings and Daniel Greene publicly thanked for their exertions. Sheriff Garland offers Court House for services. John Munn starts subscription list with one hundred pounds for new church. Old one built in 1817.

Quarter sessions held at Carbonear Joseph Ryan living at Harbour Grace stipendiary magistrate.

Opening of new legislature building at St. John's, Monday January 28th, in new Colonial building by Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Dorcas Society, Hr. Grace. Mrs. Drysdale president, Mrs. St. John secretary; Mrs. A. Munn and Mrs. D. Munn on committee.

Annual meeting Benevolent Irish Society of Conception Boy 36 annual; Dr. Wm. Stirling president, J. Fitzgerald, secretary, Rev. John Cummings, etc.

May 15th.—seal fishery rather long and protracted. Ice on land. Average would be about 1300 which should be help out if high prices now being given fairly well, but it is manifest with this venture the truthfulness of the local proverb that "In the long run, no one's the better for what's got to the ice."

Harvey Street: three thousand pounds granted for the making and improvement of this street but sa far little has been done.

Married—Capt. James Brown of the Brig. Margaret Ridley to Louisa, eldest daughter of John Trapnell.

May 24th—Queen's birthday. Military under Lieut. Coen went through their accustomed evolutions, after which, a select party of ladies and gentlemen went to the apartments of gallant commander to dring health of Her Majesty.

Married by Rev. John Chapman. Capt. John Munn of brig. Clutha to Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. George Brown of brig. Haidee.