

SHEPPARDS IN HARBOUR GRACE

This is a summary of one line of the Sheppards in Harbour Grace.

The basis of this information is a document from Norman Krischke resulting from his interview with Claude Sheppard. During a review of this with Austin Sheppard a number of errors seemed to be present which we have tried to correct. This original document was modified by hand a number of times and I have typed in what was hard to read. Now a mix of information from Norman and other sources.

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In 1705/6 Letter in Support of Capt. John Moody's Defense of St. John's against the French
Signed by Francis Sheppard amongst many others (thanks Austin Sheppard)

In 1729 John Sheppard Constable - Carbonear (next generation Martin? in Carbonear 1782 his daughter Frances marries)

In 1755 people at Harbour Grace were at dismayed by the settlement of Irish at Riverhead, and a petition was sent to the governor:
"The Humble Petition of the Principal traders and inhabitants of Harbour Grace: Sheweth:
That your petitioners have for some time past been greatly injured by losing their cattle, sheep etc., which they suspect have been stolen by persons which inhabit the same place butrevendousing in several little houses lately erected in the upper end of the said Harbour. That the persons who dwell in the said huts or houses are people of loose and bad character harbouring numbers of idle persons which from their not entering service make them suspect of being guilty of said crime.
Signed:
Nicholas Tynt, Stephen Wittle, William Dawson, Philip Payne, Nick Juer, Ed. Coombs, Tom Parsons, Robert Andrews, M. Strectch, Henly Wethers, Mary Martin, Ed. Snow, William Martin, Francis Sheppard, John Martin"

Selected Baptismal records :

Shepherd	John	John & Eliza:		30 Aug 1778
Shepherd	Jonathan	John & Elizabeth		21 Nov 1776
Sheppard	William	John & Eliza		2 Apr 1788
Sheppard	Patience	John & Eliz'th		17 Jan 1788
Shepperd	Henry	John & Anne		21 Apr 1776
Shepherd	John	Francis & Rebecca		26 Dec 1805
Shepherd	Patience	Francis & Rebecca		11 Oct 1807
Shepherd	Elizabeth	Francis & Rebecca		28 Dec 1810
Shepherd	Anne	Francis & Rebecca		24 Dec 1813
Shepherd	Susanna	Francis & Rebecca		23 Nov 1817
Shepherd	George Frederick	Francis & Rebecca		30 Dec 1820
Shepherd	Francis	Francis & Rebecca		20 Nov 1826

Francis Sheppard, of Harbour Grace, 1775, property "in possession of the Family for upwards of 90 years," that is, before 1685 (Seary)

Harbour Grace History

Chapter Eleven: Harbour Grace Described in 1800 by W. A. Munn.

Let us follow the path along the waterfront. We start from the Grove, where Surrogate Charles Garland has his residence, which Rev. Lewis Anspach in his History calls "The Castle," where some cannon were mounted. He had two stages and three flakes. Henry Warford came next with one stage and three flakes. Now we get to Bear's Cove. Charles Parsons has 175 yards by the Seaside, and 186 yards from highwater mark to the Woods.

William Taylor Parsons has a frontage of 149 yards. Jonathan Parsons, 138 yards. Patience Parsons, 4 yards by the seaside, sufficient for one stage, but a lot of land in the rear. The Parsons families claimed this land back to 1765 and 1770. Tradition says they obtained this land by marriage with the Shepards, who were still earlier settlers, and more than likely of Jersey descent. Admiral Parsons of the Blue and his brother, who fished at first from Harbour Grace Island, are said to be the start of the Parsons family well and favourably known all over Newfoundland today.

William Kennedy, 130 yards waterfront. Widow Kennedy, 130 yards, bounded on the East by Francis Marshall and on the West by Garland Bradbury. Tradition say the Kennedys got this land originally from the Shepards.

Abraham Parsons has 146 yards seaside, just East from the Battery. He purchased this land from Ann Stretch.

Francis Shepard has an extensive sea front of 153 yards, but only 11 yards from high water mark to the road.....

further along...

Henry Sheppard, 96 yards - Purchased from William Stowe

Having looked through the baptism records of Jersey, it looks like the Sheppards origin there is not likely. Perhaps Jersey is used as a generic term for Channel Islander as there is a documented Sheppard family from Guernsey. Information now indicates that the first Sheppard may have been from Bristol in 1498.

There seems to be an error in Norman's document with the next generation. It appears the children of Francis he has listed are actually the children of John and Maria Sheppard. John may be Francis' son and a generation was omitted by mistake:

Shepherd	Nathaniel	John & Maria		22 Nov 1827	son	Harbour Grace		18 Oct 1827
Shepherd	Levi	John & Maria		4 Jun 1830	son	Harbour Grace		18 May 1830
Shepherd	Elizabeth	John & Maria		9 Nov 1834	dau	Harbour Grace		7 Jun 1834
Shepherd	John Frederic	John & Maria		23 May 1836		Harbour Grace		16 May 1836
Shepherd	Louiza	John & Maria		24 Dec 1837		Harbour Grace		30 Nov 1837
Shepherd	Isaac Tobias	John & Maria		6 Mar 1842	11 Feb 1842	H.Grace		
Shepherd	Jacob Francis	John & Maria		27 Feb 1844	31 Jan 1844	South Side		
Shepherd	Susannah	John & Maria		23 Mar 1846	22 Mar 1846	Harbour Grace		

**Stewart Sheppard of Harbur Grace was born in Bay Roberts ca 1887 (1945 census)
Is this the Stewart Sheppard who recorded his family history?**



Source: Norman C. Krischke

THE SHEPPARD FAMILY

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 - 41. Tobias Sheppard
 - 42. Jacob Sheppard
 - 43. Nathaniel Sheppard, born 1827 in Harbour Grace, married Hannah

1901
By
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Anglican (New
near church
not on hill)
Phoebe, wife of
J.F. Sheppard
d. 30 Dec 1905
aged 51 years

1906
23
18
d. 31 May 1906
aged 23 years

431. George Sheppard
 432. Ann Sheppard
 433. Mary Sheppard
 434. John Frederick Sheppard, born 1857 in Harbour Grace, first married Phoebe Crane of Upper Island Cove. There were two children by this marriage: William and Nathaniel. After Phoebe died, John married Mary Valetta Hiscock of Grand Bank. John and Mary had four children: Ralph, Clarissa, Sarah and Claude. John died in late 1927. In May 1928, Mary wrote to her grandson, John Frederick "Fred" Sheppard who was at the university in Halifax, to return to Spaniard's Bay to receive a small legacy his grandfather had left for educational purposes. Both John and his wife are buried at Spaniard's Bay. John's six children:

4341. William Sheppard married a Miss Ellis. His wife died and William went to Oakland, California to live. The Ellis family raised their child, Mary. William married in California and had children. One known child:
 43411. Mary Ellis Sheppard

4342. Nathaniel Sheppard, born in 1883, married Marion Noel, daughter of Reginald and Mary Ann (Taylor) Noel, about 1904. Marion was born 9 September 1881. Nathaniel died of pneumonia in 1906 and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Spaniard's Bay. In July 1928 Fred helped move John Frederick Sheppard's tombstone from the train station to the cemetery. At the time, Fred noticed that his father's tombstone showed he was only 23 years of age when he died. Marion married Rev'd.

William Clarkson about 1912 and had three children: William Walter, Dorice Mary and Alan Noel. Marion died in 1942 and is buried at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Nathaniel's and Marion's child:

43421. John Frederick "Fred" Sheppard, born 31 October 1905, married Anne Luella "Lulu" MacDonald on 19 November 1940. Lulu was born 2 August 1904 to William Alfred and Luelle Maud (Dickey) MacDonald. They have no children. They live at 2023 East Prince St., Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1K3.

4343. Ralph Sampson Sheppard, born 1910, married Lily Baldwin, a nurse. Ralph became a minister in the Anglican Church and served at Holy Trinity Church in Grand Falls. Lily died and Rev'd. Ralph married the widow Norrie (March) Ash. There was no family from either marriage.

4344. Clarissa "Clarie" Margaret Sheppard, born 1912, married William Alley. Clarissa taught school in Corner Brook. There is a William Alley at 17 Fourth St., Pasadena, Nfld.

4345. Sarah Pauline Sheppard, born 1913, married Fred Rowe. She was a nurse. They had no family.

4346. Claude Asquith Sheppard, born 1916 in Spaniard's Bay, married Florence Clara Gosse of Spaniard's Bay. Florence was born in 1914. Claude was a Provincial Court Judge. As a member of Joe Smallwood's party, he represented the Harbour Grace District in the House of Assembly. He was the Deputy Speaker of the House from 1957 to 1966.



CLAUDE SHEPPARD
 Liberal Member for Harbour Grace

CLAUDE SHEPPARD, M.H.A. (Harbour Grace) Born July 21, 1916 at Spaniard's Bay, Nfld. son of J. F. and Mary V. (Hiscock) Sheppard. Both British. Education, Holy Redeemer High School, Spaniard's Bay, Bishop Feild College, St. John's Nfld., Memorial University, St. John's Nfld. Married Florence, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Martin Gosse, Spaniard's Bay, Newfoundland, has two sons. Stipendiary Magistrate, 1946-1956. Major, Royal Artillery (served overseas 1940-1945). Member, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., Kiwanis, Officers' Club (Crow's Nest), Laurier Club. First elected to Nfld. House of Assembly 1956. Liberal. Anglican. Residence: - 18 Colville Street, St. John's Nfld.

- 435. Frances Sheppard
 - 436. Maria Sheppard
 - 437. Louise Sheppard
 - 438. Margaret Sheppard
44. Levi Sheppard

Other Early Records

Shepherd	Jane	Francis & Sarah		30 Jun 1776			
Shepherd	Henry	Francis & Sarah		11 Jan 1778			
Shepherd	William	Francis & Sarah		11 Jul 1784			
Shepherd	Jane	Henry & Elizabeth		11 Oct 1802		of this Harbour	
Shepherd	Jane	Henry & Elizabeth		30 Dec 1803			
Shepherd	John	Henry & Elizabeth		17 Jan 1804		Mintoove	6 mth
Shepherd	Sarah	Henry & Elizabeth		31 Jul 1804		Bread&Cheese Cove	3 1/2 yr
Shepherd	Francis	Henry & Elizabeth		2 Jun 1805		H. Grace	1 yr
Shepherd	Henry	Henry & Elizabeth		6 Jan 1807		of this Harbour	6 mth
Shepherd	Ebenezer	Henry & Elizabeth		26 May 1807		Spaniards Bay	11 1/2 mth
Shepherd	Mary	Henry & Elizabeth		5 May 1809		Spaniards Bay	19 May 1808
Shepherd	Ann	Henry & Elizabeth		3 Jan 1810		Harbour Grace	24 Dec 1806
Shepherd	Henry	Henry & Elizabeth		3 Oct 1810		Mint Cove	10 Sep 1810
Shepherd	Solomon	Henry & Elizabeth		31 Dec 1811		H. Grace	24 Feb 1811
Shepherd	Mary	Henry & Elizabeth		17 Jul 1814		S. S.	
Shepherd	Grace	Henry & Grace		29 Apr 1779			
Shepherd	Mary Ann	John & Mary		19 Nov 1805		Southside	3 1/2 mth
Shepherd	George Frederick	John & Mary		18 Mar 1808		South Side	20 May 1807
Shepherd	John	John & Mary		21 Jun 1801		SS	
Shepherd	Ann	Jonathan & Mary		1 Apr 1790			
Shepherd	Henry	Jonathan & Mary		3 Jun 1806		SS of H. Grace	15 mth
Shepherd	George Edward	Jonathan & Mary		25 Jan 1807		SS of H. Grace	7 mth
Shepherd	Jonathan	Jonathan & Mary		30 Dec 1814		S. S.	
Shepherd	Mary	Jonathan & Mary		30 Dec 1814		S. S.	
Sheppard	Moses	Jonathan & Mary		20 Nov 1803		of this Harbour	2 yr
Sheppard	William	Jonathan & Mary		26 Dec 1808		Southside H. Grace	14 Oct 1808
Sheppard	Thomas	Jonathan & Mary		12 Jan 1812		SS of H. Grace	2 Feb 1811
Shepherd	Martin	Martin & Anne		1 Sep 1776			
Shepherd	Grace	Martin & Anne		20 May 1781			
Sheppard	George	Martine & A		2 Apr 1788			
Sheppard	Sarah	Martine & A		2 Apr 1788			
Sheppard	Elizabeth	Francis (deceased) & Sarah		2 Apr 1788			
Sheppard	Jonathan	Jonathan & Pat'ce		13 Feb 1788			

Shepard	John	12 Dec 1806	63 yr	South Side of Harbour Grace
Shepherd	John	17 Feb 1778	4 yr	Son to John & Elizabeth Shepherd
Shepherd	Martin	1 Mar [1783?]		Carbonear
Shepherd	Mary	17 Aug 1784	13 mth	Daughter to John & Anne Shepherd
Shepherd	Jonathan	22 Mar 1797	[blank] yr	of this Harbour
Shepherd	Jonathan	4 Sep 1798		of this Harbour
Shepherd	Martin	3 Apr 1812	75 yr	of the Southside of Harbour Grace
Shepherd	Jane	27 Aug 1829	84 yr	of this parish

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The Public Ledger - May 14, 1852

DIED.—On Monday, 26th ult., in his 73rd year, Mr. Francis Sheppard, an old and respectable inhabitant of this town.—*Harbour Grace Herald, May 5.*

16 Dec 1778	Jonathan	Shepherd			Patience	Mercer	Daughter to John & Mary Mercer, Bay Roberts
24 Nov 1783	Adam	Shepherd			Mary	Penny	
15 May 1797	Jonathan	Shepherd	of Harbor Grace		Mary	French	of Harbor Grace
13 Dec 1803	Francis	Shepherd	of this Harbour		Rebecca	Raker	of this Harbour
10 Dec 1806	Francis	Shepherd	of H Grace		Frances	Stowe	of H Grace
16 Dec 1806	William	Shepherd	of Harbor Grace		Ann	Noseworthy	of Drian's Cove

Note: Pete Noel's family includes Martin Sheppard. Austin Sheppard is researching all the Sheppards of Newfoundland with a particular interest in those of Spaniard's Bay.