

# Historical Records Of Harbour Grace

—1850—  
**HARBOUR GRACE** — Foundation stone of new Wesleyan Church laid at 3 p.m. June 14, performed by Rev. Mr. Shennstone. Trustees: John Munn, Richard Anderson and Mark Parsons, West John, Hy. Weber, Charles Parsons.  
 Flour mill at Riverhead to be erected at once, (was never a success).  
 Rev. Faulkner who had been minister of Wesleyan church for twenty years returned to England.  
 July 3rd: Ridley Harrison dissolve partnership. Now becomes Ridley and Sons. Ridley gives fifty pounds to new Wesleyan Church.  
 August 7th: Ridley and Sons erecting new premises on Water Street, opposite Thistle's Brook Building brick and stone and among the best in British North America.  
 Mr. Devereaux has lately purchased a most eligible site in West End which has lain void for some time, and is now building a compact and commodious premises.  
 Chamber of Commerce in St. John's learns that Tug Co. are in treaty for a large and powerful tug for St. John's.  
 Loss of Packet Victoria, Phelan Master from Portugal Cove to Harbour Grace with all hands (four), had no passengers supposed to be lost East end of Bell Island in a storm.  
 October: Haldee Kelley Master soils for Labrador.  
 October 9th: Died at Brigus after a long illness, Nathaniel Munder, aged 87.  
 October: Rev. John and Mrs. Chapman leave for England after 26 years service in New-

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foundland. Address signed by 200 parishioners.  
 Lieut. Coen leaves Harbour Grace and is presented with a sword. Lieut. Tyler took his place and succeeded by Ensign Priesly.  
 Richard Hennessey will run a vehicle between Harbour Grace and Carbonar. Fares one shilling and sixpence. Will meet steamer passengers.  
 Steamer St. George running on Bay, Carbonar, Harbour Grace, Brigus and St. John's. Kirk Captain and John Hanley agent. Three double trips for week.  
 Died Mr. Francis Rowan, aged 76, at Harbour Grace.  
 Harbour Grace Grammar School opened in 1845 had 40 boys.  
 January 8th, 1850: Card William Allan Lic, R. C. surgeon, Edinburgh, late of Brigus may be consulted at his residence on the barrens lately occupied by Mrs. Brown.  
 January 28th: Tug Boat Co. formed at St. John's. Mr. Anthony of Brockleburn and Anthony, secretary.  
 March 8th: Trade of Robert Slade of Trinity, Catalina, Hant's Harbour and Heart's Content dissolve.  
 June 4th: William artlett of Brigus married to Lucinda daughter of Capt. Edward Pike of Harbour Grace.  
 October 8th: Three large boats and their produce lost to the northward during recent gales. Owned by Gosse and Co. of Spaniard's Bay. Gosses used to fit hat Cat. Hr.

### MAY 17, 1958

1853  
 Sons of Temperance Library. Henry Trappell, Librarian.  
 February 1953, Jane and Mary was launched at Hr. Grace South at the premises of her owner, Moses Parsons. Built by Mr. Richard Stowe.  
 Favorite. Arrives from the yard of A. Pittman at New Perlican. Linda built at Spaniards Bay by Mr. Kearney for Ridely and Sons (13 tons, new measurement).  
 It is here noted that Harbour Grace has improved much in trade, prosperity and appearance during the last few years.  
 Brigus, Feb. 26th. — Sisters, launched at Brigus for Capt. Az Munden. Built by Michael Kearney.  
 Brig James, launched at Hr. Grace by Michael Kearney. Bullet head, painted ports, smart appearance. Built for Mr. Lynch, Southside and Panton and Munn.  
 March 9th.— Storm Hornet ran into another vessel at the ice and lost a man named Kidney. The Shannon belonging to Mr. Godden dismasted in Trinity Bay. Several others crippled.  
 Clutha, Burn Master, for this port ran ashore at Ochre Pit Cove, Crew saved.  
 Power and Cody dissolve partnership.  
 March 30th. — Briton returns from ice. Had been abandoned by crew at Pinchards Island. Ten regained ship and brought her home.  
 March 30th. — Petition being sent to Legislature to construct a sewer on Water St.  
 Sibyl put into Cape Town on way from St. John's to Australia. Fifty-four passengers all well. Went in for supplies.  
 Hoopers debts amount to five thousand three hundred and fifty three pounds, to be sold at auction at Keefe's Hotel. Hr. Grace, Brooking and Sons Assignees.

Meeting of Telegraph Co. Hr. Grace, St. John's and Carbonar. J. J. Grieve in chair directors, C. L. Bennett, Peter McBriane, T. B. Job, John Munn, W. H. Rifley, Robert Pack.  
 Total receipts for 1852, 423 Pounds. Expenditure, 484 pounds. John Gisborne leaves on account ill health. On his recommendation, Mr. James Leamon from Brigus was brought here from St. John's and temporary appointment was made.  
 Resolved salary of operator at Hr. Grace be Fifty ¼ pounds for current year.  
 New brig, Belle, Capt. Palfrey, arrived here from Liverpool, 27 days.  
 May 18th. Tenders asked for public wharf at Carbonar.  
 May 25th. Messrs Larmon and Goodridge here shipping men for fishery. Caused quite a stir. They are a Plymouth firm fishing at Long Island and Grady etc.

### MAY 2, 1958

1851  
 HR. GRACE.—Sixty-nine Spanish vessels entered St. John's ring 1850.  
 March 5th "Brothers" launch by Kearney, Flynn's Brass and in attendance.  
 Greyhound built by Steven.  
 May 7th: Keel being laid for new brig of superior size.  
 Fire breaks at Harbour Grace: 1. Immediately west end of Noad and Water Streets; Kitchen's Hill. 2. Immediately west side of Power and Job's premises and known by name of Keefe's estate; 3. East end of Mr. Patrick Devereaux and Mr. Tans. Palfrey's house; Through Cochrane Street and Church Hill.  
 Ridley's new store, a handsome building, opened May 21st.  
 R. Brace opens wholesale retail in premises lately occupied by Ridley and Son.  
 Brigus public auction freehold property of late Wm. Munder. 1. Premises occupied by Mr. John on unexpired lease; 2. Premises lately occupied by Mr. Munder also Foye and Wm. Stockland also Foye and Wm. Stockland known as Magazine with beautiful pond and garden; 3. Farming cottage occupied by Rev. Mr. Hoyles; 4. Truck house and slate roof occupied by Mr. B. Stentaford and used by 2 families; 5. Meadow rear of Mr. Jas. Heagans; 6. Valuable tract of land known as South Farm. It is proposed to submit this estate in lots of 20 acres; 6. That valuable land on both sides of the road leading to the Goulands and a short distance from the town having the

advantage of the best road in the island running through it.  
**PLAN OF HR. GRACE IN 1851**  
 Noad Street half way up in rear of Dr. Dow's residence, Commercial rooms on LeMarchant Street (Mrs. Keefe). Newfoundland School in rear of St. Paul's Church. Customs House on bank as now. Court House Hill to Cochrane Street 450 yards. Cochrane Street to LeMarchant Street 200 yards. LeMarchant Street to Victoria Street 340 yards. Victoria Street to Noad Street 300 yards. Each street 60 feet wide.  
 Carbonar Road to John Webber's garden 48 perches. John Webber's to Crowley Road 52 perches. Crowley Road to Parkins Lane 55 perches; Parkins Lane to Native Road 31 perches. Native Road to Thos. Willis 38 perches; Thos. Willis to Noad Street 28 perches.  
 July: Lower Island Cove Methodist Church opened, Rev. S. W. Sprague.  
**POSTAL RATES**  
 Letters to St. John's to Hr. Grace, first stage. St. John's to Floods, 24 miles.  
 2nd stage, Floods to Chapel's Cove, Chapel Cove to Brigus 23 miles. Brigus to Carbonar 21 miles.  
 Deputy postmaster appointed, Andrew Drysdale, Hr. Grace; W. T. Stentaford, Brigus; E. Hanrahan, Carbonar.  
**CONCEPTION BAY STATISTICS**  
 Fifty towns, population 50,000  
 Places of worship 40, schools 54.  
 Tonnage of sealers 20,000, fishing boats 3000.

### JULY 17, 1958

1869.  
**HARBOUR GRACE**—During the past three years, we have used up a considerable amount of the historical notes which we have been able to gather together. This week, at the risk of repeating some of these we shall use some which were taken from old Harbour Grace Standard of the year 1869.  
 May 12, 1869 the route of the "Lizzie" will be the same as last year except that she will call at Bay Roberts on Tuesday and Thursday.  
 Delegates to Ottawa composed of Attorney General, Rec. General, Shea, Stabb and Toesler. They leave on the City of Dur-hem now at St. John's, urgent business may prevent Mr. Shea from going. This we regret. The best men must go and it is admitted that Mr. Shea stands foremost.  
 Mr. Justice Hayward and family leave Harbour Grace and Lizzie to take up residence at St. John's.  
 The Susan, Capt. D. Greene arrives from the ice. She has 20 of the crew of the William Whelan Capt. T. Green which was wrecked near Bell Isle.  
 May 12, 1869 death of Rt. Rev. Dr. Dalton suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday last and has cast a gloom over the whole town. Funeral Friday. A col-

fin on Cataline in place of main altar where it was on Saturday 10 o'clock. Rev. and visitors attend. Rev. Mass. The body was conveyed to a vault behind the altar where the remains of lamented Bishop found resting place. It is only weeks since the Romanists were plunged into mourning in consequence of the death of the Rev. Dr. Mullock. It was a case of a cold taken in view from the funeral of the Rev. Dr. Dalton. He died Andrew Dalton, 79. He had resided in Hr. Grace for 56 years. He was a native of Tipperary, Ireland. A later note tells that Dr. John Dalton was a native of Tipperary and first came to this country from Hr. Grace in 1839. The following year he left for Rome to study for priesthood. He was ordained and returned to Hr. Grace in 1849 and resided here as curate to his uncle, very Rev. Chas. Dalton. The island at that time was divided into two parishes. He received the holy orders from the hands of Dr. Mullock in 1856. He died on this town in 1869.

### JULY 24, 1958

August 13th. Mention of 1851 "Moll Ray" a spring in the town.  
 (Foot note by writer) Many older residents will recall this spring known to them as "Moll Ray" which was on Harvey Street and near to the site of the present residence of Mr. M. Parsons. It was a resort for many pupils of the old High School which once stood on Bannerman Street.  
 In late years it was filled in and nothing remains to indicate where it stood.  
 August 20th. Brig. Arabella Tarbet arrived from Liverpool: Passengers included John R. Fisher, Robt. Munn and Joseph Godden. Passage 20 days.  
 Sept. 3rd: Corner stone of Temperance Hall laid by R. J. Pinesent, John Withycombe builder.  
 Dec. 10: H. T. Moore opens store lately occupied by Hy Hooper.  
 Meeting reforming a Steam Packet Co. for Conception Bay. J. C. Nuttall offers building lease East side Victoria Street for erection of 15 houses, allowing 30 feet each.  
 Thos. Gaden advertises that he intends running a horse sleigh to Brigus once a week and passengers will be able to go to St. John's in one day.  
 The Weekly Herald of January 1853 reviews the year of 1852 as follows.  
 January 1st. Dedication of Temperance Hall (Victoria St. School later).  
 January 22nd. Launching of Barque Rothesay.  
 February 16th: Sons of Temperance Library opened.  
 March 10th. First telegraph message Hr. Grace to St. John's.

May 4th. Gas pipes laid.  
 May 31st. Corner stone of new Roman Catholic Chapel laid.  
 June 14th. Directors of new Packet Co. meeting.  
 August 31st. Town first lit with gas.  
 October 5th. Arrival of Lady LeMarchant on trial trip.  
 1853  
 January 12th. St. Paul's Church first lit with gas.  
 January 18th Naomi lost with all hands at Outer Cove. One of the quarter boards with name washed ashore, also the body clothing of one man marked J. C. probably that of her master Cunningham. Naomi Ship was bound from Cadiz to Hr. Grace. Later, body of a seaman, J. Hoare washed up. Only two of the crew belonged to Hr. Grace. Wm Archer and J. Thompson.  
 For Sale: Property of Dr. Sterling near Custom House having a frontage on harbour and good depth of water. A well built store that will hold 4,000 qtls. fish and on north side of street, a dwelling house with offices, stables, barns and cellars, also never failing spring of extra water and surrounded by eight acres of land in cultivation. The whole enclosed by stone wall and in the rear thereof is intersected by Harvey Street, giving 97 feet frontage on both sides. Apply R. Prowse and Sons or the owner.  
 W. C. St. John offers for sale waterside property near Noad Street, 190 ft. frontage bounded by Water St. north. Great depth of water and admirably suited for premises.

1869  
 Late J. N. Leamon. Auction and notice re debts. Shop and dwelling by Brigus Pond, now occupied by Terrahan. John Munn Trustee, C. Watts auctioneer.  
 May 26th: Death of Editor and proprietor of Harbour Grace Standard, William Squarrey. In future paper will be conducted by R. J. Sparrey, son of the late proprietor.  
 Death of Ambrise Sparkes at police station under peculiar circumstances.  
 June 26th. Fatal fight aboard ship Mary Hamilton. Barque at Pernambuco. Capt. Toole killed by mate.  
 Died: William Traverser, age 86, a native of Poole, England.  
 Government Notice: Wanted two steamers for coastal service, north and west.  
 Passengers by Nestorian to Liverpool from St. John's. Mrs. and Miss Munn, A. Shea, Slater, Quinyin and a number of buyers.  
 At Brigus: Married by Rev. John Waterhouse, Wm. Anderson Esq., M.D., and C.M., of Gorrvin, Ayrshire, to Sarah A. Snowball, eldest daughter of John Wilcox, Esq., Stip. Magistrate.  
 Advertising Livery Institute: Hr. Grace, J. O. Fraser, acting sheriff, Northern District.  
 For Sale at Bay Roberts: Valuable property estate of William Whelan of Brigus.

Apply to James Wilcox, Jas Whelan and Stephen Whelan executors, Brigus.  
 Estate late J. S. Cormack. Dwelling house known as Straw Berry Hill, also mercantile establishments, shops and out-houses, shop warehouses, bread and flour, store, oil store and fish stores all in good repair also 30 year lease of premises known as Rourke's Farm about 7 acres, half under cultivation also sealing guns, wheel barrows, two seated sleigh suit able for two horses, etc. Mar. Cormack and Robert Griev executors.  
 John Kent, Receiver General gives notice that tenders are wanted for \$137,000 repayable in ten years with interest, etc. on the colony.  
 A. Smith advertising: head stones, monuments, etc., a shop, 95 Water Street Harbour Grace.  
 Annual meeting of British Society: Jos. Godden president. Thos. Willis, vice president; H. W. Trappell, treasurer; W. Thompson, secretary. Committee: John Payne, Wm. O'Leary, G. Gorrvin, N. Sheppard, G. Barnes, H. J. Moore, J. Snyder G. Harris.  
 January 7th, 1869: The Masonic Society intend opening their new hall with a ball in honour of the occasion. Ladies 10 shillings, gents 12 shillings 6 pence.