

Ann Noel's position as wife of planter John Noel at Carbonear did not protect her from her brother-in-law Charles in 1835. Charles lived in Ann's household until his own could be built according to some family agreement. After Ann refused to acknowledge that Charles owned any part of her and John's home, Charles swore that he would either cut Ann's throat or burn down the house with her in it. Charles chased Ann and her servant "into the stairs of said House and exposed his Nakedness and his backside slapping the same and told complainant to kiss the latter he called Complainant a strumpet and whore and other such approbrious [sic] names."⁴³