

The following info might be of interest to anyone researching the Newells/Noels of Nfld. so I am forwarding it to the Noel group.

My gggg grandfather was Philip Newell (Noel, Nuel, Newal) of the Dock (Bareened).

Philip's parents James and Anne are recorded in the record of his marriage to Mary Batton in 1784.

5 Nov 1784	William	Batton	Mary	Noel	Daughter to James & Anne Noel
5 Nov 1784	Philip	Noel	Amy	Batton	Daughter to John & Mary Batton

Note: The Batton's had the grant in the Dock adjoining Philip's and it was Brother and Sister marrying Brother and Sister.

Unfortunately, the trail on James goes cold here so I have been searching for more info on him for 40 years.

One other Note to avoid possible confusion: Philip also had a son James who got the east side of the grant while my ggg grandfather John got the West half.

The only James Newell/Noel that I have found that is a fit in terms of age is a James Newell from Halifax NS.

I am not saying that this is Philip's father but at this point I can't rule him out.

I should say that Harold Newell (former school teacher and Librarian up to 1960s) who had done extensive research on the Newell family of the Dock and who pointed out the James of Halifax to me in the 1970s also thought that this James was only a remote possibility for Philip's father.

Regardless, here is what I have found on this Halifax James:

He arrived in Halifax in 1749 on the Canning (one of the Cornwallis immigrant ships). In this record he is identified as a fisherman.

In 1752 James Newal (spelling) was in Hospital (Halifax Victualing Records 1753)

In October 1754 he was married to Mary Pres at St. Paul's in Halifax (note: there is a possibility that Pres is a reference to her religion not her last name)

Also in October 1754 they had a daughter Ann.

In March 1767 Mary Newall died (note spelling as recorded at St. Paul's)

At this point the trail on Halifax James goes cold which is one reason to suspect that he may have departed Halifax for other opportunities elsewhere possibly even Nfld.

Many of the original Cornwallis immigrants moved on to New England and someone with a background in the fishery may have established connections to Harbour Grace.

The dates match for this James to be Philip's father and Anne might have been Mary Anne (very common combo) or the Mary might have been the older sister (Mary) that was there and mistakenly recorded as mother. I suspect everyone on this list has seen similar mix-ups in records.

Now for the Newell/Noel issue. I am still after 40 years of research not sure which is the original name Noel was a very common established name in Harbour Grace so it is likely that a Newell might get tagged as Noel. Philip is identified as a Noel in this marriage record and in the grant but the latter comes from a survey of Conception Bay conducted by a Royal Navy officer who likely got his info second hand. In records from a minister who visited Bareneed in 1816 he is identified as Nuel and from that point on it is Newell. The grant for the Newells in Burnt Head (who are related to the Newells in the Dock) is also identified as Noel but they also use Newell.

Overall, there is a possibility that the Halifax James moved to Nfld or had connections with Nfld (agent for Merchant) and that Philip was his son who settled in the Dock. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can help sort out the details.

Note there was also a James Newell, Captain of Schooner Boscowan which was used in the Acadian Expulsion of 1755 There is no evidence linking this James to the Halifax James and many of the ships used came from New England; however, someone who was a fisherman in 1749 might have become a Captain of a Schooner by 1755. Here are a few other references I have recently found to Captain James Newell from other locations:

Again, it is unclear if they might be one of the James Newells above. The dates seem too late to be the same people.

#1. Captain James Newell, of the ship *Clyde*, from **St. Thomas, reported in New York in 1805.**

Source: [An account of the malignant fever which prevailed in the city of ... - Google Books Result](#)
James Hardie – 1806

#2. 1793 , 3 July report of brig Defiance of Portsmouth (**James Newell, Master**) taken by privateer from Kingston on 27 May suspected of having French property on board. The Defiance was sailing from Norfolk Va to Port-au-Prince

Norfolk Shipping Report 1787 1817

#3. On 19 April 1805, a privateer *Eugène*, commanded by a Joseph Sires and reportedly owned in Havana and New Orleans, captured the American sloop *George* and looted it, after having threatened her captain, Read, with death if he did not sign papers declaring the *George* to be British, as well as a draft for US\$1000 drawn on Mr. Grinberry, *George's* owner, representing ransom for the vessel and her cargo. They then put on board the *George* **Captain James Newell and seven seamen from the *Benjamin*, of New York**. Read then sailed *George* to Havana. *Eugène* had also captured an American schooner sailing from Port-au-Prince with a cargo of coffee.^[4]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Oroonoko

Thanks

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