



Memories of Halls Town & North River

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Mayors of the Town of North River



Daniel Cummings
1964-1975 - Chair



Nicholas Hurley
1975-1979 - Chair
1984-1991 - Mayor



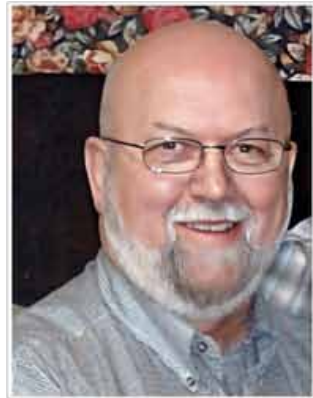
Edward Dawson
1979-1981 - Chair
1982-1984 - Mayor



Gervase Hurley
1991-2005 - Mayor



Anthony Morrissey
2005-2008 - Mayor



Gary Cummings
2008-2009 - Mayor



Sheila Neville Power
2009-2011 - Mayor



Blair Hurley
2011-2017 - Mayor



Joanne Morrissey
2017-2021 - Mayor



Brian Hurley
2022 - Present Mayor

Edward Dawson's Notes - 1982
Discovered Summer 2021, in the attic of the old homestead

Call the meeting to order
Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen welcome
to the General meeting of our Council
of North River May 1st 1982 is the
15 year of our Reign, as a Corporate Body
Thank you all for being Present
I would also like to thank our Councillors
Deputy Mayor, Nicholas Hurley, Daniel Donohue
Commissioner, Edward O'Dawson, and Gary Cummins
for all the help they have given and
in consist out the Rules and the Laws
of Council thank you Gentlemen I wish
the purpose of this meeting here tonight
is to have Elections of officers for
The next two yrs as you know
ago one Eighteen yrs of age now
is allowed to vote male or female
Providing he or she has their
 dues Paid for the year of 1981
any one not Paid as must
be allowed to vote

no one will be allowed nomination
unless they are there in Person
a note from a Person seeking nomination
not Present will be null and void
When this Council took over in 1979 there
were in Bad Shape we were 4300 dollars
in the Red to the Bank with permission from
the Municipal Government to borrow
3 thousand which left us 7300 in the
Red
The 1980 we saved
the 7300 we saved
we have most calls from
the public a cause of days ago
I received a call from
a young man that
the calls was in the
Council's name - this was
the first time I had
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Instead of calling our meeting the
Returning officer we will call him the Chairman
held the General meeting of the
Community Council of North River
May 1st 1984 Attendance 34
The Budget was expanded and the
minutes of the meeting of the last
General meeting was read by the Clerk
Then Council was dissolved by the
Mayor Dawson and a new election began
Nicholas Hurley Deputy Mayor
Returning Officer for the Election
There were five seven nominations
and five Councillors Elected
Names of those Elected were Nicholas
Hurley Noel Hurley
Gertrude Hurley, Thomas O'Brien
Gary Cummins
It was a great disappointment
to find out that immediately after the
Counting of the Ballots they were torn up
and threw in the waste basket before
anyone had a chance to look them over
where we don't know all the procedures
of voting or more things we would like to
mention that the Returning Officer
accepted a nomination we don't know if
the nomination was legal or not
Mr Hurley was warned by Mayor
Dawson that he had no vote but he
did not know if he could accept a
nomination or not

That about takes in all of the Elections
and voting except the business in of
Councillors they would of
been sworn in on Monday night only we
had another meeting to attend to another had
to go to Garden and could not attend
here is a small Resume of Statistics
from May 1979 to May 1984
When Mayor Dawson took over in May
1979 figures show there was a
deficit owing the Bank of 4300
With permission from the Municipal
Government he was allowed to get a loan
of three thousand to pay debts owing by
Council that brought the Grand total
to 7300 Seventy three hundred
Since then the Bank has been Paid off in full
there is no money owing the Council
Money in the Savings account
amounts to 11 891 60
Money in Current account 3 626 00
19477 60



Introduction

JOANNE MORRISSEY

In 2019 the Seniors group of North River - Halls Town applied for and received funding from The New Horizons Seniors Program, to partner with Ascension Collegiate High School and Heritage NL, first we partnered with Ascension Collegiate High School, to engage tech savvy students to mentor seniors on social media and those seniors would in turn mentor other seniors. Secondly we partnered with Heritage NL, to mentor those students in interviewing skills and techniques to engage with seniors to learn about the past. This cross-generational social interaction would enhance the lives of all concerned.

Our intention was to have the Memories book ready for Canada Day 2020 but COVID-19 changed our plans and we are now scheduled to launch the end result in July 2022 for “North River Come Home Year Celebrations”

We were deeply saddened by Sylvia Hall Hurley’s passing. Sylvia was very interested in this project and happily shared her memories of North River/Halls Town.

Pictures tell a story and the stories and pictures in this book are intended to preserve the origin of Halls Town and North River family life, to tell the story of pictures on the wall so that this present day generation learn about themselves and their family story.

Celebrating our heritage is not just about knowing your Grandparents or Great Grandparents names, or recognizing them in a frame on the wall, it’s about knowing their struggles, their joys and events that shaped their lives and is now shaping yours.

Adults love to relive their past, getting them started is the key, making them realize that we all have joys and sorrows to share and many of yesterday’s sorrows are today’s treasures. Children love to hear stories of the past, they love to hear about their past family and they listen with pride and make the connection to their ancestors. Stories of how their families have overcome hard times and happy times and listening will help them grow and believe in their ability to overcome their own difficulties. History gives insight to the contributions and achievements of our ancestors and holds great importance in our life.

Really we are only 3 generations, you, your children, and your grand-children. That is your audience. Times have changed, the nuclear family made up of extended grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives living in close proximity is no longer the norm. Handwriting transcends time and will soon no longer be the norm.

History has made us who we are. History connects us with the past and with one another, and allows us to hold onto and relive the memories. History gives the towns of Halls Town and North River

its unique character. Religion, Schools, Skating, Playing Hockey and Boating on the river, Berry Picking, Garden Parties, Music, Dancing, Singing, Recitations, and Kitchen Parties.

Life is enriched by memories and emotions and helps create pride, it is an important investment in the present and the future. The magic of voice, the telling of stories enlightens us as to how we have evolved and shaped us into today's community. The best way to preserve our unique culture is to spend time with each-other. Gather in groups for events, meals, or just conversation. We are all affected by our interconnectedness.

Not only do we need to preserve our pictures and family memories, we need to teach the children of this generation to play traditional games. Skipping, Hop-scotch, Marbles, Jacks, Tidally, Rounders, Concerts, Dancing, Old Songs, etc.

Kids have questions such as, what was it like with no in-house plumbing and an outhouse? No TV or iPad? How do tuberculosis and the Spanish flu compare to Covid-19?

Preserving family recipes is a great way to bring back memories and emotions associated with food, from holiday gatherings and birthdays. Nothing recalls a memory like the smell of bread baking or a Christmas cake, and Sunday Dinner.

We have reached out and encouraged everyone with roots in North River and Halls Town to share their memories.

If this book awakens your memory of things missed we can entertain the possibility of an addendum.

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The Memories of North River - Halls Town is dedicated to all those who have gone before and have left us with the memories that have helped shape our present day generation. A big thank you for the participation of so many people whose names may not be enumerated, your contribution is sincerely appreciated. This completion of the "Memories of North River Halls Town" including family roots would not be possible but for the invaluable dedication of people who have given of their time and skills to follow through to the finished book. In particular I want to sincerely thank the following:

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Miss M. Sheehan & Students of Ascension Collegiate, with Dale Jarvis and Terra Barrett of Heritage NL

A SHORT HISTORY OF NORTH RIVER

Tis springtime in North River, and again
The earth's awak'ning, roused by April rain,
Again we're at our fences in the vale,
Renewing here and there a post or rail.

- from *Salute to Port de Grave* by R.A. Parsons, published in 1975

The Town of North River is located northwest of Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland. The settlement extends along the northwest bank of the river of the same name, and includes Halls Town, located south of what was formerly Fillier's Bridge, further inland along the river valley.

In the early 1600s, colonist John Guy of the Cupids plantation referred to people living in the Clarke's Beach area, which could have included North River or South River. Permanent settlement, however, most likely started in the mid 1800s. Historically, what is now called North River was known as Northern Gut, while the name North Valley also appears on some maps.

North River has traditionally been a fishing and agricultural community. It is probable that Northern Gut and the valley of the North River as far inland as the beautifully-named The Pond That Feeds the Brook were early sites of winter houses or summer gardens for fishing communities on the Port de Grave peninsula. Many of the year-round settlers in the North River valley were fishermen of Irish descent who had been employed by English merchants and planters on the Peninsula. Local oral tradition holds that the early Roman Catholic settlers had been driven out of the Peninsula, but it is more likely that by the mid 1800s, the families of the original Irish fishing servants had saved enough money to facilitate a move to the riverside farmlands, where they already cultivated gardens.

The census records published in the Journal of the Legislative Council of the Island of Newfoundland for 1833 noted that there were 36 dwelling houses in Northern Gut at that point, with 101 men, 103 women, 27 servants, and 4 fishing boats.

The Roman Catholic congregation in nearby Bareneed was never large, reaching a peak of 90 in 1836, though it has been suggested that numbers in the early 1800s may have been higher before North River was settled. Grave markers in the North River cemetery date back to 1870, but many of the original Irish settlers were buried in the older cemeteries of Bareneed and Port de Grave.

Access to North River was originally always by water, but in 1836 a road was built from Northern Gut to Collier's Bay (today's Colliers). This road joined up with the road from Collier's Bay to Holyrood, providing the first land transportation link into Conception Bay North. The local Road Commissioners at the time were Thomas Ridley, Thomas Chancey, John Elson, and John Stark. In the same year, tenders were called for the building of a road northward, stretching from Northern Gut to Riverhead, Harbour Grace. The Journal of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland for 1837 notes that the bridge over North River was completed around the same time, at a cost of £100.

In 1839, Joseph Jukes, an English geologist and surveyor for Newfoundland, made a visit to Northern Gut while exploring local slate deposits. For June 21st, 1839, Jukes wrote the following in his diary:

Here a brook empties itself into the sea having run for about three miles through a narrow pond or "cosh" as my men called it. We hauled the boat up the shallow bed of the brook for

a few yards into deeper water and then rowed up the lake. I then struck off with two men and the theodolite and barometer to the top of a hill on the north side called "Sunday's hill" whose height I found to be about 500 feet. From its top I could see nothing in the interior but woods and marshes dotted with ponds with several rugged eminences rising in different directions. I proceeded two or three miles farther over some marshes till I found the labour as useless as it was great since no rock showed itself. We then had a hard tug through some thick woods down to the bed of the brook where I found still the same slate rock and after much toil and difficulty we got back to the head of the cosh. Here we met Gaden, who had caught three or four dozen of trout up the brook, but on coming to the boat found some urchins from the neighbouring houses had stolen all our bread and butter. So we sailed down the cosh to a house, where we procured some potatoes, and with these and the trout we had caught made a comfortable dinner. As the evening fell I took the rod and line, and just where the brook ran into the sea, I caught several dozen very nice trout and salmon-peel. They seemed both to prefer the brackish water at the mouth of the brook, and the largest were caught farthest into the salt water.

Improved roads and an influx of settlers meant that by 1840 there was enough settlement in the Valley to justify the establishment of a Roman Catholic school for the betterment of those aforementioned urchins.

By 1857, the combined population of Hall's Town and North River was 335, with Roman Catholic families clustered at North River. Protestants (most notably the Hall family) settled further inland. While early settlers chose the area for agricultural purposes, a group of later settlers moved into the area as waterfront property at Clarke's Beach became limited. By the 1860s, residents were combining farming with the Labrador fishery out of Port de Grave and Bay Roberts. Some of the nineteenth century pioneer families moved away to Philadelphia and Boston, but quite a number stayed on.

McAlpine's Maritime Provinces Directory for 1870-1871 lists the following family names living in North River: Atkins; Brine; Butler; Cooney; Cullen; Cummins; English; Farrell; Hanlin; Hurley; Kavanagh; Lawless; Long; Moore; Morgan; Morrissey; Neville; O'Brien; Power; Ring; Shea; Sinclair; Slean; Swords; and Walsh. They were all listed as fishermen, planters, and farmers.

Sheila Power (nee Neville) was born on Grey (Groais) Islands in 1934 and moved to North River with her parents when she was two years-old to live with her grandparents, Bridgette and Michael Neville. Sheila remembers the families that lived along river when she was a child:

When you came around the river, coming this way, you had four families down there at the lower part. And then there was a break, and you came to Fitzgerald's and that was five. Then Coffees, so that was six, and Mrs. Morrissey and that was seven. There were seven houses, seven families from here to the end of the river. So I would say, maybe forty to fifty families... And in Hall's Town you had most of the non-Catholic people and in North River you had the Catholic people when I was growing up, or it seemed like... There were a lot of Halls, there were Hurleys, there were Longs, there were Morrisseys, Nevilles, Cummings, Hanlons, Mahoneys down here, Cooneys. That was approximately most of the people. The Neville's, we lived half way up the road there, we'll just say, we were related to just about everybody on the river. At the time, there were no cars, no way to travel, so most

people either married people who were relatives or who were just not relatives, but eventually became relatives.

The Labrador fishery, farming, and woods work provided most work for late nineteenth-century residents. The Bell Island mines offered a new type of employment starting in the early 1900s, and in the 1930-1940s, many also worked on the construction of the United States base at Argentia.

At this time, Bern English opened the first shop in North River. Sheila Power recalls the shops from her childhood in the 1930s-40s:

The very first shop in North River was Bern English's shop, and that shop has been sold and redone... it's all redone and looks splendid right now... Bride was the daughter of Mr. English, so when they got married, when the girls got married, Mr. English built a shop for Bride and her husband, and that was Cumming's shop. That is a couple of houses up from council... The other one was Hanlon's, that was a later one, too. Mr. Hanlon used to have a little shop here right on the corner, right down from the hall there. And he would have a shop, mostly for the school youngsters. So you could go up to Mr. Hanlon's at recess time and get a bag of chips, or a bar and a bottle of Coke for fifteen cents.

Family farming for household needs remained an important tradition in the area well into the twentieth century. In 1986, Clarke's Beach merchant Garfield Ralph remembered locals growing "thousands of barrels of potatoes a year. When I was a boy everybody in Clarke's Beach, North River and South River grew from 10 to 150 barrels of potatoes."

Early family names of North River still common in 1992 included Bradbury, Fillier, Hall, Hanlon, Morgan, Morrissey, Newell, Power, and Snow.

A SHORT HISTORY OF HALLS TOWN

Halls Town, which is situated on the shores of North River, is located northwest of the communities of Clarke's Beach and North River in Conception Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. This area was initially settled by families predominantly from Bareneed and Port de Grave.

Local legend indicates the name, Halls Town, can be traced to Isaac Hall, who made his home in the area in the early 1800s after jumping ship. E. R. Seary noted the community was named for "Isaac Hall, a deserter from a naval vessel." Seary also mentioned the family name was prominent in the settlement, and in the 1935 census there were no fewer than 13 families of Hall's in the community.

Halls Town was first recorded in the 1857 census. At that time there were four Irish-born settlers and one foreign-born settler noted among the thirty-two families in the community. Most of the settlers were from the Port de Grave Peninsula and, unlike North River, almost all of the 198 residents were Church of England, although there were several Roman Catholic families and a few Wesleyans.

The 1869 to 1891 census figures included the community of Halls Town with neighboring North River, and together they had a population of around 750. It is likely that early settlers chose the area due to the agricultural potential of the river-bank location. Another likely factor was the scarcity of waterfront property in nearby and densely settled Clarke's Beach.

Established in 1902, the United Towns Electric Company brought electricity to Halls Town in 1930. The company extended their transmission line from North River to Halls Town and wired at least 25 homes. The company also completed some exploratory work on the iron ore deposits at Snows Pond.

Mary Long was born in North River in 1934. She remembers her father's work with United Towns Electric and the fact that many men in the community worked with the company:

My father worked with a company called the United Towns Electric Company. He wasn't an electrician – they were sticking the poles, they were doing the hard work. They built power lines in around Placentia, Dunville, Fox Harbour. They would go in there when springtime came, there was a truck, because we had no car, the truck would go in there and a lot of men in the community worked in there. They would come back on the Saturday and bring back the clothes to get washed and mended and whatever. In the wintertime they weren't building power lines but when there was a power outage, which there were many times, their job, someone would knock on the door [because there] was no telephone at that point and they had to walk the line and find where the breakage was. Imagine, now they go to the office and see but that is how they would find out what was wrong and get the pole replaced or the wire replaced.

Newfoundland's 1935 Provincial Census of Port de Grave lists the following family names living in Halls Town: Anthony, Ashford, Boone, Bradbury, Coveyduck, Cummings, Delaney, Efford, Fawcett, Fillier, Hall, Hurley, Nelson, Newell, Mahoney, McCabe, McGrath, Morgan, Morris, Retford, Skanes, Snow, St. Clair, and Stevens.

Until the early 1900s the Labrador fishery, small-scale agriculture and woods work were the major industries in Halls Town. The opening of the iron-ore mines on Bell Island in Conception Bay in 1895 saw a number of Halls Town residents begin to work as miners for half of the year and sustain their families with subsistence farming and fishing during the remaining six months. In the 1940s as part of the Second World War many Halls Town workers were employed in the construction of the United States Navy base, Naval Station Argentia.

In the 1950s and 1960s the nearby communities of Bareneed, Port de Grave, Bay Roberts, Carbonear and Harbour Grace opened fish plants. This, combined with the creation of service sector jobs in the central and northern Conception Bay region, saw residents of Halls Towns finding employment as fish-plant workers, construction workers, clerks, teachers and administrators.

As noted in a 1986 Decks Awash article on Halls Town, farming used to be much more popular. One resident, Beverley Sparkes, stated:

There used to be lots of farms here but the day of the farmer is coming to an end. When I was small you could go anywhere round the bay and see quite large farms. People could make a living, but that way of life has gone.

At the time of the article, Beverley kept a garden, and her in-laws, the Sparkes, had a large garden that produced enough to sell.

After 1945 the population of Halls Town remained steadily around 300 residents, and in 1981 just seven years before the community amalgamated with North River the census noted 245 residents of



Original All Hallows Church



Lorraine (Hall) and Jack Laracy's wedding; last one in original All Hallows Church

To Erect New Church At North River

DAY ROBERTS, June 1.—Rev. Monsignor M. F. Dion, Vice General of the Diocese of St. John and Parish Priest of North River (and Bay Roberts) has recently announced that he is making plans to have the present church building (All Hallows') at North River, replaced with a new structure. The present building is now over 50 years of age and it is felt that any money which would be spent on repairs would much better serve its usefulness if used towards the erecting of a new edifice.

It is estimated that the new building will require some \$50,000.00, and this is considered as being quite a tremendous undertaking. Knowing the Monsignor and his people as we do, we feel sure that his object will be accomplished.

Circle letters have been sent to all parishioners and those who are considered to be friends of the church, and any contributions will be gratefully accepted. Prayers for the project are asked by all, and any who are unable to contribute monetarily, are asked to contribute with the fervent prayers.

The present church was erected by the late Dr. Whalen, over 50 years ago and it has well-served his purpose to the parish.

We wish this worthy project every success.

Daily News, 04-Jun-1953



Taking down the original All Hallows Church



Taking down the original All Hallows Church



All Hallows Opening Mass, New Church

FINE NEW CHURCH.—A fine new Anglican Church was finished the past week at North River. It is 72 by 35 feet, can seat about 500 and is interiorly as well as exteriorly a very handsome edifice. The plans were drawn and the church built by Mr. Edward Doran for the pastor, Rev. E. C. Clench, who is most energetic and zealous. A new school will also be started shortly.

Evening Telegram, 30-Mar-1912

SOD TURNED FOR NEW CHURCH

On Thursday May 19th Monsignor Dion saw the start of his dream become true when the first sod was turned for the new stone church to be erected by the R.C. Congregation at North River, the new church will replace the present wooden structure and will cost in the vicinity of \$50,000.00.

Daily News, 31-May-1955



Final Service at St. George's, Anglican Church, 24-Apr-2021. Organist: Mary Richards Snow (for 60 years)



St. George's Anglican Church



In front of Aunt Liz Cooney's house (later Dixon's house): Corbetts on the right and Cooneys on the left. Annie Cooney in the coffin, brother Mike Cooney to the left, brother Dennis Cooney close to back door and Elizabeth Cooney behind the coffin. Loretta and Frances Cooney were sisters to Annie.



Henry William Winter's funeral



St. Thomas Catholic Church, first Catholic church in North River

Halls Town. Although Halls Town and North River were once two communities, for most of their history they could be considered as one. There wasn't a real division until 1964 when the community of North River was incorporated. The two communities became one again in 1988 when Halls Town amalgamated with North River. In the 2016 census, North River boasted a population of 570 people.

CHURCHES OF NORTH RIVER AND HALLS TOWN

The history of both All Hallows Parish and St. George's Church goes back over 100 years in the community of North River. As previously noted, Roman Catholic settlers in North River initially came from the Port de Grave area. By 1840 there were enough settlers to justify the establishment of a Roman Catholic school at North River, and it is noted that children from Port de Grave traveled to attend school at Northern Gut (North River). According to Bishop Edward Feild's deacon, Reverend A.C. Waghorne, the local school, was also used weekly for church services until the 1870s. By 1874 a Catholic Chapel was built in North River and dedicated to St. Joseph. As noted in The Star And Conception Bay Weekly Reporter on May 28, 1874, the chapel was completed under Rev. E. F. Walsh:

"This beautiful Chapel now dedicated to St. Joseph, was commenced about two years since. Its speedy completion, is a strong evidence of the zeal of our good priest, Rev. E. F. Walsh, and piety of the people of North River. It is most favorably situated, commanding a fine view of the beautiful and delightful scenery that surrounds it, and the decorations so tastefully arrayed for the occasion, rendered it so much more attractive to the numerous faithful that crowded the building to its utmost capacity. The site which comprises about forty acres of land is a donation from the generous and well deserving, esteemed Mr. Heneberry, of Bay Roberts. The solemn and interesting ceremony of dedication, was performed on Sunday last (Whit Sunday) by the most Rev. Henry Carfagnini, D.D., O.S.F. assisted by the Revds. E. F. Walsh and D. Falconio. The music for the occasion was very effectually performed by the Harbor Grace Choir."

In 1906, All Hallows Parish comprising North River, Bay Roberts, and several smaller settlements was established. Rev Stephen J. Whelan served as the first parish priest, and developed the church, presbytery and hall in North River, and created the church and school in Bay Roberts. Previous to All Hallows Parish, the church in North River was part of the Brigus Parish. All Hallows Church was built by local residents from timbers cut in the winter of 1907-1908 and would serve the community until the brick church built in the late 1950s. A presbytery and hall were also built in 1909, and a school was added during the time of Monsignor Michael Dinn, who served the parish 1934-55. Monsignor Dinn also turned the sod for a new church in North River shortly before he died in 1955.

In June 1957, the wedding of Lorraine Hall of North River and John Laracy of Cupids was performed in the old church. This wedding was the last wedding in the former All Hallows Church, and in December of 1957 Christmas Eve mass was celebrated in the new (but as yet unfinished) church. In August 1958, the wedding of Sheila Neville of North River and Douglas Power of Cupids became the first wedding performed in the new All Hallows Church.

Rev. Joseph P. Hogan, the successor of Monsignor Dinn, and the fourth Paster of All Hallows was appointed in August of 1955. He served the parish for almost sixteen years (1955-1971). Under his leadership and determination and hard work, the new church was completed, a new convent for the Sisters of Mercy was built, and many other improvements made to the school and property.

The fifth parish priest was Rev. Leonard Kelly who administered the Parish from 1971 to 1977. During Fr. Kelly's term a modern High School was constructed at Brigus for the two parishes of Brigus and North River. All Hallows Parish provided a sizable financial contribution to this project.

In August of 1977, Fr. Kelly was transferred to St. Joseph's Parish, Gander, and Fr. Fred Terry came to All Hallows. Under the inspiration of Fr. Terry and in response to the wishes of the former Bishop, a Parish council was established. The construction of a modern Elementary School also took place under Fr. Kelly's administration in 1981.

Pastors that served All Hallows: Stephen J. Whelan (1906-1923); George Tibeault (1923-1934); Michael Dinn (1934-1955); Joseph P. Hogan (1955-1971); Leonard Kelly (1971-1977); Frederick Terry (1977-1984); Richard T. Woodford (1984-1985); Edward A. Walsh (1985-1997); William Houlihan (1997-2000); Gregory Eduah (2000-2001); Gordon MacLean (2001-2002); Kevin Barker (2002); Brian Colbert (2002-2005); Clem Flaherty (2005).

The first St. George's Church of England church was built in Halls Town before the 1867 census. A school was built next to St. George's but closed in the 1960s and became the community hall as students went to Clarke's Beach and Bay Roberts. A two-room Roman Catholic chapel school also served Halls Town until the late 1950s when students transferred first to North River and then to Brigus. A second St. George's Anglican Church was erected and then consecrated in 1914. This church was in use until its deconsecration in 2021.

Rev Sparkes described the history of St. George's Church in saying:

"On the site of our present church was where the school with the teachers residence was, so after a serious fire the school was destroyed and plans to erect a new St. George's Church was put into action. The new building would be put on the site in which it now stands. All the materials for the church were cut from the woods up at the head of the river, floated out through the brook and brought ashore at Newell's Road. From there it was locally crafted into the different types of lumber needed for construction of the new church. This was done at Gardeners Sawmill which later became McCabe's Sawmill, both families were members of this congregation. All materials and labour were donated without a cent to the congregation."





The church was complete, including the seats, with the work done by the people themselves. Other furnishings including the pulpit, a lectern, a reading desk, a vestry desk, and other items were donated by the CEWA (later CWA) and CEAA. The altar was donated and made by Wm. Farrell, who also built the items donated by the CEAA and CEWA.

The CWA and CEAA were active missionary groups associated with the Church of England and then the Anglican Church. These groups held events throughout the year including meat teas, adult dances, and children's dances. Admission for adult dances was 40 cents, and for children dances was 60 cents. Fiddlers such as Bern Fowler and Gus Keene were paid \$6.00 per dance.

Worship began in the new St. George's Church a year or two before it was consecrated in May 1914 by Bishop Llewelyn Jones. The priest in charge at the time was Rev. Frank Severn. He started in November 1907 and ended his term in December 1915. He served both church buildings, the old and the new.

Electric lights were installed in St. George's Church Feb. 27th 1953 and according to records kept by Father Maidment, each light fixture was donated by a different family of the congregation. The old seats were removed and replaced by the current seats in 1984. These seats were the seats that were in the old Salvation Army in Bay Roberts.

There were a couple of times in St. George's history when Port-de-Grave and South River were one Parish with seven churches. The first was when Rev. Severn was St. George's, as the new church was built though it is unknown how long this occurred. The second was from 1970-1974, under Rev. George Genge (now Bishop) and Rev. Brown. Because of this, the records of birth, marriage, and death for North River were held in the parish of South River from 1883-1923.

Walter Stevens served as the first lay reader from St. George's Congregation. He was a teacher in the community as well as a Halls Town local. His ministry spanned most of his life dating back to the 1930s-1970s.

SCHOOLS OF NORTH RIVER AND HALLS TOWN

At least four schools have been recorded in North River throughout its history, the first was established by Roman Catholics by 1840. The population of Northern Gut (North River) was sufficient in the late 1800s to merit the establishment of the school. It was one of six Roman Catholic schools operated by the Catholic Board of Education in Conception Bay North, and the school teacher was Patrick Funican. Another school is said to have been floated down the river, though little other information on this structure is available. A third school was erected on the site of the present belfry in the late 19th century. A fourth, Catholic school was built near the church during the tenure of Monsigneur Dinn, between 1934 and 1955.

Halls Town has had two schools throughout its history, serving members of the Church of England (later Anglican) and the Roman Catholic faiths. The Church of England school was built adjacent to the Church of England church, which was first reported in the Census of 1867. The school closed in the 1960s and the building was converted for use as a community hall which holds dances and times. Students subsequently bussed to Clarke's Beach and Bay Roberts. A two-room Roman Catholic school also served Halls Town until its closure in the late 1950s. Following the school's closure Roman Catholic students attended schools in North River.

In 1974, after the closing of the North River High School, Roman Catholic students traveled to Bishop O'Neil Collegiate in Brigus. The present All Hallows Elementary School was built in 1981 and serves the community of North River which amalgamated with Halls Town in 1988. All Hallows Elementary School continues to operate in 2022 though students of North River now attend Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts following their time at All Hallows.

List of families as found in Newfoundland's 1935 and 1945 Provincial Census for the communities of Hall's Town and North River.

Abbott	Curnew	Hann	Neville / Nevilles
Anthony	Dawson	Hughs	Newell
Ashford	Delaney	Hurley	O'Brien
Atkins	Dinn	Kavanagh	Pottle
Bendell	Dunn	Keefe	Power
Blagdon	Efford	Kingsley	Retford
Boone	English	Long / Longue	Roach
Bradbury	Farrell	Mahoney	Seaward / Seward
Brazil	Fawcett	McCabe	Sinclair / St. Clair
Butler	Fillier	McGrath	Skanes / Skehen
Byrne	Fitzgerald	Mercer	Smith
Carroll	Flynn	Moore	Snow
Connolly	Fowlow	Morgan	Stevens
Cooney	French	Morrissey / Morrissey	Thompson
Coveyduck	Frost	Morris	Whalen
Cumming /	Hall	Mugford	
Cummings	Hanlon	Nelson	

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ATKINS FAMILY – RICHARD

Richard Atkins appears to be the forebear of the Atkins family in North River. Records of his spouse's name were not observed, but some folks point to a woman by the name of Grace George. Regardless, Richard is listed as the father for two men in the 1889 List of Voters: **1. William and 2. Richard**. Both men are also present in the 1874 List of Voters. Given the absence of the elder Richard in voters lists, his birth and death dates were not observed. However, some indicate that Richard was from England, and passed away in North River in 1867. Other children may include Benjamin, Rachel, Susanna, and George.

- 1. William Atkins** was born around 1834, possibly in North River according to voters lists. In Port de Grave, on 8 Nov 1862, he married **Catherine “Kate” Bartlett** (1842-1920). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Mary Ann, Benjamin, Richard, Johanna, and Rachel**. William passed away on 15 Sep 1913.
 - 1.1. Mary Ann Atkins** was born around 1863. In North River, on 7 Dec 1884, she married **Abraham Snow** (1864-1902, son of Isaac and Emma Snow). The couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Isaac, Naomi, Rachel, William, Florence, Abraham, Mary Emma, and Alfred**. See the Snow family summary for further information. After Abraham's death, Mary Ann remarried to George Efford (1856-1951). Mary Ann passed away on 17 Oct 1951.
 - 1.2. Benjamin Atkins** was born on 28 Sep 1865. He married **Rachel Hussey** (1869-1931) and the couple seemingly remained in North River. They had the following children: **William, Florence Lillian, William, Catherine, Stanley, Ruth, and Benjamin**. Benjamin was living alone in the 1935 census, and passed away on 25 Jan 1939.
 - 1.2.1. William Atkins** was born on 22 May 1889. No further information.
 - 1.2.2. Florence Lillian Atkins** was born on 12 Jan 1891 and died on 19 Feb 1892.
 - 1.2.3. William Atkins** was born on 29 Dec 1892 and died on 9 Jan 1893.
 - 1.2.4. Catherine Atkins** was born on 13 Aug 1894. In North River, on 5 Jan 1916, she married **Frederick Batten** (1892-1972). The couple settled in Springfield and had the following children: **Marie, Emily, Gerald, William, and Benjamin**. Catherine passed away in 1984.
 - 1.2.5. Stanley Atkins** was born on 22 Aug 1897. He enlisted in WWI in 1918 and afterwards, he moved to Toronto where he married **Edith Colley**. They had one son, **Clarence**, then divorced. Stanley moved to Manitoba, where he met his second wife, **Dorothy Grace Palmer** (1909-2000). They remained in Manitoba and had the following children: **Grace, Pearl, Dorothy, Marjorie, Stanley, and June**. Stanley appears to have returned to Newfoundland at some point prior to his death in 1980.
 - 1.2.6. Ruth Atkins** was born on 20 Jan 1901. In Bell Island, on 11 May 1921, she married **Alexander Anthony** (1899-1962). They had the following children: **Henry William, Marie Pearl, Alexander, Fern, and Gordon Stanley**. Only Fern survived into adulthood. The family moved to The Broads by 1935. Ruth likely passed away around 1985.



George (1.2.3.4) and Sarah (Butler) Bradbury



James William Bradbury, ca. 1918



Richard Fillier, father of Sarah 'Fanny' Fillier Atkins



Richard (1.3), Johanna (1.3.3) and Sarah 'Fanny' (Fillier) Atkins



Evelyn Bradbury (1.2.8), Florence Mae Atkins Bradbury (1.3.2) and Rev. John Sparkes



Billy Atkins (2.3.10.2), Linda Farrell and Georgina Atkins (2.3.10.1)



Jean Bradbury Sparkes (1.3.2.7)



George Atkins (2.3.10), Mae Bussey Frost, Jack Frost (Frost, 2.1.1) and Eva Morgan Atkins



Vincent Power and George Atkins (2.3.10)



James William and Florence Mae (Atkins) (1.3.2) Bradbury



George (1.3.1) and Elsie (George) Atkins

- 1.2.7. Benjamin Atkins** was born on 11 Dec 1902. He passed away from tuberculosis on 26 May 1922.
- 1.3. Richard Atkins** was born on 7 Aug 1868. In North River, on 30 Mar 1896, he married **Sarah “Fanny” Fillier** (born 1869). The couple seemingly remained in North River and had the following children: **George, Florence Mae, and Johanna**. Richard appears to have passed away on 20 Apr 1925.
- 1.3.1. George Atkins** was born on 15 Oct 1897. George served as a seaman in the Royal Naval Reserve in WWI. In Bell Island, on 28 Jun 1922, he married **Elsie George** (1903-1990). The couple were living in North River in 1935, where the two oldest children were born. However, they had returned to Bell Island by 1941 to raise their family: **Mildred, William George, Lillian, Richard Thomas, Edith, Clara, George, and Jonathan**. George passed away on 10 Jul 1985.
- 1.3.2. Florence Mae Atkins** was born on 20 Nov 1901. While it appears that she spent some time in the US, she married **James Bradbury** (1898-1974) in Port de Grave on 2 May 1925. The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **William James, Frances, Mary, George, Frederick, Florence, Laura Jean, and Evelyn**. Florence passed away in Makinsons on 22 Jun 1995.
- 1.3.2.1. William James Bradbury** (1926-2015) married **Evelyn Walsh** (1931-2014) on 30 Sep 1949. They settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **Barbara, Patricia, Jason, and Hubert**.
- 1.3.2.2. Frances Bradbury** (1928-1929)
- 1.3.2.3. Mary Bradbury** (1928-1929)
- 1.3.2.4. George Bradbury** (1930-2004) married **Sarah Butler** (1930-1976) and settled in Halls Town. The couple had the following children: **Linda May** (died in infancy), **Betty, Georgina, Laura, Sandra, Florence, and Juanita**.
- 1.3.2.5. Frederick Bradbury** (1932-1986) married **Annie Jones** (1942-1994). They settled in Bareneed and had the following children: **Fred, Eric, Valerie, Karen, and Randy**.
- 1.3.2.6. Florence Bradbury** (born 1935) married **Ambrose Mugford** and settled in Makinsons. They had the following children: **Elsie, Shirley, Linda, and Bonnie**.
- 1.3.2.7. Laura Jean Bradbury** (1937-2015) married **William Sparkes** (1929-2015). They had the following children: **Rev. John, Marjorie, Claudine, and Elizabeth**.
- 1.3.2.8. Evelyn Bradbury** (1941-2010) never married and remained in North River.
- 1.3.3. Johanna Atkins** was born on 9 May 1905. She appears to have gone to the US in 1929. No further information.
- 1.4. Johanna Atkins** was born on 27 Sep 1870. In Salmon Cove, on 25 Dec 1890, she married **John Dawe** (born ca. 1865). They settled in Cupids and had at least one child: **Robert William**.

- 1.5. **Rachel Atkins** was born on 25 Sep 1874. In Salmon Cove, on 12 Apr 1896, she married **Alfred Spracklin** (1873-1943). The couple had four children: **Heber** (died age 11 months), **Stella, Anna, William, and Edith**. They moved to the Boston area permanently in 1904. Rachel passed away in 1953.
2. **Richard Atkins** was born around 1841, possibly in North River, according to voters lists. In Clarke's Beach, on 20 Dec 1867, he married **Emma Butler** (1845-1918). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Rachel, Emily, William James, Richard, Mary Jane, Samuel, and Benjamin**. Richard passed away from La Grippe on 15 Jan 1895.
 - 2.1. **Rachel Atkins** was born 2 Jun 1868. In Bareneed, on 13 Nov 1888, she married **William Eddy** (1867-1939). The couple moved to Michigan in 1890 and had the following children: **William, Samuel, Lorenzo** (died in infancy), **Mabel, and Russell**. Rachel died on 10 Oct 1929.
 - 2.2. **Emily Atkins** was born on 3 Sep 1870. In Clarke's Beach, on 2 Nov 1894, she married **George Eddy** (1870-1951). The couple settled in South River and had the following children: **Roland, Violet, Effie Pearl, William, Lavinia, Irene, Lucille, Dugald, and Walter**. Emily passed away on 17 Jun 1934.
 - 2.3. **William James Atkins** was born on 26 Oct 1873. In North River, on 15 Nov 1900, he married **Mary Snow** (1878-1956). The couple moved to Bell Island by 1921 with their family: **Elfreda, Laura, Emma, William, Albert, Richard Thomas, Hazel, Benjamin, Emily Mary, and George W**. William passed away prior to 1935, and by 1935, his wife returned to North River and was living with two of her sons.
 - 2.3.1. **Elfreda Atkins** (born 1901) married **Joseph Roberts** in Bell Island. The couple later moved to Tilton. They had six children: **Laura, Hazel, Evelyn, Gordon, Olive, and Florence**.
 - 2.3.2. **Laura Atkins** (born 1902) married **William Greeley** and moved to Tilton. They had at least four children: **Ena, Maxwell, James, and Elizabeth**.
 - 2.3.3. **Emma Atkins** (Jul-Aug 1904) died in infancy.
 - 2.3.4. **William Atkins** (1905-1996) married **Isabella Parsons** (1906-1985) and remained in Bell Island to raise their family: **Richard, Daphne, and William**.
 - 2.3.5. **Albert Atkins** (born 1907) married **Mary Mercer** and remained in Bell Island to raise their family: **Violet, Joseph, Rose, Raymond, Florence, Richard, and Glenys**.
 - 2.3.6. **Richard Thomas Atkins** was born in 1909. No further information.
 - 2.3.7. **Hazel Atkins** (born 1912) married **Edmund Noah Pottle**. They likely had four children prior to her early death (possibly ca. 1936): **William Snow, Jean, Maxwell, and Albert Lacey**.
 - 2.3.8. **Benjamin Atkins** (1914-2001) returned to North River with his mother by 1935 and was unmarried in both the 1935 and 1945 censuses.
 - 2.3.9. **Emily Mary Atkins** (Jul-Dec 1916) died in infancy.
 - 2.3.10. **George W Atkins** (1918-1989) returned to North River with his mother by 1935. He also fought in the Royal Navy in WWII. Afterwards, he married **Eva Morgan** (1924-

1990) and the couple remained in North River. They had 4 children: **Mary Elfreda** (died in infancy), **Georgina**, **William**, and a baby boy who died at birth.

2.3.10.1. Georgina Atkins (1948-2008) married **Donald Barrett** and settled in Spaniard's Bay. They had three children: **Donna**, **Barbara**, and **Dennis**.

2.3.10.2. William "Bill" Atkins (born 1953) married **June ?** and moved to Cambridge, Ontario.

- 2.4. Richard Atkins** was born on 17 Aug 1875. In Salmon Cove, on 6 Dec 1901, he married **Emma Morgan** (1879-1906). They appear to have had two children together prior to her death: **Richard and Samuel**. Richard remarried to **Rachel Newell** in Ship Cove, on 19 May 1907. They had ten children: **Annie, Emma, Mary Jane, Joseph, Clara, Laura May, Evelyn, William, Winnie, and Elsie** (died in infancy). They moved to Bell Island by 1921. Richard passed away in 1929.
- 2.5. Mary Jane Atkins** was born on 5 Jan 1878. In North River, on 23 Nov 1898, she married **John Snow**. Mary Jane passed away on 31 Mar 1910.
- 2.6. Samuel Atkins** was born on 7 Jun 1880. In North River, on 17 Jan 1907, he married **Elizabeth Butler** (1884-1967). The couple settled in Clarke's Beach and had one child: **Emma**. Samuel passed away in 1967.
- 2.7. Benjamin Atkins** was born 7 Oct 1882. He may be the Benjamin Atkins who married **Rebecca Boone**; however, his given age is in conflict in the various documents (estimated birth date of 1887 in marriage record, 1885 in 1921 census).

BOONE FAMILY – ELIJAH

Elijah Boone appears to be the forebear of the Boone family in North River. The 1889 List of Voters lists two men who indicate that they are Elijah's sons: **1. Joseph and 2. Elijah**. Both men indicate they were born in Bareneed.

1. Joseph Boone was born around 1846, apparently in Bareneed. In Burnt Head, on 20 Nov 1872, he married **Charlotte Martin** (1853-1920, from Clarke's Beach). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **William Henry, Mary Grace, Ann, Elijah, and Isaac**. Joseph passed away on 13 Oct 1911.

1.1. William Henry Boone was born on 5 Aug 1872. In Salmon Cove, on 15 Jan 1903, he married **Mary Jane Efford** (1884-1851). The couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Elijah, Susannah, William, and Violet**. William passed away on 20 Apr 1936.

1.1.1. Elijah Boone (1909-1984) married **Dorothy Snow** (1916-1945, daughter of James and Sarah Snow, also from Halls Town) and the couple remained in Halls Town. They had four children: **Shirley, William, Violet, and John**. After his wife's death, their youngest son, John, was adopted by Victoria Anthony March.

1.1.2. Susannah Boone (1911-1998) moved to Montreal where she married **Frederick Avis**. They had four children: **Mary, Johnny, Bill, and Barbara**.

1.1.3. William Boone (1915-1991) married **Elizabeth Fillier** (1926-2000, daughter of William Fillier and Jessie Hiscock Snow, also from Halls Town). The couple remained in Halls Town to raise their family: **William Gordon, Wayne, Wendy, Arthur, Clayton, Mary, Randy, Sharon, Perry, and Kim**.

1.1.4. Violet Boone (1905-1974) moved to Montreal where she married **Fred Joseph Dupre**. They had one daughter: **Marilyn**.

1.2. Mary Grace Boone was born on 18 Jan 1873. No further information.

1.3. Ann Boone was born on 30 Aug 1875. No further information.

1.4. Elijah Boone was born on 6 Aug 1877. In Bay Roberts, on 9 Dec 1907, he married **Annie Maude Moores** (1897-1977). The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **Joseph, William Edward, Maxwell, Charlotte** (died in infancy), **Ethel Victoria, Hilda Florence** (died in infancy), **Harold, Annie Maud, and Jordan**.

1.4.1. Joseph Boone (1909-1970) married **Emma "Emmie" Atkins** (1922-2009) and the couple settled in Halls Town. They had three daughters: **Mae, Lorna, and Ethel**.

1.4.2. William Edward Boone was born on 27 Jul 1911. No further information.

1.4.3. Maxwell Boone (1914-1989) married **Mary ?** (1909-1998) and moved to Bell Island. They had two sons: **Frederick and Stanley**.

1.4.4. Charlotte Boone born 1915 and died in infancy.

1.4.5. Ethel Victoria Boone was born on 8 Feb 1917. No further information.

1.4.6. Hilda Florence Boone born 1919 and died in infancy.

1.4.7. Harold Boone was born in 1920 and was living with his parents in the 1945 census. No further information

1.4.8. Annie Maud Boone was born 1926 and died in infancy.

1.4.9. Jordan Boone (1933-2020) was the youngest Post Master General for the province of Newfoundland at age 18. He married **Lillian ?** and eventually moved to Calgary. They had two children: **Paula and Scott**.

1.5. Isaac Boone was born on 6 Jan 1881. In 1902, he moved to Sydney, where he married **Ethel Miller**. The couple had three children: **William Thomas, Albert, and Annie**. Isaac seemingly passed away in a mine explosion on 25 Jul 1917.

2. Elijah Boone was born in Bareneed, though his birth year is unclear. Elijah is listed in various voters lists, but his given age each time leads to a different estimated birth year. He was likely born sometime around 1850. In Brigus, on 12 Jun 1876, he married **Emma Snow** (born ca. 1857) and the couple remained in North River. They appear to have had at least three children: **John Thomas, Elizabeth, and Rebecca**. Elijah likely passed away on 24 Sep 1926.

2.1. John Thomas Boone was born on 17 Aug 1877. He seems to have married **Mary Ann Cooney** (born ca. 1880) and settled in Halls Town. Records indicate that they had four children: **Emma, Mary Ellen, Elizabeth, and Rebecca**. However, all of their children appear to have passed away in infancy. John Thomas passed away from tuberculosis on 22 Oct 1941.

2.2. Elizabeth Boone was born on 10 Jul 1891. In Salmon Cove, on 1 Dec 1920, she married **John Butler**. The couple settled in Clarke's Beach and had at least two children: **Bertha and William**.

2.3. Rebecca Boone was born on 16 Jul 1893. In North River, on 27 Feb 1919, she married **Benjamin Atkins** (1885-1931). The couple later moved to Bell Island and had the following children: **Emma Louise, Edith, Laura, and Rose**. After Benjamin's death, Rebecca remarried to **Patrick Skanes** (1888-1957, also originally from North River). The couple likely had one child together: **Mildred**. Rebecca passed away in 1990.



Wayne, Clayton, Arthur, Randy, Bill Jr.
and Wendy Boone



William (1.1.3) and
Elizabeth (Fillier) Boone



Boone Family: Art, Perry, Randy, Bill, Clayton,
Wendy, Kim, Elizabeth (Fillier), Sharon and William
(1.1.3)

CONNOLLY FAMILY – JOHN

According to the voters list, a Connolly family was established in North River by 1889. **John Connolly** was the eldest on the list, and was indicated to be 66 years old, born in Salmon Cove, son of Patrick Connolly. There is additional evidence for the presence of John Connolly in the 1871 McAlpine's Directory, as the name is included in the "Cupids to North River" section of the directory. John's spouse is unknown, but based on the voters list, he had at least four male children: **1. John, 2. James, 3. Luke, and 4. Edward**. It's possible that there may have been a fifth son named William, as a death notice for William Connolly of North River from 1886 has been discovered. John presumably passed away sometime between 1904 and 1908, since he was present in the 1904 List of Voters, but not in the one from 1908. By 1923, only Luke remained in the area.

- 1. John Connolly** was born around 1851. He married **Elizabeth Kavanagh**, based on the marriage record of his son and birth record for his daughter. Based on available records and family information, the couple appears to have had at least five children: **Patrick, Mary Bridget, Thomas Joseph, Elizabeth and Agnes**. John's death record has not been found. However, information around this family is conflicted. Family members indicate that Elizabeth, Bridget and Agnes were sisters. However, some descendants have also mentioned that these women were from Goulds Road; while others indicate North River. Indeed, there is a Connolly family from Goulds Road from around the correct time period, the family of John and Ellen Connolly. However, no paper records have been observed to link Bridget, Elizabeth or Agnes to this couple. While this summary presents the family as being descended from John Connolly and Elizabeth Kavanagh, there is a possibility that the connection is incorrect.
 - 1.1. Patrick Connolly** was born around 1875. His name is observed in the 1904, 1908 and 1913 List of Voters, but no other records have been found.
 - 1.2. Mary Bridget "Bridget" Connolly** was born on 13 Jan 1880. In Brigus, on 26 Nov 1904, she married **John Whelan** (1878-1945). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Anna Mary, Martin, Mary Frances, and Kathleen**. Bridget passed away on 29 May 1964.
 - 1.2.1. Anna Mary Whelan** (1905-1985) moved to Boston in 1923, where she married **John Powers** (1897-1981). The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Barbara, Marie, Kathleen, John, Joan, James, Donald, and Joseph**.
 - 1.2.2. Martin Whelan** (1907-1978) moved to Boston in 1927. where he married **Mary Josephine Doyle** (1912-1999) in 1931. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Marie, Martin, John, Lillian, Helen, Rita, William, and Florence**.
 - 1.2.3. Mary Frances Whelan** (1911-1987) moved to Boston in 1928, where she married **William Powers** (1907-1990). The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Rita, William, Elizabeth, Helen, John, Thomas, and Daniel**.
 - 1.2.4. Kathleen Whelan** (1914-1976) married **Francis "Frank" Hanlon** (1910-1960, son of Walter Hanlon and Mary "Doll" Moore). The couple remained in North River and raised the following children: **Mary, Bridget, Rose Marie, Francis, Lorraine, John, Kathleen, Walter, Colin, and Barry**.

- 1.3. **Thomas Joseph Connolly** was born on 3 Aug 1885. He moved to Boston in 1911, where he married **Ellen “Nellie” Morrissey** (born 1888, daughter of Patrick Morrissey and Bridget Kavanagh) on 1 Jun 1913. The couple remained in Boston and had four children: **Rita, Helen (Sr. Sabas), Thomas Patrick, and Mary Barbara**. Thomas passed away in 1958.
- 1.4. **Elizabeth Connolly** was born in 1890. In North River, on 25 Aug 1917, she married **James E Cummings** (1883-1952, son of John Cummings). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **Mary and James E**. Elizabeth passed away in 1980. See the Cummings family summary for further information.
- 1.5. **Agnes Connolly** married **William Dawson** (1875-1915) and moved to Bay Roberts. William drowned in a boating accident in January in 1915, leaving Agnes a widow, with six children and another child on the way. Shortly after her youngest child’s birth, Agnes also passed away, leaving seven children orphaned. **Steven, Elizabeth “Bessie”, James, Ann, and William** ended up in various orphanages, and John was raised in Cupids. The youngest, **Edward “Ned”**, was initially taken in by his maternal grandparents (John and Elizabeth Connolly). The aging couple later gave custody of 3-year-old Ned to Philip and Mary Josephine (Dunn) Fowlow. The Fowlows were living in Makinsons and later moved to North River with Ned to be closer to the church, and Mary’s sister, Mag Dunn Flynn, who still lived in Otterbury (where they were both raised). When Edward was adopted by the Fowlows, he went by the name Fowlow, and was affectionately known in his childhood as “Neddy Fowlow”. Neddy was much loved by the Fowlows and they never took his name Dawson away, but always told him he could be a Fowlow or Dawson. In the 1935 census, he was called by the name Fowlow and in the 1945 census, he went by the name of Dawson. By 1945, Philip Fowlow had passed away and the name had evolved to Fowler.
 - 1.5.1. **Steven Dawson** (born ca. 1903) married **Annie Knight** (born ca. 1903) and settled in St. John’s where he ran a restaurant. They had the following children: **William, Mercedes and James**.
 - 1.5.2. **John Dawson** (born ca. 1904) married **Marie Dawson** (born ca. 1910) and settled in Cupids (Marie was a relative of Ellen Dawson Connolly). They had the following children: **William, Mary, Kevin, Clifford, Margaret, and Ronald**.
 - 1.5.3. **Elizabeth “Bessie” Dawson** (1908-2001) is documented as being at Belvedere Orphanage in the 1921 census. She married **James Ryan** on 17 Dec 1926. The couple settled in St. John’s and had the following children: **James, Madeline, and Ronald** (a Christian Brother). Bessie and family visited Cupids and North River often, to visit her brothers John and Edward “Ned”.
 - 1.5.4. **James Dawson** (born ca. 1908) is documented as being at Mount Cashel Orphanage in the 1921 census. No further information, though family members indicate he left Newfoundland.
 - 1.5.5. **Ann Dawson** (born ca. 1912) is documented as being at Belvedere Orphanage in the 1921 census. Ann married Charles Dawe and the couple did not have children.
 - 1.5.6. **William Dawson** (1914-1934) is documented as being at Mount Cashel Orphanage in the 1921 census.

- 1.5.7. Edward “Ned” Fowlow Dawson** (1915-1985) remained in North River after his adoption, and married **Johanna “Joan” Mahoney** (1919-2005, daughter of John Mahoney and Marie Sinclair). Ned occasionally left North River for work. He worked in the lumber woods, in the mines on Bell Island (where son, Stephen was born), in Stephenville at the US base, and with United Towns Electrical Company. After suffering a horrific accident with United, he later worked school maintenance at All Hallows School. Ned also served on Council for the Town of North River, as Chairperson from April 1979 to May 1982 and Mayor from May 1982 to 1984. Ned and Joan even opened a small store at the bottom of the river. They had the following children: **Rita** (died at birth), **William, Kevin, Marie, John, Jim, Stephen, Agnes, and Eddie**.
- 2. James Connolly** was born around 1855. He married **Frances Timmins** (1856-1936) and had at least five children: **John, Catherine, Cecilia, James and Edward**. James passed away in North River on 10 Nov 1896. After James’ death, Frances remarried to Thomas Finn and moved to Spaniard’s Bay.
- 2.1. John Connolly** was born around 1881. He appears to have moved to Glace Bay and possibly married **Sarah Neville** in 1904, then later moved to Bell Island. They had the following children: **James, Lawrence, Mary, Bernard, and John**. After his wife’s death, John married **Mary Jane Mills** (maiden name unknown) and they moved to St. John’s.
- 2.2. Catherine Connolly** (1885-1954). She moved to Boston in 1905 and married **Lawrence Costello** in 1909. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Lawrence, Mary, James, Paul, and Edwin**.
- 2.3. Cecilia Connolly** (1891-1948) moved to Boston, where she married **James Carroll** in 1911. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **James, Cecilia, John, Mary Ellen, and Frances**.
- 2.4. James Connolly** (1893-1965) moved to Boston in 1909 and married **Anne Travers**. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Marie (Sr. Anne James), James, and Jean**.
- 2.5. Edward Connolly** (1896-1967) moved to Boston in and married **Clare Kelly**. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Edward, James, William, Rita, Rose, Cecilia, and John**.
- 3. Luke Connolly** (1856-1931), born and died in North River. No further information; though the 1923 List of Voters indicates he was living in Halls Town at that time.
- 4. Edward Connolly** was born around 1863. Based on a marriage notice in the Harbor Grace Standard, he possibly married **Mary Ann Ashford**. Edward passed away on 8 Mar 1903 in North River. No further information.



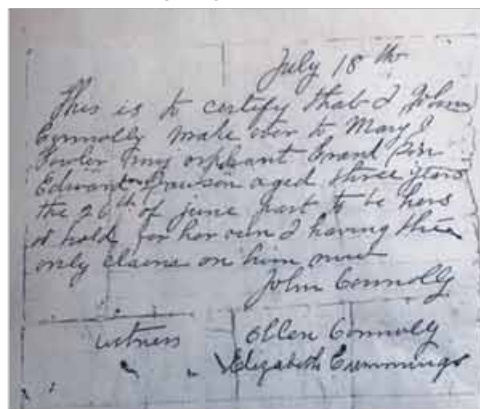
Ned Dawson (1.5.7) and son Bill



Genevieve Butt Mahoney, Mary Josephine Dunn Fowler and Bill Dawson



Bessie (1.5.3) and Ann (1.5.5) Dawson



Ned Dawson adoption record



Marie, Agnes and Steve Dawson



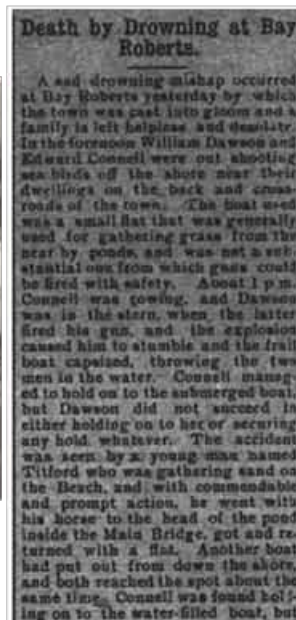
Kevin and Jim Dawson (same gloves they used as kids below)



Kevin Dawson and Perry Fry



Ronald Ryan (son of Bessie Dawson Ryan) and Joan Mahoney Dawson



Harbour Grace Standard, 08-Jan-1915

The Dundee steamer *Terra Nova*, Captain Alexander Fairweather, arrived at half-past one o'clock and reports for five thousand (5,000) seals. She brought safe and well the three Dundee men who were missing from the *Resolute's* company. The three rescued the steamer *Hector* on the night of the same day that the *Resolute* was wrecked and were subsequently transferred to the *Terra Nova*. One casualty—dead from natural cause, it is stated—occurred on board the steamer during the trip. The name of the deceased man is William Connolly, a native of North River, Conception Bay.

Evening Telegram, 09-Apr-1886



John Dawson and Dominic Mahoney

there was no sign of Dawson. Connell was conveyed to the shore and brought to his home, and a search was made for Dawson. He was seen on the bottom, and the body was shortly afterwards recovered and brought to his home, where Dr. McLeod, Constable Wells and others used all possible means to restore animation, but to no avail—the poor man's life was ended. Connell did not appear to be much the worse for his immersion, beyond the shock and cold. The men were in the water about half an hour, about 100 yards off the Gut at the Mals Beach, and there were but eight feet of water where the body of Dawson was recovered. Both were married men. William Dawson was 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children, the eldest being but 12 years old.

CONNOLLY FAMILY – DANIEL

A Connolly family which seems unrelated to the numerous other Connolly men in the area appears in the 1904 List of Voters, with the presence of **Daniel Connolly**. Like some of the other men, Daniel indicated that his father's name was John; however, his stated age indicates that he was roughly 20 years younger than the eldest brother of the John Connolly family summarized next. Additionally, family members of Elizabeth Connolly Cummings indicate that they do not believe Daniel is related to the others. As such, his family has been summarized independently.

1. **Daniel Connolly** was born in around 1870. He married **Ellen Dawson** (1878-1948, from Bay Roberts). While the couple raised their family in North River, Daniel spent much of his time traveling for work in railroading. He worked on the Crowsnest Pass in the Rocky Mountains in Western Canada and on the Newfoundland Railway with construction through the Humber Valley, Newfoundland. Daniel and Ellen had at least six children: **Katherine “Kate”, Ellen “Pat”, Edward, Mary, Elizabeth, Bridget, and Agatha**. Two more sons George and John, who died in infancy. Daniel passed away on 12 Feb 1944. Dan's grandchildren still recall singing a ditty as children: “Who put the hum in the Humber?”

Answer: “Dan Connolly, that's who”. At the time they didn't know they were singing about their grandfather.

- 1.1. **Katherine “Kate” Connolly** was born around 1906. She married **John “Jack” Mahoney** (1908-1984, son of Dennis Mahoney and Liz Hall) and they had the following children: **Agatha, Dennis “Dinn”, Elizabeth, Daniel, Ellen, and Edward**. They also raised their granddaughter, **Barbara**.
- 1.2. **Bridget Connolly** was born around 1907. She passed away from appendicitis, aged 19, in 1927.
- 1.3. **Ellen “Pat” Connolly** (1910-2007) moved to Illinois where she married **George Dickerson** (1910-1974). The couple had the following children: **Rose Marie, Steve, Pat, Janie, James, Dan, Dolores, Geri and Leo**.
- 1.4. **Edward “Ned” Connolly** (1912-1984) worked as a miner in Buchans before marrying **Genevieve Kennedy** (1920-2008, born in Carbonear, but living in Buchans in 1935). Edward and family then moved back to North River and he worked with United Towns out of Bay Roberts as a 1st Class Linesman. In 1958 he took a transfer to Marystown as Superintendent over that United Towns site. The family moved in 1959 and many family members continue to live there. They had the following children: **Daniel, Nick, Jerry, Ed, Gertie, Margie and Ellen**.
- 1.5. **Mary Connolly** (1917-1988) married **James Kennedy** (1913-1989, born in Carbonear, but living in Buchans in 1935) and the couple settled in Buchans.
- 1.6. **Elizabeth Connolly** (1917-1997) married **John D Morrissey** (1917-1985, son of Richard Morrissey and Elizabeth Benedict Cummings). The couple stayed in North River and had the following children: **Cornelius “Neil”, Michael, George, Janet, Barbara, David, Tony, Paul and Andrew**.
- 1.7. **Agatha Connolly** was born around 1923. She moved to Illinois, USA sometime after 1945, and passed away in Oct 1985. She raised a number of foster children.

Jerry Connolly's Memories of North River and the Connolly family as told to him by his father Edward Connolly.

Regarding my Aunt Mary Connolly and her husband James, they married in 1939, James worked in the mine and Mary was a school teacher in Buchans, they moved to Carbonear after retiring. they had a daughter named Ellen Marie who lives in Carbonear. My father Edward told me he had 2 brothers George and John who died as infants, and a sister Bridget who was a teacher who developed appendicitis at 19 yrs and passed before she got to St. Johns on train. Agatha who moved to Peoria Illinois, passed in oct 1985. Some of the stories I remember my father telling me were his parents Daniel and Ellen were very religious. every winter from Christmas to Easter they would recite 5000 (our fathers hail marys and glory be fathers) to offer up at Easter for penance. Daniel also worked out West on the Crows Nest Pass in Canadian Rockies. dad went to work on roads with his father as water nipper 10 cents a day. when he brought home his first dollar his father told him to walk down to priest and tell him to say a mass for souls. he was broken hearted. but when he got home his father gave him a dollar and told him he would always remember where his first dollar went. Dad would tell stories of going to Clarkes Beach with horse and cart and bring caplin back for gardens, taking the horse and cart to dances in Brigus and getting home in time to go in the woods. apparently if you had a horse and cart you were popular with the girls. My father met my mom Genevieve in Buchans where she worked in mine office, she was also a good figure skater, they married in 1943. My mom's brother James married my fathers sister Mary. My father often spoke about his best friend growing up and working together with Pad Morrissey. hope some of this is helpful.



Ellen (Dawson) and Daniel Connolly
(1)



Rose Hall Hurley (Hall-Jacob.
5.9) and Agatha Connolly (1.7)

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy left for vacation on August 7th. They plan to visit Mrs. Kennedy's brother, Ned Connolly, and sisters at North River, and Mr. Kennedy's mother and family at Carbonear, as well as his sister Mrs. Jerry Duringshoff and her husband who are shortly due to arrive from New York.

Mary Connolly Kennedy (1.5)
visits Edward Connolly (1.4)
Western Star, 14-Aug-1954

Obituary

DANIEL CONNOLLY
NORTH RIVER, Feb. 17--The little settlement wintering quietly on the banks of North River was saddened on Sunday, February 17th when it became known that Daniel Connolly had passed within the veil. The ubiquitous and invincible conqueror is constantly prowling around picking his victims here and there with apparently random shot. Some are taken, unnoticed by many, mourned by few. Not so with Daniel Connolly, for he was one of the elders of the place, a foundation-stone in its structure. He was born here seventy-four years ago and with the exception of ten or twelve years in Canada his life was spent in and around Newfoundland.

While in Canada he was engaged in railroad building and different kinds of highway engineering. He became so proficient in this work that when Murdoch Company came to Newfoundland to reshuffle the old Corner Brook and make it what it is today, the first man they sought to superintend the job was Dan Connolly. Mr. Connolly was working in Gambo at the time and was persuaded by them to leave and take charge of digging and ditching the Humber Canal. Since then he has been employed by the Newfoundland Government many times in charge of highway construction in different parts of the country.

As a labourer foreman he was straight and square with the men who worked under him as well as the Company for whom he worked. When a man sought a job he asked no other question than "what kind of work can you do?" Scores of men from the part of the country who worked with him bear testimony to his high sense of honesty and fair-play. He was a staunch Catholic, a man of great faith and a grand broad charity for all. He took pride in his native place and was a leader in every thing that made for its improvement. His kindness, his good humour, his friendliness even towards the little children going back and forth to school endeared him to us. North River is sorry he's gone. On Saturday afternoon he told his family that he would die that night and bade them get the Priest before dark. Monsignor Dineen was called and administered the last Sacraments. Thus fortified, resolutely and calmly he died. "For such there is no death, what seems so is but the entrance to life eternal. Whose portals we call death."

Besides his wife, Mrs. Ellen Dawson, he leaves to mourn him one son Edward and four daughters, three of whom are in Newfoundland and one in the U.S.A. The funeral of Mr. Connolly took place on Monday morning with Requiem Mass offered by Right Rev. Monsignor Dineen, P.P. after which interment took place in the cemetery on the hill overlooking beautiful and picturesque North River.

"And we gave his body to Mother earth.
And his manly soul to his great Captain Christ
Under whose banner he lived and served so well."
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The Daily News, 24-Feb-1944



Family of Genevieve & Edward Connolly.
Gertie, Helen, Margaret, Nick, Daniel, Gerry
Genevieve (Kennedy), Edward Sr. (1.4), Eddy

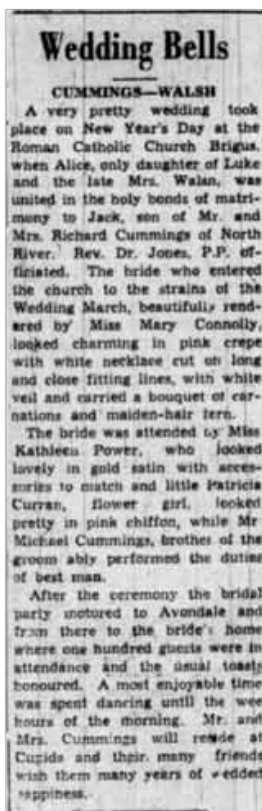


Connolly Siblings: Agatha (1.7), Kate (1.1), Edward (1.4),
Ellen (1.3) & Elizabeth (1.6); (Mary is missing)

CUMMINGS FAMILY – JAMES

Based on the 1889 List of Voters, the originator of the Cummings family is **James Cummings**. At this point, he does not appear as a voter himself, but had five sons included in the list: **1. James, 2. John, 3. Daniel, 4. William and 5. Michael**, all born in North River. An additional child may also be **Mary Cummings**, who married Richard O'Brien, as based on her husband's age, she would likely have been a similar age to these men. However, no records have been observed which link her, so she is not included. James' spouse, as well as birth and death dates are unknown, and at present, no records have been discovered which tie him to other children. That said, both a James and an Edward Cummings are present on the 1874 list; however, the list gives no clue as to their potential relationship. Descendants from this original James Cummings live in North River to this day.

- 1. James Cummings** was born around 1851. According to a marriage record from one of his sons, he married **Elizabeth Stewart** (possibly 1850-1909). The couple had at least three children: **James, Richard, and Martin**. A death record indicates that James may have died on 19 May 1938 in North River; however, he does not appear in the 1935 census.
 - 1.1. James Cummings** was born around 1879. In North River, on 29 Nov 1911, he married **Rosalie Hall** (1892-1983, daughter of Isaac Hall and Mary Fowler). The couple had five children: **Elizabeth, James J, Michael, Mary, and Rosalie**. James passed away on 19 Jan 1925.
 - 1.1.1. Elizabeth Cummings** (born ca. 1914) married **Michael Furey** (born ca. 1902) and initially settled in Bell Island. They had the following children: **Charles, Michael, Kevin, William, Gerald, Austin, Mary, Leo, and Blair**. After the mines closed, the family relocated to Galt, Ontario.
 - 1.1.2. James J Cummings** (born ca. 1917) never married and remained in North River until his death.
 - 1.1.3. Michael Cummings** (1918-1982) served in WW2 as a sailor. He later married **Margaret Neary** (1917-1984) and they moved to Halifax. They later moved to Bell Island.
 - 1.1.4. Mary Cummings** (born ca. 1921) apparently passed away young from tuberculosis.
 - 1.1.5. Rosalie Cummings** (1923-1939) passed away from tuberculosis.
 - 1.2. Richard Cummings** was born around 1881. On 21 Feb 1911, in North River, he married **Mary Connolly** (born ca. 1889, from Upper Goulds Rd.). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **James R, John "Jack", Eileen, Helen "Nellie", Bessie, Michael, Florence, Genevieve and Dan**. Richard passed away on 18 Sep 1959.
 - 1.2.1. James R Cummings** was born in 1912. He married **Winifred Delaney** (1915-1981) and remained in North River. They had the following children: **Frank, Richard "Dick", Helen, Bernadette, Agnes, Mary, and James**. James passed away in 1982.
 - 1.2.2. John "Jack" Cummings** was born around 1913. He married **Alice Walsh** in 1947 and the couple settled in Cupids. They had the following children: **John** (died at birth), **John, and Catherine**.
 - 1.2.3. Eileen Cummings** was born around 1916. She married **John Power** (1912-1951,



Daily News, 19-Feb-1947



Elizabeth (Connolly) and James E. Cummings (2.1.4)



Frank Cummings (son of James & Winifred Cummings)



Genevieve Cummings Newell (1.2.8) and Mike Cummings (1.2.6)



Sons of James (1.2.1) and Winnie Cummings: Dick, Frank and James



James (1.2.1) and Winifred (Delaney) Cummings



Genevieve Cummings (1.2.8) and John Newell



Michael Cummings (1.1.3)



James J. Cummings (1.1.2) and Rosalie Hall Cummings Sinclair



Daily News, 15-Jun-1956



Eileen Cummings Power (1.2.3) and Nellie Cummings Guilfoyle (1.2.4)



Nicholas (3.2), Daniel (3.2.1), Ella (Sinclair), Wayne, Gary and Daniel Cummings



Bride (English), Daniel Cummings (3.2.1), Mae Bussey Frost and Margaret Frost Sheppard in the Cummings store



Danny, Gary, Brian and Wayne Cummings with mother, Bride English Cummings



Nicholas Cummings (3.2)



Daily News, 19-Sep-1952



Bride (English) and Daniel Cummings (3.2.1)



Nicholas Cummings (3.2) with grandson Danny and Maud the horse, 1950



Ella Sinclair Cummings and grandson Danny Cummings



Daniel Cummings (3.2.1), Goose Bay

son of William Power and Elizabeth Abbott, also from North River) and remained in North River. The couple had the following children: **William, Jenny, Betty, Jerry, Randy, John, and Mary**. Eileen passed away on 1 Jul 2000.

1.2.4. Helen “Nellie” Cummings was born around 1918. She married **Michael Guilfoyle** (1914-1991) and moved to St. John’s. They had the following children: **Edward, Gertrude, Patrick, Michael, and Barbara**. Nellie passed away on 9 Mar 2000.

1.2.5. Bessie Cummings was born around 1921 and passed away at a young age. A Family story that has been passed down through generations is as follows: Bessie went in on the hills to pick blueberries. She was on her period and got her feet wet in icy cold water and died that day. The girls were always told from then on to this present-day generation “when you are on your period, be sure not to get your feet wet because you will die”. It was also always said that “Bessie was taken by the Fairies on that day”.

1.2.6. Michael Cummings was born in 1923. He married **Francis McCabe**, and had **Michelle and Cindy**. Michael passed away in 1992.

1.2.7. Florence “Florrie” Cummings was born in 1927 and married **John “Jack” Morrissey** (1909-1988, son of William Morrissey and Ellen Long). Florence and Jack remained in North River and raised the children from John’s first marriage, and together they had one son, **John** (1955-1990). Florence passed in 2007.

1.2.8. Genevieve Cummings (1930-1998) married **John Newell** (1917-2011). They had two children: **John and Eileen**.

1.2.9. Dan Cummings; no further information.

1.3. Martin Cummings was born on 26 Sep 1882. He moved to Boston in 1909, where he married **Nora Sullivan** (1872-1930). The couple had no children.

2. John Cummings was born around 1853. His spouse is unknown, but prior to his death on 16 Jan 1910, he had two children, **James E and Elizabeth Benedict**.

2.1. James E Cummings was born in 1882. In North River, on 25 Aug 1917, he married **Elizabeth Connolly** (1890-1980, daughter of John Connolly and Elizabeth Kavanagh). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **John, Mary, Margaret, and James E**. The death record for James indicates that he passed away on 12 Jun 1952; however, his headstone is inscribed with 1953.

2.1.1. John Cummings (1918-1919) passed away young.

2.1.2. Mary Cummings was born on 4 Sep 1920. She married **Frank Laracy** (1921-2003, from Cupids). Frank was the brother of Laura, who married Thomas Morrissey, and of Jack, who married Lorraine Hall. The couple settled in Cupids and had the following children: **Helen, Edward, Philip, Laura, and Sylvia**. Mary passed away on 10 Nov 1980.

2.1.3. Margaret Cummings (1922-1924) passed away young.

2.1.4. James E Cummings Jr was born around 1927. He married **Faustina “Teen” Mullowney** (born 1940, daughter of John Mullowney and Nora Cousins). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **Donna, Gerry, and Sharon**. James passed away in 1973.

2.2. Elizabeth Benedict Cummings was born in 1888. In North River, on 18 Nov 1911, she married **Richard “Dick” Morrissey** (1885-1968, son of Patrick Morrissey and Bridget Kavanagh). The couple stayed in North River and had two children: **Patrick “Pad” and John D.** Elizabeth passed away on 9 Oct 1960. See the Patrick and Sarah Morrissey family summary for further information.

3. Daniel Cummings was born around 1855. He married **Bridget Hall** (1858-1933, daughter of William Hall and Honora Baldwin). The couple spent some time in Cape Breton around 1911, and returned to North River to raise their family. They had the following children: **William, Nicholas, Sebastian, Haydee, Catherine, Daniel, and Mary.** Daniel passed away in North River on 4 Aug 1929.

3.1. William Cummings was born on 7 Mar 1881. He spent time in the US before marrying **Annie Dawson** (born ca. 1888) on 24 Nov 1903 in Brigus. The couple had one daughter, **Mary** (born 1908), before moving to Alaska, where their son **Roger** was born (ca. 1910). William was widowed by 1920 and still living in Alaska, based on the US census.

It is unknown exactly when Annie passed away. After Annie’s death, William appears to have remarried and divorced multiple times. First, he went to Maine and married **Ruby Davis Prock** in 1922. While it’s unclear if Ruby passed away or if the couple divorced, William then appears to have married again in 1927, to **Lillian Garland Parker**. The couple are seen in the 1930 census, along with Harold Cummings, the son of William’s brother Sebastian. It would seem William and Lillian divorced, since the 1940 census indicates William’s marital status as divorced, but neither divorce nor death records have been found. In New Hampshire, in 1945, he married **Elizabeth Maud Hutchison** (1878-1958). They divorced in 1949 and William passed away in Dedham in 1959.

3.2. Nicholas Cummings was born on 15 Aug 1887. He seemingly spent some time in Chicago and/or Michigan before marrying **Aloysius “Ella” Sinclair** (1888-1967, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long) on 14 Feb 1917 in North River. The couple spent time in the US, both in Boston and Philadelphia. However, their son, **Daniel** was born in Newfoundland. They returned to North River permanently by 1935. Nicholas passed away on 5 Jan 1967.

3.2.1. Daniel J Cummings (1918-1988) served in the armed forces at Fort Pepperal. On 18 Jul 1945, he married **Bride English** (1923-2008, daughter of Bernard English and Marie Hawco). The couple started a general store attached to their home, which is still standing today. They had the following children: **Daniel A, Ann Gerarda** (died in infancy), **Fr. Wayne, Gary, Delores Stephanie** (died in infancy), and **Brian**.

3.3. Sebastian Cummings was born on 6 Feb 1889. He lived in numerous places, including Minnesota, Winnipeg, Idaho, Montreal, and Philadelphia, before eventually landing in Boston. He married **Emily Forstick** (born ca. 1900) in Winnipeg on 22 Dec 1917. The couple had two children: **Haydee Violet and Harold**. After Emily’s death, he remarried to **Mary Morrissey Hurley** (1894-1967, daughter of William Morrissey and Ellen Long) in Philadelphia in 1925. Mary was the widow of Patrick Hurley. Sebastian and Mary had one child together: **Michael**. Sebastian died shortly thereafter, in 1928.

3.4. Haydee Cummings was born on 23 Nov 1891. She moved to Massachusetts, where she married **Philip Doyle** (1889-1967) in 1919. The couple had the following children: **Philip**

Francis, Virginia, Etta, and Frederick. Haydee also appears to have adopted her brother Sebastian's child, Haydee, after his death. Haydee passed away on 15 May 1974.

- 3.5. Catherine Cummings** was born in 1892. No further information.
- 3.6. Daniel Cummings** was born in 1896 and died in infancy (1897).
- 3.7. Mary "Mollie" Cummings** was born on 15 Jul 1900. She moved to Massachusetts, where she married **Edward "Ned" Sinclair** (1894-1949, son of John Sinclair and Bridget Connolly, also from North River). The couple had one child: **Edward**. Mary passed away on 15 Jul 1993.
- 4. William Cummings** was born around 1861. He married **Mary ?** (1858-1941) and moved to South River. The couple had two children: **Thomas** (born 1889) and **James** (born 1902). William likely passed away in 1942.
- 5. Michael Cummings** was born around 1864. He married **Mary Agnes Walsh** (1864-1938) and remained in North River. The couple had the following children: **Catherine, John, William, Ellen, Ann Mary, and Michael**. Michael passed away on 7 Nov 1957.
 - 5.1. Catherine Cummings** was born around 1891. She moved to Cape Breton, where she married **Thomas O'Brien** (born ca. 1885, son of Daniel O'Brien and Mary Kavanagh). The couple had the following children: **Michael, Loretta, Thomas, Marie, Annie-May, Ellen, Jack, and Alphonse**.
 - 5.2. John Cummings** was born on 11 Dec 1895. No further information.
 - 5.3. William Cummings** was born on 4 Apr 1898. He moved first to Cape Breton, then to Connecticut, where he married **Mary Schumann**. The couple had two children: **William and Mary**. After his first wife's death, he married **Mary Moran**. William passed away in 1972.
 - 5.4. Ellen Cummings** was born around 1900. She moved to Philadelphia where she passed away on 21 Jul 1973.
 - 5.5. Ann Mary Cummings** was born on 20 Jun 1903. She married **William Snow Sinclair** (1908-1978, likely the son of William Sinclair and Johanna Snow) in North River on 10 Jul 1929 and moved to Philadelphia. They had the following children: **William, Joseph, Donald, Joan, and Marie**. Ann Mary passed away in 1995.
 - 5.6. Michael Cummings** was born on 19 Nov 1905. He moved to Connecticut in 1926 and married **Alice Gorman** (1917-2003) in 1943. They had the following children: **John, Michael, and Joan**. Michael passed away in 1978.

CURNEW (CURLEW) FAMILY – JOHN

The Curnew or Curlew name is observed in North River at least as far back as the 1874 List of Voters. In that list, a James Curlew is present in North River, while at least another seven Curlew men are indicated to be in Bareneed or Bradbury Hill. By 1889, there are three Curlew men registered to vote in North River: two named James and one named Richard. John Curlew was indicated as the father of Richard and the younger James Curlew, while the elder James Curlew listed his father's name as James. All three men indicated that they were born in North River. The focus of this summary will be the descendants of **John Curlew**. John does not appear in the 1889 list, and no information has been uncovered as to his spouse's name for his origins. However, given typical migration patterns and the presence of the name in Bareneed, there is a strong likelihood that the North River Curnew families originated in Bareneed. As mentioned above, John appears to have had at least two children: **1. James, and 2. Richard.**

- 1. James Curnew** was born around 1853. He married **Joanna Bradbury** (1867-1929) and the couple appears to have remained in North River to raise their family. They had the following children: **John, James, Alice Lillian, Anne, Rebecca, Isaac, Fanny, and William.**
 - 1.1. John Curnew** (1878-1953) married **Sarah Strickland** (born ca. 1878) in Whitbourne on 22 Feb 1902. The couple initially moved to St. John's and had two children: **James Henry and Gertrude.** John passed away in Glace Bay.
 - 1.2. James Curnew** was born on 29 Jul 1884. In 1906 he moved to Seattle, where he married **Elizabeth Motzkus.** In his immigration paperwork, James indicated that he was a shoemaker. The couple remained in Seattle and had the following children: **Mary and James.**
 - 1.3. Alice Lillian Curnew** (1885-1886)
 - 1.4. Anne Curnew** (Sep 1887-Mar 1888)
 - 1.5. Rebecca Curnew** (Jul 1889-Sep 1891)
 - 1.6. Isaac Curnew** was born on 13 Sep 1891. He moved to New Jersey in 1915, where he married **Catherine Kehoe.** The couple remained in New Jersey to raise their family: **James, John, Johanna, Raymond, William, Thomas, and Mary.** Isaac's naturalization as an American citizen at age 58 was written about in a local newspaper due to his inability to read or write. The ability to read and write was generally a requirement for admission, but a judge granted Isaac citizenship anyways owing to the great service Isaac and his sons performed for the country (three sons performed overseas service in WWII). Isaac passed away on 20 Sep 1973.
 - 1.7. Fanny Curnew** was born on 29 Sep 1893. No further information.
 - 1.8. William Curnew** was born on 15 Feb 1899. He moved to New Jersey where he was a wharf builder. William never married and passed away in Philadelphia on 5 Apr 1967.
- 2. Richard Curnew** was born around 1860. He first married **Emma Delaney** and had at least one child: **Nora.** After Emma's death, he married **Johanna Rowe** (1868-1939) in Brigus on 23 Jun 1895. Richard and Joanna had at least three children: **John, James, and Richard "Dick".** Based on birth records for their children, and the 1904 and 1908 voters lists, it would appear that the couple first settled in North River. However, the family may have moved around a little,

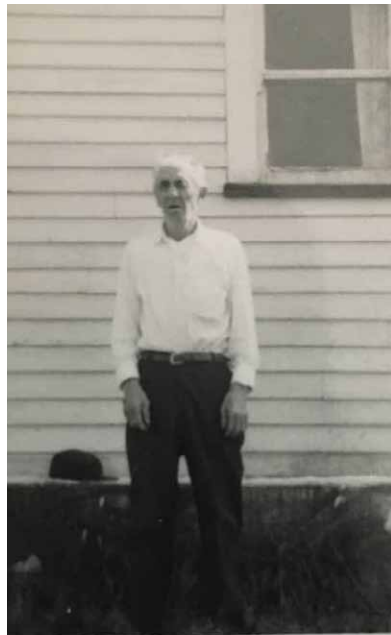
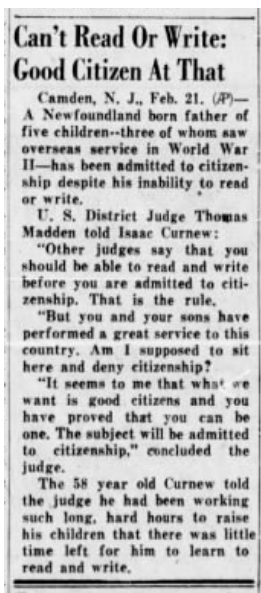
as Richard was indicated as living in Snow's Pond in 1913 and the 1923 voters list indicates they were living in Otterbury. Richard passed away on 12 Feb 1933.

2.1. Nora Curnew was born around 1888. In St. John's, on 1 Oct 1914, she married **Patrick Evans**, and the couple settled in St. John's. They had the following children: **Felix, John, Mary, Leonard, Catherine, James, Ellen, and Margaret.**

2.2. John Curnew was born on 29 Dec 1895. No further information.

2.3. James Curnew was born on 23 Oct 1897. No further information.

2.4. Richard "Dick" Curnew was born in 1901. He first married **Johanna LeDrew** (1909-1939), settled in North River and had two children: **William and Mary.** After Johanna's death, he remarried to **Rita Morrissey** (1919-1984, from Harbor Grace). The couple remained in North River and had a large family: **Gerry, John, Mike, James, Andrew, Edmund, Daniel, Tom, Richard, Joanne, Mildred, Patsy, Margaret, Betty, and Annie.** Richard passed away in 1969.



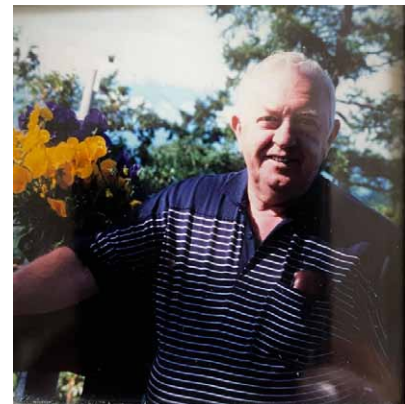
Dick Curnew (2.4)



Rita Morrissey Curnew



Doug Noel and Betty Curnew Clarke Noel



Bill Curnew

DELANEY FAMILY – JAMES

The presence of the Delaney name in North River dates back to at least 1889, when a man named Daniel Delaney, son of Jacob was registered of the List of Voters. While Daniel is also present in the 1904 list, another resident, James Delaney, son of Thomas, also appears in the list. James' birthplace is listed as North River. Additional Delaney residents are also observed in Otterbury. The current Delaney residents of North River appear to be descended from **James Delaney**.

1. **James Delaney** was born around 1875. His mother is unknown, but his father is indicated to be named Thomas. In North River, on 10 May 1903, James married **Alice Kavanagh** (born ca. 1882). The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **Thomas, William “Bill”, Elizabeth “Bessie”, Mary Bridget**. James passed away on 20 May 1945, while Alice passed away sometime after 1945.
 - 1.1. **Thomas Delaney** died aged 15 days on 28 Sep 1905.
 - 1.2. **William “Bill” Delaney** was born in 1910. He married **Rita Abbott** (1918-2002, from Springfield) and the couple remained in Halls Town to raise their family: **Marie, William, Gerald, Donna, Catherine, Joan, Marie, and Ron**. William passed away in 1983.
 - 1.3. **Elizabeth “Bessie” Delaney** was born on 4 Sep 1913. She married **John Vincent McLean** (1916-2001) and moved to Bell Island. They had the following children: **William, Henry, Donald, Brendon, and Kevin**. Bessie eventually moved to Georgetown, Ontario, where she passed away in 2003.
 - 1.4. **Mary Bridget Delaney** was born on 25 Sep 1916. She married **B. Joseph Keough** and eventually moved to Georgetown, Ontario. The couple had at least one son: **Joe**. Mary Bridget passed away in 2001.

THE DELANEY FAMILY

Joanne Morrissey

This boat was built by Mr. Bill Delaney in the Town of North River in 1961 and shipped to Labrador for the Labrador fishery. Bill would harvest and saw the timber himself and construct the boat. When finished he would have all his friends and neighbours help him roll it to the river on round sticks and float it to Bay Roberts to be transported to the Labrador, more than likely on the SS Kyle.

This round bottom Trap-Skiff looks to be about 30ft, built in that fashion so that when they started to haul the trap the gunnels would be level with the water, making it easy to haul the trap and get the fish into the boat.

This is a long gone tradition that portrays the outport community living at its finest, a time when we were proud of our traditions and happy to help each other.



Launching a boat built by Bill Delaney in North River in July 1961
This round bottom Trap-Skiff was shipped to Labrador for the Labrador fishery. Bill would harvest and saw the timber himself and construct the boat. When finished, he would have all his friends and neighbours help him roll it to the river on round sticks and float it to Bay Roberts to be transported to the Labrador, more than likely on the SS Kyle.

Wedding Bells

McLEAN—DELANEY
BELL ISLAND, Aug. 24.—St. Michaels Church, Bell Island was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Sunday, August 7th when Rev. Fr. Bartlett united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Delaney of North River to John, son of the late Wm. McLean of Bell Island.

The bride was charmingly attired in beautiful white satin with wreath and veil and bearing a bouquet of carnations and maiden hair fern. She was assisted by Mrs. Rudolph Kennedy who wore a dress of pink taffetta with white hat and gloves to match, while the groom was supported by Mr. Rudolph Kennedy, Miss Evelyn Quinlan acted as flower girl.

After the ceremony the wedding party motored around the Island, and then to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Quinlan, step-father and mother of the groom where the wedding luncheon and refreshments were served to about 100 guests.

The toast to the bride and groom was proposed by Mr. James Quinlan, and the toasts to the parents of the contracting parties by Mr. Daniel Steel and Mr. James Flynn. The groom made a brief but sincere response.

One little incident of the wedding was most interesting. It was the reunion of the Neville family, cousins of the groom, four sisters and three brothers who had not met together since childhood.

The young couple received very many beautiful gifts showing the esteem in which they were held. The writer wishes to join their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McLean many happy years of married life.

Daily News, 26-Aug-1938



Bill Delaney Jr.



Ron Delaney and Ed Fawcett with homemade go-kart, 1963



1968



Ron, Donna, Gerald and Theresa Delaney (Bill's children) with another boat built by Bill in 1968



Boat launching, July 1961

ENGLISH FAMILY – TOBIAS

Records suggest that the ancestors of the North River English family arrived in Newfoundland when **William English** immigrated from Comeragh County in Ireland to Placentia, Newfoundland around 1790. At the request of Thomas Nash, he moved to Branch, where he married one of Thomas's daughters. William's first child was **Thomas English**, who was supposedly the first child born in Branch.

Tobias English was likely the first English resident of North River. According to notes from the Mannion collection, Tobias was born in Branch, in 1825, to Thomas English (1803-1871, son of William English) and Margaret Ryan. Tobias's wife is unknown; however, his two sons, **1. Tobias and 2. Patrick** were included as North River residents on the 1869 List of Voters, and records indicate the elder son, Tobias, was born in North River. While Tobias remained in North River, it's unknown if his father or brother remained in North River or when they died.

- 1. Tobias English** was born to father, Tobias in North River around 1845. He married **Mary Ann Kavanagh** (1850-1925) and had seven children: **Catherine, Frances, Mary Josephine, Tobias, Alice, Bernard, and Margaret**. While most of their children left the North River area, Alice and Bernard remained in North River. The English name did not survive in North River; however, several current North River residents have English ancestry and are the descendants of Bernard, Alice or Catherine. Tobias passed away on 14 Jun 1913.
 - 1.1. Catherine English** was born around 1872 and married **Richard Power** (1869-1941) in Brigus on 7 Nov 1893. Richard was from Cupids, and the 1921 census shows them living on Gould's Road, while the 1935 census shows them living in Cross Roads, Brigus. They had six children: **Bridget, John "Jack", Mary Ann, Elizabeth Joseph, Margaret, Tobias, and Kathleen**. Catherine likely passed away in 1936.
 - 1.1.1. Bridget Power** was born on 4 Jan 1879. No further information.
 - 1.1.2. John "Jack" Power** (1894-1988) moved to Cape Breton, where he married **Frances Nunn** (born ca. 1893). Jack's uncle, Bernard English, appears to have been a witness at their wedding on 31 Aug 1915. They had the following children: **Bernard, Lawrence, George, Frances, and Dolores**.
 - 1.1.3. Mary Ann Power** (born 1895). No further information.
 - 1.1.4. Elizabeth Joseph Power** (born 1897). No further information.
 - 1.1.5. Margaret Power** (1908-1980) married **John Angus Currie** (1900-1990) and moved to Nova Scotia. They had the following children: **Daniel and Melvin**.
 - 1.1.6. Tobias Power** was born on 2 Oct 1908. He moved to Nova Scotia where he married **Florence Warren** (1909-1941) on 28 Feb 1933. The couple had the following children: **Audrey, Douglas, Sheila, and Bernard**. They returned to Newfoundland, and settled in Cross Roads, Cupids around 1936. After Florence passed away, Tobias remarried to **Mary Ann "Annie" Edmunds** (1924-1991). They had three children: **Barbara, Kenneth, and Melvin**. Tobias passed away in 1986.
 - 1.1.6.1. Douglas Power** (1934-2016) married **Sheila Neville** (born 1934, daughter of Luke Neville and Angela Tobin) and Doug, a descendent of the English family, returned to North River. As educators, the couple played a significant role in the education of generations of North River and area children.

- 1.2. **Frances English** was born in 1878 and moved to New York where she married an American, **John Henry Hart** (1880-1951). They remained in New York and had six children: **Mary Grace, Loretta, Veronica, John Henry, Melvin, and Blanche**. Frances died in New York on 15 Nov 1951.
- 1.3. **Mary Josephine English** was born in 8 Aug 1878. She married Thomas Pendergast and eventually settled in Sydney, Cape Breton. They had five children: **Edward, Ellen, Tobias, Pauline, and Greta**. Mary died in Sydney on 24 Jul 1960.
- 1.4. **Tobias “Toby” Kavanaugh English** was born on 14 Aug 1880 and moved to North Sydney, Cape Breton in 1908. He was a general foreman of the Coke Oven Department at the Steel Co. He married **Mary Ellen McIntyre** (1884-1969) and had nine children: **Mary Mildred, Margaret, Alexis, Julia, Delores, Claire, Tobias Jr., William, and Teresa “Terry”**. Toby died on 26 Nov 1957 in Sydney.
- 1.5. **Alice English** was born around 1883 according to other descendants; however, there does not appear to be any record of her birth year. She remained in North River after marrying **Daniel O’Brien** (1875-1961, son of Richard O’Brien and Mary Cummings of North River). While a marriage record has not been observed for a couple of this specific name, a record from 25 Nov 1899 in Brigus, is observed for Alice English (age 23) and David Brine (age 24). Given the timing and the age of the groom, it’s possible that this is the marriage record for Alice and Daniel, but that the groom’s name was recorded incorrectly. The estimated birth year for Alice would be 1876 as opposed to 1883, but without concrete evidence as to her birth year, a birth year of 1876 is still possible. In addition, Mary Joseph English, who would have been a sister to Alice, is recorded as a witness to the marriage. Regardless, Alice and Daniel had nine children: **Cosmos, Mary, Margaret “Madge”, Tobias, Cosmos, Felix, Daniel, Theresa Gertrude “Gert”, and Kathleen**. Alice died in North River in 1919, according to family members. After her passing, Daniel O’Brien remarried to Ellen Carroll Brazil (also widowed).
 - 1.5.1. **Cosmos O’Brien** (1900-1901) died in infancy.
 - 1.5.2. **Mary O’Brien** (1901-1992) married **James Edward “Jim” Hanlon** (1896-1972, son of Walter Hanlon and Mary “Doll” Moore, also from North River). They had the following children: **Walter, Gertrude, Daniel and Alice**. Refer to the Hanlon family summary for further information.
 - 1.5.3. **Margaret “Madge” O’Brien** (1904-1889) moved to Boston and married **John Fleming**.
 - 1.5.4. **Tobias O’Brien** was born in 1920, married **Annie Morrissey** (1905-1955, daughter of William Morrissey and Ellen Long) and stayed in North River. They had six children: **Helen, Alice, Thomas, Marie, Rose, and Daniel**. After Annie’s death, Tobias married **Nora Cousins Mallowney** (1918-1991). Nora was the widow of James Mallowney, with whom she had four children: **Regina, Patsy, Eleanor and Faustina**. Tobias and Nora had two children, **Anne and Tony**, and seven foster children: **Mary, Barbara, Ida, Tony, Emmanuel, Jim, and Kevin**. The couple remained in North River until their deaths. Tobias passed away in 1989. Tobias and his brother Daniel were members of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, which is one of the oldest police forces in North America, officially formed in 1871, with roots extending back to 1729.

- 1.5.5. Cosmos O'Brien** (1908-1908) died in infancy.
- 1.5.6. Felix O'Brien** (1910-1930) moved to Boston and was murdered in an alley in Boston in 1930. Felix never married and didn't have children.
- 1.5.7. Daniel O'Brien** was born in ca. 1911. He also served in the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and moved to Placentia after his marriage to **Stella Cashin**. He died from tuberculosis in 1940.
- 1.5.8. Theresa Gertrude "Gert" O'Brien** was born in 1912 and married **Patrick "Pad" Morrissey** (1911-1996, son of Richard "Dick" Morrissey and Elizabeth Cummings, also of North River). The couple stayed in North River to raise their family: **Agnes, Richard, Kathleen, Felix, Regina, Annette, Craig**, who passed tragically in a car accident at age 21, **Margaret, and Tim**. Gert passed in 1996.
- 1.5.9. Kathleen O'Brien** (1915-1915) died in infancy.
- 1.6. Bernard English** was born in 1884 and married **Marie Hawco** (1883-1954, from Chapel's Cove) in Harbour Main on 14 Nov 1917. Bernard ran a store in North River and was a general wholesaler for many years. Bernard's shop, which was attached to the family home, was North River's main go-to store in the 1950's, as they even provided a delivery service. The store provided employment for a number of North River residents over the years: Lorraine Hall Laracy, Margaret Hann Snow, and Dorothy Fillier Hanlon to name a few. Bernard and Marie raised three children: adopted son, **John (Power) English**, as well as two daughters, **Mary Ann and Bridget "Bride"**.
 - 1.6.1. John (Power) English** (1914-1989) was born in Whitbourne. He married **Margaret Flynn** (1918-2007) and had four children: **Theodore, Jacqueline, John, and Kevin**.
 - 1.6.2. Mary Ann English** was born on 1 Sep 1918 in North River. She married **James "Jim" Hall** (1910-1979, son of William Hall and Julia Mahoney, also from North River) on 18 Jul 1945 in a double wedding with her sister Bride. Mary and Jim took over the English store, which was an important community gathering place. Jim and Mary Ann had two children: **Bernard**, who tragically drowned in the North River at age 11, and **Sylvia**. Mary passed away on 4 Aug 1995.
 - 1.6.3. Bridget "Bride" English** was born in North River in 1923. She married **Daniel Cummings**, (1918-1988, son of Nicholas Cummings and Ella Sinclair) on 18 Jul 1945 in a double wedding with her sister Mary. The couple remained in North River and also ran a community store. They had six children: **Daniel, Ann Gerarda** (died in infancy), **Father Wayne, Gary, Delores Stephanie** (died in infancy), and **Brian**. After her husband's death, Bride married **Patrick Kavanagh**. Bride passed away on 27 May 2008.
- 1.7. Margaret English** was born around 1888 and married **Jacob Heffernan** (1890-1963 from Petty Harbour, son of Philip Heffernan and Catherine Hall) on 26 Sep 1917 in North River. Her brother Bernard was the best man. The Heffernans subsequently moved to Sydney, Cape Breton, where they had one child, **Mary**. Margaret died in childbirth with another child, **Philip**, who did not survive, in 1920.
- 2. Patrick English** (birth and death unknown) potentially married **Elizabeth ?**. While he is present in the 1869 List of Voters, he seemingly disappears from voters lists and directories from

1871 through 1894. In the 1898 directory, Elizabeth English, a widow is included. Since his brother Tobias, was alive at this point, it's hypothesized that Elizabeth is the widow of Patrick. It's unclear if the family was living in North River prior to Patrick's death. Certainly, it's possible that the whole family lived elsewhere, and his widow moved to North River after Patrick's death. Regardless, based on records for other Englishes in the area at the time, the couple seemingly had at least three children: **Catherine, James, and Mary Alice**. James for certain, is Patrick's child, as he was captured on the 1904 list of voters, with an entry indicating that he was the son of Patrick. Presumably, Patrick passed away before 1898.

2.1. Catherine English was born around 1877. In North River, on 10 Jan 1900, she married **Thomas Moore** (born ca. 1874). They remained in North River and adopted one child: **Jacob**. Catherine passed away on 26 Jun 1936.

2.1.1. Jacob Moores (1913-1970) married **Annie ?** (1917-1945).

2.2. James English (1881-1921) married **Mary MacLean** (1881-1969) and moved to Bell Island, likely in 1907 after their marriage on 11 Oct 1907. They had the following children: **Patrick, Ellen, John, and Tobias**. James passed away from tuberculosis on Bell Island.

2.3. Mary Alice English was born around 1883 and remained in North River; however, she never married and died of tuberculosis on 4 Feb 1927 at age 44. The area in North River dubbed "Mary Alice's Hill" is supposedly named after her.



B.A. English Store



Mary Ann (Kavanagh) and Tobias English (1)



Bernard (1.6) and Tobias (1.4) English

HYMENEAL

HEFFERMAN—ENGLISH

The marriage of Miss Margaret Eng-lish, of North River, to Mr. Jacob Hefferman, of Ferry Harbor took place at North River on Wednesday afternoon, September 26th.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Whelan, P.P., North River, assisted by Rev. E. J. O'Brien, P.P., Northern Bay.

The bride was attended by Miss Laura Mahoney, cousin of the groom, while the bride's brother, Mr. Bernard English acted as best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held after which the happy couple left for Ferry Harbor, their future home.

The Sex extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hefferman, and wishes them many years of wedded happiness.

St. John's Daily Star,
01-Oct-1917



Double Wedding: Daniel & Bride (English) (1.6.3)
Cummings and James & Mary (English) (1.6.2) Hall



Daniel Cummings, Mary English Hall
(1.6.2) and John (Power) English (1.6.1)

Double Weddings At North River

HALL—ENGLISH CUMMINGS—ENGLISH

On Wednesday, July 18th. All Hallows Church, North River, was the scene of an unique event when the sisters Mary and Bride English became the brides of James F. Hall and Cpl. Daniel J. Cummings, respectively. The wedding ceremony, followed by Nuptial Mass, was performed by the Rt. Rev. M. F. Dinn, P.P., V.G. while Rev. T. M. Morrissey, S.F.M., was present in the Sanctuary.

During the playing of Lohengrin's Wedding March the brides entered the church, escorted by their father Mr. B. A. English who gave them away at the Sanctuary rails. Both brides were identically attired in floor-length gowns of white georgette crepe. They wore

finger-tip veils held in place by wreaths of orange blossoms. Their bridal bouquets were of carnations, snapdragons and maiden hair fern. They also carried white mis-sals.

Mary was attended by her cousin, Miss Betty Cousins of Kelligrews, as bridesmaid, dressed in a floor-length gown of pink taffeta and georgette insets and wore a shoulder length veil to match. Bride had as her bridesmaid Miss Mary Mahoney whose gown was of sky blue crepe. She also wore a shoulder length veil to match. Both bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas and maiden hair fern.

The groom, James F. Hall, was supported by his cousin, Mr. T. A. Mahoney, who acted as best man. The other groom, Cpl. Daniel J. Cummings, was supported by his cousin Inspector M. P. Mahoney as best man. The ushers for the occasion were Lt. Cpl. Patrick Morrissey and Pte. Leo Hanlon.

During the signing of the register Rosewig's Ave Maria was beautifully rendered by Mrs. John D. Morrissey accompanied by Miss G. Dinn.

After Mass the bridal party and the immediate relatives of the respective families motored to Brigus where breakfast was served. In the evening a reception was held in All Hallows' Hall, North River, where were about two hundred guests. The customary toasts were duly honoured, that to the brides being proposed by Monsignor Dinn and ably responded to by the grooms.

The many and varied gifts received by the newly married couples are evidence of the high esteem in which they are held by their friends. That every marital happiness and blessing will attend them in the years to come is the sincere wish of the writer.

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Daily News, 30-Jul-1945



Bernard English (1.6) with grandchildren Gary
and Wayne Cummings, 1961

Died at Sydney

(Sydney Post)

The death occurred at Ross Hospital last night of Mrs. Jacob Hefferman, aged 21. Deceased passed away following childbirth. Mrs. Hefferman is survived by her mother, three sisters, Mrs. Richard Power, Brigus, Nfld.; Mrs. John Hart, Richmond Hill, New York; Mrs. Thomas Pendergast, Sydney; Two brothers, Toby English, foreman with the Hye-Product Company, and Bernard, at home. Previous to her marriage she was Mrs. Margaret English, of North River, Nfld.

The many friends of Mrs. Stan Bendall and Mrs. James Hall were pleased to know they were given leave of absence from the Sanatorium where they are patients, to spend Easter Sunday with their families.

Daily News, 07-May-1957



Bernard English (1.6), Mary Ann English
Hall (1.6.2) and Sylvia Hall Hurley, 1962



Bride English Cummings
(1.6.3)



Catherine English Power
(1.1)

Wedding Bells

—ENGLISH—FLYNN

The R. C. Church at Briggs was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Easter Sunday at 4 p.m. when Margaret daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flynn of Briggs was united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony to John, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. English of North River, the ceremony being performed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Murphy, P.P.

The bride entered the church, leaning on the arm of her father, to the strains of the Wedding March played by Miss Rita Power. She was dressed in a floor-length gown of white satin and bridal veil held in place by a wreath of white carnations and maiden hair fern. She was attended by her sister, Ann, as bridesmaid, who wore a floor length gown of pink georgette, with shoulder-length veil to match, and carried a bouquet of pink carnation and maiden hair fern. Mr. Toby Power, cousin of the groom, performed the duties of best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party went for a short motor drive, later returning to the home of the groom where a reception was held and some fifty guests were entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. English were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts which shows the esteem in which they are held. Their many friends wish them many years of happiness.

A Guest.

Daily News, 07-May-1943



Doug Power (1.1.6.1) and Mary English Hall (1.6.2)

Congratulations to Mr. Doug Power of Cupids Crossing, who received his B. A. degree at convocation, Memorial University, on Saturday, May 14th.

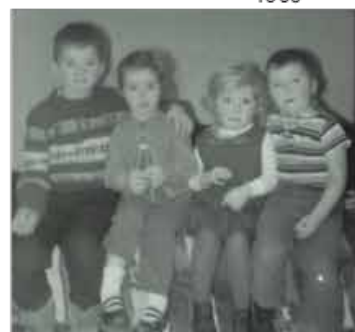
Daily News, 27-May-1960



Toby Power (1.1.6) and daughter Sheila



Sylvia Hall Hurley, Jacqueline English Drake and Bernard Hall



Tony & Anne O'Brien and Donna & Gerry Cummings (children of James and Teen Cummings)



Sheila Neville Power and children: Douglas, Dominic, Daniel, Desmond and David Power



Sheila (Neville) and Doug (1.1.6.1) Power



Daniel O'Brien (1.5) and Ellen Carroll Brazil O'Brien



Felix O'Brien (seated, 1.5.6) with a Hurley from Brigus



Pad Morrissey, Gert O'Brien Morrissey (1.5.8), Tobias O'Brien (1.5.4) and Nora Cousins Mullowney O'Brien



Daniel O'Brien (1.5.7)

OBITUARY
CLARKE'S BEACH — Passed peacefully away on Saturday, March 25th, at his home in North River, Mr. Daniel O'Brien at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held on Monday March 27 at 10 o'clock High Mass at All Hallow's Church North River.
 Deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

Daily News, 01-Apr-1961



Mary O'Brien Hanlon (1.5.2)



Tobias O'Brien (1.5.4)

RECEIVED CAPS
 Congratulations are extended by their friends to four student nurses at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital who received their caps on June 24th, 1953—Miss Genevieve White of Corner Brook, Miss Allison Callahan of Corner Brook, Miss Alice O'Brien of North River and Miss Leone Curran of Fermanagh.

Daily News, 11-Jul-1953



Marie O'Brien and Fr. Tom Morrissey



Alice O'Brien, Helen O'Brien, Peter Bennett, Tom O'Brien



Dan, Tom, Joanne, Rose, Tony and Marjorie O'Brien

FARRELL FAMILY – JAMES

The Farrells of North River arrived in Newfoundland with James Farrell who was born in 1775 in Ballinakill Laois, Ireland. James married Catherine Comerford (of Kilkenny, Ireland) on 10 November 1802 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

John Farrel [sic] was the second son of four children born to James and Catherine in Port de Grave on 26 October 1809 and he died in 1880 in Clarke's Beach. John's wife was Hannah Snow who was also born in Port de Grave about 1815 and died in 1880 in Clarke's Beach. John was a fisherman and shoemaker according to the birth certificates of his children.

Henry Farrell was the second son born to John and Hannah in Northern Gut on 13 March 1849 and he died ("from old age") on 30 November 1924 in North River. He worked as a fisherman. His wife was Lavinia Morgan, born on 20 September 1853 in North River and died 13 April 1915.

William Farrell was the first son born to Henry and Lavinia in Clarke's Beach on 14 September 1885. He died on 24 March 1954. William had seven siblings who were all born in North River: Elfreda (1878-1919) who married John C. Morgan, Hannah (1881-1938) who married William E. Fillier, Mary (Polly) (1882-1964) who married John Fillier, Henry (1888-1954) who married Violet Lily Batton, John (1892-1960s?) who married Mary Ann Lidsten Eliza (1895-1925) who married Leonard Fillier, and Harriett (1880-?).

William, who was my grandfather, married Rebecca Jane Lidsten who was born in Salmon Cove on 2 March 1891 to John Lidsten (1865-1928) and Mary Morgan (1850-1919). Rebecca died 26 June 1948. (In 1775 the first Lidstone (Lidsten), John (1754-1805), had arrived in Newfoundland from St. Petrox, Dartmouth, Devon, England.)

William and Rebecca were married on 21 April 1913 in Cupids. William was a carpenter by trade, notably producing some fine work in St. George's Anglican Church in North River, and in Saint George's Anglican Church in Petty Harbour. The fine carpentry in the beautiful main staircase at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook, now a Newfoundland Registered Heritage Structure was completed by William in 1923. He built a house for his Father in North River and upon his return from Toronto lived there with his new family.

- William and Rebecca had six children. Marion (1914-1972) was born in Toronto, Ontario when the newlyweds were there for work. Marion was a schoolteacher before settling down and marrying William Blagdon of Coomb's Cove. They lived in North River for approximately eleven years before moving to Manuels, Conception Bay South. Marion and William had two sons.
- Walter (1918-1999) was born in North River. He married Muriel Small of Grand Manan, New Brunswick. They eventually settled in Digby, Nova Scotia where Walter was Captain of his own fishing boat, named Randar. Before his retirement he worked for Hyco Subsea as Captain of the M.V. Hudson Handler in the Gulf of Mexico. He also served with the British Royal Navy on a mine sweeper during World War II. They had two daughters and two sons.



Elfreda Farrell Boland, early 1940s



William Farrell, ca. 1913



Rebecca Lidsten Farrell, ca. 1913



Enid Victoria "Vicky" Farrell



St. George's Anglican Church North River, Interior



Rebecca Lidsten Farrell with grandson Terry Blagdon, ca. 1942



Malcolm and Eileen Farrell, April 1955



Marion Farrell Blagdon, ca. 1930s

DEATHS
The whole community was shocked on Tuesday, April 13th, when they heard of the very sudden death of Mr. Harry Farrell. It was only three weeks previous that his brother, William, passed away suddenly at North River. The funeral was held on Thursday, April 15, at the Church of England. The CEAA, LOA and OYB attended in a body to pay their last respects to their departed brother. To his wife and two daughters, Mildred, (Mrs. H. French), and Hazel (Mrs. W. Smith), we extend our sympathy.

The Daily News, 22-Apr-1954



St. George's Anglican Church, Petty Harbour



Walter Farrell

- Enid Victoria (1920-1969) (known as Vicky) was born in North River. She married Bryant Shears from Rocky Harbour. They lived in Lomond and later settled in Deer Lake. They had two sons and one daughter. Vicky taught school in Forteau, Labrador and Rocky Harbour where she met her husband, Bryant.
- Elfreda (1922-1996) was born in North River. She married William Boland from Topsail (born on Pinchard's Island). They had one daughter. Elfreda taught school around Newfoundland in such places as Cow Head, Bell Island, St. John's, and Long Pond. The story goes that in the summer of 1943 when the Canadian military were recruiting for World War II, on a dare from her chums that her application would not be accepted, my mother went to the recruiting office, but was indeed enrolled. She told me that her parents were quite upset with her, but my mother was not one to back away from a commitment. So, on 20 August 1943 she was enlisted in the Canadian Army as a Corporal of the Canadian Women's Army Corps. She spent most of this time in either Kingston or Ottawa, Ontario. She received her discharge on 15 May 1946.
- Malcolm Lidsten Farrell (1926-1976) was born in North River. He married Eileen Bowering of Bay Roberts. Malcolm worked as a firefighter in Argentia, Greenland, Fort Pepperrell, Goose Bay and back to Fort Pepperrell where he was also a fire inspector and later became the Fire Chief. They had one son and three daughters and lived in North River for quite a few years in the Farrell family home, before moving to St. John's.
- Rowena was born in North River in February 1932 and died a couple of days later.

Submitted by Edna Boland

FILLIER FAMILY – WILLIAM OF WILLIAM

Three Fillier men are present in the 1889 List of Voters, two by the name of William (ages 36 and 38), and one named Richard (no age given). The younger William indicated his father's name was William, as did Richard. The elder William indicated that his father's name was John. In the 1904 List of Voters, only one William Fillier of the correct age remains, and a death record from 1904 is observed for most likely, the other William Fillier. A second death record from 1914 is also observed. Based on the ages reported at death, it would appear that the elder William Fillier passed away in 1904, while the younger William Fillier was the one who passed away in 1914. The focus of this summary is on the family of **William Fillier** (William of William). A number of other Fillier families present in North River, descended from William of John, as well as Richard, have not been explored.

1. **William Fillier** was likely born to William Fillier around 1851. His mother is unknown. He appears to have married **Elizabeth Cole** (1850-1925, from Brigus) on 7 Dec 1875 in Salmon Cove. Based on the birth locations for their children, the couple stayed in North River and had the following children: **John, William George, William Cole, Samuel, Joanna, Stanley, and Jessie Louisa**. William passed away on 18 Oct 1904.
 - 1.1. **John Fillier** was born on 29 Sep 1876. In North River, on 11 Nov 1913, he married **Jessie Mugford** (1897-1973). The couple settled in North River to raise their family: **William, Stanley, Elsie, Florence, Robert, Samuel, Annie, Alma, Jessie, and Dorothy**. John passed away on 10 Aug 1943.
 - 1.1.1. **William Fillier** (1918-2009); never married and no children.
 - 1.1.2. **Stanley Fillier** (1920-1988); possibly never married and no children.
 - 1.1.3. **Elsie Fillier** (born 1922) married **Joseph Butler**.
 - 1.1.4. **Florence Fillier** (22 Oct-30 Oct 1923); died in infancy.
 - 1.1.5. **Robert Fillier** (1925-2007) married **Caroline Cranford** (1930-2018) and moved to Kitchener. They had the following children: **Tara, Bob, Zoe, Andy, and Rosalind**.
 - 1.1.6. **Samuel Fillier** (1927-2010) married **Florence Bussey** (1932-2008) and moved to South River. They had the following children: **Mildred, Esther Louise** (died in infancy), **Raymond, Millie, Valerie, and Jacqueline**.
 - 1.1.7. **Annie Fillier** (born 1932) married **George Warren** (1929-2009). They had the following children: **Jessie, George, Robert, Sana, Ivan, Albert, and Darlene**.
 - 1.1.8. **Dorothy “Dot” Fillier** (born 1934) married **Leo Hanlon** (1919-2000, son of Patrick Hanlon and Kitty O’Brien) and the couple stayed in North River. Dorothy worked at the English store prior to marrying Leo. Dot and Leo were the last couple in North River to be married by Monsignor Dinn. They had the following children: **Leo, Pius, Ignatius, Darrell, Faye, and Denise**. Dot still resides in North River.
 - 1.1.9. **Jessie May Fillier** (born 1937) married **John Campbell**.
 - 1.1.10. **Alma Fillier** (1915-1996) married **Clarence Head** (1907-1994). They had the following children: **Gregory, Clarence, Ann, Catherine, Theresa, Amelia, Robert, Richard, Mary, Elsie, Margaret, and Betty**.



Elizabeth Fillier Boone (1.3.3), Jessie Hiscock Snow Fillier, Florence Fillier Bursey (1.3.4), Gordon Fillier (1.3.5) and Arthur Fillier Sr. (1.3.6)



Florence (Dawe), Jessie (Hiscock Snow), Flossie (1.3.4), Arthur (1.3.6) and Gordon (1.3.5) Fillier, 1958



Art Fillier (1.3.6) with daughter Marge



Art Jr., Marge (Snow), Sandra and Marge Fillier

The wedding took place at the Church of England, North River, on Thursday, Feb. 9th, of Miss Marjorie Snow to Mr. Arthur Fillier.

Daily News, 17-Feb-1956



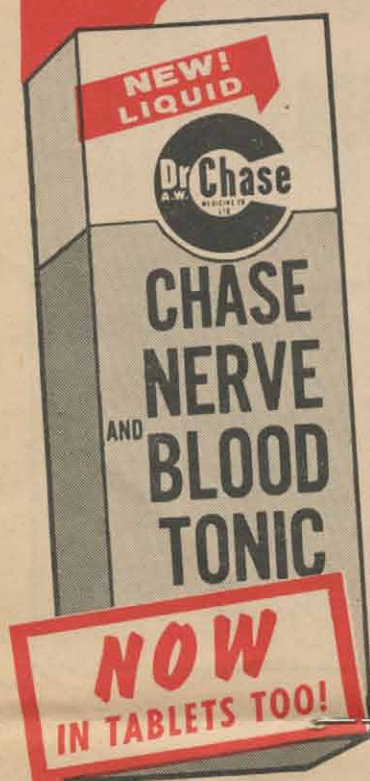
Marge, Art (1.3.6) and Juanita Fillier



Children of Art and Marge Fillier: Sandra, Art, Juanita, Marge and Cherie

- 1.2. William George Fillier** was born on 8 Dec 1877. No further information
- 1.3. William Cole Fillier** was born on 3 Aug 1879. He married **Jessie Hiscock Snow** (1890-1971) and the couple settled in Halls Town. The couple raised the following children: **Walter** (son of Samuel Snow, Jessie's first husband), **William, Elizabeth, Florence, Samuel Gordon, and Arthur**. William passed away on 16 Dec 1939.
 - 1.3.1. Walter Snow** (possibly 1919-1963) married **Anne ?** and seemingly moved to Toronto.
 - 1.3.2. William Fillier** (1923-1996) married **Jean Elizabeth Bradbury** (1926-2004) and moved to Toronto. They had the following children: **Jeannie, Marilyn, William, Linda, and Donna**.
 - 1.3.3. Elizabeth Fillier** (1926-2000) married **William Boone** (1915-1991, son of William Boone and Mary Jane Efford) on 23 Jul 1947. The couple stayed in Halls Town and had the following children: **William Gordon, Wayne, Wendy, Clayton, Mary, Randy, Sharon, Perry, Kim, and Arthur**.
 - 1.3.4. Florence "Flossie" Fillier** (1928-2020) married **Donald Bursey** (1928-2020) on 16 Aug 1950 and moved to Buchans. They had the following children: **Linda, Walter, Diane and Robert**.
 - 1.3.5. Samuel Gordon Fillier** (1930-2004) married **Florence Dawe** and had one daughter: **Florence**.
 - 1.3.6. Arthur Fillier** (1934-1970) married **Marjorie Snow** (1937-2007, daughter of James D Snow and Clara Efford). They had the following children: **Arthur, Marge, Sandra, Cherie, Juanita, and Walter**.
- 1.4. Samuel Fillier** (1884-1927) moved to Pictou, Nova Scotia where he married **Blanche Facey** (1888-1959). They had the following children: **Sam, Herb, Bill, Jack, Alma, and Aileen**.
- 1.5. Joanna Fillier** (Dec 1886-Apr 1888)
- 1.6. Stanley Fillier** (Jul 1893-Sep 1894)
- 1.7. Jessie Louisa Fillier** (Dec 1894-Feb 1895)

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FROST FAMILY – JOHN

The Frost family appears to stem from a man named John Frost. Based on the 1889 List of Voters, John appears to have had two sons who settled in North River: **1. William and 2. John**. Both men appear to have married and remained in the area. Based on the timing, and presence as a witness in William's wedding, another child was likely also born to John Frost: **3. Diana**. It's unknown if the eldest John Frost ever lived in North River himself, as the 1869 List of Voters only has two Frost names: William and John, presumably the sons of the eldest John.

- 1. William Frost** was born to John Frost around 1829. In Bareneed, on 15 Dec 1863, he married **Fanny Fillier** (1830-1919). The couple settled in North River and based on birth records, had at least two children: **John and Elizabeth**. Based on his presence in the 1898 directory, and absence in the 1904 List of Voters and directory, William likely passed away between 1898 and 1904.
 - 1.1. John Frost** was born on 13 Sep 1860 to William and Fanny Frost. He appears to have married **Elizabeth Ann Pottle** (1873-1908) and stayed in North River given his inclusion in various voters lists. Based on birth records, the couple had five children: **William, Sarah, Elizabeth, Henry, and John**. After his first wife's death, John may have married **Emma Russell** (maiden name unknown) (1857-1924). John possibly died in 1935.
 - 1.1.1. William Frost** (1895-1901); no further information.
 - 1.1.2. Sarah Frost** (1897-1988) married **William Albert Strickland** (1898-1980, from Spaniard's Bay). The couple spent time in both Massachusetts and Spaniard's Bay. They had the following children: **Moses, Lucy, John, Susan, Sarah Violet, and Shirley**.
 - 1.1.3. Elizabeth Frost** (Apr-May 1900) died in infancy.
 - 1.1.4. Henry Frost** (born 1905) married **Elizabeth Julia Pottle** and had two children: **William John and Noah**. The couple were indicated to be separated but living with Julia's great-uncle in Salmon Cove in the 1935 census.
 - 1.1.5. John Frost Pottle** (born 1907) was possibly raised by his maternal grandparents. He married **Mary Providence** (born 1915) and moved to Bell Island. They had the following children: **Marjorie, John, Joan, Raymond, Melvin and Fred**.
 - 1.2. Elizabeth Frost** was born on 3 Aug 1863 to William and Fanny Frost. She possibly married **Joseph Anthony** (born 1861) and moved to Blaketown. The couple had at least one child: **George**.
- 2. John Frost** was born to John Frost around 1838. In Bareneed, on 15 Dec 1863, he married **Mary Jane Farrell**. Both were indicated to be residents of North River at that time. The couple settled in North River and likely had the following children: **William Henry, Emily, Elizabeth, John, Diana, Jacob, and Joseph**. Birth records are observed for all children except for Joseph. John seemingly passed away in 1916.
 - 2.1. William Henry Frost** was born on 9 Mar 1867 to John and Mary Jane Frost. On 12 Nov 1892, he married **Elizabeth Jane Snow** (1868-1951). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **John "Jack", Elizabeth, Violet, Winnie, Diana, and Mary Elizabeth**. William passed away on 2 Oct 1938.

- 2.1.1. John “Jack” Frost** was born on 18 Oct 1894 to William Henry and Elizabeth Frost. He married **Eliza Morgan** (1892-1960, daughter of John Morgan and Elizabeth Critch) in Salmon Cove on 10 Apr 1918. The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **William Henry, John, Vera, and Mildred**. The couple also raised their niece, **Blanche Bendall**. Jack passed away on 19 Jun 1966.
- 2.1.1.1. William Henry Frost** (1918-1999) married **Doris Mae “Mae” Bussey** (1928-2011) and remained in North River. The couple had the following children: **Diana, Lillian, Dorothy, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Shirley**.
- 2.1.1.2. John Frost** (born ca. 1927) married **Dorothy Bishop** (1927-2016) and had the following children: **June, Marg, Sandra, and Gordon**.
- 2.1.1.3. Vera Frost** (Apr-Aug 1932) passed away in infancy.
- 2.1.1.4. Mildred Frost** (born ca. 1936) married **Bill Rose**. They had the following children: **Kenneth and Kimberley**.
- 2.1.1.5. Blanche Bendall Frost** (1923-1998) married **William Snow** (born 1920) and moved to Clarke’s Beach. They had the following children: **Tom, Mildred, Christine, and Melvin**.
- 2.1.2. Elizabeth Frost** was born on 4 Sep 1896 to William Henry and Eliza Frost and passed away on 27 Dec 1896.
- 2.1.3. Violet Frost** (1897-1991) was born to William Henry and Eliza Frost, and married **Cyril Smith** (1895-1994) on 6 Dec 1916 in Salmon Cove. The couple remained in Salmon Cove and had the following children: **Victor, Angus, Cavell, and Don**.
- 2.1.4. Winnie Frost** (1901-1977) was born to William Henry and Eliza Frost. She married **Freeman Bendell** and they had three children before separating: **Frances, Blanche, and Violet**. Blanche was raised by Jack and Eliza Frost, while Violet was raised by Robert and Rebecca Boone. Winnie is later documented in the 1935 and 1945 censuses as residing in the household of John Kavanagh in Clarke’s Beach.
- 2.1.5. Diana Frost** (possibly 1905-1984) was born to William Henry and Eliza Frost. She married **James Mercer** and the couple settled in Bareneed. They had the following children: **Emmie, Pearl, and Barbara**.
- 2.1.6. Mary Elizabeth Frost** (1907-1998) was born to William Henry and Eliza Frost. She married **Chesley Stevens** (1905-1985) and the couple settled in Otterbury. They had the following children: **Cyril, Victor, Vera, Evelyn, and Ralph**.
- 2.2. Emily Frost** was born on 1 Mar 1869 to John and Mary Jane Frost. On 24 Dec 1891, she married **William John Efford** (1868-1946). The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **Clara and George**. Their granddaughter Evelyn is also present in their household in the 1935 census. Emily passed away in 1937.
- 2.2.1. Clara Efford** (1906-1995) married **James D Snow** (1910-1996, son of James and Sarah Snow) on 16 May 1935. The couple stayed in Halls Town to raise their family: **Evelyn, Ralph, Marjorie, John Kenneth, Malcolm, Anita, Dorothy, Stella** (died in infancy), and **James**.



Diana Frost Kearley and grandfather Jack Frost (2.1.1), ca. 1964



William Henry (2.1.1.1) and Mae (Bussey) Frost



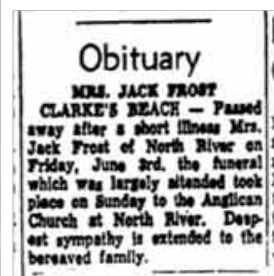
John Frost (2.1.1.2)



Winnie Frost Bendall (2.1.4)



Children of William Henry and Mae Frost: Elizabeth, Margaret, Dorothy, Lillian and Diana, 1951



Daily News, 20-Jun-1960



Mildred Frost Rose (2.1.1.4), ca. 1963



Mae Bussey Frost, Diana Frost Kearly and Shirley Frost Norman (in the door)



Mae (Bussey) and William Henry Frost (2.1.1.1)

2.2.2. George Efford (1910-1941) married **Maud Mercer** (1914-1997) and had the following children: **George, and Allen.**

2.3. Elizabeth Frost was born on 17 Feb 1871 to John and Mary Jane Frost. In Salmon Cove, on 3 Dec 1886, she married **Charles Samuel Stevens.** They had at least five children: **Solomon, Mary, James, Samuel, John and Annie.** Birth records for their children indicate that they were born in North River, so it's likely that the family was living there. However, it would appear that they moved to Coley's Point, as that is where Elizabeth passed away from tuberculosis on 23 Aug 1906.

2.4. John Frost was born on 1 Mar 1873 to John and Mary Jane Frost. He likely passed away on 26 Feb 1894 from tuberculosis.

2.5. Diana Frost was born on 13 Nov 1877 to John and Mary Jane Frost. No further information.

2.6. Jacob Frost was born on 11 Nov 1879 to John and Mary Jane Frost and passed away in an accident in Sydney on 9 Jul 1902.

2.7. Joseph Frost married **Mary Jane Bradbury** (born ca. 1861) on 4 Nov 1880. His birth and death dates are unknown and Joseph's parentage is hypothesized. Joseph does not appear in any voters or census records and the couple possibly moved from North River to Clarke's Beach sometime between 1891 and 1893. However, birth records exist for the following children: **Rebecca, William, Mary Ann, John, Fannie, and Ethel.**

3. Diana Frost was likely born to John Frost given the year of her marriage. She married **George Richards** in Bareneed on 15 Dec 1859. Their birth and death dates are unknown and Diana's parentage is hypothesized. It would appear that the couple settled in Bareneed and had the following children: **John Thomas, Rosanna, and William.**

HALL FAMILY – ISAAC

Various records indicate that **Isaac Hall** was born in Bareneed in the early 1800's. A birth record shows a birth date of 21 Oct 1817 for one Isaac Hall, in Bareneed, with parents Jacob and Bridget Hall. Meanwhile, the List of Voters from 1889 includes an Isaac Hall, born in Bareneed, living in North River, age 75, with father indicated to be Jacob Hall. Presumably, this Isaac may be the one who is considered to be the father of Halls Town (Halls Town is not distinguished from North River in this list of voters). Certainly, the family of Jacob Hall was established in Bareneed according to the census on 27 Sept 1817, where the family is indicated to consist of one man, one woman and three children. The census also indicates that the family was considered to be "well-off". Birth records exist for at least two more of Jacob and Bridget's children: Abraham (1814-1854), who married Emily Bellicent Snow, and John (born 30 Jun 1820), for whom no further records can be found from the Port de Grave area, though some descendants believe he moved to Codroy. A record from the Mannion Collection indicates that Jacob Hall of Bareneed was of English descent.

An estate file from 1863 for Jacob Hall of Bareneed was found, which is likely for the Jacob observed in the 1817 census. In this document, Jacob is referenced to as a Jacob Hall Senior, which would indicate that there was a Jacob Junior, but aside from the named administratrix, his widow Bridget Hall, the only other possible family member mentioned is a Robert Hall. Robert Hall is likely to be a son of Jacob and Bridget, since the name is also mentioned as a brother in Abraham Hall's estate file. Given that this first Jacob Hall had multiple children, only one of which can be accounted for by a birth record among the three children reported at the time of the 1817 census (Abraham), there is a possibility that the Jacob Hall (1813-1899, born and died in Bareneed) who was married to Emma Snow is also his son (and brother to Isaac); however, no physical records were found to prove this connection. See the Jacob Hall family summary for further information on this family.

Isaac Hall (1817-1901) was born in Bareneed, and his descendants indicate that he married a **Corbett**. While his wife's name is unknown, various records and notes passed down from family members indicate that he had at least seven children: **1. John, 2. Jacob, 3. Thomas, 4. James, 5. Isaac, 6. Bridget, and 7. Mary**. It's unclear when he settled in North River/Halls Town, however, his name is present in a voters list as a resident of Halls Town/North River from 1869 (along with James, Jacob, William and John Hall). A death record indicates that Isaac died in North River from an accident on 8 Sept 1901.

1. John Hall was born around 1845 in North River according to the 1889 List of Voters. A death record indicates that he died on 17 Sep 1922 in North River. His spouse has not been identified; however, family notes indicate that he had at least two children: **John and Mary**. An additional daughter, **Bridget**, is observed to be present in brother John's household in the 1945 census, and John's (1.3) daughter Annie also recalls an additional sister named **Elizabeth**.

1.1. Elizabeth Hall was born around 1875. In Brigus, on 29 Nov 1900, she married **Michael Delaney** (born 1878). The couple settled in Otterbury and had at least five children: **Agnes, Francis Walter "Walter", Michael, Dorothy, and Josephine**. Michael appears to have left for Boston in 1927, while the remainder of the family stayed in Otterbury. Elizabeth passed away on 6 Jul 1961.

1.1.1. Agnes Delaney (1901-1996) moved to Philadelphia where she married **John Duffy**. They had three children: **Dorothy, John, and Marie**.



Jack Duffy, Agnes Delaney Duffy (1.1.1), Walter (1.1.2) and Elizabeth (Hall) Delaney (1.1)



Bridget (Sinclair) and John P Hall (4.1)



James Hall (4.1.1)



Vic Stevens, Pete Neville (Neville, 1.3.8) and Josie Delaney Corbett Stevens (1.1.5)



John P (4.1), Sr. Madonna (4.1.2) and Elizabeth (Hickey) Hall



Bride Roberts, Sr. Madonna (4.1.2) and Mary Hall (4.1.3)



Mike (1.1.3), Walter Delaney (1.1.2), Bride Keefe Delaney and Mary Keefe Flynn



Duncan (4.1.5) and Mary (Whitty) Hall



Dorothy Delaney Neville (1.1.4)



Sarah (Philips), May and Tom Hall (3)



Edward Newell Hall (3.1) and biological mother, Mary Newell



May, Tom, Madonna, Mary (4.1.3), Sr. Madonna (4.1.2), Ned, Bridget, Margaret, Ann, John (in front of Sr. Madonna) and Michael Hall



Tom (son of Blanche Frost Bendall and William Snow) and Patricia (Hall) Snow (daughter of Edward and Mary Hall)



Unknown and William Hall (2.2)



William (2.2) and Julia (Mahoney) Hall



Jacob P Hall (2.2.1)



Sr. M. Casimir Hall (2.2.5)



John B (2.2.7), Patrick (2.2.4) and Donald (2.2.8) Hall



Florence Hall Chojnicki (2.2.9), Graduation from St. Clare's Nursing School



John B (2.2.7) and Florence (Manderson) Hall

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B.A. English Community Store run by Jim and Mary (English) Hall



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Donald Hall (2.2.8) on the horse and Julia Hall Mahoney in the doorway. Story goes that the old porch had to be torn off the house because it was said to be haunted, or had a fairy path running through the porch. Lisa Hall has built her house behind it to avoid any potential ghosts.



Donald Hall (2.2.8)



Florence (Hall) (2.2.9) and Bronislaw Chojnicki



John B (2.2.7) and Florence (Manderson) Hall



Jim (2.2.2) and Mary (English) Hall



Jim Hall (2.2.2), with son Bernard



Amelia (Green) and Patrick Hall (2.2.4)

- 1.1.2. **Walter Delaney** (1906-1999) married **Bridget Keefe** (1913-2002) and remained in Otterbury. This couple cared for Joseph and Bridget (Hurley) Corbett in their old age. They had seven children: **John, Mary, Mike, Edward, Betty, Walter, and Anne** (died in infancy).
- 1.1.3. **Michael Delaney** (1909-1999) married **Gertude Quinlan** (1918-2010). They had eight children: **Mary, Florence, Eileen, Anita, Marie, Francis, Vincent, and Jerome**.
- 1.1.4. **Dorothy Delaney** (1911-2000) married **Peter Neville** (1905-1984, son of Michael Neville and Bridget Long). The couple had seven children: **Marie, Michael, Kathleen, Daniel, Walter, Madonna, and Peter**. See Neville summary for further information.
- 1.1.5. **Josephine Delaney** (1915-2008) first married **Tom Corbett** (1880-1944). In the 1945 census, she is living with adopted daughter, **Mary**. She later married **Victor Stevens** (1930-2013, son of Chelsey Stevens and Mary Elizabeth Frost). Josephine was described as a high line berry picker, as she was able to collect 15-16 gallons per day! Josephine and Victor had no children.
- 1.2. **Bridget Hall** was born around 1888. In North River, on 7 Jan 1908, she married **Thomas Dunn** (1876-1936, from Cupids). The couple settled in Cupids and had one son: **William**. Bridget seemingly moved in with her brother John after her husband's death, as she is present in his household in the 1945 census.
- 1.3. **John Hall** was born around 1899 and married **Anna McGrath** (1905-1953, from Colliers) in Philadelphia in 1925. The couple returned to North River and they adopted a daughter: **Annie Ashford Hall**. John passed away on 2 Mar 1955.
- 1.4. **Mary Hall** was likely born around 1884. In North River, on 9 Jan 1907, she married **Patrick Mahoney** (1867-1945), son of Patrick Mahoney and Alice Kavanagh, also from North River). The couple likely remained in Halls Town and had two children: **Marie and Maurice**. Based on a death record for Mary Mahoney in Halls Town, it would appear she passed away on 4 Dec 1932. Shortly thereafter, in 1938, her husband and son moved to Philadelphia, where her daughter was already living. See the Patrick Mahoney family summary for more information.
2. **Jacob Hall** was born around 1848 in Bareneed according to the 1889 List of Voters. A death record indicates that he died on 27 Feb 1925 in Halls Town. Family sources indicate that he married **Mary "Molly" Delaney** (birth and death unknown, though based on a death record for Mary Hall in North River, the dates may be 1848-1909), and notes passed down from family members indicate they had three children: **Isaac "Ike", William, and Mary Elizabeth "Liz"**.
 - 2.1. **Isaac "Ike" Hall** was born in Halls Town around 1874. On 26 Nov 1914, in North River, he married **Jane Fowler** (born ca. 1891) of Emerald Vale. The couple had four children: **Annie, Kathleen, Henry, and Isaac P**. Based on a marriage record from 1907, Ike may have also had a first wife named Mary Cummings, but the record does not have the ages of the couple, so it's difficult to know for certain. Ike passed away on 24 Jan 1935.
 - 2.1.1. The 1945 census shows that **Henry Hall** (born ca. 1922) later married a woman named **Annie** (born ca. 1921) and they had at least one child named **Henry**.

- 2.2. William Hall** was born around 1879 in Halls Town. On 11 Jan 1906, in Brigus, he married Julia Mahoney (1887-1958, daughter of Patrick Mahoney and Alice Kavanagh, also from North River). The couple remained in Halls Town and had the following children: **Jacob P, James “Jim”, Mary, Patrick, Alice (Sr. Mary Casimir), William, John B, Donald, and Florence.** William passed away on 2 Sep 1941.
- 2.2.1. Jacob P Hall** (1908-1986) lived his entire life in North River. Though he remained a bachelor, and had no children of his own, he was very close to his brother Donald’s family, and was known to be very kind to his young nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, having them over for tea and letting them take as much sugar as they wanted.
- 2.2.2. James “Jim” Hall** was born 19 June 1910. He also stayed in North River and married **Mary Ann English** (1918-1995, daughter of Bernard English and Marie Hawco). Jim and Mary ran a general store in North River for many years, after taking over from the Englishes. They had two children: **Bernard**, who tragically drowned in the North River at age 11, and **Sylvia**. Jim passed away on 17 Nov 1979.
- 2.2.3. Mary Hall** died in infancy in 1911.
- 2.2.4. Patrick Hall** (1913-1994) married **Amelia Greene** (1916-1987) and moved to Pointe Verte. Patrick and Amelia had four children: **Dominic, Madonna, Eugene, and Edward.**
- 2.2.5. Alice Hall** was born 1 Nov 1915 and became **Sister Mary Casimir**. She possibly passed away in 1939.
- 2.2.6. William Hall** was born on 27 Sept 1918 and became a sailor during WWII. He tragically lost his life on 8 Feb 1941 when his ship, the Canford Chine, went down at sea and the entire crew was missing and presumed drowned.
- 2.2.7. John B Hall** was born on 19 Sep 1920, married **Florence Manderson** (1921-2005), remained in Halls Town and raised a large family: **Angela, Regina, John, Sheila, Rose, Loretta, Alice, Patricia, William, Mercedes, Francis, and Annette.** While working on the construction of the Torbay airport in 1941, John met Florence who was working at Government house. John was a skilled carpenter and worked near and far from home. He built many houses in North River, the first being Tom & Laura Morrissey and the last being Kevin and Jeannie Hurley, John also worked on All Hallows Church and Convent. After raising this very large family, their daughter, Regina, was tragically killed in an accident, and John and Florence subsequently raised their three grandchildren, ages 2, 4, and 6: **Eve, David and Barbara.** John passed away in 1997.
- 2.2.8. Donald Hall** was born 17 August 1923 in Halls Town. He married **Joan Mercer** (1955-2007, from Shearstown). Donald and Joan had four children: **Paula, Nancy, Donald, and Lisa.** Donald and Joan were owners and operators of their own games snackbar. He also distributed pinball machines, jukeboxes etc. to clubs and snackbars all over the Avalon Peninsula. In the 1950’s-60’s, Donald ran a snackbar and gas station in North River. Joan also operated Canada Post out of the store for many years. Donald died in Carbonear in 2003.

- 2.2.9. Florence Hall** was born 27 August 1926 and became a nurse. After moving to Detroit, she met and married **Bronislaw Chojnicki**. She died young; however, on 16 Feb 1952 in Detroit.
- 2.3. Mary Elizabeth “Liz” Hall** was born around 1881. On 9 Jan 1902, in Brigus, she married **Dennis Mahoney** (1874-1930, son of Patrick Mahoney and Alice Kavanagh, also from North River). The couple stayed in Halls Town and raised their family: **Catherine, John, Bridget, Dennis, Mary, and William**. Liz also raised her grandson, **Joseph**. Liz passed away on 3 Jun 1961. See the Patrick Mahoney family summary for further information.
- 3. Thomas Hall** was born in Halls Town around 1861. He married **Sarah Philips** (1862-1939) and remained in North River. They had the following biological children, all of whom left Newfoundland: **Margaret, Mary Josephine, Bridget, Nora, Elizabeth, Isaac and Alice**. Thomas and Sara also adopted **Edward Newell Hall**. Thomas passed away in 1953.
- 3.1. Edward Newell Hall** was born to Mary Newell in 1906. Edward was initially going to be adopted by Walter Stevens, but because of religion, the Priest of that day would not allow it. He was adopted by Thomas and Sarah Hall. By this time, Thomas’s children had grown and Edward was caused to work very hard; he was at the ice-fields by the age of 6 and had to do the work of a man while still a child. He married **Mary J Hall** (1909-1988, daughter of John P Hall and Bridget Sinclair) and the couple remained in North River. They had the following children: **May, Thomas, John, Bridget, Edward, Annie, Marguerite, Michael, Patricia, and Madonna**. Edward passed away in 1974.
- 4. James “Jim” Hall** was born around 1858 in Bareneed and settled in North River. He appears to have had two children with his first wife **Mary Blackes** (last name is difficult to read on birth record): **John P and James**. Marriage records also exist for **Mary Fowler** (1890-1915, married in 1910) and **Julia Ann Frayney** (1867-1945, married in 1916).
- 4.1. John P Hall** was born in 1881. On 17 Nov 1902 in Brigus, he married **Bridget Sinclair** (1881-1916, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long, also from North River). The couple stayed in North River and had several children: **James, Ella Rose (Sr. Madonna), Mary, Frances, Duncan, Anne, and Margaret**. After Bridget’s death, John married **Elizabeth Hickey** (1877-1964). John passed away on 26 Mar 1965.
- 4.1.1. James Joseph Hall** was born in 1906 and died young from polio in 1933.
- 4.1.2. Ella Rose Hall** (1907-2010) became **Sister Mary Madonna**. When her mother died, Ella was sent in service to work in the church in Harbour Grace. Ella slept in the back of the church until the age of 16, when she moved to St. John’s to join the Sisters of Mercy Convent. She entered the convent in 1924 and left Newfoundland for the US in October of that year. She made her first vows in 1927. She also did a BA and a Masters degree, then taught in Texas, Missouri and Arkansas. Sister Madonna retired to McAuley Convent in Arkansas in 1992.
- 4.1.3. Mary Hall** (1909-1988) married **Edward Newell Hall** (1906-1974) and the couple remained in North River. They had the following children: **May, Thomas, John, Bridget, Edward, Annie, Marguerite, Michael, Patricia, and Madonna**. Mary passed away in 1988.

- 4.1.4. **Frances Hall** was born around 1915. She married **Clarence Clarke** and the couple ran Clarke's Hotel in Georgetown. They had six children: **Hope, Katherine "Kitty", Lawrence, Anastasia "Nancy", Patricia, and Terrance.**
- 4.1.5. **Duncan Hall** (1916-1992) married **Mary Whitty** (1921-2007) and moved to Kitchener. They had the following children: **Lorraine, Veronica, Frances Anne, June, Madonna, John, and James.**
- 4.1.6. **Anne and Margaret Hall** are presumed to have passed away in childhood. An additional sister is supposed to have passed away in childhood according to James' headstone. It's possible that her name was **Claire.**
- 4.2. **James Hall** was born in Halls Town on 2 Oct 1887. He moved to Boston and married **Emma Hendrickson** (1893-1973). He died in Boston in 1958.
- 5. **Isaac Hall** was born around 1868. His first wife appears to have been **Mary Fowler** (possibly 1868-1918), with whom he had at least three children: **Bridget, Rosalie, and William.** He possibly remarried to **Lucy Frayney** (1902-1925) in 1920 and had two more children: **Mary Agnes and John.** He married a third time, to **Beatrice Nelson** (maiden name unknown) prior to his death in 1940.
 - 5.1. **Bridget Hall** was born around 1892. She likely married a Kavanagh.
 - 5.2. **Rosalie Hall** was born on 19 Oct 1893 in North River. In Brigus, on 29 Nov 1911, she married **James Cummings** (1879-1925, son of James Cummings and Elizabeth Stewart, also from North River). The couple had five children: **Elizabeth, James, Michael, Mary and Rosalie.** After James' death, Rosalie married **Patrick Sinclair** (1893-1974, son of Duncan St. Clair and Bridget Long) and they had two children: **Patrick and Bridget "Biddy".** It appears that the combining of the two families was too great a burden on the relationship, so they separated. Patrick raised Bridget and the younger Patrick on his own, while Rosalie raised the Cummings children. See the Cummings and Sinclair family summaries for more information. Rose passed away in 1983.
 - 5.3. **William Hall** was born on 6 Aug 1895. He married **Winnie Hall** (1901-1931, daughter of Jacob Hall and Bridget Snow). The couple had no children and there is no further information about William.
 - 5.4. **Mary Agnes Hall** (possibly 1920-1998) married **Harold Cooper** and moved to St. John's.
 - 5.5. **John Hall** was born around 1922 and moved to Toronto. No further information.
- 6. **Bridget Hall** married **John Morris** and had no children.
- 7. **Mary Hall** married a Bradbury and was apparently mother to Rosalie Newell.

HALL FAMILY – JACOB

Members of this Hall family in North River are likely descended from **Jacob Hall and Emma Snow** of Bareneed. Jacob and Emma Hall had at least four children: **1. Robert, 2. Thomas, 3. Mary Ann, and 4. Jacob**. Additional evidence has also led to the possibility that Jacob is also father to an older child named **Catherine**; however, Catherine's death record indicates that her mother's name was Catherine Ernst (last name is difficult to read on the record). As such, it's possible that Jacob had a first wife named, Catherine, with whom he had at least one child. It also calls into question who the mother of each of the other children may be. In any case, while Jacob does not appear to have left Bareneed himself, his children and grandchildren were all part of the North River community at some point. There is a possibility that Jacob is the son of Jacob and Bridget Hall, from Bareneed, and brother to Isaac Hall; however, no physical records have been found to prove this connection. See the Isaac Hall family summary for more information on this family.

- 1. Catherine Hall** was born in 1856. Her death record indicates that her parents were Jacob Hall and Catherine Ernst. She married **Philip Heffernan** and moved to Petty Harbour. The couple had at least two children: **Jacob and Margaret**. Catherine moved to Sydney with her son, Jacob, where she passed away on 18 Apr 1923.

- 1.1. Jacob Heffernan** (1890-1963) married **Margaret English** (1888-1920, daughter of Tobias English and Mary Ann Kavanagh) in North River on 26 Sep 1917. The marriage notice indicates that his cousin, Laura Mahoney (presumably the daughter of Mary Ann Hall and James Mahoney) was the maid of honour. Jacob and Margaret moved to Sydney and had one daughter: **Mary**. Margaret later died in childbirth, presumably with their second child, **Philip**, who also did not survive. Jacob remarried, to **Margaret Emberly** in 1921. The couple had the following children: **Margaret, Theresa, Frank, Dot, Pauline, Alice, James, and Kay**.

- 1.2. Margaret Heffernan** (born 1892) does not appear to have married. She is captured in the 1945 census, living in St. John's with her niece.

- 2. Robert Hall** was born to Jacob Hall and Emma Snow in 1860. Robert married **Ellen Delaney** (died in 1920), settled in North River, and had four children: **Jacob, William, Thomas, Veronica, and John**. After Ellen's death, Robert remarried to **Bridget Neville Hann**, a widow who was originally from North River, on 8 May 1922. Bridget is the mother of Bridget Hann, who married Jacob Hall (son of Jacob Hall and Bridget Snow below) and Margaret Hann, Duncan Snow's second wife. Robert died on 11 Sep 1944. The children of Robert and Ellen Hall are as follows.

- 2.1. Jacob Joseph Hall** (1891-1971), married **Margaret Riggs** (1890-1936) in Northern Bay on 31 Dec 1917 and settled in North River. Prior to Margaret's death in 1936, the couple had five children: **Mary Ellen** (1918-1975), **Alice** (1919-1937; first wife of Duncan Snow, see Hughes family summary), **Veronica** (1923-1923), **Sadie** (1924-2004), and **Margaret** (born 1934, living). With the exception of Alice, who died in child birth, Jacob's children moved to the US. Jacob's second wife was **Rose Vater Collett** (1892 –1960). After Rose's death, Jacob married a third time to **Johanna "Joan" Hanlon Dawson** (1901-1987, daughter of Walter Hanlon and Mary Moore).



Robert Hall (2)



Jacob (5) and Bridget (Snow) Hall



Mary Ann Hall (4)



Jacob Heffernan
(1.1)



Left: Rose Vater Collett Hall; Right: Jacob
Hall (2.1)



Children of Jacob and Bridget Hall: Jim (5.3), Gert (5.6), Fred (5.10), Rose (5.9),
Tom (5.2), Bride (5.8) and Jacob (5.4), 1971



Sadie Hall Savitsky (daughter of Jacob
Hall 2.1), Florence Snow Hall, Rose Hall
Hurley (5.9), Margaret Hall (daughter of
Jacob Hall 2.1)



Jake (5.4) and Bride (Hann) Hall with great-nephews, Lewis and
Michael Hurley



Thomas Hall (2.3)



Elfreda Farrell Boland, Mac Farrell, Catherine Long Hall and Fred Hall (5.10)



Sadie Hall Savitsky, Walter Hall, Agatha Connolly (Connolly-Daniel, 1.7), John B Hurley (Hurley, 1.1.4), James Hall (5.3) and Florence Snow Hall



Florrie Hall Hurley and mother Florence Snow Hall



Calvin Hall, 1956

Mr. Calvin Hall of the Royal Canadian Army at Greenwood, N.S. is spending his leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Snow North River.



Richard Laracy, Jack Laracy, Florence Snow Hall, Lorraine Hall Laracy, Bill Morrissey (Morrissey-Patrick, 4.1.3), and Rose Hall Hurley (5.9), 1957



Florence (Snow), Lorraine, Walter and Kay Hall



Rose Hall Hurley (5.9)



Florence (Snow) and Walter Hall

- 2.2. **William Hall** was born in North River on 11 Feb 1894. He married **Nora Neville** (1897-1986, daughter of John Neville and Bridget Mahoney) in North River on 24 Nov 1920; however, he passed away on 26 Oct 1926 in Halls Town, leaving no children.
- 2.3. **Thomas Michael Hall** was born in North River on 16 Jan 1897. He later moved to Philadelphia and married **Annie Gertrude Sinclair** (born 1902, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long also from North River). They had two children: **Anne and Thomas Francis**.
- 2.4. **Veronica Hall** was born around 1901 and died young on 4 Feb 1920, possibly while studying at Littledale.
- 2.5. **John Joseph Hall** was born in 24 Dec 1903 in North River. He moved to Philadelphia where he married **Bridget Sinclair** (1907-1954, daughter of William Sinclair and Bertha Newell of North River). They had four children: **Eleanor, John, Robert, and Francis**.
3. **Thomas John Hall** was born to Jacob Hall and Emma Snow in 1863. Thomas married **Alice Dobbin** (1870-1960, daughter of Tom Dobbin from North River). Thomas died young in 1896 in Labrador; however, Thomas and Alice had two children:
 - 3.1. **Bernard Alphonsus Hall** (1895-1975) was born in North River. After the death of his father, he was raised by his maternal grandfather, Tom Dobbin. He married **Mabel Lees** (1894-1976, from the UK) and 10 children: **Alice, Florence, Thomas, Angus, Bernard, Theresa, Mable, Malcolm, Alphonsus, and Clare**.
 - 3.2. **Thomas J Hall** (1896-1966) was born in North River. After the death of his father, he was raised by his paternal uncle Jacob Hall (below, line 5). Thomas first went to Sydney, Nova Scotia, before eventually settling in Boston. On 8 Jul 1923, Thomas married **Margaret McDougall** in Boston. Thomas and Margaret had seven children: **Elenora, Audrey, Phyllis, Marilyn, Thomas, Carol, and Patricia**.
4. **Mary Ann Hall** was born to Jacob Hall and Emma Snow in 1870. Mary Ann married **James P Mahoney** (1868-1934) of North River, they settled in North River and they had the following children: **Alice, Patrick, Laura, Bridget, James, Thomas and Jacob**. See the Mahoney family for more information.
5. **Jacob Hall** was born to Jacob Hall and Emma Snow in 1872. He married **Bridget F Snow** (1876-1952, daughter of James Snow and Elizabeth Hughes) in Brigus on 15 January 1900. While Jacob was from Bareneed, the couple ended up setting in Halls Town. Jacob died in North River on 22 Feb 1944 when he fell and a horse slide loaded with firewood ran over him. Jacob and Bridget had ten children:
 - 5.1. **Alice Winifred "Winnie" Hall** was born in 1901 and married **William Hall** (born 1895 to Jacob Hall from the Isaac Hall family). She died of tuberculosis on 23 May 1931 in Halls Town and had no children.
 - 5.2. **Thomas Patrick Hall** was born on 2 Oct 1902 and made his way to Boston by 1926. He married **Bridget Mary Griffin** (born 1909) of Long Harbour. Thomas remained in Boston until his death in 1973. The children of Thomas and Bridget are **Thomas P, James Jacob, Mark Anthony, Richard J, Francis N, Margaret Bridget, Kenneth, and Theresa Sandra**.

- 5.3. James S Hall** was born in 1904 and married **Florence Snow** (1914-1984, daughter of Edward and Rachel Snow). The family remained in Halls Town. They had the following children: **Gerald, George Calvin “Cal”, Katherine “Kay”, Mary Lorraine, Walter James, and Florence “Florrie”**. They also raised **Debbie, Tina, and Peggy**. James died on 14 Jan 1972.
- 5.4. Jacob B Hall** (1908-1997) married **Bridget Josephine “Bride” Hann** (1910-1984) and remained in Halls Town where they raised their daughter **Frances**.
- 5.5. Mark Hall** was born in 1910, but died young from tuberculosis on 25 Sep 1930. He had no children.
- 5.6. Gertrude Mary Hall** was born 2 Jul 1912. She moved to Boston and married **Nicholas Sampson** (1908-1989, from Argentina). Gertrude and Nick had five children: **Kevin, Gertrude, Nicholas, Margaret, and Rosemarie**. Gertrude died in Boston on 22 May 1995.
- 5.7. Genevieve Hall** was born in 1913 and died in infancy.
- 5.8. Bridget Frances Hall** was born on 26 Oct 1913 and moved to Boston in 1940. In 1945 she married **George Norris** (1902-1960, from Bay Bulls). They remained in Boston and had no children. Bridget died on 30 Oct 2003.
- 5.9. Rose M Hall** was born on 8 Dec 1916 and married **John Bernard Hurley** (1916-1954, son of John R Hurley and Mary Mansfield, also of Halls Town). Interestingly, the 1935 census shows Rose’s family and John’s family right next to one another. They had seven children: **Gervase, Nicholas, Eugene, Kevin** (died in infancy), **David, Kenneth Wayne “Wayne”, and Rosemarie**. They moved to Avondale briefly until John’s sudden death in 1954. Rose returned to North River to raise their children. Rose died on 27 Aug 2008.
- 5.10. Frederick Hall** was born on 31 Aug 1918. He married **Catherine Long** (1926-2001, daughter of Gregory Long and Elizabeth Sinclair) in North River on 30 Aug 1953 and they remained in Halls Town to raise their family. Fred and Catherine had ten children: **Cathy, Kimberly, Janice, Michelle, Mary, Bridget, Carol Ann, Tom, John, and Fred**. Fred died in 1998.

HANLON FAMILY – JAMES

James Hanlon is the first Hanlon observed in the North River voters lists. The name is present in both the 1869 and 1874 lists (in the form of Handlon), and in the 1889 list, James Hanlon is indicated to be 60 years old, born in North River, and the son of James Hanlon. A transcribed death notice documents the death of an elder James Hanlon in 1867 in North River, age 80. The notice also indicates that the elder James Hanlon was born in Carrick on Suir, County Tipperary, Ireland. This James Hanlon is mostly likely the father of the James Hanlon from whom the North River Hanlon line is descended. Records in the Mannion Collection potentially point to Margaret Cullen as the wife of the elder James Hanlon, with a marriage in 1813. Regardless, the Hanlon family quite certainly seems to have resulted from the immigration of James Hanlon from Country Tipperary and the decision of his son, **James**, to remain in North River. **James Hanlon** was born around 1826-1829 according to the 1889 List of Voters and a death record for James Hanlon, aged 81 on 11 Sep 1907. His spouse was likely **Johanna O'Shea** (1827-1899), and they appear to have had at least four children: **1. Ellen, 2. Edward, 3. Walter, and 4. Patrick.**

1. Ellen Hanlon was born around 1854 and was reported as having passed away in Black Tickle on 9 Oct 1886.

2. Edward Hanlon was born deaf around 1864 and first appears in the 1889 List of Voters. In Brigus, on 24 Jan 1894, he married **Margaret Long** (1871-1943, daughter of William Long and Anne Walsh). Edward and Margaret had one child: **Mary Josephine**. However, Edward passed away from tuberculosis around 1898, when his daughter was only one year old. His wife later remarried to Patrick Morrissey (refer to the Patrick and Sarah Morrissey family summary for further information).

2.1. Mary Josephine Hanlon was born on 22 Feb 1897 in North River and married **Brendan Morrissey** (1894-1964, son of John Morrissey and Elizabeth Corbett, also from North River). They remained in North River and had the following children: **John, Thomas, Edward, Elizabeth, Philip, and Margaret**. Mary, who was referred to as “Mary Bren”, passed away in 2001, having reached the distinction of having lived in three different centuries. See the Patrick and Sarah Morrissey family summary for more information.

3. Walter Hanlon was born around 1868. In Brigus, on 16 Apr 1896, he married **Mary “Doll” Moore** (1874-1966, daughter of Jacob Moore and Margaret Brien). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **James Edward “Ed”, Margaret, Augustus, Johanna, Rosalie, Madeline, Frank, and Mary**. Walter passed away on 25 Jan 1935.

3.1. James Edward “Jim” Hanlon was born on 19 Jul 1896. He married **Mary O'Brien, “Mary Jim”** (1901-1992, daughter of Daniel O'Brien and Alice English). While he spent some time in Boston, the couple raised their family in North River. They had the following children **Walter, Alice, Daniel, and Gertrude**. Mary's aunt Margaret O'Brien “Aunt Mag” lived with them in later years. Aunt Mag was born in Labrador, and was more likely a great-aunt to Mary Jim. Jim and Mary ran a little general store that supplied the school children at recess time. Jim also fished on the Labrador, so he carried different supplies, and was a go-to person for parts. He often helped to repair motor boat engines while on the Labrador. Jim passed away from cancer on 2 Jan 1973.

- 3.1.1. **Walter Hanlon** (1926-1974) married **Evelyn Neville** (1927-2008, daughter of Luke Neville and Angela Tobin) and moved to Stephenville. They had the following children: **Jerome, Robert, Christine, Stephen, Camilla, Pauline, Walter, Eugene, Irene, Jacinta, Luke, Odelia, Charmaine, and Daniel** (died at birth).
- 3.1.2. **Alice Hanlon** (born 1928) married **Roy Richards** and moved to Gander. They had the following children: **Tony, Roy, Brenda, Garry, and Sharon**, who was killed in a car accident on Christmas Eve at age 17 when she was hit by a drunk driver while walking home from work.
- 3.1.3. **Daniel Hanlon** (born 1933) married **Zita O'Reilly** of Gambo. They had the following children: **Desmond, Dan, Tony, Jim, and Debbie**, and moved to Ontario.
- 3.1.4. **Gertrude Hanlon** (born 1935) died at age 2.
- 3.2. **Margaret Hanlon** was born on 20 Dec 1897. She married **John Brazil** (1890-1966 from Spaniard's Bay) and the couple raised their family in Spaniard's Bay: **James, Leo, Augustine, Wallis and Francis**. Margaret passed away in 1985.
- 3.3. **Augustus Hanlon** was born on 13 Apr 1900. He moved to Boston in 1926, where he married **Marguerite Aucoin**. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Richard, Paul, Marguerite, Jeannine, and Maurice**. Augustus passed away in 1980.
- 3.4. **Johanna Hanlon** was born around 1901. She married **Geoffrey Dawson** (1884-1961) and moved to Bay Roberts. They had the following children: **George, Walter, Bridget, Mary, Gerald, Geoffrey, and Michael Francis "Frank"**. After Geoffrey's death, Joan married Jacob Hall (son of Robert and Ellen Hall) and returned to North River. After Jacob's death she moved back to Bay Roberts. She passed away in 1987.
- 3.5. **Rosalie Hanlon** was born on 8 Jan 1906. She moved to Boston in 1921, where she married **Walter O'Brien**. They remained in the US and had the following children: **Mary, Walter, Francis, Rosalie, and James**. Rosalie passed away in Rhode Island in 1999.
- 3.6. **Madeline Hanlon** was born on 5 Jan 1907. She married **John "Jack" Fowler** (1906-1950, from Cupids) and moved to Cupids, then Brigus. The couple had four children: **Kevin, Yvette, Thomas, and Garrett**. After Jack's death, she married **Val Carroll**. Madeline passed away on 13 Apr 1994.
- 3.7. **Frank Hanlon** was born around 1910. He married **Kathleen Whelan** (1914-1976, daughter of John Whelan and Bridget Connolly) and the couple remained in North River. At one point, Frank towed his stable from his yard, up over Hanlon's Lane, up the main road, and positioned it by the brook at the end of Jack Morrissey's garden, then used it as a snack bar and sold beer. Frank also had a second store attached to his house, the house where Vern Dawe now lives. Frank and Kathleen had the following children: **Mary, Bridget, Rose Marie, Francis, Lorraine, John, Kathleen, Walter, Colin, and Barry**. Frank passed away in 1960. When son Francis was attending All Hallows School, the boys were playing chicken around the school on their bikes and Frank got hit and his leg broken. Richard Morrissey carried him home on the cross-bar of his bike and he was in so much pain he was screaming every bump. When they struck the bump coming off of the bridge to go in Hanlon's Lane he said "she's gone Dicky Boy, she's gone".



Walter (3.1.1), James (3.1) and Alice Hanlon (3.1.3)



James Hanlon (3.1), Mary Bren Hanlon Morrissey (2.1) and unknown



James (3.1) and Mary (O'Brien) Hanlon



John Long (Long-John, 1.2.1.1), Alice (3.1.2) and Walter Hanlon (3.1.1)



Evelyn (Neville), Jerome and Walter (3.1.1) Hanlon

NEVILLE-HANLON—At Slep-henville, Evelyn Neville to Walter Hanlon, both of North River, Feb. 18th.

Family Fireside, 1950



Mag Hanlon Brien, Daniel (3.1.3) and Walter Hanlon (3.1.1)



Family of Dan (3.1.3) and Zita (O'Reilly) Hanlon



Leo (4.6), nephew Philip, and Ted (4.2) Hanlon



Mary Bren Hanlon Morrissey (2.1)



Gertrude (Snow) and Pad (4.5) Hanlon



Three generations: Laken,
Everly Rose and Catherine
Ann Hanlon McHugh



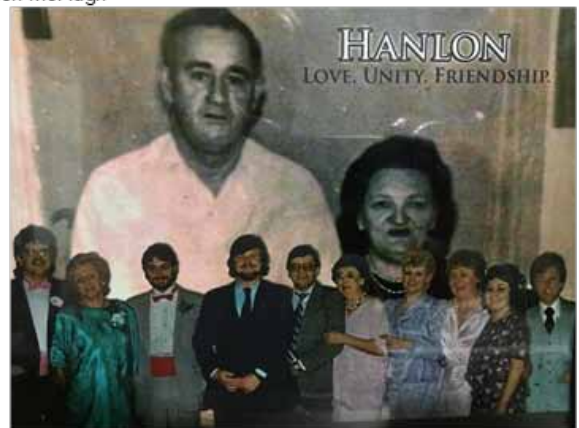
Angeline and William Hanlon



Frank Hanlon (3.7)



Kathleen Whelan Hanlon and
daughter Mary Hanlon



Family of Frank (3.7) and Kathleen Hanlon: Barry, Mary,
Colin, Walter, John, Bridget, Lorraine, Rose, Kay and
Frank

- 3.8. Mary Hanlon** was born on 1 Oct 1919. She moved to Massachusetts in 1944 and married **Thomas Campbell**. The couple had the following children: **Earl, Colin, Thomas, Linda, and Colleen**. Mary passed away in 1992.
- 4. Patrick Hanlon** was born in 1872. In Brigus, on 20 Apr 1899, he married **Mary Catherine “Kitty” O’Brien** (1880-1954, daughter of Richard O’Brien and Mary Cummings). The couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Nellie, James Edward “Ted”, Mary, Arthur, Patrick, Leo and Agnes**. Their house was in between Frank Hanlon’s and Dan Morrissey’s. Patrick and Kitty died on the same day, and were waked together and buried on the same day in 1954.
- 4.1. Nellie Hanlon** (1900-1962) moved to Boston in 1917, where she married **William McIntosh**. The couple stayed in Boston to raise their family: **Helen, Margaret, William, Carolyn, and Gerald**.
- 4.2. James Edward “Ted” Hanlon** was born on 1 Jul 1901. In 1922, he moved to Boston where he married **Veronica Hurley** (1903-1963, from Cupids). The couple stayed in Boston to raise their family: **Edward, John, and Mary**. Ted died in California in 1976.
- 4.3. Mary Hanlon** (1903-1985) moved to Boston in 1922 where she married **George Otto**. They had one child: **Robert**.
- 4.4. Arthur Hanlon** (possibly 1905-1965) moved to Boston in 1926.
- 4.5. Patrick “Pad” Hanlon** was born around 1914. He married **Gertrude Snow** (1925-1996, daughter of William Snow and Margaret Sinclair) and the couple remained in North River. They had the following children: **William**, who passed away in a Toronto car accident in 1972, **Desmond, Marilyn, Angeline, Alphonsus, Catherine Ann, Sandra, Patrick, Paul, and Perry** (twins). Patrick passed away in 1978. Pad was a fun-loving guy that everyone loved to greet when he came to visit. He had his own renditions on local songs and sang or recited them without music. Pad was a memory maker for many children who still remember him to this day.
- 4.6. Leo Hanlon** was born on 21 Dec 1919. He was known to sit outside on Sunday mornings and play the accordion for all to hear. His son, Pius, still has the accordion. While Leo spent time in Boston, he returned to North River, where he married **Dorothy Fillier** (born 1934, daughter of John Fillier and Jessie Mugford) and they were the last couple to be married in North River by Monsignor Dinn. They had their wedding reception at Pike’s and the English’s hosted a party at the town hall the following evening. Leo also served in the Armed Forces at the time as Daniel Cummings. During the fire at the Knights of Columbus Hostel in St. John’s in 1942, Leo pulled Daniel through a window to save his life. Leo and Dot raised their family in North River. They had the following children: **Leo, Pius, Ignatius, Darrell, Faye, and Denise**. Leo passed away in 2000.
- 4.7. Agnes Hanlon** died from burns at age 2 after pulling a hot pot of water off the stove.

HUGHES FAMILY – WILLIAM

William Hughes was born ca. 1811 and died in 1879 according to the stone in All Hallows cemetery. The stone also indicates that William had a wife named **Johanna** (ca. 1822-1875). William Hughes is listed as father of three sons in the List of Voters from 1889 (**Patrick and William**) and 1904 (**William and James**). William appears to be the sole Hughes to have settled in North River; as such, it can likely be assumed that **Elizabeth and Johanna**, born in a similar timeframe to the three sons, are the daughters of William Hughes. William likely immigrated from Ireland, since both James and Elizabeth reported Ireland as their father's birthplace in the 1935 census. Based on available information, the children of William and Johanna Hughes are likely to be: **1. Johanna, 2. Patrick, 3. William, 4. Elizabeth, and 5. James.**

This summary also comprises the Power and Snow families who are descended from Johanna and Elizabeth Hughes.

- 1. Johanna Hughes** was born around 1845. She married **Edward Powers** and the couple seemingly remained in North River, where they had the following children: **Mary, William and Johanna.** Johanna died on 31 Dec 1927 in North River.
 - 1.1. Mary Powers** was born around 1880. She moved to Boston in 1900 and married **John Toomey** (born ca. 1871). They had three children: **Gertrude, John and Joseph.** Mary passed away on 6 May 1949.
 - 1.2. William Power** was born in 1882 in North River and he is present in the 1908 and 1913 voters lists. Since no other person with the same name and age appear in later censuses, it's presumed that William remained in North River and married **Elizabeth Abbott** (1883-1977, from Springfield) on 6 Jan 1908. This family is present in the censuses, and they had the following children: **Edward, John, Mary, Patrick, William, Gertrude and Francis.** William died on 27 Dec 1951.
 - 1.2.1. Edward Power** (1909-1988) married **Mary A ?** (1911-1982) and the couple was present in North River in the 1945 census, but later moved to Dunnville.
 - 1.2.2. John "Jack" Power** (born ca. 1912) married **Eileen Cummings** (1916-2000, daughter of Richard Cummings and Mary Connolly, also from North River). The couple stayed in North River and had the following children: **William, Mary, John, Randy, Jerry, Betty, and Jenny.**
 - 1.2.3. Mary Power** (1914-1993) married **John Laracy** and settled in Cupids. They had the following children: **Rita, Bridget, Gertrude, Francis, Betty, Pauline, Margaret, Ron, Catherine, and William.**
 - 1.2.4. Patrick Power** (born 1917) moved to Toronto.
 - 1.2.5. William "Bill" Power** (1920-1970) moved to Toronto.
 - 1.2.6. Gertrude Power** (born 1923) married **Clarence Hayes** and moved to Cupids, then Scarborough. They had eight children.
 - 1.2.7. Francis "Frank" Power** (born 1927) moved to Toronto.
- 1.3. Johanna Powers** was born around 1885. She moved to Boston in 1902, where she married **Thomas Morrissey** (1874-1946, son of Thomas Morrissey and Ann Moore) on 5 Jan 1908.

The couple remained in Boston to raise their family: **Thomas, Francis, Mary, Gertrude, William, Edward, John, Rita (Sr. Avellino), Helen, Dorothy, and Joan.** Johanna passed away in 1951.

2. **Patrick Hughes** was born around 1848; However, it's unclear what became of this Patrick Hughes. He is present in the 1889 List of Voters, but not the one from 1904. He was present in the 1894 and 1898 directories, but not in 1904 directory. The 1889 list indicates that he was born in North River. It appears that he either left or died between 1898 and 1904. No other records have been found about him.
3. **William Hughes** was born around 1850. He married **Anastatia Grace** (1852-1933) and the couple remained in North River. They had three children: **Johanna, William, and John.** William passed away in 1926.
 - 3.1. **Johanna Hughes** was born around 1880. On 28 Jan 1904, in Brigus, she married **Thomas Sinclair** (1878-1934, son of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long, also from North River). The couple had no children. After Thomas's death, it appears that Johanna likely married **John Ashford** (1875-1953) and passed away on 21 Jun 1958.
 - 3.2. **William Patrick "Patrick" Hughes** was born around 1883. He married **Rosalie Seward** (1883-1967, daughter of Thomas Seward and Ellen Long, also from North River) and he moved to Detroit. The couple had three children: **Frank** (died in infancy), **Helen, and William.** Shortly after his wife and children joined him in Detroit, Patrick died in an accident on 8 Dec 1922.
 - 3.3. **John Hughes** was born on 6 Oct 1887. He moved to Detroit in 1910, where he married **Ella O'Donnell** on 19 Aug 1919. The couple remained in Detroit and had three children: **Edward, Anne, and Mary.**
4. **Elizabeth Hughes** was born around 1860. She married **James Snow** (1853-1951, also from North River). James was possibly the son of William Snow. The couple remained in North River and had a large family. Many of their descendants still live in North River. Their children are as follows: **Bridget, William, Johanna, Frederick, Mary, Lucy, Ann Gertrude, and James.** Elizabeth passed away on 8 Jul 1941.
 - 4.1. **Bridget Snow** was born on 10 Oct 1876. In Brigus, on 15 Jan 1900, she married Jacob Hall (1872-1944, son of Jacob Hall and Emma Snow). While Jacob was originally from Bareneed, the couple ended up settling in Halls Town. They had the following children: **Alice Winifred "Winnie", Thomas Patrick, James S, Jacob, Mark, Gertrude, Genevieve, Bridget, Rose, and Frederick.** Refer to the Jacob Hall family summary for further information.
 - 4.2. **William Snow** (1880-1952) married **Margaret Sinclair** (1882-1952, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long). The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **James, Josephine Johanna, Duncan, Patrick, John, Lucy, Annie, Mary, Ella, Margaret, Gertrude, and Angeline.**
 - 4.2.1. **James Snow** (1904-1970) moved to New Jersey in 1926, where he married **Catherine Costello** (1900-1982) on 1 Sep 1928. They had two children: **Margaret "Peggy" and James.** The family moved to Philadelphia after the birth of their first child.

- 4.2.2. Josephine Johanna “Jo” Snow** (1906-2003) moved to Philadelphia and married **Michael Bernard “Ben” Griffin** (1901-1967). They had the following children: **Joan, Anne, and Mary (Sr. Maria Theresa)**. Jo passed away on Christmas Day, 2003.
- 4.2.3. Duncan Snow** (1908-1961) remained in North River and first married **Alice Hall** (1919-1937, daughter of Jacob Hall and Margaret Riggs). They had one child: **Alice**; however, Alice (Duncan’s wife) passed away in childbirth. Other family members helped to raise little Alice Snow, and she is seen living with her paternal grandparents in the 1945 census. Duncan remarried to **Margaret Hann** (1914-1998) and had three more children: **Duncan** (died in infancy), **Peggy, and Bernice**.
- 4.2.4. Patrick Snow** (1910-1989) moved to Philadelphia and married **Mary Angela Whelan** (1916-1998). They had one daughter, **Peggy**, and a baby girl who died in infancy.
- 4.2.5. John Francis Snow** (1918-1981) remained in North River and married **Mary Morrissey** (1917-2002, daughter of Mark Morrissey and Alice Mahoney). They had the following children: **Madonna, William** (drowned in North River in 1965), **Mark, and twins, Brenda and Imelda**.
- 4.2.6. Lucy Snow** (1915-1987) married **Thomas Flynn** (1914-1998) and moved to Bell Island. The couple had the following children: **Catherine, Annie, Margaret, Michael, William, and Daniel**.
- 4.2.7. Mary Snow** (1919-2008) remained in North River and first married **Michael Brazil** (1917-1952). They had five children: **Anne, Ellen, Mary Hope** (died in infancy), **Michael** (died in infancy), and **John Dan**. After Michael’s death, Mary remarried to **Dennis Cooney** (1926-2007) and the couple had the following children: **Paula, Loretta, Chris, and Craig**.
- 4.2.8. Annie Snow** (1917-1938) passed away from tuberculosis.
- 4.2.9. Ella Madonna Snow** (1921-2002) married **John Hunt** (1922-1994) and moved to Philadelphia. The couple did not have children.
- 4.2.10. Margaret Snow** (born ca. 1922) first married Daniel Neville (1913-1945, son of Michael Neville and Bridget Long). The couple were captured living in Jersey side, Placentia in the 1945 census. After Daniel’s death, she married **Harvey Mugford**.
- 4.2.11. Gertrude Snow** (1925-1996) married **Patrick “Pad” Hanlon** (1914-1978, son of Patrick Hanlon and Mary O’Brien). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **William**, who passed away in a Toronto car accident in 1972, **Desmond, Marilyn, Angeline, Alphonsus, Catherine Ann, Sandra, Patrick, and twins, Paul and Perry**.
- 4.2.12. Angeline Snow** (1927-1946) passed away from tuberculosis. Never married.
- 4.3. Johanna Snow** was born around 1884. In Brigus, on 27 Nov 1902, she married **William Sinclair** (born ca. 1881, son of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long) and the couple remained in North River. They had one child, **William**, prior to her early death on 6 May 1906.

- 4.3.1. William Snow Sinclair** (1902-1978) moved to Philadelphia in 1928. He married **Ann Mary Cummings** (1903-1995, daughter of Michael Cummings and Mary Agnes Walsh) in North River on 10 Jul 1929, and the couple then settled back in Philadelphia. They had the following children: **William, Joseph, Donald, Joan and Marie.**
- 4.4. Frederick Snow** (1890-1970) married **Cecelia O'Neill** (born ca. 1893) and moved to Philadelphia. They had the following children: **James, Elizabeth, Francis, Frederick, William, Michael, and Joseph.**
- 4.5. Mary Theresa Snow** (1892-1970) married **Richard Driscoll** (born 1891) and moved to Philadelphia. They had the following children: **Mildred, Brendon, Frederick, James, and Joseph.**
- 4.6. Lucy Snow** (born 1895) married **Edward Fitzgerald** (born 1891). They remained in North River and raised **Ella Snow Fitzgerald** (biological daughter of William Snow and Margaret Sinclair) **and Margaret Hall** (biological daughter of John P Hall and Bridget Sinclair).
- 4.7. Ann Gertrude Snow** (1897-1910) passed away from rheumatic fever.
- 4.8. James (Hughes) Snow**, likely the son of James Hughes (below, 5.1).
- 5. James Hughes** was born around 1863. He first married **Elizabeth ?** and they had one child, **James**. James married his second wife, **Frances Kavanagh** (maiden name unknown) in 1908. James passed away in 1939.
- 5.1. James Hughes** (1880-1949) married **Rachel Burke** (born 1882) and moved to Philadelphia in 1900. He apparently worked as a bridge builder. Other family members have included him as part of Elizabeth Hughes and James Snow's family, as such, possibly he was raised by his paternal grandparents after the death of his mother. James and Rachel had the following children: **Elizabeth Gertrude, Francis, James, and Joseph.**



William Snow (4.2)



William (4.2) and Margaret (Sinclair) Snow



Bridget Snow Hall (4.1)



Duncan Snow (4.2.3), Jo Snow Griffin (4.2.2) and Alfred Snow (Snow, 7.6.4), ca. 1957



Ella Snow Fitzgerald Hunt (4.2.9) and John Hunt



Patrick Snow (4.2.4)



Bridge Kehoe, unknown Snow and Bridget Snow Hall (4.1)



Peggy Snow Kent, Sylvia Hall Hurley (daughter of Jim and Mary Hall) and Bernice Snow Miller, ca. 1961 (Peggy and Bernice daughters of Duncan and Margaret Snow)



Alice Snow Kennedy (daughter of Duncan and Alice Snow)



Jim Snow (4.2.1) and daughter, Peggy Snow



Siblings: Jo Snow Griffin (4.2.2), John Snow (4.2.5), Mary Snow Brazil Cooney (4.2.7), Margaret Snow Neville Mugford (4.2.10), and Gertrude Snow Hanlon (4.2.11)



Children of John and Mary Snow: Mark, Madonna, Billy, Imelda and Brenda



John Snow (4.2.5) with twins Imelda and Brenda



Back: Ann Brazil Galway, John Dan Brazil, Craig Cooney, Dennis Cooney, Chris Cooney, Ellen "Larry" Brazil Walsh Conway, Front: Paula Cooney, Loretta Cooney Quinlan, Mary Snow Brazil Cooney (4.2.7)



Angeline Snow (4.2.12), Madonna Snow Cummings (in pram) and Mary Morrissey Snow

BRAZIL-SNOW
North River, April 1908—On Sunday afternoon, April the 18th, the wedding of Mary, daughter of Margaret and William Snow, of North River, to Michael, youngest son of the late John Brazil, of Spaniard's Bay, and Mrs. Daniel O'Brien, of North River, took place. The marriage ceremony was performed in All Hallows Church by the Rev. Fr. Dinn. The bride was dressed in poudre blue, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. She was attended by her sister, Lucy, who wore pea green, whilst the best man was Patrick Morrissey.
 After the marriage ceremony was performed, the wedded couple returned to their new home where supper was served to over seventy guests. Rev. Fr. Dinn, E.A., P.P., proposed the health of the bride in well chosen words, the bridegroom responding in an appropriate manner. Following the honouring of the toasts, the bride cut her wedding cake which was nicely decorated. It is interesting to note that both grandmothers of the happy couple were present, the bridegroom's, Mrs. Ellen Carroll, who is 166 years old, and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Snow. They both enjoyed the reception.
 The bride and groom are very well known, the groom working in the mining town of Buchans where he returns after his honeymoon. The bride received many handsome and useful gifts from all her friends. A very enjoyable evening was spent with songs and music, and followed by a dance after 12 o'clock. It is the sincere wish of each of the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brazil that they enjoy many years of happiness during their wedded life.
 A GUEST.

Daily News, 08-May-1937



John (4.2.5) and Mary (Morrissey) Snow



Ella Snow Fitzgerald Hunt (4.2.9), Ned Fitzgerald and Mary Snow Brazil Cooney (4.2.7)



Brenda Snow in Snow's Lane



Eileen Cummings Power, Jack Power (1.2.2), and Elizabeth Abbott Power



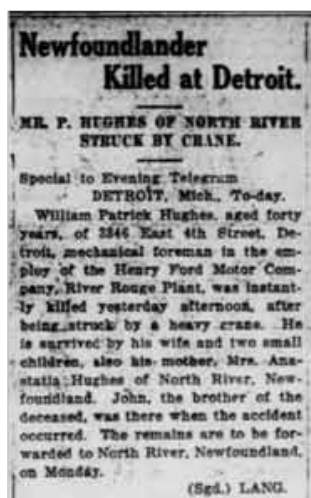
Gert Power Hayes (1.2.6), Eileen Cummings Power, and Mary Power Laracy (1.2.3)



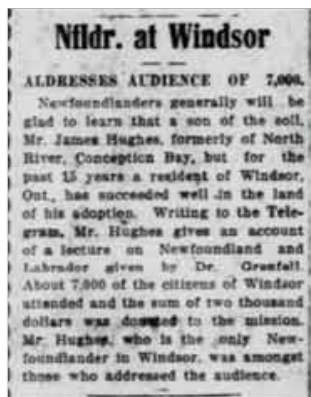
Children of William and Elizabeth Power: Mary (1.2.3), Pat (1.2.4), Gert (1.2.6), Frank (1.2.7), Bill (1.2.5) and Jack (1.2.2)



Jo Snow Griffin (4.2.2), James Snow (4.2.1) and Catherine Costello Snow



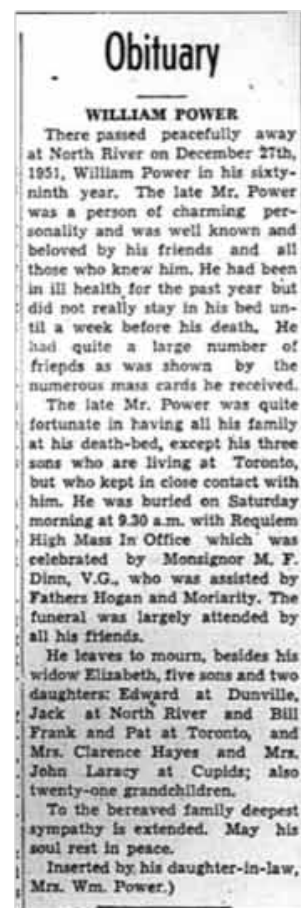
Evening Telegram, 09-Dec-1922



Evening Telegram, 02-Mar-1922



Randy Power and Jenny Power Mahoney



Daily News, 09-Jan-1952



Margaret Hann Snow

HURLEY FAMILY – JOHN

The Hurley family name appears in the Port-de-Grave area records as early as the 1869 List of Voters, with John, Martin and Richard Hurley documented as North River residents.

John Hurley appears to be the forebear of the North River Hurley family line. Born around 1832, to father John Hurley in Salmon Cove (according to the 1889 List of Voters), John appears to also have a brother named Richard (born in ca. 1840). Richard possibly married a woman named Mary Ann, who is present as a widow, living alone in the 1945 census. John's wife is unknown and he died on 7 Oct 1915. He had the following children: **1. Martin, 2. Mary, 3. Bridget, 4. Patrick, 5. Anastasia, and 6. John Francis.**

1. Martin Hurley was born to John Hurley in ca. 1857. The records are not consistent with his birthplace. Voters Lists indicate Cupids or Salmon Cove, while the death record indicates North River. There is a marriage record and notice in the Harbour Grace Standard for the marriage of Martin Hurley and Elizabeth Ellen Mahoney in Sept 1893. However, other records for his children indicate that he was married to Elizabeth Kavanagh (or Cavanagh). Martin lived in North River and Halls Town (Pond) and died on 3 Jan 1935 from "old age". Martin had at least six children: **John R, James, Daniel, Mary Alice, Patrick, and Gregory.** Records indicate that Elizabeth Kavanagh is the mother of Patrick, and is likely also Gregory's mother since Gregory was born later and his birth record indicates that his parents are Martin and Elizabeth Hurley. However, records for James are inconsistent, with his marriage license indicating his mother is Elizabeth Kavanaugh, while a death record suggests it is Mary with an illegible last name starting with "K". With the identity of his mother unclear, the mother of Mary Alice and Daniel is also unclear. Family members have also mentioned that Martin may have been married three times.

1.1. John R Hurley was born to Martin Hurley and possibly Elizabeth Ellen Mahoney in ca. 1884 in North River. John R married **Mary Jane Mansfield** on 25 April 1908 in Brigus. Mary was the daughter of Patrick J. Mansfield and Margaret M Kenny of Kitchuses, and was born around 1889. John R and Mary lived in Terney's Hill, Halls Town and had six children: **Margaret, Elizabeth, Irene, John Bernard, Kathleen "Kay", and Stephen.** Mary died on 15 Mar 1945, while John R. died from pneumonia on 5 Oct 1948.

1.1.1. Margaret Hurley (born ca. 1911) was born in Halls Town, married **Michael Carroll** and moved to Bell Island. Margaret and Michael had one daughter, **Sheila.**

1.1.2. Elizabeth Hurley (1912-2002) was born in Halls Town, but moved to the US in 1943. She later married **John Duncan Mahoney** (from North River, 1904-1984, parents Michael W Mahoney and Mary J Sinclair) and had six children: **Gregory, Jeanette, John D, Linda, Mary, and Michael.**

1.1.3. Irene Hurley (1914-2004) was born in Halls Town, married **John Molloy** and moved to Marystown. She had six children: **Marguerite, Vincent, Mary, Kay, Lorraine, and John.**

1.1.4. John Bernard Hurley (1916-1954) was born in Halls Town and married **Rose Hall** (1916-2008, born to Jacob Hall and Bridget Snow in North River). After starting their family in Halls Town, they later moved to Avondale, where John was



Martin Hurley (1) and Mary Hurley Sinclair (2)

**At Labrador, Sept. 28rd. by the Rev. J. Roe
Mr. Martin Hurley to Elizabeth Mahony**

Harbor Grace Standard, 01-Dec-1883



Unknown, Mary Mansfield Hurley and Kathleen Hurley Sidor (1.1.5)

15th.—Tragic accident occurred at Portage Cove Saturday, when Gregory Hurley, aged 39, part time taximan of Bell Island, lost his life when car he was driving plunged over wharf into 30 feet of water. Deceased leaves wife and seven children.

The Twillingate Sun, 20 May 1939



John B Hurley (1.1.4)



John R Hurley (1.1), unknown, and Margaret Hurley Carroll (1.1.1)



Unknown, Sadie Hall Savitsky (daughter of Jacob and Margaret Hall), Kathleen Hurley Sidor (1.1.5), Chet Sidor and Charles Savitsky



S. HURLEY

Steven Joseph Hurley, chief quartermaster of Utilities at the U.S. Naval Station in Argentina, who died May 20 at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia. The 36-year-old Newfoundland civilian suffered 50 per cent body burns May 1 while working on a malfunctioning circuit breaker in the naval station's south side power plant building. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

(U.S. Navy Photograph)

Obituary	
<p>JOHN B. HURLEY Sunday, September 5th is a day that will be long and sadly remembered by the people of Avondale as well as those of North River. On that day the beautiful hand of death suddenly opened the gates of Paradise to admit the passing of the soul of John B. Hurley. Mr. Hurley was seized by a heart attack during Mass at the Conception Bay Branch. His return home Dr. O'Kelly was called but medical aid proved ineffective, and in less than one hour life was extinct.</p> <p>His remains were brought by Dunphy's motor hearse to North River, his native home, where a host of friends gathered to convey their sympathy and present numerous Mass cards.</p> <p>The following day after Solemn High Mass and office was offered at All Hallows Church by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. F. Dinn V.G., assisted by Rev. Fathers Hagen and Burke, he was laid to rest in the presence of many surviving relatives and friends.</p> <p>At the request of the Head of the Bay Branch of the N.T.A. Solemn High Mass and office was also offered at St. Mary by Rev. Fr. Howard, assisted by Fathers Kavanagh, Murphy and Terry.</p> <p>Mr. Hurley was born at North River August 14th, 1918. He was married in 1942 to Rose Hall of the same place, but for the past seven years his family had lived at Avondale where he was Principal of the school of the Assumption.</p> <p>His family has now returned to their former home.</p> <p>Avondale not only lost a teacher, but a public spirited citizen, the president of their dramatic troupe, a humble christian gentle-</p>	<p>man and a smiling courteous friend. Mr. Hurley, a kind and energetic teacher was himself a brilliant student of the M. U. from which university he was soon to obtain his bachelors degree in education.</p> <p>He was an active member of the Newfoundland Teachers Association, President of the head of the Conception Bay Branch and one of the leading N.T.A. members of the executive of the association. He had been for some years a member of the Knight of Columbus Avalon Council 22221.</p> <p>His passing will be long felt by those with whom he laboured as well as by the cause of education generally but more so by the members of his bereaved family.</p> <p>Left to mourn his passing besides his wife are: five sons, Jerome, Nicholas, Eugene, David, Wayne, one daughter Rose Marie, one brother Stephen J. Hurley of North River, and four sisters, Elizabeth, Mrs. Duncan Mahoney of Philadelphia, U.S.A., Kathleen, Mrs. Chester Sidor of Philadelphia, U.S.A., Margaret, Mrs. Michael Carroll of Bell Island, Iowa, Mrs. John Molloy of Marytown. To all we extend sincere sympathy.</p> <p>Fate and his virtues called him to the skies. Yet, still we wonder at his towering fame, And loving him still dwell upon his name. And beggar him with whom all power lies To grant to him a seat within that lonely dome. And comfort and protect those left within his home. Rest in peace.</p> <p>A FRIEND.</p>

The Daily News, 28 Oct 1954



John B Hurley (1.1.4) and Rose Hall Hurley



Gervase Hurley, age 3



Wayne Hurley , ca. 1959



Hurley Family: Nicholas, Gervase, Eugene, Wayne, Rosemarie, Rose (Hall) and David



Rose Hall Hurley , Rosemarie Hurley Coffey , Frances Hall King (daughter of Jake and Bride Hall), Gervase Hurley, Eugene Hurley and Johnny Hurley (son of Stephen and Regina Hurley), 1961



Rose (Hall), Eugene, Nicholas, John B (1.1.4), David and Gervase Hurley



Nicholas and Gervase Hurley



David Hurley



Stephen (1.1.6) and Regina (Kelly) Hurley, 1-Nov-1943



Unknown, Kevin Hurley, unknown and Regina (Kelly) Hurley



Regina (Kelly) Hurley with granddaughter Megan



Noel Hurley



Jeanette Hurley Pottier, John Hurley and Judy Hurley O'Dell



Steve, John, Kevin Hurley and Judy Hurley O'Dell



Hurley family: Brian, Kevin, Noel, Judy, Jeanette, John, Karen, Steve, Regina (Kelly) and Robert



Back: Robert Hurley, Karen Hurley Hanley, Kevin and John Hurley; Front: Noel Hurley, Jeanette Hurley Pottier, Steve Hurley, and Judy Hurley O'Dell

principal of the school. They had seven children: **Gervase, Nicholas, Kevin** (died in infancy), **Eugene, Kevin** (died in infancy), **David, Kenneth Wayne “Wayne”, and Rosemarie**. John passed suddenly from a heart attack in 1954 when he was only 37 years old, leaving behind his wife and six children. Rose and the children moved back to North River.

- 1.1.5. **Kathleen “Kay” Hurley** (1921-2005) was born in Halls Town, married **Chester “Chet” Sidor** and moved to Philadelphia. They had four children: **Stephen, Peter, Chester, and Wayne**.
- 1.1.6. **Stephen Joseph Hurley** (1922-1959) was born in Halls Town and married **Regina Kelly** from Long Harbour. Stephen and Regina made their home in Halls Town, first living with John R. They had nine children: **Stephen A, Kevin, John, Karen, Judy, Jeanette, Brian, Robert, and Noel**. Stephen tragically passed after suffering extensive burns while trying to extinguish a fire at the Argentia Naval Base, where he was employed as an electrician.
- 1.2. **James Hurley** (1886-1956) moved to Glace Bay and married **Mary Amelia Kelly** (1895-1950). They had the following children: **Martin, Catherine, Mary Alice, John Joseph, Marie Tedoris, Theresa, and James**.
- 1.3. **Daniel Hurley** (born ca. 1891 in North River) who never married and lived in Halls Town until his death on 12 Oct 1955.
- 1.4. **Mary Alice Hurley** was born on 8 Oct 1892. No further information.
- 1.5. **Patrick Hurley** (1894-1925) moved to Cape Breton and married **Mary Morrissey** (also from North River, 1894-1967, daughter of William Morrissey and Ellen Long). The couple subsequently moved to Philadelphia where Patrick died young from carbon monoxide poisoning. Prior to Patrick’s death, the couple had the following children: **Martin, William, Mary Grace, Donald, and Helen**.
- 1.6. **Gregory Hurley** was born in 1896 in Holyrood. He married **Theresa Kennedy** from Bell Island (born 1902) and settled with his family in Bell Island. The couple had seven children: **Brendan, Benedict, Loretta, Marion, Muriel, Eileen, and Philomena**. Gregory also died early when the car he was driving plunged off a cliff in Portugal Cove in 1939.
2. **Mary Hurley** was born around 1860 to John Hurley and married **William Sinclair** (born ca. 1853, son of Duncan Sinclair) The couple remained in North River to raise their family. They had the following children: **Mary, John Daniel, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Margaret**. They likely also raised their niece, **Marie**. Mary died on 16 Jan 1938. See the Sinclair family summary for further information.
3. **Bridget Hurley** was born around 1864 to John Hurley and married **Joseph Corbett** (1859-1948). They moved to Bareneed and had the following children: **Bartholomew, Patrick, William, Joseph, Frank, Arthur, and Martin**. Three of their sons were lost to the ice fields, while the others moved to the US. In their older age, Bridget and Joseph were cared for by Walter and Bridget (Keefe) Delaney. Bridget Hurley Corbett passed away in 1937. The Delaneys inherited the property after the Joseph’s death, where Walter and Frances (Smith) Delaney still reside.

- 3.1. Bartholomew Corbett** (1887-1965) moved to New York in 1907, where he married **Margaret Kelly** (born 1890). They had the following children: **Vivian, Helen, Bert, and Edward**. Bartholomew passed away in 1965.
 - 3.2. Patrick Corbett** was born 28 Sep 1891, but passed away at the icefields on 1 Apr 1914.
 - 3.3. William Corbett** was born 15 Sep 1893. His death record has not been uncovered, but is assumed to have passed away young in the icefields.
 - 3.4. Joseph Corbett** was born on 3 Sep 1895, but passed away at the icefields on 1 Apr 1915.
 - 3.5. Frank Corbett** (1898-1965) moved to New York in 1920 where he married **Marie Murphy**. The couple had at least two children: **Joseph and Francis**.
 - 3.6. Arthur Corbett** (1902-1976) moved to New York in 1924 where he married **Henrietta Mosher** (1913-1994).
 - 3.7. Martin Corbett** (1906-1995) moved to New York in 1929 where he married **Katherine Martin**. The couple had at least three children: **Gerald, Robert, and William Joseph**.
- 4. Patrick J Hurley** was born to John Hurley around 1870. He is present in North River directories and voters lists from 1894 to 1904. In 1906, Patrick married **Julia Hollohan** (1883-1965) in Open Hall and moved to Bell Island in 1907. The couple also spent time in Grand Falls from 1909-1918 before returning to Bell Island. They had the following children: **John, Lawrence, Marie, Elizabeth, Alice, Martin, Mary, and Patrick**. Patrick died in Bell Island on 23 Apr 1956.
- 5. Anastasia Hurley** was born to John Hurley around 1874. On 29 Nov 1900, she married **James Fitzpatrick** (1870-1952) from Bay Roberts. The couple settled in Bay Roberts to raise their family: **Maggie, John Thomas, and Susie**. Anastasia passed away on 13 Mar 1938.
- 6. John Francis Hurley** was born to John Hurley on 27 Jul 1882. In 1905, he moved to Philadelphia where he married **Bridget Burke** (1889-1941, from Colliers). The couple raised their family in Philadelphia: **Elizabeth, John Francis, Margaret, and Patrick**. After Bridget's death, John remarried to **Bridget Trahey-Whelan** (1888-1963). John passed away in 1960. Hurley descendants suspect that John B and Rose Hurley purchased their home in North River from this John Hurley.

LONG FAMILY – JOHN

Records indicate that **John Long** is the founder of one of the Long families in North River. Records from the Mannion Collection, as well as records obtained by family members, indicate that John Long married **Bridget Byrne** (or Burn) on 15 Jan 1823. According to the Mannion Collection record, the couple had at least five children: **Mary** (born 1824), **William** (born 1825) **Catherine** (born 1827), **Patrick** (born 1830) and **Bridget** (born 1832). Family stories indicate that William had an additional sister named **Ellen** (born 1846). Additionally, the North River voters list has an additional **John Long**, who indicated he was the son of John. **William and Ellen** settled in North River, so the following summary is focused on their descendants, as well as John's.

1. **William Long** was born in 1825 to John Long and Bridget Byrne. While the 1904 List of Voters indicates North River as his place of birth, his death record has Bareneed. Regardless, he was certainly present in North River by 1869, since his name appears on this early list of voters. Family members indicate William's wife was **Anne Walsh**. The couple had the following children: **Bridget, John, Margaret, Ellen, and William**. Additional children named **Mae, Julia, Katherine, and Elizabeth** have been mentioned by descendants as other possible children. William died in North River on 7 Mar 1898.
 - 1.1. **Bridget Long** was born around 1858 and married **Duncan Sinclair** (born ca. 1844 son of Duncan Sinclair, also from North River). The couple raised a large family: **Thomas, Mary, Bridget, William, Margaret, Duncan, John, Aloysius "Ella", Daniel, Patrick, Mark, and Anna**. Bridget passed away on 1 Aug 1926. See the Sinclair family summary for further information.
 - 1.2. **John Long** was born around 1860 in North River. On 6 Jan 1889, in Brigus, he married **Bridget Morrissey** (1860-1901, daughter of Patrick Morrissey and Mary Ann Russell). The couple settled in North River and worked in the Labrador fishery, out of Black Tickle. They had the following children: **Gregory, Mary, and Joseph**. Joseph died in infancy. After their children were born, Bridget did not accompany John but stayed home to care for the family while John continues to fish seasonally in Black Tickle. In the summer of 1901, Bridget left her children in the care of her mother and went on the coastal schooner to visit her husband, while there, Bridget passed away and her body had to be salted in a casket and brought home to North River in the fall and buried in All Hallows cemetery. John passed away on 20 Apr 1926.
 - 1.2.1. **Gregory Long** was born on 1 Oct 1894 at Indian Tickle. It was customary in the Roman Catholic faith to have children baptized as soon as possible after birth, but it was late in the Fall, and the visiting priest had returned home for the season. On the return voyage, the schooner stopped at King's Cove Bonavista Bay and that is where Gregory got his name at the RC Church, and why records show that he was born in King's Cove. He married **Elizabeth Sinclair** (1895-1942, daughter of William Sinclair and Mary Hurley, also from North River) and the couple settled in North River to raise their family: **John, Catherine, Bridget, and Mary**. John passed away on 5 Dec 1983.
 - 1.2.1.1. **John Long** (1925-1957) lost his life when he drowned in a boating accident in North River. He did not marry and left no children.
 - 1.2.1.2. **Catherine Long** (1926-2001) married **Frederick Hall** (1918-1998, son of Jacob Hall and Bridget Snow, also from North River). They had the following children: **Cathy, Kimberley, Janice, Michelle, Mary, Bridget, Carol Ann, Tom, John, and Fred**.

- 1.2.1.3. **Bridget Long** (1930-1998) married **Robert Myles** and had the following children: **Mary and Kay**.
- 1.2.1.4. **Mary Long** (born 1934) was a teacher. She never married and continues to live in North River.
- 1.2.2. **Mary Long** was born on 26 Oct 1896 in North River. On 23 Apr 1919, she married Duncan Sinclair (born ca. 1885, son of John Sinclair and Bridget Connolly, also from North River). Mary, who was referred to as “Muddy”, initially moved to Philadelphia, but the marriage did not work out and she returned to North River, where she had their daughter, **Margaret**. Mary and Margaret lived with Gregory’s family, and after her sister-in-law’s death, she helped to raise Gregory’s children as well. Mary passed away on 11 Feb 1988.
 - 1.2.2.1. **Margaret Sinclair** was born around 1921. She married **William Mahoney** (born ca. 1921, son of Dennis Mahoney and Liz Hall, also from North River) and the couple eventually moved to Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The couple had the following children: **William, Arthur, Carolyn, Anne, Tony, Dennis, Michael, and David**
- 1.2.3. **Richard Joseph Long** died in infancy.
- 1.3. **Margaret Long** was born around 1871. On 24 Jan 1894, in Brigus, she married **Edward Hanlon** (1864-1898, son of James Hanlon and Johanna O’Shea, also from North River). The couple had one daughter: **Mary Josephine**. After Edward’s death, Margaret remarried to **Patrick Morrissey** (born 1865, son of Thomas Morrissey and Ann Moore) on 31 May 1900. Margaret passed away on 29 Aug 1943. See Hanlon and Morrissey family summaries for more information.
- 1.4. **Ellen Long** was born around 1876. In Brigus, on 22 Mar 1893, she married **William Morrissey** (1868-1922, son of Patrick Morrissey and Mary Ann Russell, also from North River). The couple settled in North River and raised their family: **Patrick, Mary, Bridget, Annie, John, and Thomas**. Ellen passed away on 6 Aug 1952. See the Patrick Morrissey family summary for more information.
- 1.5. **William Long** was born on 1 Jan 1881 in North River. He moved to Boston where he married **Katherine ?** (born 1889). The couple did not have children. William and John built the Long house together in the 1800’s. When William moved away, he gave his portion to Gregory Long and told him to give Bridget a box of chocolates.
- 1.6. **Mae Long** was born around 1898. She seemingly married Patrick Walsh and moved to Cupids. They had the following children: **William, Mary Loretta, Annie Philomena, James, Vera, Thomas, Raymond, and Annie**.
- 1.7. **Julia Long** married **Patrick Power?**
- 1.8. **Katherine Long** married a Connolly?
- 1.9. **Elizabeth Long** married a Walsh and/or a Neville?
- 2. **John Long** was born around 1839 to John Long and Bridget Byrne. He married **Bridget Kavanagh** and the couple stayed in North River. Voters lists show that they had at least three sons: **Morgan, Luke, and Francis**. John passed away on 26 Apr 1924.
 - 2.1. **Morgan Long** (1873-1945) first married **Elizabeth Huggins** (1873-1907) in Indian Tickle on 20 Jul 1900. After Elizabeth’s death, he married **Mary Fitzgerald** (1885-1912) on 27 Oct 1907 in South River. The couple moved to Boston briefly, but it seems that after



John Long (1.2)



John Long (1.2.1.1), Bridget Long Myles (1.2.1.3) and Catherine Long Hall (1.2.1.2) with grandmother Mary Hurley Sinclair. Long's house built in late 1800's with the attached post office



Bridget Long Myles (1.1.2.3)



Gregory Long (1.2.1) and Mary Long Sinclair (1.2.2)

MARRIAGES.
At Port de Grave, Jan. 13th, by the Rev. A. Gale, Thomas J. Lidston, to Priscilla Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Muford, both of Port de Grave.
On Jan. 9th, by the Rev. F. Walsh, of Brigus North, Mr. P. Brine, to Miss E. Moore, both of North River, Conception Bay.
At the same place, by the same, Mr. J. Long of William, to Miss Bridget, daughter of Mr. Patrick Morrissey.
By the same, on the same day, Mr. Edward Connelly, to Miss Mary Ann Ashford.
On Jan. 14th, by the Rev. A. C. F. Wood, Mr. Thos. Pearce of Devonshire, Eng., to Miss Mary A., only daughter of the late M. Hayes.
On Sunday, by the Rev. L. K. Vereker, P.P., Mr. James Keough of Ferryland, to Mary Joseph, relict of the late J. Walsh, of Brigus S.
On the same day, by the same, Mr. Peter Johnston of Caplin Bay, to Miss Ellen Kent of Cape Broyle.

Evening Telegram, 16-Jan-1889



Margaret Sinclair (daughter of Mary Long Sinclair)



Mary Long Sinclair (1.2.2), Mary Myles, Gregory Long (1.2.1) and Mary Long (1.2.1.4)



Bride Morrissey, Mary Long Sinclair (1.2.2), Kay and Mary Myles

DROWNING FATALITY
Mr. John Long of North River lost his life by drowning on Monday, September 16th, when his speed boat in some unaccountable way turned over and threw him into the water. This is the second drowning at North River recently, the first being young Bernard Hall who drowned while swimming earlier this summer. Deepest sympathy is extended the bereaved family.

Daily News, 26-Sep-1957



Mary Long (1.2.2) and Nell. Nell was the first horse the Longs owned and was raised from a colt. This horse used to bring the mail from Clarke's Beach to North River



First train to enter Clarke's Beach, 1899. John Long kept the post office in North River and picked the mail up from the train in Clarke's Beach by horse. The post office was pre-WWI and closed down around 1929-1930



William Long (1.5)



Rosalie Seward Hughes Powers (3.4)



Mary Long (1.2.1.4) and great-aunt Ellen Long Seward (3)



Thomas and Ellen (Long) Seward (3)



Madeline Seward O'Brien, Madeline O'Brien, Mack O'Brien, Bridget Seward Bogan



Rosalie Seward Hughes Powers (3.4) and Cornelius Powers with daughter, Rosalie Powers



Martin Seward (3.7)

Mary's death, Morgan returned to Newfoundland and married **Annie Goss** (maiden name unknown, born 1880). Morgan had two children: **Theresa and Edward**.

- 2.2. Luke Long** (1883-1938) married **Josephine Kiley** (born 1895) on 25 Nov 1914 in Brigus. The couple had one son, **John**, and then moved to Boston in 1926.
- 2.3. Francis "Frank" Long** (1887-1939) moved to Boston in 1912, where he married **Gertrude O'Donnell** (born 1896). They had four children: **John, Albert, Rita, and Theresa**.
- 3. Ellen Long** was born around 1846 to John Long and Bridget Byrne. She married **Thomas Seward** (1846-1925, son of James Seward, also from North River) and the couple had 8 children: **James, Mary, John, Bridget Josephine, Rosalie, Thomas, Madaline, and Martin**. Ellen passed away on 9 May 1938.
 - 3.1. James Seward** was born around 1872. In Boston, on 15 Jan 1899, he married **Annie Moore** (1873-1941, daughter of Jacob Moore and Margaret Brien, also from North River). The couple had one child, **Thomas**, and returned to North River. James passed away from stomach cancer on 21 May 1945.
 - 3.1.1. Thomas Seward** (1906-1945) married **Frances Godsell** and had three children: **Annie, Frances, Rosalie, and James**. After Thomas's death, Frances and the children moved to the US.
 - 3.2. Mary Seward** was born around 1876. She moved to Boson, where she married **Thomas Cummings** (born ca. 1867, son of James Cummings and Catherine Coslow) on 19 Jul 1902. The couple moved to Alaska where they had one son, **Edward**, then moved to Seattle, where Mary passed away in 1955. Records seem to indicate they also adopted a daughter, **Florence Hansen**.
 - 3.3. Bridget Josephine Seward** was born in 1881. She moved to Boston, where she married **Dennis Bogan** (1870-1956, from Carbonear) on 14 Oct 1900. The couple had the following children: **Mary, Thomas, Ellen, John, Martin, and Rose Helen**. Bridget Josephine passed away in 1944.
 - 3.4. Rosalie Seward** was born on 14 Jan 1883. She married **William Hughes** (1883-1922, son of William and Anastatia Grace) and had three children: **Frank** (died in infancy), **Helen Josephine and William Patrick**. After William's death in Detroit, she moved to Boston and married **Cornelius Powers** (1873-1944) and they had one daughter together: **Rosalie**.
 - 3.5. Thomas Seward** was born on 6 Mar 1885. He moved to Seattle and married **Alfreda ?** (1895-1970). He passed away on 6 Jul 1955.
 - 3.6. Madeline Seward** was born on 4 Aug 1887. She moved to Boston, where she married **Francis O'Brien** (1887-1872, from Bay Bulls) on 24 Nov 1915. The couple eventually moved to Michigan and the had two children: **Madeline and Francis Stuart**. Madeline passed away on 1977.
 - 3.7. Martin Seward** was born on 12 Jan 1890. On 2 Jun 1921, in North River, he married **Laura Mahoney** (1896-1987, daughter of James Mahoney and Mary Ann Hall, also from North River). The couple moved to Detroit, where they had one daughter: **Ellen Laura**. Martin passed away on 16 Nov 1960.

LONG FAMILY – LUKE

Family members indicate that the forebear of the Luke Long family is Michael “Mick” Long. However, in both the 1904 and 1908 List of Voters, Luke indicated his father’s name as John Long. Additionally, there is no evidence of a Michael Long in any North River voters lists or directories. As such, there is a possibility that Luke and William Long are actually brothers with the same father, John. However, due to the conflicting information, the family stemming from Luke Long is treated as its own line.

Luke Long was born around 1840 and married **Elizabeth Kitty O’Brien** (or Burn) (1841-1922). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **1. Bridget, 2. Mary “Polly”, 3. John, 4. Johanna, 5. Elizabeth “Bessie”, 6. Luke, 7. Catherine, 8. Margaret, 9. Daniel, and 10. Theresa.** Based on voter lists, Luke passed away sometimes between 1908 and 1913.

- 1. Bridget Long** was born in Aug 1867. She married **Michael Neville** (1859-1937, son of Thomas Neville) and the couple remained in North River. They had a large family: **Jane, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Bridget, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Ann, and Daniel.** Bridget passed away in 1940. Refer to the Neville family summary for more information.
- 2. Mary “Polly” Long** was born around 1869 and was affectionately known as “Aunt Polly”. In North River, on 10 Jan 1900, she married **Peter Neville** (1869-1941, son of Thomas Neville). While the couple had no children, they were very close to their nephew, Peter Neville (son of Michael and Bridget), who lived with and cared for them later in life.
- 3. John Long** was born around 1870. He drowned in 1891 at Snow’s Pond.
- 4. Johanna “Joan” Long** (1875-1949) married **Michael Murphy** (1867-1925) moved to Boston. They had the following children: **Maurice, Luke, Agnes, Edward, Elizabeth, Michael, Raphael, and Frances.**
- 5. Elizabeth “Bessie” Long** (1875-1958) moved to Massachusetts.
- 6. Luke Long** (1878-1911) seemingly moved to Boston.
- 7. Catherine Long** (1880-1954) married **Andrew Farley** (1878-1940) and moved to Massachusetts. They had the following children: **Francis, Ethel, Norman, Louis, Andrew, Edward, Catherine, Carl, and Paul.**
- 8. Margaret Long** (1882-1951) married **Patrick Hickey** (1895-1947) and moved to Massachusetts. They had the following children: **Anastasia, Mildred, Luke, Elizabeth Rita, Mary, John, Honora, Margaret, Patrick, Joseph, James, Agnes, Thomas, Walter, and Helen.**
- 9. Daniel Long** (1884-1961) married **Martha Brothers (or Broaders)** (1895-1986) in 1916. The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **Elizabeth, Theresa, Alphonsus, John Patrick, Bernadette, Imelda, Pauline, and Veronica.** Daniel was responsible for the Church furnace; he lit the fire around 4 am on Sunday mornings to have it warmed for Mass at 10:30 am.
 - 9.1. Elizabeth Long** (1916-1998) married **Alonzo Morrissey** (1918-1990, from Brigus) and moved to Philadelphia. They had the following children: **Edward, James, John, Margaret, Ronald, and Sharon.**

- 9.2. **Theresa Long** (1919-2014) married **Charles Geraci** and moved to Pennsylvania. They had the following children: **Charles, Theresa, George, and Daniel.**
- 9.3. **Alphonsus Long** (1921-1979) enlisted in the navy and moved to Vancouver.
- 9.4. **John Patrick Long** (1923-1986) married **Ella Catherine Parsons** (1922-2015). They had two children.
- 9.5. **Bernadette Long** (1929-2008) married **Leo Cosmas Shea** and moved to Gander. They had the following children: **Neil, Imelda, Glenys, Lynn, Claire, and Regina.**
- 9.6. **Imelda Long** (1926-1938).
- 9.7. **Pauline Long** (born 1931) married ? **Barnes**
- 9.8. **Veronica Long** (born 1935) married **Dick Nolan** (1939-2005), a Newfoundland entertainer.



Bridget Long Neville (1), Michael Neville, Peter Neville and Polly Long Neville (1)
Neville brothers who married Long sisters



Long sisters: Catherine (7), Elizabeth (5), (order unknown) Johanna (4, second from right) and Margaret (8, right)



Johanna Long Murphy (4)

A Sad Drowning Accident
occurred at a pond near Northern Gut on Friday. While four men were coming down the pond with a load of rinds, a plank started off the boat, causing her to fill with water and capsize. Some of Mr. Horwood's mill hands happened to be coming down at the same time, and managed to save two, but the other two poor fellows, whose names are John Morrissey and John Long, were drowned. Both were fine young men, aged, respectively, twenty and twenty-one years, natives of North River. The bodies were recovered some few hours afterwards.

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Bridget Long Neville (1)



Polly Long Neville (2) and unknown

MAHONEY FAMILY – DENIS

Two groups of Mahoney families came to settle in North River. One group seems to stem from a man named **Denis Mahoney**. In the 1904 List of Voters, Denis Mahoney is listed as the father of two men: **1. John** (b. 1848) and **2. James** (b. 1853) Mahoney. Both John and James indicated that they were born in North River, but in 1904 they were living in different locations. John Mahoney was living in Birch Hills, and James Mahoney was living in North River. While Denis Mahoney does not appear in the 1889 List of Voters, he is present and living in North River in the 1874 List of Voters. All three men appear to make an appearance in the 1897 List of Voters, again, with John living in Birch Hills, while Denis and James are both indicated to be in North River. Denis is once again missing from the 1900 List of Voters, which would indicate that he likely died sometime between 1897 and 1900. In the 1935 census, Denis's son James, indicated that his parents were born in Ireland, so most likely, Denis and his wife immigrated to Newfoundland from Ireland.

- 1. John Mahoney** (1848-1929) was born in North River or Birch Hills. Based on the 1928 List of Voters and a headstone in All Hallows, it appears that his wife was named **Bridget Hayes** (1847-1931). John settled in Birch Hills, just north of North River, and appears to have had the following children: **Mary J “Minnie”, Nora, Dennis, Ellen, John, Bridget Frances, James, and Winifred.**
 - 1.1. Mary J “Minnie Mahoney** (1872-1925) moved to Boston in 1897 and married **Cornelius Powers** (1876-1944) on 28 Nov 1901. They had one son, **John Powers**, before Minnie's death in 1925. After Minnie's death, Cornelius remarried to Rosalie Seward Hughes.
 - 1.2. Nora Mahoney** was born around 1877. She married **Thomas Abbott** (1875-1949) in 1896 and moved to Boston in 1899. They had the following children: **Mary, Dennis, Ronald, John, Gertrude, Eleanor, Loretta, Mildred, and Margaret.**
 - 1.3. Dennis Mahoney** was born around 1878 and moved to Boston in 1899. There, he married **Lillian Maddock** (1892-1937) and they had the following children: **Rita, John E, James, Lillian, Marie, Thomas, and Francis.** His death is unknown, but based on his sister's obituary, he was still living in Massachusetts in Nov 1969.
 - 1.4. Ellen Mahoney** was born in 1879 and married **Patrick Abbott** (1877-1910) in Brigus on 26 Nov 1901. They settled in South River and had the following children: **John, Irene, Mary and adopted son, Michael.** Ellen passed away on 16 Mar 1963.
 - 1.5. John Mahoney** was born in Birch Hills in 1883, and based on the 1921, 1935 and 1945 census documents, he appears to have moved to Country Road. He married **Mary Ellen Butler** (1887-1952) in Harbour Grace in 1904. Both John and Mary Ellen have monuments in All Hallows Cemetery. They had the following children: **Michael Thomas, Margaret “Peggy”, Stanwar, Ellen Mary “May”, Kathleen, John Francis, Rita Patricia, and Bernard.** John passed away on 3 Feb 1969.
 - 1.6. Bridget Frances Mahoney** (1884-1969) married **John Hurley** (born 1885 in Cupids, living in Springfield, likely the son of Patrick Hurley and Elizabeth MacLean) on 7 Jan 1912. The couple then moved to Boston and had the following children: **John, Dorothy, and Edward.**

- 1.7. **James Mahoney** was born in 1888. He first married **Margaret Delaney Byrne** (1891-1937). The couple is seen living together in the 1935 census, along with two of Margaret's daughters from her first marriage. Margaret also has a stone in the All Hallows cemetery, and an obituary was published after her death which references her husband James Mahoney. After Margaret's death, James married **Winifred Butler** (born 1917). James passed away in 1972 and had no children with either of his wives.
- 1.8. **Winifred Mahoney** was born on 7 Nov 1890 and moved to Boston in 1917. In 1928 she married **James Laracy** (born ca. 1901). The couple separated and had no children. Winnie possibly passed away in 1973.
2. **James D Mahoney** was born around 1853. His wife was **Agnes O'Brien** and he was widowed by 1935. They had at least three children: **Nora, James, and John**. His death year is unknown, but based on census documents, he most likely passed sometime between 1935 and 1945.
 - 2.1. **Nora Gertrude Mahoney** was born in 1884. She moved to Boston in 1903 where she married **James McCauley** (1884-1937). The couple remained in Boston where they had the following children: **Lawrence, Rose, James, John, Grace, Thomas, and Edward**. Nora passed away in 1955.
 - 2.2. **James Joseph Mahoney** was born in 1885. He moved to Boston in 1907 where he married **Christine Cleary**. The couple remained in Boston and had the following children: **Mary, James, Christine, and Grace**.
 - 2.3. **John "Jack" Mahoney** was born around 1888. In North River, on 19 Nov 1916, he married **Marie Sinclair** (1891-1919). John and Marie had two children: **James D and Johanna "Joan"** prior to Marie's early death from tuberculosis. John, who was also known as "Old Fa", passed away on 3 Feb 1967.
 - 2.3.1. **James D Mahoney** (1917-1969) married **Genevieve Butt** (1921-1993) in Carbonear, on 5 Jun 1917. They settled in North River, and had the following children: **Marie, Pat, Patricia, John, Daniel, James, Dominic, and Clarence**.
 - 2.3.2. **Johanna "Joan" Mahoney** (1918-2005) married **Edward "Ned" Fowler Dawson** (1915-1985). Ned was the son of William Dawson and Agnes Connolly, who lived in Bay Roberts; see the John Connolly family summary for further information. Joan and Ned had the following children: **William, Kevin, Marie, John, Jim, Stephen, Agnes, and Eddie**.



James D Mahoney (2) and
James D Mahoney (2.3.1)



Joan Mahoney Dawson (2.3.2) and a spotless
line of laundry



Marie Mahoney Slade, Patricia
Mahoney Puddister, Jim and Pat
Mahoney



John Mahoney (1.5), Eddie Dawson,
Dominic, and John "Old Fa" Mahoney
(2.3)



Jim (2.3.1), Clarence, John,
Dominic and Marie Mahoney, 1953



Johnnie Dawson, Genevieve (Butt),
Clarence, Marie, John and Dominic
Mahoney



Joan Mahoney Dawson (2.3.2), James (2.3.1) and
Genevieve (Butt) Mahoney



Joan Mahoney Dawson (2.3.2), Kevin Dawson,
Winnie Butler Mahoney, Jimmy Dawson and James
Mahoney (1.7)



Back: John Mahoney, Jim Dawson, Marie Mahoney Slade, Dan Mahoney, Eddie Dawson
Middle: Clarence Mahoney, Patricia Mahoney Puddister and Jim Mahoney
Front: John (2.3) and Dominic Mahoney



Pat, Old Fa (2.3) and Jim Mahoney. Pat is smoking Old Fa's pipe and Jim is waiting for a turn. Getting ready for Labrador.

<p>WEDDING BELLS Mahoney-Butt CARBONEAR, Oct. 17—A very pretty wedding took place in St. Patrick's Church at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 29th, when Genevieve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Butt of this town became the bride of James, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. John Mahoney of North River.</p> <p>The bride looked charming as she proceeded up the aisle to the strains of the wedding march beautifully rendered by Miss Ellie Fitzgerald. She wore a gown of ivory satin cut on princess lines with full length veil held in place with a coronet of rose-buds. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. Her attendant was Joan Dawson of North River, sister of the groom. She wore a dress of powder blue taffeta with shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of red and white roses. Mr. Clarence Butt, brother of the bride ably carried out the duties of best man.</p>	<p>Rev. T. D. O'Neill, P.P., performed the ceremony.</p> <p>After the ceremony the party motored around town and to Mr. Grace, then to the home of the bride's parents where the reception was held and about one hundred guests catered to. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present which was inevitable in consideration of the genial hospitality for which the bride's parents are noted.</p> <p>On Sunday the happy couple left for North River their future home and that evening entertained quite a large number of guests from that place. The bride's going away costume was a navy blue pin stripe tailored suit with white accessories.</p> <p>The many and valuable gifts received by both the bride and groom give ample evidence of their popularity.</p> <p>That Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney will enjoy many years of wedded happiness is the sincere wish of their many friends.</p>
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Daily News, 25-Oct-1945



Clarence Butt, Jim Mahoney (2.3.1), Genevieve Butt Mahoney and Joan Mahoney Dawson (2.3.2)

MAHONEY FAMILY – PATRICK

The Mahoney family name appears in the Port-de-Grave area records as early as the 1869 List of Voters, with Patrick Mahoney documented as a North River resident. Family stories indicate that after the death of his first wife, Patrick Mahoney moved from St. John's to North River, and married his second wife, another widow, Alice Kavanagh. This union resulted in eight children, a number of whom have descendants who remained in the North River area.

Patrick Mahoney was born around 1826 to father, Maurice Mahoney, in St. John's (according to the 1889 List of Voters). Patrick and his first wife, **Mary Delaney**, had two children: Maurice and Marie. After Mary's death, he moved to North River around 1859 and married another widow, **Alice Kavanagh** (ca. 1835-1927, born in North River), who was a midwife. Patrick and Alice had eight children: **1. Patrick, 2. James, 3. Bridget, 4. Dennis, 5. Michael, 6. Alice, 7. Julia, and 8. John** (died young). Many of these children and their descendants remained in the North River area. Patrick died in 1895 from injuries resulting from being burned by a lit pipe in his pocket.

Family notes on the Mahoney and Hall families used to help establish the summaries in this text were generated by David Mahoney, with information from Laura Mahoney Seward and Mary Mahoney Furlong.

- 1. Patrick Mahoney** was born in 1867 to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. He married **Mary Hall** (1884-1932, daughter of John Hall). They likely remained in Halls Town, where they had two children, **Maurice and Marie**. Both children eventually settled in Philadelphia. After his wife's death, Patrick also left for Philadelphia, where he passed away in 1945.
 - 1.1. Mary Elizabeth "Marie" Mahoney** was born on 22 Aug 1906. She moved to Philadelphia in 1923 and married **Walter Lloyd**. The couple had one son: **Walker**.
 - 1.2. Maurice Mahoney** (1912-2000) permanently moved to Philadelphia in 1936 where he married **Ellen Mary "May" Mahoney** (1914-2001, daughter of John Mahoney and Mary Ellen Butler from Birch Hills). The couple had the following children: **Sandra, Barbara, and Gerald**.
- 2. James P Mahoney** was born sometime between 1864 and 1868 to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. James married **Mary Ann Hall** (1870-1947, daughter of Jacob Hall and Emma Snow of Bareneed) and the couple remained in North River to raise their seven children. James died in 1934.
 - 2.1. Alice Mahoney** was born on 19 Oct 1893 in North River. On 6 Jan 1913, in North River, she married **Mark Morrissey** (1886-1940, also from North River). Although Mark spent some time in Detroit, the couple's six children were born in North River: **Bridget, James, Mary, Patrick, Thomas, and Mark**. Alice suffered from Paget's disease and was bed-ridden for twenty years prior to her death on 21 Aug 1951.
 - 2.2. Patrick Mahoney** (1895-1916) moved to Philadelphia and worked as a wharf builder. Unfortunately, at only 21 years of age, Patrick drowned in the course of his work. He never married and left no children.
 - 2.3. Laura Mahoney** was born on 24 Dec 1896 in North River. On 2 Jun 1921 in North River, Laura married **Martin Seward** (1890-1960, son of Ellen and Tom Seward), another North River resident. The couple moved to Detroit and had one daughter: **Ellen Laura**. Laura passed away on 21 Jun 1987.

- 2.4. **Bridget Mahoney** was born around 1899 in North River. She later moved to Detroit and married **Edward Gorman** (1892-1939). The couple later moved to Redlands, California.
- 2.5. **James Mahoney** was born on 22 Feb 1900 in North River. He moved to Detroit in 1920, where he worked for the Ford Motor Company. He married **Madeleine Fitzpatrick** (born 1899, from Bay Roberts) on 10 Jan 1948 and she moved to Detroit, where he continued to work. The couple had no children. James passed away in 1971.
- 2.6. **Thomas Mahoney** was born 27 Sep 1902 in North River. He later married **Marie (Ann Mary) Delaney** (1911-2001, from Bay Roberts, daughter of Patrick and Ita Delaney) and the couple eventually purchased the former Noseworthy home just outside North River in Otterbury. Thomas had a bad hip, thus he made his living as a traveling salesman. Marie was the Halls Town teacher from 1930 to 1938. As such, she had a significant impact on the education on many of Halls Town's children. Thomas and Marie had seven children: **James** (who went on to become the Brigus high school principal), **David, Maureen, Thomas, Ron, Anne, and Laura**. Thomas died 9 April 1986.
- 2.7. **Jacob Mahoney** (1904-1976) came down with tuberculosis as a young man. After recovering, he followed his brother, James, to Detroit and also tried to secure a job at Ford. James knew he was unlikely to pass the x-ray test to qualify for work, so James took the test for him, and Jacob got the job. However, Jacob decided to return to North River, where he married **Nelly James** (1905-1987, from Brigus) in 1933. They were the last couple married in the Brigus church before it burned down. The couple adopted two daughters: **Isabelle and Dianne**. Jacob operated a general grocery store in the 1940's.
3. **Bridget Mahoney** was born around 1869 in North River to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. On 3 Feb 1902, Bridget married **James Whelan** and the couple moved to nearby Clarke's Beach. Bridget and James seemingly only had one child: **James**. After her husband's death, Bridget married another widower, **John Neville** (1868-1941, son of Laurence Neville). She passed away in Clarke's Beach on 17 Dec 1949.
4. **Dennis Mahoney** (1874-1930) was born to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. In Brigus, on 9 Jan 1902 he married **Elizabeth "Liz" Hall** (1881-1961, from Halls Town, daughter of Jacob Hall and Mary Delaney). Dennis died of consumption in Halls Town at age 59. Prior to his death, Dennis and Liz had six children: **Catherine, John, Bridget, Dennis, Mary, and William**. Liz also raised her grandson, **Joseph**, seen living with her in the 1945 census at age 4. Joseph later moved to Toronto.
 - 4.1. **Catherine Mahoney** (born 1906) moved to Philadelphia and married **Thomas Neville** (1900-1979, son of John Neville and Bridget Mahoney). They had the following children: **Thomas, Dolores, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Ann "Nancy", James, William, and Patricia**.
 - 4.2. **John W "Jack" Mahoney** (1908-1984) married **Katherine "Kate" Connolly** (born ca. 1906, daughter of Daniel Connolly and Ellen Dawson). The couple stayed in North River and had the following children: **Agatha, Dennis "Dinn", Elizabeth, Edward, Ellen, and Daniel**. They also raised their granddaughter, **Barbara**.
 - 4.3. **Bridget Mahoney** was born around 1913 and married **John S "Jack" Morrissey** (1909-1988, son of William Morrissey and Ellen Long, also from North River). The couple had six children: **Helen, Elizabeth (Sr. Betty), Anne Marie, Angeline, Angela, and Thomas** (Angeline, Angela and Thomas died in infancy). Bridget died young in 1945.

- 4.4. **Dennis Mahoney** was born around 1917 and died in 1936 from tuberculosis.
- 4.5. **Mary Mahoney** (1919-1995) and married **Peter Furlong** (1919-2004). The couple settled in St. John's and had the following children: **Cheryl, Maureen, Peter Roch, Carol Anne, Michelle, and Elaine**.
- 4.6. **William Mahoney** was born around 1921. He married **Margaret Sinclair** (born ca. 1921, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Mary Long, also from North River) and the couple eventually moved to Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The couple had the following children: **William, Arthur, Carolyn, Anne, Tony, Dennis, Michael, and David**.
5. **Michael W Mahoney** was born around 1875 to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. In Brigus, on 23 Jan 1902, he married **Mary J Sinclair** (1879-1954, daughter of Duncan Sinclair and Bridget Long, also from North River). The couple had seven children: **Patrick, John Duncan "Duncan", Michael, John A, Mary A, Francis "Frank", and Arthur**. Michael died from stomach cancer in 1949.
 - 5.1. **Patrick Mahoney** was born around 1903. He married **Mary Ellen "Nellie" Pendergast** (1915-1998) and passed away in 1967. The couple had no children.
 - 5.2. **John Duncan "Duncan" Mahoney** was born in North River on 23 Jun 1904. He moved to Philadelphia in 1926, where he eventually married **Elizabeth Hurley** (1912-2001, daughter of John R Hurley and Mary Mansfield). The couple had six children: **Gregory, Jeanette, John D, Linda, Mary, and Michael**. Duncan died in 1984.
 - 5.3. **Michael P Mahoney** was born in 1909 in North River. Michael joined the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary in 1927 and was first posted in Corner Brook on general police duty. He married **Hannah "Annie" Best** (1910-1955), with whom he had seven children: **Michael, Patrick, Loretta, Ramona, Iris, Sheila, and Joan**. He was later transferred to the St. John's Criminal Investigation Division, eventually achieving the rank of Detective Sergeant. During WW2, he was put in charge of the Alien Registration Unit (later the Constabulary Security Division), which was responsible for wartime civil security. He was promoted to District Inspector for this work. In 1944, Michael was sent to Washington for an FBI training course, and with the knowledge he brought back, he was appointed Chief Training Instructor. In 1947, Michael became the second native Newfoundland Constabulary officer named to the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E) in recognition of his service to the Crown during WW2.¹ Michael and Annie were killed on 17 Mar 1955, in a head-on collision accident on the Topsail Highway near Octagon Pond.
 - 5.4. **John A Mahoney** was born around 1912 in North River. John married **Gertrude Dinn** (niece of Monsignor Dinn, 1916-2005). John was a surveyor and did the original survey from St. John's to Roaches Line for the TCH construction. He died in 1977.
 - 5.5. **Mary A Mahoney** was born in around 1915 in North River. She eventually moved to Philadelphia and married **William Simms**. While they had no children, she remained close to her brother Duncan and his children. Mary passed away at the age of 100, in Philadelphia on 2 Aug 2015.

1. Browne, G. (2008). *To Serve and Protect: The Newfoundland Constabulary on the Home Front in World War Two*. DRC Publishing.

- 5.6. Francis “Frank” Mahoney** was born on 26 Oct 1918. He married **Marie ?**. Frank passed on 23 Feb 2005, leaving no children.
- 5.7. Arthur Mahoney** is listed as a brother in Frank’s obituary; however, no records have been observed. He possibly died young.
- 6. Alice Mahoney** was born 15 Aug 1877 in North River to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. In Brigus, on 27 Nov 1897, she married **James Cole** (1861-1935). The couple moved to Colliers before eventually moving to Philadelphia with their eight children: **Mary “May”, Rose, Stephen, Arthur, Frederick, Alice, James, and Loretta**. With the exception of May, their children remained in the US. Interestingly, May married Patrick McGrath, remained in Newfoundland and had 13 children, one of whom was James McGrath, who would later take on the role of Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland from 1986 to 1991. Alice died in Philadelphia on 22 Sep 1945.
- 7. Julia Mahoney** was born in North River 1884 to Patrick and Alice Mahoney. In Brigus, on 11 Jan 1906, she married **William J Hall** (1879-1941, son of Jacob Hall and Mary Delaney of Halls Town). The couple settled in North River and had nine children: **Jacob P, James, Mary** (died in infancy), **Patrick, Alice (Sr. Mary Casimir), William, John B, Donald, and Florence**. Julia suffered a stroke in the early 50’s and passed away on 10 Jan 1958. See the Isaac Hall family summary for more information.



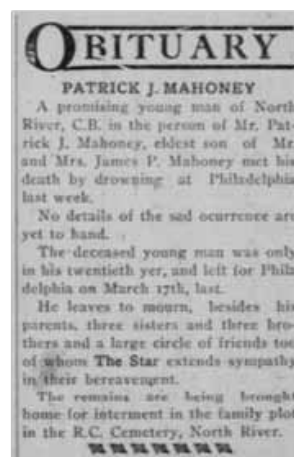
Julia Mahoney Hall (7)



James Mahoney (2)



Bridget Mahoney
Gorman (2.4)



St. John's Daily Star, 06-
Jul-1916



Thomas (2.6) and Marie (Delaney) Mahoney



Laura Mahoney Seward
(2.3)

BAY ROBERTS NOTES

Messrs. James Norman and Arthur Mercer arrived home from Boston by the S. S. Farnorth on Monday last.

Mr. Alec Littlejohns has recently purchased a Chandler sedan for use in his taxi business.

Miss Marie Delaney, daughter of Mrs. P. F. Delaney, has taken charge of the R. C. School at Hallstown, North River.

Newfoundland Weekly,
04-Oct-1930

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

In All-Hallows Church, North River, on Monday, January 15th with Nuptial Mass, John Mahoney son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mahoney, was united to Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dinn, of Carbonar in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dinn, V.G., uncle of the bride. Mrs. Peter Coffey (nee Rita Fitzgerald) was the bride's attendant, whilst Inspector Mahoney, O.B.E., brother of the groom was best man. Miss Bernadette Young played the Wedding March, and at the Offertory of the Mass very delightfully rendered Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Daily News, 19-Jan-1949

Businessman Completes Trip

Mr. T. A. Mahoney, well-known commercial traveller, arrived in St. John's yesterday morning, returning from a business trip as far as St. Anthony.

From St. Anthony, Mr. Mahoney returned to Springdale by motor boat, calling at different settlements en route, where he contacted the various business firms. From Springdale he made the trip over the Hall's Bay road to join the train at Badger for St. John's.

Mr. Mahoney reports a very successful codfishery along the northeast coast and fishermen are hoping that good weather will be available to cure their catches.

Mr. Mahoney leaves this afternoon to spend a few days with his family at North River.

Daily News, 14-Aug-1951

HYMENEAL

SEAWARD-MAHONY.

On Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, All Hallows Church, North River was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seaward, led to the altar Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Mahoney both of North River. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Whelan P.P. following which the esteemed Pastor in a brief but eloquent address tendered to the young couple his heartiest congratulations and also his hope for their meeting with every success in their future career.

The bride was handsomely attired in a travelling costume of navy blue serge with flowing veil and hat to match, and her sister Bridgie, who attended her at the altar was also neatly attired in a navy blue costume, whilst the groom was ably supported by his brother Jim. Following the ceremony the contracting parties drove to the home of the groom where breakfast was partaken of and then proceeding to the station en-trained for St. John's, where the honeymoon was spent. On Saturday evening by the outgoing Carbonar train the happy couple returned to North River their future home, and immediately after their arrival, a reception was held, which was attended by their friends when a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, the programme consisting mostly of singing, whilst Miss Seaward a sister of the groom acted as organist. The young couple were the recipients of many valuable and costly presents, including several cheques, which were accompanied by the many good wishes of all who made their acquaintance, and it that, which tradition records be true that "happy will be those on whose wedding day the sun bloometh forth," their success in future life is fully assured.

St. John's Daily Star, 8-Jun-1921

Mahoney-Fitzpatrick

At St. Bride's Church, Little-dale, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of January 10th, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Rawlin officiating, the wedding took place of Madeline A., daughter of the late P. J. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Bay Roberts, but presently of this city and James A. Mahoney of Detroit, Michigan, son of the late James and Mrs. Mahoney of North River, C.B.

The bride wore a pretty dinner gown of blue with silver accessories and a corsage of white orchids.

The bride was attended by her niece Miss Louise Durke also wearing a pink dinner gown with silver accessories and a corsage of American beauty roses.

The groom was supported by his brother Mr. T. A. Mahoney.

After the marriage ceremony a reception was held at the Nfld. Hotel where the toasts to the bride and groom were duly honoured. The groom's gift to the bride being a beautiful gold watch and by the attendant's very suitable gifts.

The bride and groom were the recipients of many valuable presents testifying to the high esteem in which both were held by their friends here and in Detroit.

Mrs. Mahoney formerly was in charge of the Valley Nurseries Flower Shop and made a host of friends in St. John's by her friendliness and charming personality.

The groom holds a very responsible position with the A. & P. Chain Stores in Detroit, Mich.

On Monday, January 12th, the bride and groom left by express for the United States to spend their honeymoon in California, after which they will reside at 681 Brunswick, Detroit, Mich.

Daily News, 23-Jan-1948



Family of Jack (4.2) and Kate (Connolly) Mahoney

Tragic Highway Crash Take Lives Of Four Inspector And Mrs. Mahoney, Constable And Mrs. Leonard Die When Car, Bus Collide

Four persons were killed last evening when the car in which they were driving slammed head-on into a bus on the Topsail highroad, just west of the Octagon Greenhouse. The accident occurred at six o'clock.

Dead are Inspector Michael P. Mahoney and his wife, and Constable Vincent Leonard and his wife. Both men were members of the Newfoundland Constabulary.

The four victims were occupants of a 1934 Vauxhall car which was driven by Inspector Mahoney. Witnesses report that the car pulled out of the traffic line to pass another vehicle when it met the oncoming bus, operated by the United Bus Company.

The four people in the car were thrown forward by the impact and two died instantly. Another was alive when taken from the wrecked vehicle, and another died in the ambulance while on the way to hospital in St. John's.

The driver and four passengers of the crowded bus, which was heading west on a regular run to Conception Bay points, were taken to the General Hospital here for treatment, but were not seriously injured and were released last night.

So great was the impact of the collision that the car was completely demolished. The bus also was considerably damaged, the engine being driven back into the seating area.

The bus driver told the DAILY NEWS that he had no chance to avoid the head-on crash. He saw the car suddenly swerve into the road in front of him, and the next instant it had crashed into the front of his bus.

Inspector and Mrs. Mahoney are survived by five daughters and two sons. He was a former resident of North River, Q.B. He joined the Newfoundland Constabulary in 1928 and served at various posts throughout the island before being transferred to St. John's where he received promotion, and at the time of his death was Officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau. He was 46 years of age.

Constable and Mrs. Leonard are survived by one daughter and one son, and were residents of Victoria Street. A veteran of World War One, Constable Leonard had been a member of the Police Force for 25 years, serving for some time with the old Mounted Division. He was 55.

Daily News, 18-Mar-1955



William (4.6) and Margaret (Sinclair) Mahoney



Bride Mahoney Morrissey (4.3)



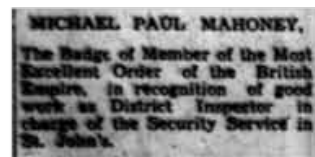
Maurice Mahoney (1.2)



Jack (4.2) and Kate (Connolly) Mahoney



Michael P Mahoney and FBI Fingerprint Instructor, 1944
(Credit: Browne, G. (2008). *To Serve and Protect: The Newfoundland Constabulary on the Home Front World War Two*.)



Daily News, 06-Nov-1947



Edward Mahoney (son of Jack and Kate Mahoney)

Wedding Bells

SIMMS-MAHONEY

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized with Nuptial Mass at North River, Thursday, June 26th, when Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mahoney of that place was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to William Simms, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Simms of Brigus. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Magr. Dinn, V.G., S.A., Parish Priest. As the bridal party entered the church, the Wedding March was played by Miss Gertrude Dinn. The bride was attired in an aqua costume with accessories to match. She was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. P. Mahoney, in a rose costume, whilst her brother, M. P. Mahoney, M.B.E., acted as best man. Following the ceremony the bridal party motored to Holyrood where breakfast was served at Godson's hotel, and thence to St. John's where the reception was held at Cochrane hotel.

Daily News, 30-Jun-1947



Mike Newell and Dennis Mahoney (son of Jack and Kate Mahoney)

MORGAN FAMILY – JOHN

A number Morgans, many of whom had overlapping first names, settled in North River. As such, the familial connections can be difficult to trace. This summary is rather narrow in scope as a result, and focuses on the family of **1. John Morgan**.

- 1. John Morgan** was born around 1851. It's unclear when he arrived in North River, as at the time of his marriage to **Elizabeth Critch** (1860-1931, from Gullies), on 12 Dec 1882, his residence was indicated as South River. However, all their children appear to have been born in North River. As such, it seems that he should be present in the 1889 List of Voters. Indeed, there is on John Morgan of about the right age, with a father by the name of William. Unfortunately, there is also another John Morgan listed, when unmarked age and father. As such, it's unclear which John is the correct one. When the 1904 list is examined, the results are once again inconclusive. None of the John Morgans listed are the around the expected age. Regardless, based on birth records, it appears that John and Elizabeth had the following children: **William, Hedley, Thomas, Moses, Eliza, John, and Charles**. John appears to have passed away on 18 Apr 1920.

- 1.1. William Morgan** was born on 26 Aug 1884. No further information.

- 1.2. Hedley Morgan** was born in 1885 and remained in North River. He never married but his brother Moses, and his family, lived with Hedley. Hedley passed away in 1963.

- 1.3. Thomas Morgan** was born on 5 Aug 1886. He moved to Bell Island where he married **Emma Searle** (1884-1961) and had the following children: **Bessie, Mary, Walter, Hedley, Caroline, and Emmie**. Thomas passed away in 1958.

- 1.4. Moses Morgan** was born on 8 Feb 1889. In Salmon Cove, on 3 May 1916, he married **Mary Butler** (1895-1938). The couple stayed in North River and lived with Moses's brother Hedley. They had the following children: **James "Jim", John, Dulcie, Roseanna, Elizabeth "Bess", Florence "Floss", Hedley "Ned", and Laura "Loll"**. Moses passed away on 9 Aug 1964.

- 1.4.1. James "Jim" Morgan** (1916-1971) married **May Peach** (1922-2003) and moved to Clarke's Beach.

- 1.4.2. John Morgan** (1917-1918); died in infancy.

- 1.4.3. Dulcie Morgan** (1919-1993) married **Walter Taylor** and moved to St. John's. They had the following children: **Dianne, Phyllis, Rose, Lorraine, Paul, Eric, and David**.

- 1.4.4. Roseanna Morgan** (1921-2011) married **Harold Boone** and moved to Clarke's Beach. They had two children: **Lorne and Terry**.

- 1.4.5. Elizabeth "Bess" Morgan** (1923-2007) married **William Fry** and moved to Shearstown. They had the following children: **Elaine, Rose, Lucille, Carol, Tom, Nelson, Edward, and Nina**.

- 1.4.6. Florence "Floss" Morgan** (1925-2007) married **William Batten** (1920-1991) and had the following children: **Paula, Elaine, and Heather**.

- 1.4.7. Hedley "Ned" Morgan** (1927-2002) married **Mary Jane Bussey** (1938-2015) and the couple stayed in North River. They had the following children: **Wade, Edward, Marlene, Karen, Louise, Sharon, and Linda**.

1.4.8. Laura “Loll” Morgan (born 1928) married **Harry Parsons**.

- 1.5. Eliza Mary Morgan** was born on 16 Jan 1891. In Salmon Cove, on 10 Apr 1918, she married **John “Jack” Frost** (1894-1966, son of William Henry Frost and Elizabeth Jane Snow). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **William Henry, John, Vera** (died in infancy), **and Mildred**. The couple also raised their niece, **Blanche Bendall**. See the Frost family section for further information.
- 1.6. John “Jack” Morgan** was born on 24 Aug 1892. He married **Lillian Reid** (1903-1963) and moved to Bell Island. They had the following children: **William, Charles, Estelle, Alison, Dorothy, John, Peter, Arthur, and Sandra**. Jack passed away on 5 Jun 1950.
- 1.7. Charles Morgan** was born on 3 Nov 1895. He moved to Bell Island where he married **Minnie ?** and had the following children: **Loretta, Cyril, Elizabeth, Bert, and Angus**.



Ned (1.4.7) and Jane (Bussey) Morgan



Eliza Morgan Frost (1.5)



Charles Morgan (1.7) and William Henry Frost (Frost, 2.1.1.1)

MORRISSEY FAMILY – PATRICK AND SARAH

Records from the Mannion Collection suggest that the first Morrisseys to settle in North River were the children of **Patrick Morrissey**, who lived in Bareneed and who likely emigrated from Waterford County, Ireland. In the 1817 census, Patrick Morrissey, along with his wife and 3 children, are listed as residents of Port de Grave. Mannion records show that Patrick's wife was a **Sarah Mercer** (or Butler) and that they had a total of 8 or 9 children. A death notice published in the Harbour Grace Standard on Oct. 30, 1886 aligns with this information: "At North River, Conception Bay, on the 18th inst, Sarah, beloved wife of the late Patrick Morrissey, aged 100 years and 2 months. Deceased was mother of 6 sons and 3 daughters, and grandmother of 72 children."

The children of Patrick and Sarah Morrissey are indicated as follows: **1. Richard** (1813-1900), **2. John** (1815-?), **3. Patrick** (1816-?), **4. Bridget** (1818-?), **5. Johanna** (1823-?), **6. James** (1825-1919), **7. Thomas** (1828-1914), and **8. Mark** (1829-?). **Mary Ann** could be a ninth child. While it appears that the family may have first moved to South River, based on the 1871 McAlpines Directory and 1874 List of Voters, it would appear that at least four of the children, Richard, James, Thomas and Mark, made their way to North River/Halls Town since all four are included on these lists. Patrick Morrissey is also on these lists, but it's unclear if this would be the father or the son (or perhaps even the patriarch of the other Morrissey family). Morrisseys do not appear to be present in South River or Port de Grave in 1871. By 1889, only Richard, Thomas and James remain as North River residents they are the sons of Patrick Morrissey, though they are joined by the names of their own sons. By 1904, some remain, along with their sons, but another Morrissey family, also descended from a Patrick Morrissey, has also settled in North River. It is unclear if this Patrick Morrissey is related to the family. In the 1894 McAlpine's directory, there are FOUR Patrick Morrisseys listed for North River

- 1. Richard Morrissey** was born in 1813, according to the Mannion Collection. This aligns with a death record from 1900, which indicates he was age 88 when he passed away from old age. Richard's spouse may be **Catherine Snow** (1821-1901), based on records for children who appear to have moved to Boston. Based on the Voters List, he had at least two sons: **John and Patrick**. However, records from Boston indicate that the couple also likely had three daughters: **Catherine, Maria and Mary**.

- 1.1. John Morrissey** (1851-1927) married **Elizabeth Corbett** (1862-1915, from Otterbury) and had four children: **Elizabeth (or Catherine), Philip, Brendan, and Mary Margaret** (passed away age 1).

- 1.1.1. Elizabeth (or Catherine) Morrissey** was born around 1883 and married **Michael Abbott** (1872-1964) in 1910. Family members recall her name as Elizabeth, but the marriage record indicates Catherine. They settled in Springfield and had the following children: **Mary, John, Elizabeth, Rita, and Michael**. Elizabeth passed away young in childbirth in 1920.

- 1.1.2. Philip Morrissey** was born around 1886 and married **Annie O'Leary** (1887-1967, from Marysvale) on 29 Nov 1917 in North River. Annie worked as a housekeeper for the priest prior to her marriage. After their marriage, Annie was called "Annie Phil", in keeping with the styling of her sister-in-law Mary Bren (below). The couple had at least two children: **Stephen** (1919-1968) and **John Francis** (1922-1945). Doug and Sheila (Neville) Power bought the Morrissey house and lived there early in their marriage. Philip passed away on 2 Mar 1956.

- 1.1.3. Brendan Morrissey** was born on 12 Sept 1894 in North River and married **Mary Josephine Hanlon** (1897-2001, daughter of Edward Hanlon and Margaret Long, also of North River), also referred to as “Mary Bren”. They remained in North River and had the following children: **John, Thomas, Edward, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Philip**. Brendan passed away on 17 May 1964.
- 1.1.3.1. John F Morrissey** (1926-1995) had seven children with **Mary Moore: Robert, Fabian, Judy, Francis, Philip, Jane, and Brenda**.
- 1.1.3.2. Thomas Morrissey** (born ca. 1927) married **Laura Laracy** (born ca. 1931) and had two children: **Damien and Matthew**.
- 1.1.3.3. Edward Morrissey** (1928-2000) married **Kathleen Ryan** (1931-2009) and had three children: **Lucille, Mary Clare, and Rosemary**.
- 1.1.3.4. Elizabeth Morrissey** (born 1934) married **Ivan Hopkins**.
- 1.1.3.5. Margaret and Philip Morrissey:** no further information, presumably passed in childhood.
- 1.2. Patrick Morrissey** (1855-1913) was born in North River and married **Bridget Kavanagh** (1855-1915). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **Richard “Dick”, Mark, Ellen “Nellie”, and John “Jack”**.
- 1.2.1. Richard “Dick” Morrissey** was born in 1885 and married **Elizabeth Benedict Cummings** (1888-1960, daughter of John Cummings). The couple had two children, **Patrick and John**. Dick passed away on 20 May 1968.
- 1.2.1.1. Patrick “Pad” Morrissey** (1911-1996) married **Theresa Gertrude “Gert” O’Brien** (1912-1996, daughter of Tobias O’Brien and Alice English, also of North River) and settled in North River. The couple raised the following children: **Agnes, Richard, Kathleen, Felix, Regina, Annette, Craig, Margaret, and Tim**.
- 1.2.1.2. John D Morrissey** (1917-1985) married **Elizabeth Connolly** (1917-1997, daughter of Daniel Connolly and Ellen Dawson, also from North River) and settled in North River. They had the following children: **Cornelius “Neil”, who sadly died young of an aneurism while teaching in Terranceville, Michael, George, Janet, Barbara, David, Anthony “Tony”, Paul, and Andrew “Andy”**.
- 1.2.2. Mark Morrissey** was born on 16 Nov 1886 in North River. On 6 Jan 1913, in North River, he married **Alice Mahoney** (1893-1951, daughter of James Mahoney and Mary Ann Hall, also from North River) and the couple remained in North River to raise their family. They had the following children: **Bride, James, Mary, Patrick, Thomas, and Mark**. Mark died from stomach cancer on 3 Mar 1940.
- 1.2.2.1. Bride Morrissey** (1914-1999) remained in North River and never married.
- 1.2.2.2. James Morrissey** (1915-1939) was only 24 when he died from tuberculosis.
- 1.2.2.3. Mary Morrissey** (1917-2002) married **John Snow** (1912-1981) and remained in North River. The couple had the following children: **Madonna, William, Mark, Brenda, and Imelda** (twins).
- 1.2.2.4. Patrick Morrissey** (1920-1987) never married and worked as a brake-man on the Newfoundland railway all his adult life.

- 1.2.2.5. **Thomas Morrissey** (1921-1952) worked as a telegrapher. He passed away young from cardiac failure.
- 1.2.2.6. **Mark Morrissey** (1922-1980) married **Hilda Prendergast** (born ca. 1930, from Cupids). They eventually settled in Dunville and had the following children: **Alice, Kevin, Jimmy, and Ellen.**
- 1.2.3. **Ellen “Nellie” Morrissey** was born on 21 Nov 1888. Nellie moved to Boston in 1911 and married **Thomas Connolly** (1885-1958, son of John and Elizabeth Connolly). They had the following children: **Rita** (1916-1993), **Helen (Sr. Sabas, 1920-2001), Thomas** (1920-1991), and **Mary Barbara** (1925-1972).
- 1.2.4. **John P “Jack” Morrissey** was born on 20 Dec 1893. After moving to Boston in 1916, he contracted polio and returned to Newfoundland. While he never married, Jack was a much-loved uncle to Richard’s family and remained in North River until his death on 23 Dec 1973. Jack was a relieving officer for North River/Halls Town in the 1930’s.
- 1.3. **Catherine Morrissey** (1860-1902) moved to the Boston area and first married **Patrick Skane**. The couple had one child: **Richard Skane**. Catherine’s second husband was **John Murphy**. Catherine and John had seven children: **Mary, Maria, Martha, Katie, John, Daniel, and Gertrude.**
- 1.4. **Mary Morrissey** (1863-1890) and 1.5. **Maria Morrissey** (1868-1890) also moved to the Boston area, but both were killed in a horrific railway accident in December of 1890.
- 2. **John Morrissey** (born 1815). No further information.
- 3. **Patrick Morrissey** (born 1816). No further information.
- 4. **Bridget Morrissey** (born 1818). No further information.
- 5. **Johanna Morrissey** (born 1823). No further information.
- 6. **James Morrissey** (1825-1919) possibly married **Margaret Delaney** and remained in North River. The couple had the following children: **Frances, James, Mark, John, Lucy, Theresa, Edward, and Thomas**; however, their children appear to have mostly immigrated to the US.
 - 6.1. **Frances Morrissey** (born ca. 1861) married **Michael Sheehan** (born ca. 1864) and moved to Massachusetts. They had one child: **Thomas.**
 - 6.2. **James Morrissey** (1862-1895) moved to Boston and married **Ellen Rose** (born ca. 1866).
 - 6.3. **Mark Morrissey** (1863-1895) moved to Boston and died of an accidental drowning.
 - 6.4. **John Morrissey** (1870-1900) moved to Boston and never married.
 - 6.5. **Lucy Morrissey** (born ca. 1874). No further information.
 - 6.6. **Theresa Morrissey** (1876-1941) moved first to Boston where she married **Thomas Powers** (1877-1930), before moving to Ohio. The couple had the following children: **Thomas, James, John, and Edward.**
 - 6.7. **Edward Morrissey** (1877-1938) moved to Massachusetts, where he married **Josephine Lena Kleber** (born 1875). The couple’s children were **Margaret “Reta”, Vincent, and Agnes.**
 - 6.8. **Thomas Morrissey** (born 1887) appears to have gone to the US, first to Boston where he was staying with his sister Frances in 1910. It is unclear what became of him later.



Mary Bren (Hanlon) Morrissey with granddaughters, Lucille Morrissey Winter and Brenda Morrissey



Philip Morrissey (1.1.2)



Brendan (1.1.3) and Mary Bren (Hanlon) Morrissey



Brendan (1.1.3) and John (1.1.3.1) Morrissey

OBITUARY
The death occurred on Thursday March 1st, of Mr. P. Cooney at North River, deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.
The death occurred on Friday, March 2nd, of Mr. P. Morrissey, in hospital at St. John's. The body was brought to his home in North River for burial. Deepest sympathy is extended.

Daily News, 24-Mar-1956
(Philip Morrissey, 1.1.2)

Wedding Bells.

MORRISSEY—O'LEARY.

All Hallows' Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 29th, when Miss Annie O'Leary was united in matrimony to Mr. Philip Morrissey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Murphy, Fra. Walker, Ashley, Finn and O'Brien. The bride was handsomely attired in a suit of white silk with wreath and veil and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bride was given away by Mr. John Casey, and was attended by Miss Kathleen Casey, whilst Mr. Brendon Morrissey acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests motored to Bay Roberts and environs and thence proceeded to All Hallows' Hall where a reception was held. After the reception a dance was held and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all those who attended the wedding ceremony. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents, including many large cheques. The gifts in themselves show how highly Mrs. Morrissey was esteemed by all who knew her. In the past she has been noted for her pleasant appearance and smile of welcome, and we hope that in the future, her life may be as bright as she has endeavored to make the past of those with whom she has been associated. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey are taking up their future residence at North River and the whole community joins in felicitations and in wishing them many happy years of wedded life.

North River, Nov. 6th.

Evening Telegram, 10-Dec-1917

DEATHS
At North, River, Conception Bay, on the 18th inst, Sarah, beloved wife of the late Patrick Morrissey, aged 100 years and 2 months. Deceased was mother of 6 sons and 3 daughters, and grandmother of 72 children.

Harbor Grace Standard,
30-Oct-1886

WEDDING
The wedding of Miss Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laracy of Cupids, to Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Morrissey of North River took place at the R.C. Church, Brigus on Saturday, June 23rd.

Daily News, 28-Jun-1956

TWO SISTERS KILLED. Struck by Fitchburg Train, WHILE RETURNING FROM WORK.

Mary and Maria Morrissey,
OF ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

A Deadly Place.

SOMERVILLE is a deadly place in the matter of grade crossings. It emphasized its record most pathetically last night, when two bright, interesting young women, returning home from their day's work, were instantly killed at the Somerville av. crossing of the Fitchburg railroad. Train No. 163 of the Fitchburg railroad, Oliver Neal, conductor, is due in Boston at 8.51 p.m. At 8.55 o'clock last evening Miss Mary Morrissey, aged 27 years, and her sister, Maria, aged 22, employed by the American Rubber Company of Cambridge, approached the crossing at Somerville av. just as a freight train, outward bound, was passing.

The Freight Train Coming.

They were on the Cambridge side of the track, and, as nearly as can be learned, were a little above the crossing and within a few feet of the signal tower. They saw the freight train coming, and waited upon the track until it should pass. Train No. 163 was coming in on the track on which they were standing. Since the new system of interlocking signals has been adopted, inward trains have not stopped before the crossing and have even run in at a comparatively high rate of speed.

Knocked About 25 Feet.

The train struck the girls, and knocked them about 25 feet. When, a few moments later, they were picked up they were dead. Maria, the younger, was mangled frightfully. Her head was cut off and lay a dozen feet from her body. Her left arm was wrenched off, one foot was severed at the ankle and she was otherwise so awfully mutilated that specific description of her injuries would make too painful reading to publish. Her sister was struck in the head, which was crushed almost beyond recognition. So quickly were they killed that neither could have suffered a moment.

The Bodies Removed.

Officers Keating and Miller of the Somerville police happened to be near by, and immediately took charge of the bodies. The train stopped to care for the bodies, but the officers at once summoned Medical Examiner Duntz of Somerville, who ordered the remains taken to the shop of Undertaker William A. Fishery on Somerville av., where they now lie. It was late before the bodies were identified. The girls lived with their brother-in-law, John Murphy, at No. 24 London st. Mrs. Murphy was so overcome by the shock that the news of their death gave her that her husband dared not leave her during the evening. The victims were natives of St. John's, N.F. Mary, the elder, had been in Somerville about a year, and Maria about six months. They have, it is understood, no next living in Weymouth and several other relatives living in or about Boston.

DIED.

Killed by accident, at Somerville, Boston, Mass., on the 19th inst., Mary, aged 27 years, and her sister Maria, aged 22 years, beloved children of Richard and Catherine Morrissey, of North River, Conception Bay.

"Lord, give them Heaven where all is calm,
Where every wound will find a balm,
And every sorrow ease."

Evening Telegram, 29-Dec-1890

What the Gate-Tender Says.

John Sheridan, who tends the gate at the Somerville crossing, has been gate tender there off and on for 11 years. He has been night tender at this crossing for the past three years. He says that when the accident occurred his gates were down, which statement is corroborated by the officers. He saw the freight train coming, he says, and noticed that the lantern on the gate on the Somerville side was out. He sent an assistant across the track to bring it to the gate house. The assistant returned with the lantern and entered the house just as the freight train came up. Mr. Sheridan, who was in the gate house, took the lantern, lighted it, and had just stepped outside when

He Heard the Engineer.

He did not know of the accident until a few moments later, when he saw the bodies of the unfortunate girls lying beside the track. The fact that the lantern was out is not material, however, as the light could have been of no assistance to the girls; but from all that can be learned Mr. Sheridan is blameless in the matter. His gates were down and the accident happened from 25 to 50 feet above the crossing proper, or at about the intersection of the Grand Junction track to the main line.

It is estimated by the police and the gate-tender that at least 500 persons cross the track at morning and night going to and from their work in Cambridge and Somerville.—Boston Globe, Dec. 19.

Evening Telegram, 24-Dec-1890

Morrissey Ryan Nuptials

CLARKE'S BEACH, March 5—The marriage took place on Saturday, Feb. 18th, of Kathleen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ryan of Marysville, to Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Morrissey of North River. Rev. Dr. Jones celebrated

the nuptial mass in the lovely Church of St. Patrick's at Brigus. The organist was Miss R. Burke. The bride looked very lovely as she entered the Church on the arm of her father. She wore a floor length dress of white lace over satin with a bolera. Her bouquet consisted of pink and white roses. The brides only attendant was her sister Lauretta, who wore a ballerina length dress of pink lace over satin with finger

tip veil. Her bouquet was pink and white carnations. The groom was ably supported by his brother Thomas.

The wedding reception was held at Clarke's Hotel, Georgetown. The happy couple spent their honeymoon on Bell Island. For traveling the bride wore a brown suit, with matching accessories, and corsage of pink and white rosebuds.

Daily News, 11-Mar-1955



John F (1.1.3.1), Elizabeth (Connolly), John D (1.2.1.2), Thomas (1.1.3.2) and Laura (Laracy) Morrissey, ca.1959



Gerard Flynn and Edward Morrissey (1.1.3.3)

Mr. Thos. Morrissey of North River suffered a painful accident which resulted in injury to his back when he slipped and fell backwards into a well which he was digging.

Daily News, 15-Sep-1953



Mark Morrissey (1.2.2.6), James Hall (Hall-Isaac, 2.2.2), Tom Morrissey (1.1.3.2)



Edward (1.1.3.3), Mark (1.2.2.6) and Tom (1.1.3.2) Morrissey



Mark Morrissey (1.2.2.6) and Jim Mahoney (son of Tom and Marie Mahoney)



Bride Morrissey (1.2.2.1)



Kathleen (Ryan) and Edward (1.1.3.3) Morrissey



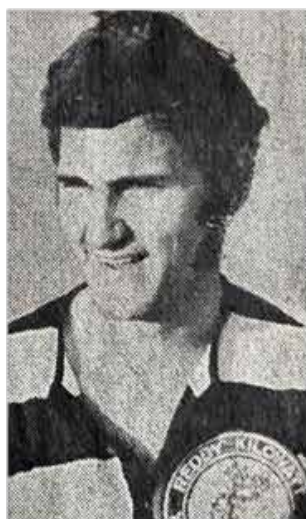
Mark (1.2.2.6) and Hilda (Prendergast) Morrissey



Patrick (1.2.1.1) and Gertrude (O'Brien) Morrissey Wedding Day

A very pretty wedding took place at North River last week when Patrick Morrissey and Miss Gertrude O'Brien were pronounced man and wife. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Dinn, P.P. May happiness and prosperity be theirs and their life a long trail of sunshine.

Daily News, 16-May-1938



Craig Morrissey in Regatta uniform



Annette, Agnes, Richard, Margaret, Tim and Craig Morrissey



Kathleen Morrissey Coombs with grandmother, Benedict Cummings Morrissey



Jack Morrissey (1.2.4)



Gert (O'Brien) Morrissey and son, Richard Morrissey



Morrissey family: Jack (1.2.4), Felix, Kathleen, Regina, Annette, Craig, Agnes, Fr. Hogan, Richard, Betty (Rotchford), Gertrude (O'Brien), Patrick (1.2.1.1), and Dick (1.2.1)



Benedict (Cummings) and Dick (1.2.1) Morrissey



Dick (1.2.1) and Pad (1.2.1.1) Morrissey, John Snow (Hughes, 4.2.5), John D (1.2.1.2) and Jack (1.2.4) Morrissey



Neil Morrissey



Morrissey Family: George, John D (1.2.1.2), Barbara, Elizabeth (Connolly), Michael, Neil, Paul and Tony



Elizabeth (Connolly) and John D Morrissey (1.2.1.2)



Children of John D and Elizabeth Morrissey Children: Mike, Barbara, George, Janet, Paul, Tony, Andy and David



Pad (1.2.1.1) and John D (1.2.1.2) Morrissey

7. **Thomas Morrissey** (1828-1914) settled and remained in North River until his death. His spouse is not confirmed, but may be **Ann Moore** (possibly 1840-1917), based on records which indicate the parents of **Mary A and Sarah Morrissey**. Voters lists also show at least two sons of Thomas: **John and Patrick**. An additional voters list, as well as a Massachusetts marriage record also suggests there was a third son named **Thomas**. An undated headstone in the All Hallows cemetery includes names of parents, Thomas and Ann Morrissey, as well as two sons, John and Patrick. An additional daughter **Johanna "Joan"** has also been established based on a border crossing record where Joan indicated her sister was Sarah. Another daughter, **Ellen**, was discovered via the obituary of her son, which made mention of aunts and an uncle (Mrs. Howell, Mrs. O'Brien, and Thomas Morrissey) who align with the children of Thomas Morrissey (7).
 - 7.1. **John Morrissey** was born around 1860 in North River. No further information.
 - 7.2. **Mary A Morrissey** was born around 1862. She moved to Brookline, Massachusetts in 1892 and in 1898, she married **Daniel O'Brien** (1864-1934, son of Patrick O'Brien and Margaret English). Patrick and Margaret have not been identified elsewhere, but based on their names and likely ages, one might suspect that Margaret is a sibling to Tobias and Patrick English, while Patrick could be a son of an elder Daniel O'Brien. The couple had one child, **Frederick**, prior to Mary's death in 1915.
 - 7.3. **Patrick Morrissey** was born around 1865 in North River and married **Margaret Long** (1871-1943, daughter of William and Anne Long) on 24 Jan 1894. Margaret was previously married to Edward Hanlon. The couple did not have any children together. Patrick passed away in 1935.
 - 7.4. **Ellen Morrissey** was born around 1870. In Holyrood, on 30 May 1896, she married **John Leary** (1871-1926). The couple settled in Conception, Harbour Main and had three children: **Mary, Thomas, and Ann**, all of whom moved to Brooklyn, NY. Ellen passed away on 1 Dec 1916.
 - 7.5. **Johanna "Joan" Morrissey** was born on 22 Nov 1873. She moved to Boston in 1909, but seemingly married **John O'Brien** (1874-1950) and moved back to North River sometime between 1932 and 1935. The couple had no children and Joan passed away on 16 Dec 1962.
 - 7.6. **Thomas Morrissey** was born around 1874 in North River and moved to Boston. In 1908, he married **Johanna Powers** (1885-1951, also from North River, daughter of Edward Powers and Johanna Hughes). The couple had the following children: **Thomas, Francis, Mary, Gertrude, Edward, John, Rita, Helen, Dorothy, and William**. Thomas passed away in 1946.
 - 7.7. **Sarah Morrissey** was born 6 Apr 1883 and moved to Massachusetts in 1912. She married **Michael Howell** in 1921. The couple had no children and Sarah passed away in 1959.
8. **Mark Morrissey** (born ca. 1829) possibly married **Mary "May" Britt** and had the following children: **Richard and Patrick**, both of whom moved to Massachusetts. Richard (born 1878) married Mary Ricketts. while Patrick (1865-1895) does not appear to have married and died in an accidental drowning at the same time as Mark Morrissey on line 6.3.

MORRISSEY FAMILY – PATRICK

The sons of a second **Patrick Morrissey** also came to settle in North River. Descendants indicate that Patrick's wife was named Mary Ann Russell and that the couple emigrated from Waterford, Ireland. However, two of their sons reported that their parents were both born in Newfoundland on the 1935 census. Regardless, Patrick Morrissey had at least three sons who are first observed in the 1897 List of Voters. None of the sons are listed in the 1894-1897 McAlpine's directory; however, given that there are four Patrick Morrisseys in the directory, it's likely that one of the Patricks is their father. Family notes indicate that Patrick had a daughter, **1. Bridget**, while voters lists indicate that the three sons of Patrick Morrissey are **2. James, 3. Daniel, and 4. William**.

- 1. Bridget Morrissey** was born around 1860 and married **John Long** (1860-1926) on 6 Jan 1889. The couple settled in North River and had three children: **Richard Joseph, Gregory, and Mary**. In 1901, Bridget became ill over the summer and wanted to go to Labrador to see her husband. She left Gregory and Mary in the care of her mother-in-law and went down on the schooner. While there, she passed away on 19 Aug 1901. Her body had to be salted in a casket and remain there until they returned in the fall. Her body was returned on the schooner and was buried in the All Hallows Cemetery. See the John Long family summary for more information.
- 2. James Morrissey** was born in North River around 1871. While he remained in North River, it appears that he never married, as he was reported as a single man, living with his brother Daniel in the 1935 census. James died in 1938.
- 3. Daniel Morrissey** was born in North River around 1873. In Brigus, on 28 Feb 1905, Daniel married **Bridget Neville** (born ca. 1882). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Clara, Raymond, and Mildred**. Daniel passed away on 22 Sep 1950 and Bridget is suspected to have passed away on 21 Jan 1958.
 - 3.1. Clara Morrissey** was born on 12 Sep 1911. Records seem to indicate that she married John Delaney (born 1909) and moved to Shearstown.
 - 3.2. Raymond Morrissey** was born around 1912 and was unmarried in the 1945 census. No further information.
 - 3.3. Mildred Morrissey** was born around 1916. Mildred married **John Neville** and lived in South River. They had three children: **Mary, Daniel, and William**. Mildred appears to have passed away prior to 1945, as the two boys are seen living with their maternal grandparents, Daniel and Bridget Morrissey in the 1945 census and they are still remembered by town residents. It's unknown where Mary went to live.
- 4. William Morrissey** was born in North River around 1868. In Brigus, on 22 Mar 1893, he married **Ellen Long** (1876-1952, daughter of William Long, also from North River). The couple settled in North River and raised their family: **Patrick, Mary, Bridget, Michael, William, Annie, Richard, John, and Thomas**. William passed away in 1922.
 - 4.1. Patrick Morrissey** was born on 25 Mar 1893. He married **Ellen Penny** (1894-1977) and the couple raised their family in North River: **Mary Ellen, Rosalie (Sr. Rosalie), William "Bill", Annie, Cecelia, Genevieve, Catherine, Maria Frances, and Gertrude**. Ellen was a midwife in North River, she was referred to as "Big Nellie". Patrick passed away in on 3 Apr 1943.

- 4.1.1. **Mary Ellen Morrissey** (1916-2000, born in Whitney Pier, NS) married **Maurice Walsh** on 2 May 1945. They moved to St. John's.
- 4.1.2. **Rosalie Morrissey** (1918-2017) became **Sister Rosalie** (formerly Sister M. Fidelis) and was a part of the Presentation Sisters Convent in Carbonear.
- 4.1.3. **William "Bill" Morrissey** (1920-1997) married **Gertrude Dunn** (1927-2008) from South River. The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Christine, Patricia, Isabella, Genevieve, Glynn, Gerald, William, Patrick, Gus, and Martin.**
- 4.1.4. **Annie Morrissey** (1922-2008) married **William Walsh** and had the following children: **Howard, Kevin, Tony, Con, Craig, Frank, Paul, Gail, Roslind, and George.**
- 4.1.5. **Cecelia Morrissey** (born ca. 1923) married **William Buckle.**
- 4.1.6. **Genevieve Morrissey** (1925-2004) married **Ed Saifer.**
- 4.1.7. **Katherine Morrissey** (1927-1993) married **Robert Downey.**
- 4.1.8. **Maria Frances Morrissey** (born ca. 1933) married **Sullivan Hurley.**
- 4.1.9. **Gertrude Morrissey** (1936-2020) married **Richard Roche** (Chief of RNC, St. John's) and had the following children: **Sean, Wayne, Michelle, Patrick, and Paul.**
- 4.2. **Mary Morrissey** was born in North River on 11 Oct 1894. She married **Patrick Hurley** (1894-1925, son of Martin Hurley and Elizabeth Kavanagh, also from North River) in Whitney Pier, Nova Scotia on 22 Oct 1917. She later moved to Philadelphia in 1919. Mary and Patrick had three children: **Martin, William and Mary Grace.** After Patrick's death, Mary remarried to **Sebastian Cummings** (1889-1928, son of Daniel Cummings and Bridget Hall, also of North River). Mary and Sebastian had one son: **Michael.** Mary passed away in 1967.
- 4.3. **Bridget Morrissey** was born in North River on 17 Aug 1896. No further information.
- 4.4. **Michael William Morrissey** was born in North River on 28 Nov 1899. In 1923, Michael moved to Boston, where he married **Mary B Powers** (1906-1979). They had the following children: **Helen, Lorraine, Grace, Elizabeth, Anne, Michael, Thomas, and Patricia.** Michael passed away on 4 Oct 1947.
- 4.5. **William Patrick Morrissey** was born in North River on 18 Sep 1901. In 1924, he moved to Boston, where he married **Mary Griffin** (1906-1976). They had the following children: **Doris, Loretta, John, Donald, Richard, William, and Frederick.** William passed away in 1971.
- 4.6. **Annie Morrissey** was born around 1905. She married **Tobias O'Brien** (1906-1989, son of Daniel O'Brien and Alice English, also from North River) and the couple remained in North River. Annie and Tobias had the following children: **Helen, Alice, Thomas, Marie, Roseanne, and Daniel.** Annie passed away on 19 Dec 1955 and after her death, Tobias remarried to Nora Cousins Mullowney.
- 4.7. **Richard Morrissey** was born in North River on 18 Mar 1907. He moved to Massachusetts in 1926. No further information.



William Morrissey (4) with
granddaughter Mary Morrissey
Walsh (4.1.1)



Ellen (Penny) and Patrick Morrissey (4.1)



Michael (4.5) and Bill (4.6)
Morrissey



Fr. Tom Morrissey (4.9) and Ellen Long
Morrissey



Genevieve Morrissey Saifer
(4.1.6), Ellen Long Morrissey, Sr.
Rosalie Morrissey (4.1.2)



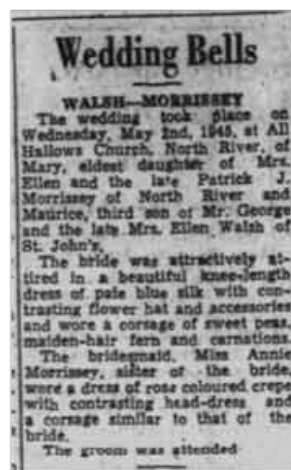
Jim Hall (Hall-Isaac, 2.2.2), Sr. Betty
Morrissey (4.8.2), Florrie Cummings
Morrissey and Jack Morrissey (4.8)



Annie Morrissey Walsh
(4.1.4), Bill Morrissey (4.1.3)
and Ellen Penny Morrissey



Daniel (3) and Bridget (Neville)
Morrissey



Daily News, 5-May-1945



Richard (4.7) and Patrick
(4.1) Morrissey

OBITUARY

Passed peacefully away at St. Clare's Hospital on December 21st, 1955, Annie, beloved wife of Toby O'Brien of North River. Although being ill for quite some time, death came rather suddenly and as quite a shock to her family. Left to mourn besides her husband are two sons and four daughters—Helen, R.C. teacher at Halls'own, Allee, nurse

In training at St. Clare's Hospital Tern, at Eckhardt Mills, Briggs. Marie, Rose and Danny at home, also three brothers, John Morrissey at home, Rev. T. M. Morrissey, Japan, Bill at Boston, and one sister Mrs. Mary Cummings at Boston, also a large number of nephews and nieces, among whom are Sister Mary Fidelis, Presentation Convent, Carbonear, and Sister St. William in Japan. To all of whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Daily News, 09-Mar-1956

Newfoundland Missionaries In China



REV. CRAIG STRANG
St. John's, Nfld.

REV. THOMAS MORRISSEY
North River, C.B.

REV. EDWARD MORIARTY
Br. Grace

Missionaries Forced To Leave Posts In China

Official Pressure Cripples Missionary Work; Three Nfld. Priests Affected

The Bishop of Lichui, Chekiang, China, has ordered his priests to leave the district immediately. Pressure from the local authorities has made it impossible for them to remain at their post. Three Newfoundland missionaries are in this area: Rev. Fathers Craig Strang of St. John's, Nfld.; Thomas Morrissey of North River, C.B.; and Edward Moriarty of Harbour Grace.

They will make application for exit visas immediately and, as far as can be learned, should be on their way home about the end of February. The Bishop, meanwhile, will remain until he is officially instructed by the Papal Internuncio to close the mission. The news comes as no surprise in Toronto headquarters of the Searborg Foreign Mission Society to which these priests belong. A letter received from the vicar-general, Very Reverend A. J. Chafe of St. John's, Newfoundland, reveals the humanly impossible conditions under which the missionaries have been carrying on their work for several months.

Daily News, 6-Feb-1951



Annie Morrissey O'Brien (4.6) and Bill Morrissey (4.5)



Gertrude (Dunn) and Bill Morrissey (4.1.3)



Ann Marie Morrissey Snow (4.8.3), Sr. Betty Morrissey (4.8.2) and Helen Morrissey Kennedy (4.8.1)



Bill Morrissey (4.1.3), Bill Walsh, Annie Morrissey Walsh (4.1.4) and Bill Morrissey (4.5)



Ellen Penny Morrissey, Genevieve Morrissey Saifer (4.1.6), Patrick Morrissey (4.1), Francis Morrissey Hurley (4.1.8), Fr. Tom Morrissey (4.10) and Katherine Morrissey Downey (4.1.7)

MORRISSEY—Passed peacefully away at North River on Wednesday, August 6th, Mrs. Ellen Morrissey, aged seventy-eight years. Leaving to mourn their sad loss are three sons, Rev. T. M. Morrissey, S.F.M. Japan; William of Dorchester Mass.; and John with whom she resided. Two daughters, Mrs. Mary Cummings of Dorchester, Mass.; and Mrs. Toby O'Brien of North River, several grandchildren among whom are Sister M. Fidelis Presentation Convent, Carbonear and Sister St. William, S.F.M. Pembroke, Ontario. (Boston and Canadian papers please copy).

Daily News, 16-Aug-1952

- 4.8. John S “Jack” Morrissey** was born on 23 Sep 1909. He married **Bridget Mahoney** (1913-1945, daughter of Dennis Mahoney and Elizabeth Hall). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **Helen, Elizabeth, Anne Marie, Angeline, Angela, and Thomas**. After Bridget’s death, Jack remarried to **Florence Cummings** (1927-2006, daughter of Richard Cummings and Mary Connolly). They had one son, **John**.
- 4.8.1. Helen Morrissey** (1940-2009) married **Bartholomew Kennedy**. They initially settled in Bay Roberts, and later returned to North River. They had the following children: **Bartholomew, Blair, Elizabeth Ann, Beverly, and Clara**.
- 4.8.2. Elizabeth Morrissey** (born 1942) became **Sister Betty** and moved to St. John’s, where she still lives today.
- 4.8.3. Ann Marie Morrissey** (born 1944) married **James Snow** (born 1946, son of James D Snow and Clara Efford). They live in Ontario.
- 4.8.4. Angela and Angeline Morrissey** both died young.
- 4.8.5. Thomas Morrissey:** no further information, possibly died young.
- 4.8.6. John Morrissey Jr** (1955-1990) never married and had no children.
- 4.9. Thomas Morrissey** was born 25 Feb 1914 and became a missionary priest. Better known as Father Tom, he spent a great deal of time in China and Japan, and wrote the book *North River to the Land of Cherry Blossoms*. Father Tom passed away in Toronto in 1992.

THE MORRISSEY BROTHERS IN PORT DE GRAVE

Heidi Coombs, PhD

Family history journeys usually begin by talking to people in your family to find out anything that may have been passed down through oral tradition. From my family – the Morrisseys of North River – I learned that there were three brothers who came over from Ireland and settled in three different communities in Newfoundland.

This might sound familiar to many!

The legend of the three brothers is fairly common in the genealogy world, especially in North America. It is often approached by genealogists with skepticism, perhaps because it is so common. And one must wonder why three brothers would cross the Atlantic together and then disperse to three different communities.

But does that mean it is not true? Were there three Morrissey brothers who settled in three different communities in Newfoundland?

I decided to find out.

Newfoundland's connection to Ireland dates back to the migratory fishery and the seasonal employment opportunities that it offered. The transatlantic salt-fish and supply trade was the leading commercial venture for England and Ireland over a considerable period of time. And it was a great way for young people to make money! They would sail overseas each spring, participate in the fishery over the summer, and return back home in the fall.

By the end of the 18th century, those who had been engaged in the fishery seasonally began staying year-round, in order to maintain their boats and premises throughout the winter.

So began the resident fishery and permanent European settlement.

The turn of the 19th century witnessed a period of significant economic prosperity and the highest rates of Irish immigration to Newfoundland. With the outbreak of the Napoleonic Wars (1803-15) and the War of 1812 (1812-15), international competitors withdrew from the salt-fish trade and gave Newfoundland almost complete international monopoly over the industry. The Newfoundland salt-fish trade flourished during this period and the demand and price for salt-fish was high.

It was also during this period that I found the earliest reference to one of the three Morrissey brothers who came over from Ireland – Patrick Morrissey of Waterford.

However, although my family is from North River, I did not find Patrick in North River.

I found him in Port de Grave.

According to the Harbour Grace parish records, Patrick Morrissey married Sarah Mercer (niece of Anne Butler of Port de Grave) in November 1812, and together they had eight children – Richard (1813); John (1815); Patrick (1816); Bridget (1818); Johanna (1823); James (1825); Thomas (1828); and Mark (1829).

And according to the records, John's (1815) sponsor was a James Morrissey.

Who was this James Morrissey? Could he have been Patrick's brother? Had I found two of the three long lost Morrissey brothers?

I continued digging into the records and found Patrick again, this time in the Harbour Grace Surrogate Court Records for 1816.¹ He was involved in a series of lawsuits with numerous individuals, including a writ he issued against James Morgan for supplies, and a writ against him by John and William Pinsent (Port de Grave agents with Newman & Roope) for payment of debt.

Such lawsuits were not unusual during this period (1815-18) and are indicative of the difficult living conditions in Newfoundland following the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812.

While the war years created an economic boom for the salt-fish trade, the end of the wars increased international competition and plunged Newfoundland into an economic depression, leading to several years of widespread unemployment, insolvencies, food shortages, starvation, and even rioting. Indeed, this was the period of the "Winter of the Rals" (1817-18) and the first time a governor resided in Newfoundland year-round, ostensibly due to concerns about public order.

The Irish in Port de Grave were hit particularly hard by this economic collapse.

They were less established in the community than the English and had less access to the prime fishing sites. Many of them took on occupations outside the fishery – they were mailmen, coopers, blacksmiths, grogshop keepers, merchants' agents, constables, gaolers, and surgeons. They made a significant contribution to Port de Grave, both economically and socially.² But they felt the impact of the postwar economic depression intensely. Furthermore, economic difficulties intensified sectarian tensions in the community. These factors lead to the gradual outmigration of the Irish from Port de Grave and resettlement in communities at the head of Bay de Grave – including North River – over the following decades.

Their difficulties in Port de Grave after the war years were reflected in the 1817 census, which listed many Irish families as living distressed. According to the census, Patrick Morrissey, his wife (Sarah Mercer), and three children (Richard, John, and Patrick), were living "in distress," supplied by W. Pinsent. The family likely lived in the area of Sandy Cove, where most of the recently-arrived Irish lived, or nearby Hussey's Cove, the site of Pinsent's mercantile establishment.

Curiously, however, Patrick was the only Morrissey listed in the census. There was no mention of

1. Keith Matthews Name Files, 1500-1850, <https://mha.mun.ca/mha/holdings/keith/index.php> (accessed April 2022).

2. Gerald W. Andrews, *Heritage of a Newfoundland Outport: the Story of Port de Grave*. Carbonear: G.W. Andrews, 2006.

James, sponsor for Patrick's son in 1815.

Who was James Morrissey? Why was he not in the 1817 census? Where was he?

According to the Harbour Grace parish records,³ a James Morrissey married a Mary Delaney (Port de Grave/North River name) in 1822. They had a son Richard in 1824.

Could this be the same James Morrissey from 1815? And if so, was he living somewhere else at the time of the census? Had he gone back to Ireland during the interim? Could he have been at the Labrador fishery?

I found no further information about either of the families in the parish records. The Roman Catholic records for Port de Grave (and North River) after 1824 were part of the Brigus Parish; however, those records were lost in a fire at the presbytery in 1934. My search for the brothers reached a significant stumbling block.

However, all was not lost!

In the old Roman Catholic graveyard in Port de Grave stood two significant Morrissey headstones – one for James Morrissey of Waterford, who died at the age of 37 (date unknown), and one for Mary Ann Morrissey, her son James (died at 18 in 1841), and her son Richard (died at 25 in 1849).

Could this be James and Mary Delaney who married in 1822 and had a son Richard in 1824? The names and dates certainly lined up.

Could this James Morrissey of Waterford be related to Patrick Morrissey of Waterford, both of whom lived in Port de Grave in the early 19th century, and one of whom was sponsor to the other's son?

Are James and Patrick two of the three Morrissey brothers who came over from Ireland?

At this point, the story of these Morrissey families took a tragic turn.

On September 6th, 1849, a young man died in Labrador.

He was from St. John's and had been engaged in the Labrador fishery.

He was unmarried.

Upon his death, he granted his estate, worth approximately £45, to his aunt Bridget King of St. John's, who was his nearest relation.

The young man's name was Richard Morrissey.

According to the records, "Morrissey was brought up by [the] Kings and generally lived with them.

3. Mannion Collection, <https://www.mannioncollection.ca/default.aspx> (accessed April 2022).

He had an uncle Patrick Morrissey at [Northern] Gut [i.e. North River], Port de Grave.”⁴

Richard Morrissey, with his tragic death in Labrador, provided an important piece of the puzzle and enabled me to connect James and Patrick – two brothers from Waterford.

I had found two of the three Morrissey brothers.

It is unknown what happened to James. However, the fact that Richard was raised by his aunt (his mother’s sister, Bridget, who married John King of Port de Grave in 1826) indicates that he died when Richard was young, sometime after 1824, such that his widow, Mary, had to send Richard to live with her sister in St. John’s.

It is also unknown if there was a third Morrissey brother and where he would have lived. According to John Mannion, Irish brothers often immigrated together to Newfoundland. They would have been the sons of farmers, who were unable to subdivide their farms for younger sons, and were looking for employment opportunities.

It is therefore entirely likely there were three Morrissey brothers who came over from Ireland and two of them initially settled in Port de Grave. One of them died and was buried there, along with his wife and two sons.

The other left Port de Grave with his family sometime between 1844 and 1849, perhaps amid the rising sectarian tensions in the community and an inshore fishery that had reached its saturation point. Patrick Morrissey resettled in North River, where land was plentiful, and generations of Morrisseys now call North River home.

4. Mannion Collection, <https://www.mannioncollection.ca/default.aspx> (accessed April 2022).

NEVILLE FAMILY – LAURENCE

The 1874 List of Voters lists three Neville men living in North River: Thomas, Laurence and James. As this document contains only a list of names, the relationships between the men cannot be ascertained. However, potential relationships appear in the 1889 List of Voters. By this time, Thomas (age 79) is the eldest Neville on the list, and his father is indicated as Laurence Neville. The James from 1874 is not accounted for in this document. The majority of Nevilles in this document appear to be descended from Thomas (and Laurence); however, a seemingly separate family line also appears. Richard Neville (age 26) whose father is indicated to be Nicholas Neville (not present on the list) is also included. Interestingly, an early record from the Mannion Collection shows a potential link between the two seemingly separate lines. It is possible that Thomas and Nicholas are brothers, and the children of Laurence Neville and Mary Kavanagh. The birth date for Thomas on this record aligns well with his age in 1889, as well as the estimated birth year from his death record. However, there are other records for a Nicholas Neville in the Mannion Collection that discuss a Nicholas Neville born in Wexford County, Ireland who died in North River in 1871, possibly the same Nicholas who was living in Port-de-Grave in 1817. However, those records only mention children as Margaret, Catherine, Francis, John and Nicholas. Since the relationship between the Nicholas and Laurence in North River cannot be unequivocally established, they have been treated as separate family lines.

Laurence Neville and **Mary Kavanagh** were recorded as having been married in Harbour Grace in 1807. The couple had at least seven children: **Bridget, Catherine, Thomas, John, Nicholas, Laurence, and John**. Thomas settled in North River.

1. **Thomas Neville** was born to Laurence Neville and Mary Kavanagh in North River on 17 Nov 1810. While no records have been observed, others have suggested he married **Jane Skehan**. Voters list suggest they had the following sons: **Laurence, James, Michael, Richard, and Peter**. Thomas died in North River on 8 Aug 1892.

- 1.1. **Laurence Neville** was born in North River around 1838. His spouse is unknown, but prior to his death on 25 May 1909, he had at least two children: **John and Lawrence**.

- 1.1.1. **John Neville** was born around 1868 in North River. He first married **Bridget Mahoney** (born ca. 1873, unknown parents) on 26 Nov 1895, and had at least two children: **Nora and Thomas**. A marriage notice for **Elizabeth** Neville has also been uncovered, in which she is referred to as the daughter of John Neville from North River. While no other records prove the link to this John Neville were observed, she has been included as a third child in this summary. After his first wife's death, he married **Bridget Mahoney Whelan** (1869-1949, daughter of Patrick Mahoney and Alice Kavanagh). John passed away on 9 Apr 1941.

- 1.1.1.1. **Nora Neville** (1897-1986) first married **William Hall** (1894-1926, son of Robert Hall and Ellen Delaney); however, the couple had no children. After William's death, Nora moved to Philadelphia and married **Joseph Cantwell** (1900-1969). The couple had one child: **Joseph**.

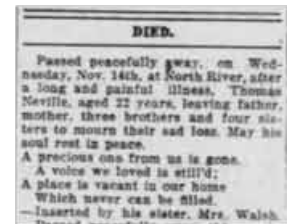
- 1.1.1.2. **Thomas Neville** (1900-1979) moved to Philadelphia and married **Catherine Mahoney** (born 1906, daughter of Dennis Mahoney and Liz Hall). They remained in Philadelphia and had the following children: **Thomas, Dolores, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Ann "Nancy", James, William, and Patricia**.



Bridget (Long) Neville, Daniel Neville (1.3.10) and Micheal Neville (1.3)



Luke (1.3.7) and Peter (1.3.8) Neville



Evening Telegram, 20-Nov-1923



Peter Neville (1.3.8)



Daniel (1.3.10) and Bridget (Long) Neville



Dan Neville (1.3.8.6), Kathleen Neville Fitzpatrick (1.3.8.4), Dot Delaney Neville and Marie Neville (1.3.8.2)



Vonnie (1.3.7.7) and Pat (1.3.7.8) Neville



Madonna Neville McLean (1.3.8.8) and Dot Delaney Neville



Vonnie (1.3.7.7), Luke (1.3.7), Angela (Tobin), Sheila (1.3.7.6) Neville and Charmaine Hanlon Bourgeois



Daniel (1.3.10), Luke (1.3.7) and Thomas (1.3.7.4) Neville and unknown on right



Sheila Neville Power (1.3.7.6)



Stan, Anne (Neville) (1.3.7.3) and Tommy Formanger



Bride (Neville) (1.3.7.2) and Isaac Alexander



Angela Tobin Neville and Sheila Neville Power (1.3.7.6)



Vonnie (1.3.7.7) and Angela (Tobin) Neville



Thomas (1.3.7.4) and Mildred (Trickett) Neville



Pat (1.3.7.8) and Agnes (Cummings) Neville



Pat Neville (1.3.7.8)

The engagement is announced of Miss E. Trickett to Mr. Thomas Neville. Miss Trickett is employed by Monseigneur Dinn of North River while Mr. Neville is an employee of the Canadian Post Office.

Daily News, 01-Sep-1953



Neville Brothers: William (1.2.1.2), Gus (1.2.1.5), Arthur (1.2.1.3), Richard (1.2.1.7), James (1.2.1.4)

G.S.W. right arm, mtd.
**Previously Reported Wounded—Now
 Reported not Wounded.**
 2066—Pte. Ronald Neville, North
 River, C.B. Sick, inflammation con-
 nective tissue, left knee.
J. H. BENNETT,
 Minister of Militia.



Richard Neville (1.2.1)



Walter (1.3.8.7), Marie Neville (1.3.8.2),
 Madonna Neville McLean (1.3.8.8) and
 Dan Neville (1.3.8.6)



Kathleen Neville Fitzpatrick (1.3.8.4),
 Pete (1.3.8.6) and Marie (1.3.8.2) Neville
 with Sylvia Hall Hurley (daughter of Jim
 and Mary Hall)



John Neville (son of
 Richard and Eileen
 (Keefe) Neville)



Dan (1.3.8.3) and Pete (1.3.8.6) Neville with
 Dick Cummings (son of James and Winifred
 Cummings)



Dot (Delaney) Neville, Pete Neville (1.3.8)
 with grandson Paul Fitzpatrick

- 1.1.1.3. Elizabeth Neville** (1906-1983) married **John Haire (or Ayre)** (1893-1972) and moved to Harbor Grace. They had the following children: **Gerald, Bridget, John, Elizabeth Mary, Leo, Edward, and Irene.**
- 1.1.2. Lawrence Neville** was born around 1889 in Halls Town. He married **Margaret ?** (born ca. 1896) and moved to Cape Breton. They had the following children: **James, Lawrence, Mary, and Louis.**
- 1.2. James Neville** was born around 1856 in North River. He married **Ellen Dawson** and remained in North River. They had the following children: **Richard, Mary, and Ronald.** James died on 26 Jul 1936.
- 1.2.1. Richard Neville** was born 14 Jul 1887 in North River. On 26 Dec 1915, he married **Mary Grace Reid** (1898-1937). The couple had the following children: **Ronald, William, Arthur, James, Augustus, Thomas, and Richard.** An additional two children passed in infancy (**Grace and William**). The elder children all served in WW2.¹ After his first wife's death, Richard remarried to **Eileen Keefe** (1915-1985) and the couple had three children: **Mary Grace, Alicia Marie, and John.** Richard passed away in 1961.
- 1.2.1.1. Ronald Neville** (1916-1960) married **Mary Alice Galway** (1918-1986) and moved to Bell Island, where he worked in the mines. They had the following children: **William, Mary, Gerald, David, and Patricia.**
- 1.2.1.2. William Neville** (1918-1942) served in the Royal Navy as a naval gunner and died at sea in WW2. His ship, the RMS Lady Hawkins, was torpedoed by U-66.
- 1.2.1.3. Arthur Neville** (1920-1942) served in the Royal Navy as an able seaman and died at sea in WW2. He was aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Avenger when it was torpedoed off the coast of Gibraltar.
- 1.2.1.4. James Neville** (1923-1981) served in WWII with the 15th Naval Contingent. After the war, he married **Mary "Molly" McCabe** (1929-1983) and the couple had the following children: **James** (died in infancy), **Linda, Mary-Grace** (died in infancy), **Maureen, Bernice** (died age 1 ½), **Anne, and Judy.** The family eventually settled in Hamilton.
- 1.2.1.5. Augustus Neville** (1925-1965) served in WWII with the Royal Navy Tug Service. After the war, he married **Bess Keefe** (1931-1981) and later passed away in a car accident. The couple had two children.
- 1.2.1.6. Thomas Neville** (1933-1992) married **Hazel ?** and moved to Black Tickle, where his father had previously fished.
- 1.2.1.7. Richard Neville** (1935-2002) married **Aline Cormier** and moved to New Brunswick. They had the following children: **Patricia, Dorothy, Patrick, Rene, and William.**
- 1.2.2. Mary Neville** was born in 1891. No further information.

1. Wood, F 2019, 'A North River family's story of sacrifice', *Saltwire Network*, 29 June, accessed 16 May 2022, <<https://www.saltwire.com/newfoundland-labrador/news/a-north-river-familys-story-of-sacrifice-327976>>.

- 1.2.3. Ronald Neville** was born around 1899. He married **Bridget ?** (born ca. 1898) and had one child: **Kevin**. Ronald died on 31 Mar 1973.
- 1.3. Michael Neville** was born in the Groais Islands around 1859 and married **Bridget Long** (1867-1940, daughter of Luke Long and Elizabeth Margaret O'Brien). The couple settled in North River and had the following children: **Jane, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Bridget, Thomas, Luke, Peter, Ann, and Daniel**. Michael passed away on 16 Mar 1937.
- 1.3.1. Jane Benedict Neville** (1889-1959) married **Bernard Curran** (1884-1937). The couple were married in Boston, before returning to St. John's to raise their family: **Anne, Bridget, James, Agnes, Leo, Mary, and Marion**.
- 1.3.2. John Neville** was born on 19 Nov 1892. No further information; presumably passed away young.
- 1.3.3. Elizabeth Dora Neville** (1893-1993) married **Michael Walsh** (1885-1954) and moved to St. John's to raise their family: **Mary, Raymond, Agnes, Edward, Eileen, Cyril, Kevin, Elizabeth, Gertrude, and Michael**.
- 1.3.4. Mary Neville** was born on 1 Oct 1895. No further information. Presumably passed away young.
- 1.3.5. Bridget Neville** (1896-1987) married **David Somerton** (1891-1959) and moved to Portugal Cove. They had the following children: **Frederick, Samuel, Leo, Hannah, Andrew, David, and Ambrose**.
- 1.3.6. Thomas Neville** (1901-1923) never married. Per the Evening Telegram, he passed away after a long and painful illness.
- 1.3.7. Luke Neville** (1903-1986) married **Angela Tobin** (1905-1977) and the couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Evelyn, Bridget, Anne Loretta, Thomas, Michael, Sheila, Veronica, and Patrick**.
- 1.3.7.1. Evelyn Neville** (1927-2008) married **Walter Hanlon** (1926-1974, son of James Hanlon and Mary O'Brien) and moved to Stephenville. See the Hanlon family summary for more information.
- 1.3.7.2. Bridget Neville** (1928-1993) married **Isaac Alexander** (1920-1984) and moved to Stephenville.
- 1.3.7.3. Anne Loretta Neville** (1930-1991) married **Stanley Formanger** (born 1919).
- 1.3.7.4. Thomas Neville** (1932-2000) married **Mildred Trickett** (1929-2018) and moved to St. Mary's.
- 1.3.7.5. Michael Neville** died in infancy.
- 1.3.7.6. Sheila Neville** (born 1934) married **Douglas Power** (1934-2016, son of Tobias and Mildred Power) and the couple settled in North River.
- 1.3.7.7. Veronica "Vonnice" Neville** (1938-2010) never married and remained in North River.
- 1.3.7.8. Patrick Neville** (1941-2003) married **Agnes Cummings** (daughter of James Cummings and Winifred Delaney).

- 1.3.8. Peter Neville** (1905-1984) married **Dorothy Delaney** (1912-2000) and remained in North River to raise their family: **Richard** (adopted son of Richard and Mary Grace), **Marie, Daniel, Kathleen, Madonna, Peter, Michael, and Walter**.
- 1.3.8.1. Richard Neville** (1935-2002) married **Aline Cormier** and moved to New Brunswick. They had the following children: **Patricia, Dorothy, Patrick, Rene, and William**.
- 1.3.8.2. Marie Neville** (1939-2016) lived in Goose Bay and worked with the telephone company. She never married and returned to North River after her retirement. She lived in the family house until her death
- 1.3.8.3. Michael Neville** (1940-2002) married **Linda Offrey** (1939-2019).
- 1.3.8.4. Kathleen Neville** (born 1941) married **Cyril Fitzpatrick** (1937-2011).
- 1.3.8.5. Peter Neville** (born 1946) served in the Royal Canadian Navy. He married **Diane Hurshman** (1946-2020) and eventually settled in Nova Scotia.
- 1.3.8.6. Daniel Neville** (1947-2018) married **Mary Angela Carroll** (1943-2001).
- 1.3.8.7. Walter Neville** (1949-1985) married **Patricia Hodgson**.
- 1.3.8.8. Madonna Neville** (born 1953) married **Kevin McLean**.
- 1.3.9. Ann Neville** (1908-1989) married **Jim Roberts** (born 1885) and moved to Bell Island. They had the following children: **Mary, Thomas, James, and Anna**.
- 1.3.10. Daniel Neville** (1914-1945) married **Margaret Snow** (daughter of William Snow and Margaret Sinclair). The couple are present in Jerseyside, Placentia in the 1945 census, prior to Daniel's death. They had no children.
- 1.4. Richard Neville** was born around 1863. He is present in the 1904 List of Voters, but not the 1908, so is presumed to have passed away sometime between those dates. No further information. No evidence that he married or had children.
- 1.5. Peter Neville** was born around 1869. He married **Mary "Polly" Long** (1869-1951. daughter of Luke Long and Elizabeth Margaret O'Brien, sister to Bridget) on 10 Jan 1900. The couple had no biological children, but were very close to and helped raise their nephew, Peter Neville (son of Michael and Bridget Neville). They lived just over the railway track to the left of what is now CBN Road.

SINCLAIR (ST. CLAIR) FAMILY – DUNCAN

The 1889 List of Voters shows four Sinclair men living in North River: **1. Duncan, 2. Matthew, 3. William, and 4. John.** The mens' birth years ranged from 1844-1857, and all four indicated that their father's name was **Duncan Sinclair** and they were born in North River. As such, it's likely that Duncan, William, Matthew and John are the four sons of a Duncan Sinclair who was born prior to 1825. The 1874 List of Voters only lists Duncan Sinclair as an eligible voter. However, this is likely to be the same Duncan as in the 1889 List, and not the father of the four men, given that the son, Duncan, would have been of age to vote.

A record from the Mannion Collection, makes mention of a Duncan Sinclair in Bareneed in 1829. While his age isn't mentioned, the record indicates that he was a literate fisherman and a Scot. Given the proximity of Bareneed to North River, and the typical flow of settlement in the area, it's possible that this Duncan Sinclair below is the father of the four men in the 1889 List of Voters. However, there is no record of a Duncan Sinclair in Bareneed in the 1817 census. In addition, in other records Sinclair descendants indicated that they were Irish, which doesn't seem to line up with this Duncan Sinclair being a Scot.

Regardless of the origins of Duncan Sinclair, it appears that he had at least four sons who settled in North River. While the 1874 and 1889 Lists of Voters indicated the family name was Sinclair, in the 1908 and 1919 lists, the family appeared to be using the name St. Clair. The use of Sinclair versus St. Clair seems to be varied among family members over time. For ease of use, "Sinclair" has been used through this document, with the focus on the four sons of the original Duncan.

- 1. Duncan Sinclair** was born around 1844. He married **Bridget Long** (1858-1926, daughter of William Long and Anne Walsh). The couple settled in North River and raised a large family: **Thomas, Mary, Bridget, William, Margaret, Duncan, John, Aloysius "Ella", Daniel, Patrick, Mark, and Anna.**
 - 1.1. Thomas Sinclair** was born around 1878. On 28 Jan 1904, he married **Johanna Hughes** (born ca. 1880, daughter of William Hughes and Anastatia Grace, also from North River). Thomas and Johanna remained in North River, and possibly adopted daughter Rita Morrissey (or Lane). Thomas passed away from cancer on 12 Jan 1934.
 - 1.2. Mary Sinclair** was born around 1879. She married **Michael Mahoney** (1875-1949, son of Patrick Mahoney and Alice Kavanagh, also from North River) in Brigus on 23 Jan 1902. The couple had seven children: **Patrick, Duncan, Michael, John, Mary, Frank, and Arthur.** Mary died on 7 Mar 1954. See the Patrick Mahoney family summary for further information.
 - 1.3. Bridget Sinclair** was born around 1881. On 17 Nov 1902 in Brigus, she married **John P Hall** (1881-1965, son of James Hall, also from North River) and the couple stayed in North River. They had the following children: **James, Ella Rose (Sr. Madonna), Mary, Duncan, Anne, Margaret, and Frances.** Bridget passed away quite young from tuberculosis on 16 Jan 1916. See the Isaac Hall family summary for further information.
 - 1.4. William Sinclair** was born on 22 Feb 1881. He first married **Johanna Snow** (1884-1906, daughter of James Snow and Elizabeth Hughes, also from North River). They had one child prior to her death: **William.** William next married **Bertha Newell** (1885-1929) and had the following children: **Bridget, Mary, Ella, and Johanna "Blue".** After

Bertha's death, he married a third time, to **Bridget Hurley Noseworthy** (1883-1954). Based on census records, William presumably passed away sometime between 1935 and 1945.

- 1.4.1. **William Snow Sinclair** (1902-1978) moved to Philadelphia in 1928. He married **Ann Mary Cummings** (1903-1995, daughter of Michael Cummings and Mary Agnes Walsh) in North River on 10 Jul 1929, and the couple then settled back in Philadelphia. They had the following children: **William, Joseph, Donald, Joan, and Marie**.
- 1.4.2. **Bridget Sinclair** (1907-1954) moved to Philadelphia in 1925. On 22 Jun 1929, she married **John Joseph Hall** (1903-1982, son of Robert Hall and Ellen Delaney, also from North River) and the couple remained in Philadelphia. They had the following children: **Eleanor, John, Robert, and Francis**.
- 1.4.3. **Mary Sinclair** was born around 1913. She moved to Cape Breton where she married **John Baptiste Derieux** (born ca. 1883). She seemingly remarried to an **O'Neill** and ended up raising her sister Ella's son, **John Baptiste "Erwin" Petrossie**.
- 1.4.4. **Ella Sinclair** was born on 8 Jun 1917. She moved to Cape Breton and married **Marcel Petrossie** (1918-2011) on 19 Mar 1939. She had one son: **John Baptiste "Erwin"**. Ella died as a result of injuries from a car accident on 25 Dec 1939.
- 1.4.5. **Johanna "Blue" Sinclair** was born around 1918 and given the nickname Blue because her eyes were like blueberries. She passed away young from tuberculosis on 29 Jul 1937.
- 1.5. **Margaret Sinclair** was born around 1882. On 7 Apr 1904 in Brigus, she married **William Snow** (1880-1952, son of James Snow and Elizabeth Hughes, also from North River). The couple had a large family, and many of their descendants remain in the North River area to this day. They had twelve children: **James, Josephine Johanna, Duncan, Patrick, John Francis, Lucy, Annie, Mary, Ella, Margaret, Gertrude, and Angeline**. Margaret passed away on 13 Feb 1952. See the Hughes family summary for further information.
- 1.6. **Duncan Sinclair** was born on 10 Jan 1885. He moved to Cape Breton and married **Mary Theresa MacLean** (born ca. 1896). They had the following children: **Mark, Duncan, St. Mary Eileen, Thomas, Florence, Bridget, William, Phyllis, Annastasia, Ronald, Cecelia, Albina, Hazel, Eunice, and Alphonsus**. Duncan passed away in 1928.
- 1.7. **John Sinclair** was born on 7 Aug 1888. He moved to Philadelphia and married **Anna Walsh** (born ca. 1892). The couple had the following children: **John, William, Gertrude, Annamay, and Duncan**. John drowned in New Jersey on 10 Aug 1924.
- 1.8. **Aloysius "Ella" Sinclair** was born on 12 Nov 1888. She spent time in the US prior to her marriage to **Nicholas Cummings** (1887-1967, son of Daniel Cummings and Bridget Hall, also from North River) on 14 Feb 1917 in North River. The couple soon left for Philadelphia; however, they returned to North River by 1935, where they then remained. Ella and Nicholas had one son: **Daniel**. Ella passed away on 27 Feb 1967. See the Cummings family summary for further information.



Pete Quinlan, John Morrissey, Bridget Sinclair Morrissey (1.10.2), Marie Quinlan and Loretta Quinlan



Margaret Sinclair (1.5)



Lou Poole Sinclair



Anna Sinclair Hall (1.12), Catherine Sinclair Cullen (2.5.4), Mary Bren Hanlon Morrissey (Hanlon, 2.1) and Elizabeth Sinclair Long (2.5.3)



Patrick Sinclair (1.10.1)



Marie Sinclair Mahoney (2.5.6)



Morrissey Family
Back: Colleen, Rose, Sharon and Pauline
Front: Neil, Tony, Biddy (Sinclair) (1.10.2), Anne and John



John Mahoney (likely son of Dennis and Liz Mahoney), Pat Sinclair (1.10), Rose Hall Cummings Sinclair, Pat Mahoney (son of Michael and Mary Mahoney)

SINCLAIR-MORRISSEY WEDDING.

BUCHANAN—At seven o'clock on Saturday, May 14th, the marriage of Bridget, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sinclair of North River, C.B., and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrissey of Brigus, C.B., was solemnized at St. Theresa's Church, with Rev. L. G. Fitzgerald officiating. Organist was Mrs. W. H. Maher.

The bride looked radiant in a floor length gown of white satin and embroidered nylon tulle and lace. Her finger-tip veil of embroidered nylon tulle was held in place with a pearl studded coronet, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Peter Quinlan who chose a floor length gown of blue satin with fitted bodice, and full skirt of nylon tulle. She wore a matching head-dress, and carried a bouquet of lilies. Little Marie Quinlan made a charming flower girl in a floor length frock of pink satin with matching halo of blossoms. Her bouquet consisted of multi-coloured flowers. The duties of best man were ably performed by Mr. Denis Turner.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Star Hall which was most attractively and appropriately decorated by Mr. James Doyle, and the usual toasts were honoured. The beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Herbert Price, held place of honour at the bridal table and a delicious supper, prepared by friends of the bride and groom, was served. A program of dancing was then enjoyed by everyone present. The many friends of the young couple join in extending best wishes for their marital happiness.

SURPRISE SHOWER

On Monday evening, May 10th, a surprise "kitchen" shower was given in honour of the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrissey, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Quinlan. The many practical gifts were opened by Mrs. James Walsh and the accompanying cards were read by Mrs. Sam Lannon. During the evening a variety of dances including individual step dances with Mike Tremblay and Gordon Carey supplying accordion music—provided entertainment and amusement for everyone, after which supper was served by Mrs. Walter O'Toole and Mrs. William Walsh.

Daily News, 26-May-1955

FELL OFF THE TRAIN

JOHN ST. CLARE, of North River, Beiges, while returning home from the smithery by yesterday's train, fell from the platform while the cars were in motion, near Salmon Cove Station, and was badly injured. He was picked up immediately and the blood flowed freely from a wound in the head. He remained unconscious for nearly 12 hours and was brought in by the Northern train at midnight and sent to the hospital. The people at the hospital telephoned to us today that he is quite conscious and doing well. It is thought that the wound in the head is the only one, and that no bones are broken. Dr. Shea has not yet given the patient a thorough examination.

Evening Telegram, 8-Apr-1899

- 1.9. **Daniel Sinclair** was born on 19 Dec 1891. He moved to Boston around 1910 and married **Nora Ford** (1894-1977). The couple had the following children: **Anna and Donald**. Daniel remained in Boston, where he passed away on 1 Jul 1989.
- 1.10. **Patrick Sinclair** was born on 26 Oct 1893. He remained in North River, where he eventually married **Rose Hall Cummings** (1892-1983). They had two children: **Patrick and Bridget “Biddy”**. Rose was previously married to James Cummings and had five children prior to James’ death. It appears that the combining of the two families was too great a burden on the relationship, so Patrick and Rosalie separated. Patrick raised Bridget and the younger Patrick on his own, while Rosalie raised the Cummings children. Patrick passed away in 1972.
 - 1.10.1. **Patrick Sinclair** (1929-1986) married **Louise Poole** (born 1941). They had two children: **Patricia and Elizabeth**.
 - 1.10.2. **Bridget “Biddy” Sinclair** (born 1931) married **John Morrissey** (1931-1970, from Brigus) and raised the following children: **Sharon, Rose, Pauline, Tony, Neil, John, Colleen, Anne, and Craig**.
- 1.11. **Mark Sinclair** was born on 5 Oct 1898. He moved to Philadelphia, where he passed away on 6 Jun 1930. He did not marry.
- 1.12. **Anna Sinclair** was born on 28 Nov 1902. She moved to Philadelphia in 1919, where she married **Thomas Hall** (1897-1961, son of Robert Hall and Ellen Delaney) on 29 Nov 1924. The couple had three children: **Anne, Thomas, and Donald**.
2. **Matthew Sinclair** was born around 1850. He married **Emma or Johanna Morrissey** (1853-1901) and they remained in North River. They had the following children: **John, Mary, Mary Joseph, and Richard Duncan**. Matthew passed away on 12 May 1924.
 - 2.1. **John Sinclair** (1872-1945) married **Margaret Ricketts** (died 1909) and moved to Boston. They had at least one child: **Josephine** (1909-1909).
 - 2.2. **Mary Sinclair** (1881-1961) married **David Ricketts** (born 1880) and moved to Boston, then New York.
 - 2.3. **Mary Joseph Sinclair** (born ca. 1892). No further records beyond birth record.
 - 2.4. **Richard Sinclair** (1894-1917).
 - 2.5. **William Sinclair** was born around 1853. He married **Mary Hurley** (1860-1938, sister of Martin Hurley) and they remained in North River. They had the following children: **Mary, John Daniel, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Margaret**. The couple also supposedly raised their niece, **Marie**.
 - 2.5.1. **Mary Sinclair** (1891-1892) died in infancy.
 - 2.5.2. **John Daniel Sinclair** was born on 9 Apr 1893. In Cape Breton, on 27 Nov 1923, he married **Mary McNeil** (born 1901). The couple had no children, and John Daniel passed away from tuberculosis on 25 Sept 1929.
 - 2.5.3. **Elizabeth Sinclair** was born on 26 Sep 1895. She married **Gregory Long** (1895-1983, son of John Long and Bridget Morrissey) and the couple remained in North River. They had the following children: **John, Catherine, Bridget, and Mary**. See

the John Long family summary for further information.

- 2.5.4. **Catherine Sinclair** (1897-1957) moved to Philadelphia in 1924, where she married **Richard Cullen** (1895-1953). They had the following children: **Mary, Thomas, Richard, Ann, Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Reginald.**
 - 2.5.5. **Margaret Sinclair** (1901-1976) moved to Philadelphia in 1927, where she married **Stephen Costello** (1907-1976). They had the following children: **John Daniel, Mary Anne, Margaret, William, and Stephen.**
 - 2.5.6. **Marie Sinclair** (1891-1919) married **John “Jack” Mahoney** (1888-1967, son of James Mahoney and Agnes O’Brien). Prior to Marie’s early death from tuberculosis, the couple had two children: **James D and Johanna “Joan”**. Refer to Denis Mahoney family summary for further information.
3. **John Sinclair** was born around 1857. He married **Bridget Connolly** and remained in North River. They had the following children: **Duncan, Martin, Edward “Ned”, and Thomas John.**
- 3.1. **Duncan Sinclair** (born ca. 1885) married **Mary “Muddie” Long** (1896-1988, daughter of John Long and Bridget Morrissey). Duncan moved to Philadelphia, and Mary initially moved there as well. They are observed living with Patrick and Mary (Morrissey) Hurley in the 1920 census. However, the marriage did not work out and Margaret returned to North River, where she had their daughter, **Margaret**. Duncan stayed in Philadelphia.
 - 3.1.1. **Margaret Sinclair** was born around 1921. She married **William Mahoney** (born ca. 1921, son of Dennis Mahoney and Liz Hall, also from North River) and the couple eventually moved to Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The couple had the following children: **William, Arthur, Carolyn, Anne, Tony, Dennis, Michael, and David**
 - 3.2. **Martin Sinclair** (born 1892); no further information.
 - 3.3. **Edward “Ned” Sinclair** (1894-1949) moved to Massachusetts in 1920 where he married **Mary “Molly” Cummings** (1900-1993, daughter of Daniel Cummings and Bridget Hall). They had one child: **Edward.**
 - 3.4. **Thomas John Sinclair** (born 1897) enlisted in WW1 in 1918. After the war finished, he moved to Massachusetts in 1919; no further information. Family story indicates he may have gone to South or Central America.

SNOW FAMILY – ISAAC

Isaac Snow was most likely born in Bareneed on 8 Aug 1817, to parents, John and Mary Snow. His wife's name was **Emma** (possibly 1818-1898). It's unclear when the family moved to North River; however, the birth record for their first born child in 1845 indicates that the child was born in North River. Isaac and Emma had at least seven children: **Edward, James, Frances “Fanny”, Isaac, Jacob, Elizabeth Anne, and Abraham**. Edward, James, Isaac and Jacob are all accounted for in voters lists, while birth records for Elizabeth Anne and Abraham provide their parental connections. Descendants of Abraham have also confirmed his parents as Isaac and Emma. Court documents from 1933 also confirm the brother relationship between Isaac, Jacob and Abraham.

1. **Edward Snow** was born on 12 Dec 1845. On 20 Dec 1868, he married **Elizabeth Snow** (possibly 1849-1929). The couple appears to have had at least seven children: **Elizabeth, Isaac, John, Bertha, Mary Ann, Emma Jane, and Edward George**. Edward likely passed away in North River on 13 Feb 1924.
 - 1.1. **Elizabeth Snow** (1868-1951) married **William Frost** (1867-1938, son of John Frost). The couple remained in North River and had the following children: **John “Jack”, Elizabeth, Violet, Winnie, Diana, and Mary Elizabeth**. See the Frost family summary for further information.
 - 1.2. **Isaac Snow** (1871-1920) married **Bellican Coveyduck Morgan** (1869-1943) and the couple seemingly remained in the area. “Bellicen Snow” is present in Halls Town in the 1935 census. Prior to Isaac's death, the couple had at least three children: **Clara, Edward, and Isaac**.
 - 1.2.1. **Clara Snow** (1897-1935) had her first child, **Greta**, with **Frank Bugden**. She then married **George Bussey Anthony** on 31 Dec 1918 and settled in Salmon Cove. The couple had the following children: **William Clifton, Lillian, Alma, George, Edith, and Clara**.
 - 1.2.2. **Edward John “Jack” Snow** (1900-1990) married **Rose Snow** (1908-1976, daughter of James Snow and Mary Ellen Curnew) and based on census information, the couple remained in North River until at least 1945. No further information.
 - 1.2.3. **Isaac Snow** (1903-1989) moved to Massachusetts in 1924, where he married **Sarah Thorne**. The couple remained in Massachusetts and had the following children: **John, Robert, Ralph, and Donald**.
 - 1.3. **John Snow** (1873-1960) first married **Mary Jane Atkins** (1878-1910). The couple had no children, and after Mary Jane's death, John married **Ida Jane Snow** (1893-1980). The couple lived in Halls Town and have the following children: **Arthur Raymond and John Eric**.
 - 1.4. **Bertha Snow** (1875-1916) married **William John Snow** (1868-1939) and the couple remained in North River. They had three children prior to her early death: **William Edward, Irene, Herbert, Winnie, Elsie, William John, and Myrtice**.
 - 1.4.1. **William Edward Snow** (Aug-Sep 1896).
 - 1.4.2. **Irene Snow** (Oct 1898-Sep 1900).

- 1.4.3. **Herbert Snow** (1901-1945) married **Tryphena Chippett** and moved to Leading Tickles. They had the following children: **Ruby, Charity Pearl, Harry, and Kevin.**
- 1.4.4. **Winnie Snow** (1902-1961) had one child: **David.**
- 1.4.5. **Elsie Snow** (Jun 1905-Jun 1906).
- 1.4.6. **William John Snow** was born in 1912. No further information.
- 1.4.7. **Myrtice Snow** (Aug 1914-Dec 1915).
- 1.5. **Mary Ann Snow** (1877-1944) married **Joseph Boone** (1878-1952) and moved to South River. The couple had the following children: **Emmie, Ebenezer** (died in infancy), **Abram, Alfred, George** (died in infancy), **Jacob** (died in infancy), and **Rosella** (died in infancy).
- 1.6. **Emma Jane Snow** (born 1887) married **Joseph Mugford** (1883) and moved to Clarke's Beach. The couple had three children: **Anthony, Emily, and Harris.**
- 1.7. **Edward George Snow** (1892-1981) married **Florence Matthews** (born 1897) and moved to the Burgeo La Poile area. They had four children: **Maxwell, Blanche, Calvin, and Marie.** Edward passed away in Gander.
2. **James Snow** was born around 1846. On 20 Nov 1875, in Bareneed, he married **Priscilla Fillier** (1856-1925). The couple remained in North River, and had the following children: **Isaac, Sarah, Mary Ann, Emma Jane, John, James, and Jessie Louisa.** James passed away on 21 Nov 1931.
 - 2.1. **Isaac Snow** (1875-1893) passed away young with no spouse or children.
 - 2.2. **Sarah Snow** (1877-1960) married **James Snow** (1872-1935, son of John and Mary Snow) in North River, on 2 Dec 1897. The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **John, Stella, James, and Dorothy.**
 - 2.2.1. **John Snow** was born on 30 Sep 1901. He moved to New York in 1926, where he married **Sarah ?** on 6 Sep 1930. He passed away in 1945.
 - 2.2.2. **Stella Snow** was born on 5 Dec 1904. She moved to New York in 1924, where she married **Henry Stanley Snow** (1898-1931). They remained in New York and had the following children: **Marjorie, Anita, and Janet.** Henry died when he was working under a car that fell on him. Stella later remarried to **Thomas Severs** (1907-2001). Stella passed away in 1995.
 - 2.2.3. **James D Snow** was born on 16 Jul 1910 and married **Clara Efford** (1906-1995, daughter of William John Efford and Emily Frost) on 16 May 1935. The couple stayed in Halls Town to raise their family: **Evelyn, Ralph, Marjorie, John Kenneth, Malcolm, Anita, Dorothy, Stella** (died in infancy), and **James.** James passed away in 1996.
 - 2.2.4. **Dorothy Snow** was born in 1916 and married **Elijah Boone** (1909-1984) and the couple remained in Halls Town. They had four children: **Shirley, Clayton William, Violet, and John.** Dorothy passed away young on 16 Sep 1945. After her death, her youngest son, John, was adopted by Victoria Anthony March.
 - 2.3. **Mary Ann Snow** (1880-1971) married **William Seward** (1877-1948, son of Peter Seward and Sarah Titford) and moved to Clarke's Beach. The couple had two children: **Flora and Sadie.**

- 2.4. **Emma Jane Snow** (1882-1914) married **Abraham Mugford** (1877-1949) and moved to Clarke's Beach. They had three children: **Mary, Maxwell, and Wilfred.**
- 2.5. **John Snow** (born ca. 1885) married **Delilah Newell** (born ca. 1890) and moved to Country Road. They had one child: **Stanley.**
- 2.6. **James Snow** (1890-1910); no further information.
- 2.7. **Jessie Louisa Snow** (1896-1920); no further information.
3. **Frances "Fanny" Snow** was born around 1851. On 12 Nov 1973, she married **Esau Mercer** (1840-1928). The couple settled in Bay Roberts and had the following children: **Clara, Emma Jane, Bertha, Louise, Wilfred, Charles, and Esau.**
4. **Isaac Snow** (born ca. 1854) married **Susannah Bendall** (born ca. 1860). The couple remained in North River and had a large family: **James, Henry, John, Lilly, Ruth Rose, William, Cyril, Mabel, Harvey, Edith, Violet, and Susannah.** However, Isaac was pre-deceased by his wife, and in 1931, his niece, Ida Jane Snow Radford (daughter of Jacob) moved in with him to care for him. At some point there was a dispute over his property between Ida and Isaac's nephew Abraham (son of Abraham) and a case was brought before the supreme court. It's unknown when Isaac passed away, but presumably it was some time after the court case in 1934.
 - 4.1. **James Snow** (1879-1941) married **Mary Ellen Curnew** (born ca.1881). The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **Lillian May, Rose, Fanny, Harvey, Edith, Marcella, and James.**
 - 4.1.1. **Lillian May Snow** (1903-1978) married **Philip Gruchy** and moved to Pouch Cove. They had the following children: **Rita, Mary, Philip, and Thomas.**
 - 4.1.2. **Rose Snow** (1908-1976) married **Edward John "Jack" Snow** (1900-1990, son of Isaac Snow and Bellicen Coveyduck) and based on census information, the couple remained in North River until at least 1945. No further information
 - 4.1.3. **Fanny Snow** (Aug 1912-May 1913)
 - 4.1.4. **Harvey Snow** (Nov 1913-Apr 1914)
 - 4.1.5. **Edith Snow** (1915-2006) married **Maxwell Anthony** (1912-1985). The couple resided in Halls Town in 1945, but eventually moved to Clarke's Beach. They had the following children: **Winston, Norma, Nathaniel, Lloyd, James, Cyril Carl, Paul, and Ruby.**
 - 4.1.6. **Marcella Snow** (1919-1982) married **Harold Puddister** (1919-1969) and moved to Cupids. They had the following children: **Howard, Allan, Evelyn, James, David, Ellen, Harvey, Norman, Millie, Gerald, and Lloyd.**
 - 4.1.7. **James Snow**; no further information.
 - 4.2. **Henry Snow** (1880-1955) moved to British Columbia.
 - 4.3. **John Snow** (1882-1959) married **Annie Dawe** (born ca. 1885) and moved to Toronto.
 - 4.4. **Lily Snow** (1884-1965) married **John Cornelius Kenny** and moved to Fernie, BC, then Edmonton, AB.
 - 4.5. **Ruth Rose Snow** (1885-1947) married **Graham Campbell** then **John Fitzpatrick** and moved to British Columbia.

- 4.6. **William Snow** (1887-1928) married **Fanny Brown** (1892-1976) and moved to Toronto.
- 4.7. **Cyril Snow** (1889-1983) married **Lucy Brown** and moved to Toronto.
- 4.8. **Mabel Snow** (1891-1973) married **Nathaniel Hussey** (1886-1967) and moved to Toronto.
- 4.9. **Harvey Snow** (1894-1980) married **Catherine Efford** (1907-1999) and remained in Halls Town. They had the following children: **Douglas, Reg, Howard, and Lorne**.
 - 4.9.1. **Douglas Snow** (1927-2009) married **Mona Dawe** (1936-2019). They remained in North River and had the following children: **Wayne, Reg, Doug Jr., Glenn, Maureen, Lorraine, and Elaine**.
 - 4.9.2. **Reg Snow** (1928-2002) married **Mary E “Betty” Tucker** (1939-1999). They had three children: **Linda, Wanda Lee, and Eric**.
 - 4.9.3. **Howard Snow** (1930-2015) married **Violet Anthony** (1936-2015, daughter of William Anthony and Emma Snow). They remained in North River and had the following children: **Sandra, Karen, and Gail**.
 - 4.9.4. **Lorne Snow** (born 1938) entered a relationship with **Judy Fairbyrne** and ran a shop which burnt down in the mid-80’s.
- 4.10. **Edith Jane Snow** (1898-1982) married **John William Taylor** (1894-1983) and moved to South River. They had four children: **Lily May, James, Nina, and Elizabeth**.
- 4.11. **Violet May Snow** (1899-1981) married **Joseph Coveyduck** (1893-1975) and first moved to Salmon Cove before returning to Halls Town. They had one daughter: **Delores**.
- 4.12. **Susannah Snow** (born 1902); no further information.
5. **Jacob Snow** was born on 2 Dec 1857. On 2 Feb 1888, he married **Mary Seward** (1869-1959, daughter of Peter Seward and Sarah Titford). The couple appears to have remained in North River to raise their family: **Ida Jane, William, Emily, Edward, Sadie, Isaac, Elsie Ester, and Jacob**. Jacob passed away in 1934.
 - 5.1. **Ida Jane Snow** (1888-1940) married **Charles Radford** and moved to Glace Bay. She returned to North River in 1931 to care for her uncle Isaac Snow. Ida and Charles had no children.
 - 5.2. **William Snow** (1890-1987) married **Mahala “Ella” Boone** and moved to The Broads before eventually moving to Ontario.
 - 5.3. **Emily Snow** (1892-1981) married **Augustus Taylor** (1886-1951) and moved to Cupids.
 - 5.4. **Edward John Snow** (1895-1984) married **Ada Gladys Snow** and moved to Toronto.
 - 5.5. **Sadie Snow** (1898-1980) married **Charlie Spidell** (1893-1959) and moved to Nova Scotia.
 - 5.6. **Isaac Snow** (born 1901) married **Florence Mugford** (born ca. 1910). The couple initially moved to Clarke’s Beach, but returned to Halls Town by 1945. They had the following children: **Ralph, Mae, George, Elroy, William, Yvonne, Ross, Gloria, and Cynthia**.
 - 5.7. **Jacob Snow** (born 1901) supposedly married **Pearl Rose** and had a son name **Douglas**, then married **Lilly May Anthony**.
 - 5.8. **Elsie Esther Snow** (born 1904) married **Ernest Sudbury** (1899-1948) and moved to Nova Scotia.

- 5.9. **Abram Snow** (1908-1908)
- 5.10. **Alma Snow** (born 1909); no further information.
- 5.11. **Isaac Snow** (1910-1910)
- 5.12. **William Snow**; no further information
6. **Elizabeth Anne Snow** was born around 1861. No further information.
7. **Abraham Snow** was born on 14 Sep 1864. On 7 Dec 1884, he married **Mary Ann Atkins** (1863-1951) and the couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Isaac, Naomi, Rachel, William, Florence, Abraham, Mary Emma, and Alfred**. Abraham passed away young in 1902. His wife, Mary Ann, later remarried to George Efford.
 - 7.1. **Isaac Snow** (1886-1929) moved to Nova Scotia. No further information.
 - 7.2. **Naomi Snow** (1888-1974) moved to Cape Breton where she married **Anthony Mugford** (born 1886). The couple later moved to Massachusetts. They had the following children: **Mary Ann, William, Anthony, Florence, Alfred, and Calvin**.
 - 7.3. **Rachel Snow** was born on 15 Jul 1890. In Bay Roberts, on 18 Dec 1907, she married **Edward Snow** (1888-1960, son of Edward and Anne Snow). The couple stayed in Halls Town and had three children: **Cyril, Florence, and Walter**. Rachel passed away on 28 Apr 1955.
 - 7.3.1. **Cyril Snow** (1911-1955) married **Annette Rowsell** (1913-1999). The couple settled in Millertown Junction and had the following children: **Reginald, Judith, and Cyril**. Cyril worked with the Newfoundland Railway and passed away in a tragic accident when his coat got caught in a train door.
 - 7.3.2. **Florence Snow** (1914-1984) married **James S Hall** (1904-1972, son of Jacob Hall and Bridget Snow). The couple remained in Halls Town to raise their family: **Gerald, George Calvin "Cal", Catherine "Kay", Lorraine, Walter, and Florence "Florrie"**. They also raised **Debbie, Tina, and Peggy**.
 - 7.3.3. **Walter Snow** (1917-1976) married **Daphne Hoskins** (1922-2017) and the couple also remained in Halls Town. They had the following children: **Mary Daphne, Cora Marie, Hugh, Walter, Larry, Gerald, Philip, Joyce, Melvin, and Loretta**.
 - 7.4. **William W Snow** (1892-1962) moved to Boston in 1911 and married **Mary Elizabeth Murray** (1896-1973). They had one son: **William John**.
 - 7.5. **Florence May Snow** (1893-1910); no further information.
 - 7.6. **Abraham Snow** (1896-1974) married **Rebecca Efford** (1895-1947) on 3 Apr 1914. The couple remained in North River to raise their family: **Arthur, William, Jessie Wilhemina, Alfred, Mary Ann, Jessie Louisa, Florence, Abram, Cavell, and Lloyd**.
 - 7.6.1. **Arthur Snow** (1914-1991) married **Delores Rita ?** (1917-2001). The couple stayed in North River and had the following children: **Irving, Vernon, and Verna Florence**.
 - 7.6.2. **William Snow** (Dec 1915-May 1917).
 - 7.6.3. **Jessie Wilhemina Snow** (Jan-Aug 1917)



Harvey (4.9) and Kitty (Efford) Snow - Main Road, North River 1966



Harvey Snow (4.9)



Doug Jr., Doug (4.9.1), Elaine and Glenn Snow, ca. 1966



Doug Snow (4.9.1) ca. 1950s



Howard Snow (4.9.3)



Doug Snow (4.9.1)



Wedding of Reg (4.9.2) and Betty (Tucker) Snow



Children of Howard (4.9.3) and Violet Snow: Gail, Karen and Sandra



Goose Bay. Doug Snow worked as a firefighter.



Reg, Doug (4.9.1) and Doug (Jr.) Snow, ca. 1966



Lou Poole Sinclair and Lorne Snow (4.9.4)



Lorne Snow (4.9.4)



Mona (Dawe) Snow, Doug Snow (4.9.1), Doug Snow Jr. and Elaine (Snow) McClean, ca. 1966



Abraham Snow (7)



Isaac Snow (4)



Lloyd (7.6.10) and Abraham (7.6) Snow



Florence Snow Stevens (7.6.7) and Dee Coveyduck



Arthur (7.6.1) and Abram (7.6.8) Snow



Jim Snow, Fred Snow, Alfred Snow, unknown, Eric Stevens and Vernon Snow



Mary Ann Atkins Snow Efford, George Efford and great-granddaughter Loretta Snow



Abram (7.6.8), Cavell (7.6.9), Rebecca (Efford) and Lloyd (7.6.10) Snow



Abraham (7.6), Abram (7.6.8), Audrey, Lillian, Melvin and Wendell Snow

Obituary

CLARKE'S BEACH — Passed peacefully away after a long illness Mr. Ed. Snow of North River. Mr. Snow has been a member of the L.O.L. for a number of years. The funeral service was held on Monday, May 9th, to the Anglican Church, North River, the Rev. Maidment conducting the service. The L.O.L. members of Clarke's Beach attended in a body. Deepest sympathy is extended to his son Walter with whom he resided, also his daughter Florence, Mrs. Hall of North River.

Daily News, 13-May-1960



Calvin Hall and Daphne Hoskins Snow



Doreen Snow
VanAlstyne

Mrs. Florence Snow and her daughter Yvonne arrived recently from Toronto, they are visiting her daughter, May, Mrs. Douglas Mugford of Bell Island, at the present time they are vacationing at their summer home at Clarke's Beach.

Daily News, 13-Aug-1958

SNOW-ANTHONY CLARKE'S BEACH — On Saturday, March 17th at 9:30 p.m., the wedding took place of Violet Muriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anthony of Salmon Cove, Clarke's Beach, to Wm. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Snow of North River at the Church of England, North River. Rev. H. Facey officiating. The bride looked very lovely as she entered the church on the arm of Mr. Albert Mugford, she was dressed in a ballerina length dress of aqua taffeta with pink head-dress and accessories, she was attended by Miss June Snow as bridesmaid and Mrs. Doug Snow as matron of honor, both wore blue taffeta with white accessories. The groom was attended by his two brothers home and Doug. During the signing of the register, Miss Joyce Stevens played "O Perfect Love". The reception was held at the home of the groom. The groom's mother wore blue organza. Best wishes for a happy married life is extended the bride and groom.

Daily News, 24-Mar-1956



Florence Snow Hall (7.3.2)



Children of Alfred (7.6.4) and
Chattie Snow: Doreen, Linda, Eric
and Kenneth



Audrey Snow Fowlow, Derek Snow
and Lillian Snow Drower

THROWN THROUGH WINDSHIELD

On Friday, December 26th, Mr. Irving Snow of North River, suffered a very painful accident when he was thrown through the windshield of a van in which he was a passenger. Mr. Snow had to have several stitches to close up the cuts on his face and head.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warford and two children have returned to their home in Hamilton, Ont. after visiting Mr. Warford's parents at Springfield and Mrs. Warford's father, Mr. Abe Snow of North River.

Daily News, 06-Jun-1958



Charlie Stevens and Alfred
Snow (7.6.4)



Dorothy Snow, Lorna Stevens,
Linda Snow Fillier

Daily News, 03-Jan-1959



Three generations: Rachel (7.3), Loretta and
Walter (7.3.1) Snow



Sarah Snow (2.2), 1958



Clara (Efford) and James D Snow (2.2.3)



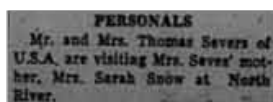
Stella Snow Severs (2.2.2), Tom Severs and James D Snow (2.2.3)



Children of John K and Mary Snow: Dwight, Leona, Ken, and Wanda



John K (son of James and Clara Snow) and Mary (Richards) Snow



Daily News, 30-Aug-1954



Sons of James D and Clara Snow: Ralph, John K, Malcolm and Jim



James D (2.2.3) and Clara (Efford) Snow with grandchildren Wanda and Kenneth Snow



Daily News, 03-Dec-1959



James D Snow (2.2.3)



Ann Marie (Morrissey) and Jim Snow

- 7.6.4. **Alfred Snow** (1918-2006) married **Vera Chatfield “Chattie” Bussey** (1923-2014) and remained in Halls Town to raise their family: **Mildred Doreen, Linda, Eric A, and Kenneth**. Alfred was a long-time school bus driver.
- 7.6.5. **Mary Ann Snow** (1920-2010) married **Robert Warford** and moved to Ontario. They had two daughters: **Linda and Shirley**.
- 7.6.6. **Jessie Louisa Snow** (1922-2001) married **Maxwell Batten** (1916-2002) and moved to Clarke’s Beach. They had the following children: **Daphne Olive, William, Eric, Melvin, Cavell, Marie, Ivy, Yvette, Yvonne, and Dwayne**.
- 7.6.7. **Florence M Snow** (1924-2013) married **Charles Stevens** (1922-2011) and settled in Halls Town. They had the following children: **Melvin, Eric A, and Lorna**.
- 7.6.8. **Abram Snow** (1928-1985) married **Clara Anthony** (1929-2012). They remained in North River and had the following children: **Audrey June, Lillian Rebecca, Melvin, Kerry, Ward, Wendell, and Derek**.
- 7.6.9. **Cavell E Snow** (1933-2006) married **Ronald Linthorne**. They had the following children: **Irene, Gary, David** (died in infancy), **Dale, Wayne, and Rodney**.
- 7.6.10. **Lloyd Snow** (born 1942) married **Kathleen Chard** and the couple stayed in Halls Town. They had the following children: **David, Barry, and Roger**.
- 7.7. **Mary Emma Snow** (born 1898) likely married **William Efford** and moved to the Broads. The couple had the following children: **Isaac, George, Jessie, Mary Ann, Naomi, Dorothy, Laura, William, Fleada, Vernon, Gerald, and Frank**.
- 7.8. **Alfred Snow** (1900-1974) married **Gladys Skanes** (1904-1965) on 6 Dec 1923. The couple settled in Halls Town and had the following children: **George, Florence, Isaac, Harold, Beatrice, Alfred, and Kevin**.
 - 7.8.1. **George Snow** (1926-2013) married **Bernice ?** (1930-2012).
 - 7.8.2. **Florence Snow** (born 1928)
 - 7.8.3. **Isaac Snow** (1930-1931)
 - 7.8.4. **Harold Snow** (1934-1935)
 - 7.8.5. **Beatrice Snow** (1937-2015) married **Eric Snow** and moved to Country Road. The couple had the following children: **Eric, Rosalind, Ruby, Kevin, Dale, Barry, Rodney, Denise, Goldie, and Elizabeth**
 - 7.8.6. **Alfred Snow** (born 1943)
 - 7.8.7. **Kevin Snow** (born 1947)

STEVENS FAMILY - WALTER

Submitted by Ray Andrews and Joyce Andrews (nee Stevens)

Both Stevens and Stevens are referenced in E. R. Seary's book, Family Names of the Island of Newfoundland. Both originated in England and Wales, with Stevens most evident in Ireland. The surname was widely distributed in Newfoundland from the late 1600s. Locally, Richard Stevens is recorded in Port de Grave in 1708-09. Specific records show William Stevens of Bareneed in 1848 and James Stevens of Port de Grave in 1770.

Walter Stevens - Walter was born in Bareneed November 20, 1894 and eventually moved to North River, passing in 1988. His parents were Charles Henry Stevens of Bareneed and Mary Emma Newell of The Dock. Charles born in 1859 - as recorded in the church birth registry and on his tombstone in the North River cemetery (or in 1861 as recorded in the official census of 1911 and 1935. Mary Emma Newell born at The Dock in 1868 as per the 1911 census (or in 1870 as recorded on her tombstone).

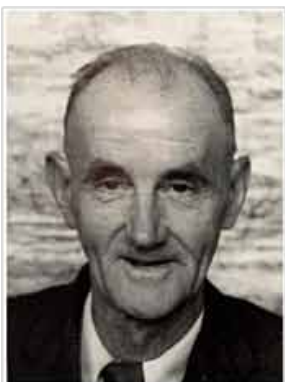
Walter's Parents - Charles and Mary Emma were married on the 5th of January 1893 at the Reform Church of England Parsonage in Clarke's Beach by Rev. William Goodchild. The wedding certificate indicates that Charles was a widowed fisherman aged 32 whose father was a fisherman named Charles Stevens. Charles's earlier marriage was to Rebecca Ann Hussey from Hussey's Cove, Port de Grave and they had three children: Ruth, James and Fred.

Walter's Grandparents were Charles and Ann Stevens of Bareneed and while details are scanty the Birth registry records at least six siblings of his father Charles, John Sam-1892, Azariah-1864, Albert-1866, Ruth-1869, Mary Ann-1871 and Elizabeth Patience-1878.

Walter's Marriage and Children - He married Ida Winifred Lidstone, born March 6, 1900 of Salmon Cove (near Clarke's Beach) on January 21, 1921 at All Saints Parsonage, Salmon Cove with Rev. Frank Severn as priest, passing in 1982. Ida's parents were John Lidstone and Mary Winifred Morgan and she had eight siblings: Lydia, Victoria, Tom, Walter, Ken, Harvey, Rebecca and Mary Ann. Ida's paternal grandparents were Thomas William Lidstone and Mary Ann Snow. Their four children were: Charles-1922 wife Florence Snow, children Melvin, Eric and Lorna, Mary Emma-1924, Lloyd-1933 wife Maude Spracklin, children Lisa and Joyce-1942 husband Raymond Andrews, children Beverley and Lindsey.

Walter's Education and Employment - Attended the Anglican and Roman Catholic schools in North River and did teacher training at Bishops Field College, St. John's. He taught for 44 years, including 38 at his hometown Church of England school. He started his career at Point Rosie, Fortune Bay and also taught at Rencontre East and Harbour Mille on the south coast and Norman's Cove in Trinity Bay.

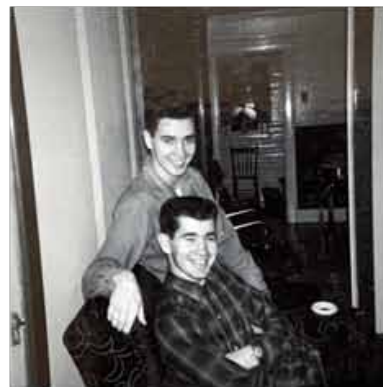
Being a lifelong member of St. Georges Church of England / Anglican congregation he served in the various offices, including lay reader and lay delegate to the Synod. He served as a devoted member of the Anglican Church Assistance Association, branch 25 for forty years. He was a faithful member and past preceptor of the Royal Black Preceptory, Branch 4 at Clarke's Beach. In addition, he was a member of the Loyal Orange lodge for over 70 years and the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association for 60 years. He was involved in most Community organizations, serving in various executive capacities over the years. He was a long-standing member of the Liberal Party and involved in the political activities of both the provincial and federal parties. He also served as a Commissioner of the Supreme Court for over forty years.



Walter Stevens



Ida (Lidstone) and Walter Stevens



Melvin and Eric Stevens



Charlie Stevens and Alfred Snow
(Snow, 7.6)



Florence (Snow) and Charlie Stevens



Walter Stevens



James Snow, Alfred Snow, Walter and Lloyd
Stevens



Four generations: Lorna, Lyndon,
Charlie and Walter



Ida (Lidstone) and Joyce Stevens



Melvin, Lorna, Joyce and Eric Stevens

Memories and Personal Experience

Narratives of North River-Halls Town

COMMITTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Joyce Andrews (nee Stevens)

Joyce Andrews was born in Halls Town on April 24, 1942 to parents Ida and Walter Stevens. She had three siblings, two brothers Charlie and Lloyd, and one sister Mary. Walter and his family were from Halls Town and Ida was from Salmon Cove, Clarkes Beach area. Joyce grew up in Halls Town, and went to St. George's school where her father taught. She left Halls Town at the age of 16 to go to work.

Her father, Walter, taught in St. George's School which went from grades one to eleven. He worked as a teacher from roughly 1920 until 1955, when he retired. Walter was involved in the community, as Joyce recalled,

[He was] very much involved with the church and the CEAA, and lay reader as well. He baptized and he buried, funerals. He was completely involved in church work and community work.

Joyce remembered going to church when the minister was in town,

You would get up and go to church Sunday morning. Church was once maybe every three weeks, now I may be wrong there. Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon because Port-de-Grave and Bareneed and North River were the same for us. Different churches, different time of day. One Sunday in North River, another Sunday in Bareneed and the other Sunday in Port-de-Grave.

The church also held garden parties and Sunday school picnics. Her father was involved in the Orange Lodge in Clarke's Beach and the band would come up and parade through North River. The school and church hall in North River would also host dances, and Friday nights at All Hallows there weekly dances with Wilf Doyle.

Joyce's mom, Ida, was also particularly involved in the church in Halls Town, and was a member of the CEWA, Church of England Women's Association. The CEWA had weekly meetings and Joyce



01 - Temporary swing for picnic. 1920s.
02 - School picnic. St. George's picnic.
03 - Sunday school picnic, North River
04 - St. George's, Halls Town.



got to know all the women involved. She would call them all aunt although they weren't necessarily related.

Joyce started playing the organ in the church as a child,

I did play in the church there, myself, and maybe at 12 I did play at a funeral and I played until I left and got married. The organ, the old fashioned organ, the pump organ. I took lessons, music lessons from Mrs. Mahoney who had the shop there just up from us. I remember going up there for candies and I remember going up there for spaghetti and I used to call it mskettis when I was small. I remember Mom telling me about that. But I would always go up. You never had to have your money with you. You could always say, "mark it down." Then Mom and them would pay for what you had to get. It was only a few minutes to the store.

Outside of going to the shops for a few supplies the family used to grow their own vegetables which Ida looked after. Joyce used to have to make hay, and although she didn't enjoy the process she would rake it each year. The family had a cow, a horse, and chickens. The family would also pick berries,

Blueberry picking, we had a garden into Duck Brook as they called it. So you would go in there berry picking. I enjoyed that. Especially in September month you would come home and the fresh vegetables would be on with the salt beef dinner and fresh vegetables.

REMEMBERING THE MEAT TRUCK

Laura Barrett (nee Bradbury)

Laura Barrett grew up in Hallstown in the 1950s and 1960s. She remembers her mother buying meat from Walt Mercer's truck and making blood pudding:

The meat man- Walt Mercer- he used to go around and he had a truck with a little house thing on it and you'd get your meat for Sunday... And it was just a regular pick up truck, but he had this house thing built on it and you would open up the doors and he would have the meat there. He would have a little stick with the prices on it. Mom would say, next time he comes I would like to have a bottle of blood. So when he kills his cows or whatever, then she would make- we didn't write it down- but it was pepper and salt, and onions, and pork, she would chop up the pork, and mix it more like a pudding. Then she would have a cloth and tie it over and boil them. You could eat them like that, but then she would fry them up then, and she would give one to everyone out on the lane. It was strange that we never thought of writing it down.

Aside from Walt Mercer's meat truck, there was also a store in Hall's Town that supplemented the food families provided for themselves from gardening, keeping animals, fishing and hunting. Laura described how her family bought their groceries:

There was a store down there, Jim Al's. Mom would send us down, we would walk down, and we'd have our note and he would deliver them... in boxes, no such thing as plastic bags... In them times, you had your pigs and hens and stuff and grew your own vegetables. Everybody else was out swimming, and we would have to make sure the garden was weeded before we were allowed to go... Mostly we had what we would call 'rough grub'.

Most of the family's meat came from their own pigs or chickens, or the meat and fish Laura's father trapped and hunted. Laura recalled:

Dad used to go in and trap rabbits. And then you'd have moose. Then you'd go to Labrador and you'd be doing seal, you'd come back with seal and they'd come back with salmon and he would smoke them. So you didn't buy much meat, unless it's a bit of roast cow or something like that... and then capelin, Dad would go out when they rolled in and dry them for the winter.

The "ling rock" was one popular place for fishing along North River.

We would go out in the winter time and ice fish with Dad. Over there, they called it the ling rock. That's the only place in the river you can catch ling and it's something like a cod. Some of them could be two or three long. They're still catching trout anywhere along, but they had special places to catch the ling. The ling rock is up there between Efford's Lane and Newell's Lane.

POTATOES AND BLUEBERRIES

Lorraine Boone (nee Snow)

Lorraine Boone was born in North River and married Wayne Boone. She describes a bit of what she knows about the Boone side of the family,

My husband's parents were William and Elizabeth Boone. [Elizabeth] was a Fillier before she married and they only lived down the road. They used to call her mother, who was their grandmother, they used to call her Muddy Fillier. I can remember him telling me that. That's what they used to call her, Muddy.

It was only last year I learned that [the Boones] had a store there. I wasn't even aware of that. Their house is just there above us. First when we got married they lived in their old house so my husband was a carpenter - that's what he does. He built our home and him and a couple brothers built on his father's up there and they built that new home. It used to be a barn there in the garden, what we are on used to be potato ground. That's where they would set their potatoes. On the corner there I think it was their aunt had a house there. That's of course long since gone. This was only like a trail, it was hardly used because they used to come down to their driveway the other way and then when we built here all this became a lane. His mother and father lived there. It was an old two story house and they had a big family too.

Like I said, Elizabeth had a big family, and they were good blueberry pickers. I can remember Mom saying, "The Boones, b'y, they can pick the berries." Back then you picked the berries. That was your money for your school books and your school clothes. A pair of shoes even. But that is what a lot of people used to go berry picking for and the Boones were good at it.

I'm not sure, but I don't think the shop was attached to their home because like I said I was so surprised when they mentioned it and so I don't know if they were as big as the other stores that were here in North River because there used to be another one up there years ago but it was before my time too. I guess it was like theirs but I just didn't know about it.

"WE HAD A LOT OF CHORES..."

Lorraine Boone (nee Snow)

Lorraine Boone was born in Clarke's Beach in 1956 to parents Doug and Mona Snow (nee Dawe). The family was renting in Mona's hometown of Clarke's Beach while their family home was being built in North River. Lorraine has six siblings, two sisters Maureen and Elaine and four brothers Wayne, Rich, Doug Jr. and Glen. She attended St. George's and All Hallows schools. She married Wayne Boone in 1975 and the pair have two daughters and four grandchildren. Lorraine recalls skating, swimming and having boil ups on the river. The Snow family also had a cabin up on Snow's Pond where they had boil ups and went skidooing in the winter.

When asked about growing up in North River the first thing that comes to mind for Lorraine is the freedom of growing up in the community. She also recalls there was a lot of hard work to do when she was growing up but that everyone pitched in,

We had a lot of chores, my dad had cattle. We would have to gather them up in the afternoons. We would have to feed them, give them water in the winter and carrying that. In the summer we would spend our summer in the hay garden, making up hay. Dad would go and cut the grass after supper or when he got off work. We would have to go spread it, turn it over, pook it up, go back then next day and do the same thing until you got it all dry and then we would all go and put a load aboard the truck and put it in the barn for the winter to feed the cattle. Mom used to milk the cows and we used [to sell it], we used to bring milk around to all the neighbours, and eggs. We used to do the eggs. Then come May we would end up on Dad's land across the river we used to call it. He had a potato garden over there, a big garden. We would spend the long weekend planting potatoes and then Labour Day weekend we would spend taking up the potatoes. Our summers then we would go and get out and get the hay done. I mean the weather was different then you would probably get to turn the hay twice a day because it was nice. But we used to try to get time to get to our swimming [spot], up to the Cam Hole (calm hole). All the family that was big enough to go swimming. That's most of what it would consist of. Then Dad in the winter would go in the woods. We would rush home from school to

get our slides and go in and meet him so we could get a ride out. He would pull us with the load of wood with the horse and we would hook onto the sleigh and get a ride out. That was a big thing then get in as fast as you could and get a ride out with the wood. Then there was the cutting the wood, bringing in the wood. You know you never stopped when you had a big family and everyone had to help. But that was family. That was the way we were reared up.

Lorraine also recalls the chores that came around every blueberry season,

My father had a blueberry truck, everybody knows about the blueberry truck. They used to go around, pick up everyone and take them in. Mom used to drive the blueberry truck. Glen was a baby, he would be strapped on the seat, and there were no car seats or nothing then. So she would take the truck and every morning everyone would be waiting, pick them all up, drop him or her all off to wherever they wanted to blueberry pick. Go back in the afternoon, pick them all up, weigh their berries, give them their money and we had to take care of the house and the meals when she was doing that. It was busy summers between the hay and the blueberries. Mother would take that old truck and go in over the hills buddy everywhere with Glen on the seat as a baby. My older sister was gone then so I would have to be in doing the cooking and back then the summers were so hot and everything was warm and you would be in cooking for a crowd of people. Then you would have to pack all the blueberries in a big truck and bring them over to Dildo.

Lorraine's father Doug worked a variety of jobs including working as a fireman in Goose Bay and Torbay, and with the Department of Highways in Bay Roberts. She said that four generations of Snows have worked with the Department of Highways including her brother who currently works there. Aside from his work, Lorraine's father Doug, was known for his music,

He used to go around, they would walk to Port-de-Grave, Cupids, Brigus, everywhere and he used to play accordion to all the little halls like our own. They used to dance the lances I think they used to call it.

Lorraine's mother, Mona, was kept busy with the large family but still found time to do textile crafts when she could,

I do a lot of knitting, sewing. I got the sewing crafts from Mom. She used to sew; she even made my graduation dress. She made a lot of dresses for my younger sister. Even with seven kids she found time to sew. She used to make our own clothes. We used to have pantsuits and dresses and pyjamas, she used to make it all. Quilts too. I've tried my hand at quilts too, but I'll never be Mona!

One of the other things that stands out from growing up in North River were all the concerts, dances, and times that went on in the community. Lorraine recalls,

When I was growing up I remember we used to have Christmas concerts up at the hall and afterwards sometimes there used to be a dance when I was really small. I can remember being sat on the side watching old people doing the lances and I used to

love watching it. Now I wouldn't be able to do it but I watched it and then when my generation started going we used to use the hall for what we used to call our hops. We used to have the records, the little tiny ones. My husband's brother and them actually started it and we used to have it every week, a dance up in the hall. Even after the school closed there were still a few Christmas concerts that we used to do up there. All through the church really. They were good times.

PICKING BLUEBERRIES

Cindy Cummings

We would make a day out of it. Dad would load up the truck with boxes and buckets and Mom always packed a lunch, to have a lunch in on the hills. The good old days for sure, and many more happy moments!

EDWARD DAWSON

Submitted by Joanne Morrissey

I have been so inspired by a man I did not know, a man who had obstacles in his way before he was born. Edward Dawson, Date of Birth June 15th 1915, Date of Death 1985.

On January 7th 1915 Stephen Dawson left home and went bird hunting to provide food for his family, never thinking that he would not see them again, for as the story goes, he was kicked over the side of the boat by the kickback from the muzzleloader gun he was using. He drowned while friends & family looked on from the shore and couldn't rescue him.

Stephen's death made a widow of his pregnant wife, Agnes Connolly Dawson, and orphaned five children, Bessie, Ann, John, Stephen and James, and Edward who was born five months later on June 15th 1915, Agnes Connolly Dawson dies sometime later that same year, leaving all 6 orphaned. Those days saw very hard-times in Newfoundland and six orphaned children had no chance of survival without intervention.

Infant Edward Stephen went to live with his grandparents John & Ellen Connolly on the Ridge,(Cupids Crossing) John was raised in Cupids, while Stephen & James were raised in St.John's. Bessie and Ann were placed at Belvedere Orphanage, St. John's.

At the age of 3 years 6 months Edward was given by his aged grandparents for adoption to Phillip & Mary Josephine Dunn Fowler, living in North River. They resided in Makinsons , before they purchased a house and property at the entrance to North River. They moved there so that they could be close to the RC Church. They did not have children of their own and lovingly raised Edward as Neddy Fowler but never took his birth name Dawson away, when Ned reached adulthood he took back the name Dawson.

DAWSON FAMILY

Ed and Jim Dawson

Ed Dawson: Well, my father was adopted from Bay Roberts. His Father died out in the boat shooting at a bird and the gun kicked and threw him over. And the people on the shore couldn't get out to him, so he drowned. In the meantime, my grandmother was in childbirth with father, and she died in childbirth. So father was left behind by himself then. So all the other sisters and brothers, they were in St. John's, and Beth and Anne and Uncle Steve. So they were all in St. John's, so my father went and lived with the Connolly's up on the ridge, so they looked after him for a while till somebody adopted him. So, Uncle Phillp and Mary Jo, Josephine but Mary Jo is what they used to call her, they adopted him. And they moved down to North River and they bought a house here on the foot of the river, so that's where they lived for a long time. And then Jim was born, when was that Jim?

Jim Dawson: 57.

Ed Dawson: Fifty-seven, that's when he built his house here on his own. Like you said, he worked with the United Towns all his lifetime with Pat Morrissey and them up the ridges farther. They all worked with United Towns. So, he, with a pick and shovel, dug out the basement after finishing up work in the evenings. Dan Allen used to come and give him a hand. And Mike Neville used to come and give him a hand. And he built it by himself. He was no carpenter by no means but like you said, I guess he had - the money wasn't that big they were making, and so he built his house. And they lived down there - like you said, I saw my mother baking bread down there with a pair of knee rubbers because when the water used to rise that high in the kitchen, she'd have to put on a pair of knee rubbers to bake the bread. So Father built this on his own after work and on the weekends. And when Jim came along, May died in '51, wasn't it?

Jim Dawson: She was coming up through the garden there, and Ol Ma (Jim and Ed's grandmother, Mary Josephine Fowler) died that night, right, and I was born here in the house that night or something.

Ed Dawson You - no, I don't think you were born, I don't think it was that night. We had brought Ol Ma up in a blanket then you see, cause, like you said, there was no such thing as a casket coming right away with a hearse so, we brought her up in blankets. Father and them. Yeah, that's the way they brought her up here. The whole time people came in then, and they washed her and cleaned her up and everything. Undertaking, they wouldn't be doing that. So then, well you came along after that.

Jim Dawson: Well, March twentieth I was born, fifty-seven.

Ed Dawson: And what date was it she died then? It's on the headstone up there, and I'd say it's here on something. So that's what came of it all. And Father ended up marrying Joan Mahoney across the way here so, like you said, that's the reason I guess you'd stay there in North River because that's where she lived down and her Mother died, my god, she was only a young girl when her mother died so she had to pretty well give up school and look after her Father and her brother Jim. Her brother Jim only lived to be 57 or something and he died with cancer. He was fishing on the Labrador.

Jim Dawson: Mother used to tell us, she would go to school up there, and she'd make the bread and that before she went to school and come home, kneed it down again recess time.

Ed Dawson: It wasn't easy times, like you said, I've seen - not as bad as what my father and them saw, but the younger generation now they never seen anything like I, we, did. Even getting up in the mornings. You were froze to death getting up in the mornings getting ready for school.

Jim Dawson: Well, even the night time. Going to school here wasn't warm in the mornings either.

Ed Dawson: There were eight children plus mother and father [in the family]. Ten of us hey. And he (father) got broke up by United Towns, he struck his head on the wire. No such thing as a hard hat and then he was a linesman. Same thing as Pat Morrissey and that. So, he went up on the pole, the power ineligible, struck his head, on the hot wire and she blew him, I think it was 58 stitches he had from here to here (gestures on his head) on his head.

Jim Dawson: He broke his neck.

Ed Dawson: He broke his neck and broke his back. And we were here. Bill wasn't even gone away. Was he just gone again or something? He was getting 80 dollars a month compensation. That's right what we were getting with ten of us living in the family. And right up till the day he died, like I said, he died in '85, he was getting 120 dollars a month. So I can guarantee ya, you were getting much on compensation then, no.

NO FISHING ON SUNDAYS

Gerald Delaney

Gerald Delaney was born September 9th, 1945 to William (Bill) and Rita Delaney. He grew up in North River and at the age of 13 he started fishing on the Labrador. He fished in Black Tickle for 13 years.

I was about 13, I think, when I went down there. I lied about my age. It was hard, hard work. I enjoyed it down there. I enjoyed it and the rougher it was the more I liked it. It was a good place to fish. You went down to fish and that was it. You would fish every day but Sunday. The old man wouldn't fish Sundays. Didn't do a lot Sunday. We had a little house that we lived in to and then we had another little place here behind that and then we had the stage. That's all that was there.

Several other families from North River went to the Labrador including the Mahoneys, and the Dawsons as well as families from Bonavista. Gerald traveled to Labrador on several boats including the Cabot Straits, the Bonavista and the Nonia.

Gerald's father, William, would build boats in North River that would be taken to the Labrador to fish. Gerald would help his father build boats and they cut the lumber for the boats in the woods off Snows Pond. They would generally find the best wood for boat building in the marshes. The boats built by

William ranged from 28 to 32 feet in length. William Delaney was known as a singer, and he loved to go to house parties. Some of his favourite songs to sing included The Blessed Six and The Boston Burglar.

We'd have a few drinks. We'd run the moonshine. We had - it was runners. So this time we ran out of it and this time we found a drum; we thought it was a drum of gas or something and that plane left in there. We rolled it out. Oh jeeze, I say, about 500 feet. Got it aboard the boat. And this was jet fuel. You've got it going on stove. The can - blew the can to pieces.

Woke the old man and he came out and looked around and said, "Fine mess boys. We're going to the trap 5:00 make sure it's cleaned up."

The family would salt the fish and sell it to the merchant in Labrador. They would also make cod liver oil which was sold to the merchants. Eventually after the family stopped fishing in Labrador the family property in Black Tickle was sold to a company that built a fish plant on the land. William sold the land for \$300.00 which was the price he paid for it.

In addition to fishing on the Labrador, Gerald did carpenter work and had his own business. He built a lot of the houses around North River. He also went to the ice sealing several times, and vividly remembers the fright he got one time:

We used to have had to kill them and take the pelt off them. The carcass was left on the ice. I got a fright one time when one of them was just laid belly up basking in the sun. I thought my buddy had him killed. And turned over to me to take the pelt off him and he took off. I had to chase him and try to kill him.

RITA REMEMBERS

Rita Fitzgerald (nee Devereaux)

Rita Mary Fitzgerald was born in Avondale to parents Sarah Devereaux (nee Nugent) and Michael Devereaux on March 10, 1931. She married Edward Fitzgerald in North River and lived there for several years before moving to Brigus. Rita spent a lot of time teaching and doing parish work. She went to Littledale, and has a grade six teaching certificate from the Department of Education. Rita also spent a summer in Trois-Rivieres for French, and a year at Laval University. She remembers the school in North River when she taught there in 1950,

The school over there was different then, the big school wasn't up on the back. It was just a two room school above where the hall is now. At that time it was a two room school. Kathleen Fury from Carbonear had one to five and I had six to eleven, you had all these grades in the one room.

Rita only taught in the school for one year before returning to Avondale to teach. After marrying Edward Fitzgerald she returned to North River and taught in North River again. Although Rita retired early due to her health she taught in several other communities in Conception Bay and remembers the school concerts, and teaching students to sing and play organ.

Rita recalls her husband Edward's work ethic and his store in North River,

Edward was a real industrious man and he liked to be helping people a lot when he could. He was a real worker, and he could see things that needed to be done. One thing he did [in North River], he started a store, and then later he went into the wholesale business and there was a garage across the road. That building and the garage across the road are taken down now, and a part of the store got burnt but the house is still there.

In addition to her work as a teacher Rita sometimes accompanied Edward when he went on the Labrador. Edward's father and grandfather also fished in Labrador, with his grandfather Uncle Ned spending 70 odd years on the Labrador. One of the things that stands out the most for Rita during her time in Labrador were the meals,

I enjoyed the Labrador a lot. We used to cook up some very good scoffs. I mostly, and some would help me. The season wasn't long but the days were longer and we could grow wonderful stuff there. The greens. [We] brought home the full of a big crate of cabbage one fall just more or less to show it after we took up we came down and I used to have the greens and the lettuce.

There were different things that you would have to think about how we lived down there. There were lovely greens - oh lambs quarters they are called but I knew about them from up home in Avondale. They grow around the foot of the garden sometimes but down there they were over in the cove and not much later than this in the year (early summer) you would get what we called alexander. A wild green and we would pick that off the beach before the cabbage came up at all. Alexander - we had a lot of meals of that and then the lambs quarters [you would find] over by the mouth of the river.

We had a lot of bakeapples when the summer came. The bakeapples! It was a home for the bakeapples there. It is a wonder that I had a side left in me from going over the hills and up and down picking bakeapples.

And getting back to the meals we used to have the hard bread, hard tack some call it. We would make brewis and the beans, the regular beans you could cook them whichever way you like. They were good for your health. We used to have different kinds of pea soup and we would always bring bags of potatoes down with us and sometimes we would have turnips and that. And there was another tip we did to keep the turnips, carrots and that from spoiling. They used to dig up the sand and bury it in the sand because it stayed cooler there so there were a lot of things to learn.

SCRAWD

Rita Fitzgerald

1. He's no bigger than a scawd.
2. A scawd is a small cod or tom-cod that has been split, lightly salted and lightly dried for immediate use.

As explained by Mrs. Rita Fitzgerald, age 38, 16 January 1967.

GRANNY CARROL

Mary Flynn

One of North River's most famous residents was Ellen Dwyer Carroll, who lived from 1827-1942. Born in 1827 in St. John's, Ellen Dwyer Carroll, was believed to be the oldest woman in the British Empire when she died in 1942 in North River at the age of 115.

A wife and mother to twelve children, Carroll was very busy, and independent. She was greatly involved in political culture, having met Joseph R. Smallwood, exchanged messages with Captain Bob Bartlett the Arctic explorer, and welcomed King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Holyrood in 1939. On Carroll's 113th birthday, October 19, 1940, J.R. Smallwood, on his radio program "The Barrelman", aired a special congratulatory celebration for Mrs. Carroll. Included were messages from King George VI and her 93 year old son, a Papal blessing by Pope Pius XII by a Reverend in Brigus and 113 new dollars from the Newfoundland Government.

Mary Flynn, originally from Shearstown, who is 103 years old remembers walking to North River to attend the birthday party,

Well now, like I say, I think I was about 9 years old. I walked up from Shearstown, Bay Roberts, we called it Shearstown. It was Shearstown but it was only just inside the crossing.

We came up and Joey Smallwood gave us a birthday party up in the hall in North River. And I remember her, I remember her ahead of that, I remember seeing her ahead of that. You know, when you go to turn in the river there where the _____ man is to now that's where they had a two storey house there, they tore it down after. I used to see her there leaned over a gate, you know.

But anyway, up on the stage she's up sitting down and I'm listening to it. By and by, they gave gifts, you know, and I remember the blanket, giving her the blanket. She had a good many things, you know. By and by she looks and she says how am I going to get it all home? She wondered how – and still I don't know if she knew where her home was.

There's not much more for me to tell about it, you know, anymore than she – I used to see her leaned over the gate. And she was a strong person, you know, strong. Mary Cooney looked after her.

I just remember her sitting up on the stage. I can see her now with the black, long [hair always] black. But they were talking about a birthday and I was only young. And anyway, we walked up, mother and father and me. Just imagine then the long walk from Shearstown up to the hall. I remember it as well as if it was yesterday, I can see her. I can see her face now.

Carroll's great-granddaughter, Anne Galway, recalls that her great-grandmother was always the topic of conversation and well known in the province, especially so in the last decades of her life. In October 2020, Anne paid tribute to her great-grandmother, Ellen Dwyer Carroll with the erection of a new headstone on Ellen's gravesite at All Hallows Cemetery in North River. On November 1, 2020, a memorial service took place with a blessing by Father Al Credo.

SHOPPING IN NORTH RIVER

Alice Hall

Shopping in the North River in the 1950s was a challenge to say the least. Everyone had the same problem since there were mostly large families in the community and no big stores. With twelve children to feed and clothe, our family was faced with that challenge. Food was not an issue since we grew our own and Uncle Jim's General Store provided the rest. The Eaton's catalogue provided a solution to the clothing issue. Every year, Mom would eagerly await the arrival of the catalogue in the mail. She would order boots, shoes, and clothing in various sizes bound to fit someone in the family. There were bolts of material which she would sew up on her Singer sewing machine. At Christmas time, she would order a large can of hard Christmas candy to be shared among us at the appropriate time, as well as a few special items for the children at Christmas. The items all came in by train. Since the train station was in Clarke's Beach, mom and several of the older children had to walk there, usually across the tracks, to pick up the packages. Children would be entertained for hours looking through the catalogue and dreaming of the toys they would like to have. The book usually lasted all year until a new one came out. The Eaton's catalogue certainly played an important role in the lives of people in rural Newfoundland.

THE ORIGIN OF THE HALL FAMILY AS TOLD TO ME BY MY FATHER, JOHN B HALL.

Alice Hall Swyers

I can imagine my great-great grandfathers' surprise when he arrived in Port de Grave in the early 1800s along with his shipmates, probably looking for work. His name was Isaac Hall, and he was credited with being the founding father of Hallstown.

Walking up the vast valley in North River past the hills to the brook he saw the potential for farming. Being a builder he could probably visualize the houses, farms and roads that needed to be built. Eventually Isaac married a Corbett and they had a son named Jacob who married Mary (molly)

Delaney. Jacob and Mary had a son William who married Julia Mahoney. William and Julia had eight children, including my father John.

In 1941 while working at the Torbay airport, John met Florence (May) Manderson who was working at the Governor's House. Florence was a young lady from Brigus, whose mother was Lillian Spracklin (shout out to all the spracklin relatives!) Florence was happy to have met a gentleman, since the war was on and St. John's was full of servicemen. The great fire was the end for them in St. John's.

By 1942 John and Florence were wed. John took his young bride back to Hallstown building their home and starting their family of twelve. He passed on his skills in carpentry to his three sons. William, Frank and John as well as many others in the community willing to work the trade.

The first house my father built in North River (Tom and Laura Morrissey) and the last house he built was in Hallstown (Kevin and Jeannie Hurley) were passed on to their children and are still in use today. Always taking the time to help a neighbour in need.

Dad was a skilled Carpenter and Master builder, building many houses in North River, Bay Roberts, Brigus, Carbonear and surrounding areas, as far afield as Clarenville. He also worked on the Catholic church and Convent in North River. Memorial Stadium and the Torbay airport in St. John's. His knowledge and expertise were well sought after as a consultant on many engineering projects.

Mom was a homemaker, nurturer, cook, baker, dressmaker and anything else that needed doing. Our family had several large gardens which mom also looked after. These gardens produced most of the vegetables for the winter, and were stored in the cellar, along with jams, jellies, pickles and other preserves.

The children moved on, had families of their own then tragically my sister passed away.

So at the age of 65 mom and dad began to raise their three small grandchildren ages 2, 4 and 5. They embraced the challenge. With the church and community support they too have grown, married and have families.

There were many Hall families living in Hallstown. Although we may not have been related to all of them, we supported and helped each other, creating a sense of community that is still enjoyed today.

THE CAM HOLE

Florence Hurley

It was a good spot for swimming because of its location. It was located just below the mountain, which we called the goat's hole. I suppose, having a lot of slate or rock, pieces of it used to fall off and into the brook, and eventually, over time, it built up into a nice place to swim. You had deep enough water for us, as kids, to go and learn to swim. So this was the place, the swimming hole.

We still call it the "cam hole," even though we don't pronounce "cam" the same way anymore. It's the "calm hole." So when people come and say, "Cam hole? What's the cam hole?" Once we tell them it's the "cam hole," they just think that that's the name, they don't know that it's because it was a calm spot in the brook where you could swim, you know.

THE BOSTON BARRELS

Diana Kearley (nee Frost)

I remember the barrels of clothing that would come from Boston. Mom would get some items and the sewing machine would be forever busy, cutting down coats and turning cuffs and collars on shirts. Aunt Ida Snow taught me how to use a sewing machine. It truly took a village.

GROWING UP IN NORTH RIVER

Clare Morrissey Kent

I had a great childhood while growing up in beautiful North River. I recall fondly going to church with my Nan, Mary-Bren, before school in the morning. After school in the afternoon, I would walk home and, on the way, I would stop and pick up the mail for my Godfather, Uncle Pad Morrissey and my Aunt Gert and bring it to them. Felix would be there, and he would chase me for fun. After school I went to Mary Sinclair's better known as Muddie, to stay with her until Bridget Myles came home because she stayed behind after school to prepare for the next day. I would go in and Muddie would have a list for Daniel Cummings, and top of the list for me was Pepsi and Puffed square, back then everything was charged and paid for at the end of each month. These memories I will treasure forever.

MY GRANDFATHER - BRENDAN FRANCIS MORRISSEY

Rosemary Locke

Brendan Francis Morrissey (Daddy Bren), born on September 13, 1893 in North River, Conception Bay, was the son of John and Elizabeth (Corbett) Morrissey. He had three siblings: Philip, Mary Margaret (who lived to be one year old) and Elizabeth.

While Bren was raised in North River, he spent his early working life on the docks in Boston, loading and unloading boats. On January 16, 1925, Bren married Mary Josephine Hanlon, with a plan to move to Boston. However, with the unexpected, and serious, illness of his father, my grandfather had a change of plans. Instead of returning to Boston, my grandparents decided to live in North River, where they raised six children: John, Tom, Philip, Ed, Margaret and Elizabeth.

My grandfather started work with the United Town Electric Company and continued with the Company for the rest of his working life. Each spring Daddy Bren took a group of men from his region, or gangs as they were referred to, and joined with other gangs to help establish electricity across the province. As part of his job, he would be away from home until the fall. In particular, Bren would be responsible for gathering all the supplies for gangs' trip across the island. When he returned home in the fall, all the paperwork would have to be completed and submitted to the Head Office in St. John's. During the winter months Daddy Bren worked in the Bay Roberts office. His job in later years would be to do a survey and decide where the poles should be placed on peoples' properties. Having decided the location of the poles, Daddy Bren would then negotiate with the property

owner for permission to place the poles in those locations. The area for which he was responsible encompassed Tilton to Lakeview/Harbour Main.

My Aunt Betty remembers her father having a bike and that her brothers were forbidden to utilize the bike for their personal enjoyment. This bike was Daddy Bren's main form of transportation for his work, which at that point was reading meters in the Port De Grave area.

Daddy Bren was a deeply religious man. He never missed Mass on Sunday. He considered Sunday his day. In the afternoon, he would take his boys down to the river and let them sail the model boats that he had built for them. In the evening, there would be the Benediction (evening prayers). After supper, he took his pipe or chewing tobacco and he and my grandmother would go to the neighbours for their Sunday night card game.

My grandfather was good at carpentry. Along with building model boats for the boys, he built swings and cradles for my aunt's dolls. He had his own wooden "lasts" (i.e., wooden block of foot shapes for men, women and children). This enabled him to re-tap shoes for the family as needed.

Daddy Bren was a very patient man. My Aunt said she could never recall her father raising his voice. He wasn't a drinker, with the exception of Christmas time when he would take one drink per night while visiting with his neighbours and friends.

Sadly, Daddy Bren eventually developed dementia. During that time, Dad and Mom, my two siblings and I lived with our grandparents. Given his dementia, my grandmother setup a section of the house to make it more comfortable for him and easier for her to provide care for him. As the disease progressed, it became increasingly difficult for my grandmother to deal with Bren. At that point, my father gave up work to help with his father's care. I guess, like father, like son, Dad had done what Bren had done for his father. Bren was a Pioneer (like so many before him), he worked hard, he raised a family and he made sacrifices for the greater good of his family.

Brendan Francis Morrissey passed away on May 17, 1964.

REMEMBERING MY GRANDMOTHER, MARY JOSEPHINE HANLON MORRISSEY: THROUGH THE EYES OF AN ADORING GRANDAUGHTER

Rosemary Locke

Mary Hanlon (Nan) was born on February 16, 1897 in the small community of North River, Conception Bay located in the country of Newfoundland. Her parents were Edward Hanlon and Margaret Long. His direct ancestors were from Carrick-en-suir, Tipperary, Ireland. Her father was born deaf and he died at the youthful age of thirty-five from consumption (tuberculosis). When Nan was only one year of age, her mother remarried Patrick Morrissey, a fish buyer on the Labrador during the summer months.

Nan had the unique privilege of living in three centuries. She born in 1897 and died on February 20, 2001. She lived in a world that saw dramatic changes. Nan would accompany her stepfather to Black

Tickle, Labrador when she was older. At the tender age of sixteen, Nan had a teaching certificate. In fact, Nan was the first teacher born in North River.

At sixteen, Nan was asked by Dr. Stephen Whelan (the first Parish Priest of North River and missionary to Labrador) to teach the children of Black Tickle during the summer. For her efforts, the children gave her a necklace, which we believe was a freeze-dried insect that was inset into the necklace. A beautiful piece that she cherished all her life. This heirloom remains with the family today.

As well, Nan taught school in North River for ten years. She married Brendan Francis Morrissey January 16, 1925. And, because she was married, she had to quit teaching. In those days, it was not accepted that you would teach school and be married.

Bren and Mary had six children – four boys (John, Tom, Ed, and Philip) and two girls (Margaret and Elizabeth). As occurred far too often in those tough times, two of the children died – Philip passed away at the age of one and Margaret died at the age of four.

Having been a teacher, Nan obviously felt that education was very important. She was the “go-to” person in the community because of her level of education and her special interest in the children in the community.

My aunt Betty remembers Nan leaning over the fence on many occasions when children would be walking up the road past her house after their exams. She made it a point to discuss the exams with the children. Forever the teacher, in later years, her grandchildren would often be quizzed on their learning.

Nan had a strong commitment to family. No birthday or special occasion went unnoticed. If any of the twelve grandchildren were having problems with homework, she provided us with guidance and support. We knew that it was expected of us to always do our best. An instilled trait that still guides my life.

One story I remember when our younger daughter, Desarae, was born, my grandmother was 80 years of age but she knit a peach dress with a silk lining and a fashionable ribbon placed at the waist. I remember my trip to Carbonear to purchase my First Communion Dress. It was a special occasion and my grandmother accompanied me.

I remember helping my grandmother to unravel skeins of wool. I would have to put two hands up and she would use them to make the balls of wool. We would spend hours doing this and helping would mean new socks and knitted sweaters.

Even at the age of one hundred (while residing in the Interfaith Home), when one of her grandson's children was born, she whispered to me requesting if my daughters had a doll, then she could knit a dress for the doll and give it as a gift to the new baby. Family was important to her and she was always thinking about them.

Nan also had a strong commitment to the church. She was an active member of the Sacred Heart society. She was deeply involved in promoting the Parish and volunteering her time. Often, her baking skills, her cooking skills and her sewing skills often benefited the Parish. For example, during

the grieving process, people being waked often wore a long brown gown. My grandmother sewed those gowns for the whole parish.

If someone needed clothing, Nan would actively seek out what was needed. As well, Nan sent barrels of clothing to Labrador that she obtained from friends in the United States.

Nan also stayed connected with the religious clergy that she knew from North River by writing letter to them. In particular, she kept close contact with Father Tom Morrissey, who was a long-time member of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society. His early work was in China and later, his focus was Japan. As a little girl, I remember the picture of a young Father Tom, taken after he was ordained, prominently displayed in our hallway that came down our stairs. The picture had an inscription to his Aunt Mag (Nan's mother's name). This picture was treasured by my grandmother.

When my grandfather died in May 1964, Nan was still a young woman. She would visit friends in St. John's and continued on with life. In her seventies, she would spend time with her dear friend and cousin in Dearborn Michigan and would continue to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Ontario. She continued these visits every summer until she reach the age of ninety-four.

When asked the standard question on her 100 th birthday about the secret to longevity, Nan proudly stated: stay active, think young, be positive and pray to God every night thanking him for all that he has given me.

Nan resided in the Interfaith Home in Carbonear from August 1996 to her passing in February 2001. Her only complaint was arthritis for over forty years. She had a big party on her 100 th birthday and many of the residents of North River took the time to visit her and wish her happy birthday. She thoroughly enjoyed being the centre of attention.

Mary Josephine Hanlon Morrissey was a hard worker, and had a great attitude. Nan lived life to the fullest. She is still sadly missed, but lovingly remembered by her family and all this who appreciated her good will. She positively impacted so many lives.

THE POST OFFICE AND POSTMASTER

Mary Long

Mary Long was born in her home in North River in 1934, and grew up in the community. She left at the age of 16 or 17 to go to Littledale College where she became a teacher. Mary then taught in various communities around the island including Curling, Gambo, and Mount Pearl. She went back and completed more education earning a Masters in Educational Psychology, and retired after many years with Mount Pearl Senior High.

Mary had two sisters and one brother and she was the youngest of the four. Her parents were Elizabeth and Gregory Long. Her father, Gregory was born in Labrador as his parents were fishing on the Labrador when he was born. Gregory was a fisherman but later worked with the Union Towns Electric Company building power lines around Placentia, Dunville, Fox Harbour. Mary's mother,

Elizabeth died when she was eight years old. Her aunt, Mary St. Clair, who was her father's sister, helped raise her and was a surrogate mother. Her father's parents were Bridget (nee Morrissey) and John Long.

Mary's aunt, Mary St. Clair, was a great sewer and cook. She vividly remembers the meals her aunt would make,

There was always Sunday Dinner, and I don't know if we always called it Sunday dinner. Now they do and they call it Jiggs Dinner and we didn't call it that either but there was always roast of some kind depending on the availability. There were vegetables and roast and a pudding. I think there was one Aunt Mary used to call brown betty or something. She was a very good cook because during her working time she had been cooking. She was housekeeper with a family of Summers in St. John's. She did the cooking and she was excellent. Her pies, her pastries – to die for. Now I can't make pastry. I buy Tenderleaf but she was excellent. We did the leftovers on Monday. She was good at making stewed fish, dumplings, and making soup and stews. It was traditional food and we had nothing really unusual. Now and then she would do something that was an old recipe called lobscouse which was just boiled vegetables basically. I think now they call it colcannon but it was never called caulcannon here it was always kind of a Halloweenish thing. Of course because we were Catholic we had fish on Fridays all the time. It might be boiled salt fish or fresh fish in season. When we were able to we used to go down to Port-de-Grave to get salmon. It was so good.

Mary recalls the school, All Hallows, where she did all her schooling,

School was maybe a five-minute walk down towards where the Catholic Church is now. The building itself is not there. There is a Parish Hall there very close to it and it was just two rooms. Actually the date of the corner stone was on it but I don't remember what it was now. All of the classes from one to five were in one room, no kindergarten in it, [the classes] were just separated. Like the grade ones were in one section, and the teacher just went back and forth to each grade. After a while if you liked to do it when you were a bit older then she would let the older children help out the grade below. You know if they were doing a bit of math on the board or whatever. Some children were allowed to be teacher and I really liked that. You know, she gave me some training to be a teacher. Then you moved on to the other room. There was just a door between us. The building itself of course, this was in the '40s so there was no central heating. There wasn't any in this house either so it was not unusual. And there was this round pot-bellied stove. What used to happen is the boys would light the fire in the stove in the morning and the girls' responsibility was always to sweep the school after school. For major cleaning, the parents would come occasionally and they would clean up, scrub the floors, and clean the desks and make everything really clean but there was no janitorial service, nothing like that of course.

Another memory that stands out for Mary are all the dances that took place in the Parish Hall, especially for St. Patrick's Day,



Brendan Morrissey and Mary Morrissey (nee Hanlon).



Morrissey family home.

There was always a dance in the Parish Hall on occasions, always St. Patrick's, my goodness you couldn't be Irish and not have a dance St. Patrick's. But they would have a tea and serve it in the dining room at the Parish Hall and everybody would go to the dance. Right now if you were twenty you wouldn't be seen going to a dance where an eighty year old was going but the families went. That was the baby sitting service, they took the kids with them unless they were tiny children. You would go and sit there on the side and listen to the music and have some food. That wouldn't be very often but special occasions there would be a concert and a dance at the Parish Hall with accordion music. Eventually Wilf Doyle from up the bay would come in later times in the '60s.

Outside of school and church, Mary remembers taking piano lessons with one of her teacher's at the priest's house. She also recalls that there were always children around to play a game of "May I" or tag and everybody seemed to have a homemade swing set. Mary said she would hear a lot of stories while doing her homework at home. One thing that was often recalled was the post office which was once attached to the Long family home:

The post office, well [my grandfather, John Long,] was the postmaster and the postmaster meant there was a little space there, a little stove in it, a kerosene oil stove was the heat in that. I guess the government owned that stove. I don't know. Anyway it was there. Along with being the postmaster he had to go over to Clarke's Beach to get the mail. The mail came by train from St. John's. The central post office was Clarke's Beach not the one that is there now there was one in the back and three days a week it came and he would have to go over on his horse and slide or horse and dray or walk and come home and sort it. People would come right away to get their mail. That's what I was told. That's a story because it is before I was born, some of it. He was postmaster until he got hurt on the highway and broke his leg. My aunt, who stayed here, she was allowed to take over the post office for a while because it was postmaster and they called it relieving officer. Relieving Officer meant glorified welfare but they didn't give out cheques for welfare they sent out a certain number of dollars and if you were the relieving officer you had to decide who should get them. If there was a new baby a person would come right away and say it's another mouth to feed. So it was a bit of responsibility. But in the depression they closed the small post offices and that I guess was 1929. It was never here when I was here but the building was and the little stove was.

Although there weren't a lot of stores in North River when Mary was growing up there were several general stores where you could purchase everything from sugar or raisins to material to sew,

[There were] not a lot [of stores] but there were more than now. This one that we used to go to for our Sunday evening walk was up Ashford's I believe it was. There is a street up there now I believe called Ashford's Lane I guess that was at the bottom of that hill. You would go up there and pick your treat and sit on the bank and eat it. There was a little, well I would say corner store now, but there was a little store called English's where you would be sent for a few groceries after school because we didn't use a fridge. So we would come home from school and the first thing my aunt would say was, "I need such and such at the store, go up and buy me a few pounds of sugar, or raisins or

whatever.” You could buy everything there. Even some dry goods. I was telling someone the other day that you could go there and buy material to make your dishtowels you could buy it by the yard.

There were stores, corner stores but a bigger store in Clarke’s Beach. See when they went to the fishery well they bought groceries for the value of the fish they didn’t always get their money but there was a store that is not here anymore that was called Crowley’s. He was the merchant, he didn’t have a corner store, he was the merchant. And you could buy everything, yard goods for your sewing, a pair of shoes, whatever.

LINGIN’

Dennis Mahoney

LINGIN’

1. Let’s go lingin’.
2. Catching lings. The ling that is caught in North River is actually hake.

As explained by Dennis Mahoney, age 23, 11 April 1967.

THE SQUARE DANCE AND THE REEL

Bridget Morrissey

Bridget Rosalie Morrissey (nee SinClair) was born in North River to parents Patrick SinClair and Rose SinClair (nee Cummings) at the end of August 1930. Patrick worked as a longshoreman in Boston before marrying Rose. Bridget enjoyed living in North River and said,

I loved it. Lots of fun. Swimming, playing hockey on the road, playing ball, keeping house, raising children - same thing. That’s about it.

Bridget recalled doing some chores after school, and having a horse, cow, sheep, and goats that the family looked after. She had one brother Patrick and they would walk to school and to mass during most of the year but in the winter they would go by horse and slide. Bridget loved a good dance and she recalled,

I took every [dance] in I could. There used to be the Church of England hall, [and it] is still over there. It was a school and there was always a dance there, and down to the hall in North River. That’s as far as I used to go though. That was far enough. I would beat out when I came home then. [We would do] the square and do the reel. A full hour dancing. I would have to have a break. I used to dance sometimes with a man up here by the name of Walt Snow. He was a big tall man and I was only small, I’m not very big now but I was only small then and when it would be half over he would take me up in his

arms and I would go on the rest of it with him. And the rest of the girls would be falling all around because they would be giddy, right? I was best kind, I was up in his arms. I happened to be the smallest one. I had it scald. Oh that was the good old times. Oh my god you couldn't beat them old times.

At Christmas they used to go to church, visit family, and of course go jannying,

We would go jannying when you weren't in church. You had a lot of church then and you had no choice you had to go. Yeah, we would go jannying. That was a bit of fun. I remember one time, this is not a nice one, it is not vulgar or nothing but it is just funny. We were out jannying. I don't know where we went to we were up the road somewhere. A whole crowd of us, must be eight or nine of us, all friends. And we went into a lane, McCabe's lane, I don't know if it was McCabe's then or not but anyway then we went in there and knocked on the door, "Any jannies allowed in?". She had a pot of pee. Pisspot full of pee, [threw it] all over Doug Snow. And that was our fiddler. We only asked we were allowed in and he was the bravest, see? I handy about knew there was something going on because I heard little stories and stuff, right. Poor old soul. Right there and then she gave it to him. We had to go home, we all had to come down, not very far. He had to go in and change every stitch he had on. What a welcome, Christmas time. Can you imagine? I always remember that one. I will never forget that one, that was awful. My god we did some laughing. Had to go home, Doug it was. Used to live next door to me down there.

Bridget spent five summers on the Labrador but her first summer stands out the most,

I wasn't on the boats but I was cooking. That was the first time I went I was 13, Bill Delaney up here, lord have mercy on him. I went down with him. Five men [to cook for] and I was 13. [I went down on] the Mary Ruth that time I think but the rest of the times I went down it was the Kyle. The big one that is anchored in Harbour Grace there. But the other one was smaller, Mary Ruth. My dad was a cook, see? Not out in public, but he was a good cook. My dad, he was very clean. That is who raised us, my dad. And my brother was with me that year too so he helped me. I was only 13 with five men but they were the best kind of men, they were fine people. It was only one room then there were a couple bedrooms. It was small, it wasn't very big.

She spent time in Indian Tickle and Cutthroat in Labrador as a cook. Bridget made everything from brewis and Jiggs' dinner to soup and potatoes, beef, and turnip. Sometimes they would have dumplings and molasses or jam for something sweet. She would also help out with the fish,

Oh I'd be cutting their throats. I used to be out in the boat with the men. They would take me out for a ride.

Bridget went to Labrador with the Delaney's from North River, and the Morrissey's and Piercey's from Brigus. After working on the Labrador she spent three years in the kitchen at the Waterford Hospital (Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases at the time). From the Waterford Hospital she went to Buchans where she met her husband. Bridget recalls the work she did at Buchans,

In the staffhouse, doing beds, I used to wash the manager's and whatever their shirts and iron them for them and they would put \$20 dollars on me table. Oh they would, yes."

Bridget and John Morrissey married in Buchans in 1955 before returning to North River shortly after. He worked as an electrician at Buchans, and later worked at Argentia during the construction of the base. Together they had eight children, five girls and three boys. Unfortunately, John died young at the age of 40 and Bridget raised her family with the help of her father.

MISS IS AFIRE!

Sheila Power (nee Neville)

Sheila Frances Power was born on Grey Islands on June 22, 1934 to parents Luke Neville, and Angela (nee Tobin) Neville. Angela was from Grey Islands while Luke was a fisherman from North River. Sheila had two brothers Tom and Patrick, and four sisters Evelyn, Bridget, Anne and Veronica. She lived on Grey Islands until the age of two when the family moved from Grey Islands to North River and travelled on the Ranger. When Sheila reflected on growing up in North River she said,

I remember happy times. We seemed like everybody was alike. Everybody had the same meals, the same everything else I guess. Because we started out on Sundays we had Jiggs' dinner, Tuesday we had leftovers, Wednesday we had fish, Thursday we had Jiggs' dinner again, Friday we had fish, Saturday we had pea soup, and Sunday we were back to Jiggs' dinner again. And everybody seemed to have the same rigmarole of meals.

Growing up in North River I thought was a fabulous thing myself. I was quite happy here. We were quite happy, myself, the brothers and sisters, and Mom and Dad. We were not rich by any means, everybody seemed to have the same level of whatever.

We enjoyed it. We did the same as everybody else did. We played hopscotch, we played ball, we played hide and seek, and all those silly little things that you do when you are young. We enjoyed it. We lived further up the road.

In grade ten the family went to Steventville where Sheila's father Luke was working. She completed her schooling there and won the scholarship for the Steventville area. She then went on to Littledale to train to become a teacher. In the meantime her family moved back to North River, and she was given her first posting in Bay Roberts. After a year there teaching primary/elementary Monseigneur Dinn moved Sheila to the high school in North River to teach. She taught there until she married her husband, Douglas. Their wedding was the first in the new church. Sheila recalls her first years of teaching,

All in one room, grade seven to grade eleven. Everything. The only thing that used to worry me a lot was with the grade elevens I had to teach Shakespeare. Well my god. I said how in the name of god am I ever going to do this. Shakespeare's language was one thing but trying to transfer that to the children and of course they would get the greatest kick out of me because I didn't know much about English but I didn't know very much about Shakespeare.

Another memory that stands out from the time she was teaching was when her skirt caught fire!

We had a pot belly stove. Of course you would have great difficulty keeping the school warm so the boys were responsible for starting the fire in the morning and then you tried to keep it going all day. But one particular day I was talking and I had this skirt [that] was made of some kind of rubber material or something. I don't remember what it was but it was a big warm skirt anyway. I was standing up, back on to the stove talking away to the youngsters and all of a sudden I felt something hot and one of the children screamed, "Miss is afire!" Burnt the whole back out of the skirt. So that was exciting.

Sheila took a break from teaching when she married and had kids but returned to it when her children were in school. She taught for over 30 years and says she enjoyed every minute of it. Aside from teaching in school Sheila also started teaching the lancers and square dancing. She did this for school concerts but also for adults in North River and neighbouring communities,

We used to do the lancers and the square dance. I started teaching that so that I could get people. I always thought that this lancer that was brought over hundreds of years ago, that the lancers and the square dance, I always thought that belonged to North River, not belonged to Newfoundland. It should've been a part of Newfoundland. Should've kept going. So I started it, got a crew together and it was very easy to get the bare minimum. I wish someone else would've picked it up because it really and truly is a part of Newfoundland. I hope they don't forget. We kept it going fairly long but we couldn't get the men. No trouble to get the women but we couldn't get the men.

Living in North River, Sheila said they would walk everywhere – Port-de-Grave, Cupids, Makinsons to head to a dance. She remembers the accordion and guitar music that would accompany jannying and visiting during the Christmas season,

Christmas holidays were just wonderful because you could go jannying. Jannies were allowed in every night and we used to have some fun with them because Mom and Dad just loved seeing the jannies come. They would come in because I remember Cal came in one night and he had his accordion. He used to play the accordion. We danced in the house with Cal playing. Someone would come in with a guitar so we had music that way and my brother, Pat, used to play the guitar too. We loved Christmas. Christmas you were allowed to dress up and go out.

So we had lots of fun at Christmas, going jannying or going visiting or people coming in. Every night the house was full of people who just came in. Either came in as a janny or just came in to dance and have a drink. There were drinks on the go but very, very few because Dad always had some kind of a little flask and when the men came in, Dad and Mr. Delaney and Uncle Ron they used to come in every night and have a drink that was just a little glass. They would have one little drink and they would all be dancing and singing and everybody had to have a song of their own.

Sheila also recalls North River as a fairy centre and heard lots of stories about the fairies while growing up. She remembers that you were not allowed to walk the road unless you had a piece of bread or something to give to the fairies so that they wouldn't carry you away.

SCHOOL MEMORIES

Courtesy of Claudine Sparkes-Cox

Memory from Florence Bradbury (nee Atkins)

Well, there was a school down there and there was one Catholic school. There was only low, you know, the low grades. No high grades in to them. In the old-fashioned times it was – it wasn't the books like you've got now. It was the Royal Readers. That's the name of the books. There was none of that. There was the primer. That's kindergarten they call it now. Then there was number one and then there was number two and number three and number four and number five. That's the highest you could go.

SPARKING MEMORIES

Reverend Father John Sparkes

John Sparkes was the first Sparkes born in North River. His parents were Bill and Jean Sparkes. John lived most of his life in North River and became an Anglican priest two years ago, and ten years prior to that he became an Anglican Deacon. He resides in Port Rexton as the parish priest.

CHURCHES

I can't date back exactly to a year. The existing building that's here now, the church, that was consecrated in 1914 but it was built a couple of years before that, but there was another church on the grounds. Up behind the little Anglican Church Hall, St. George's, in North River you'll see a rock formation and that's where the original church was but it was called a mission. Right behind where the school is. That was a mission but now it was there – like my grandfather was born in 1898 and it was there before that.

The church there, like I said, has been there quite a while. My grandmother was born 1901 and she was baptized there. Not the one that's there now, in the old church.

The original Anglican schools where St. George's is now, there was a building there and the teacher's house was connected, and he had a doorway that would lead out to the school but it could only open one way or something. His name was Doctor Pepper when my grandmother was going to school during the early 1900s and his name was Doctor Pepper. I believe she said he had a wife and two children and she said they really liked him. But that burnt and a lot of records for the church in North River was kept in the schoolhouse for some reason, in his office, and it all burnt. So the gates of the original building and the original plot lay out at the cemetery all burnt with that building.

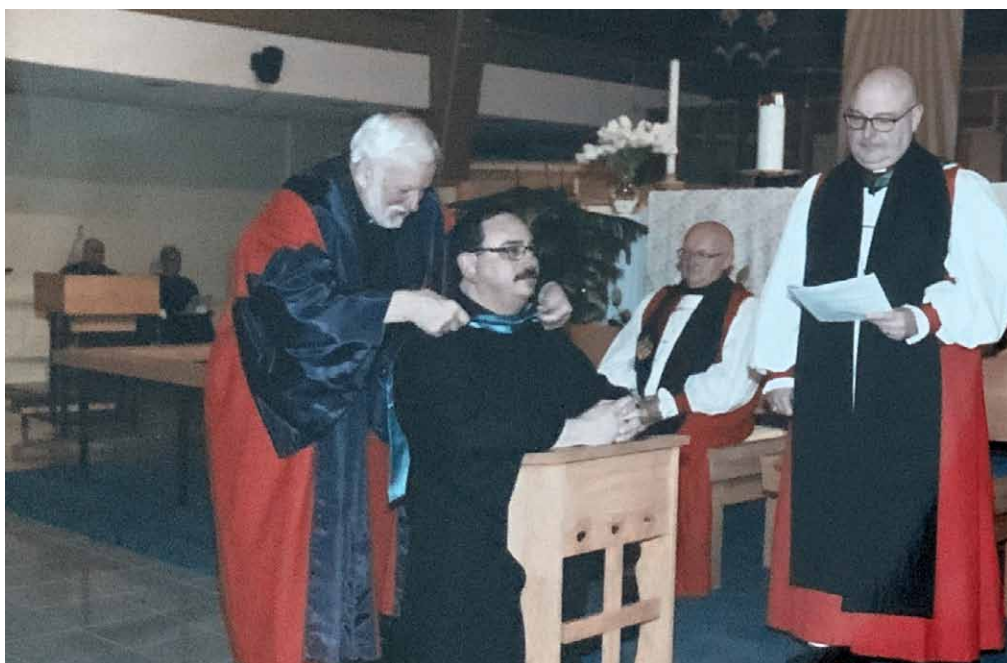
OLD EYES

Rev Sparkes: Aunt Rachel, she used to scare the wits out of all the children. She had this weird mask and they really believed that she was Old Eyes; that is what they called her.

This one big eye – it was really ugly, and mam said, "They see her going up the stairs" and then they see this standing at the top of the stairs and she said children would go in every direction. She said, oh my gosh, and she said – my grandmother was just down under the bottom of the hill and they'd all pile in under the bed because Old Eyes were after them.



Terry Smith, nephew Tyler Smith, Karen Sparkes and her son Wesley, Janice Batten, Rev. John, Aunt Margaret, and mom Jean, Dorothy Lawlor and sister Marjorie Smith, sister Claudine with camera (John's sisters).



Deacon Bell, Deacon John Sparkes, and Bishop Peddle.

FLORENCE HURLEY: SO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY GOT THAT?

My grandfather was working in the mines on Bell Island and when he came home one time he must have got dropped off at the Lane. You know he was walking out the Lane. He has this mask on and he's coming up the hill and all the kids are out in the yard playing because they were in those days and they – well, they thought it was IT or something, you know? Oh, they all went running. You know they were frightened to death. Some of them hid in the barn. He had to go look for them to see where they were. That's where they got that mask.

Rev Sparkes: Yeah, well, that tells the story about Lorraine. She said they all ran and Lorraine apparently went down the back cellar and went down in the cellar. And they were looking for her – oh, it was dark and they still hadn't found her. They were really in a panic about that, right, because there was Lorraine missing because she ran from Old Eyes.

GHOST STORIES

I know my grandmother used to say, over right across from us out in Newell's Road there was a man killed over there in the winter, cutting wood. The Hatchet Man they called him. She said every now and again on a windy, stormy night you'd hear the sound of the axe chopping, chopping, and I used to listen for that. I said, "I don't hear it." But that's one of the little, you know, ghost stories. She was telling me a story about the Barrel Man. Well, she said, "Down ..." – you know where Ned Halls house is – John Lundrigan lives there now, right next to the Town Council.

In that little cove there, apparently way back there was a man put in a barrel and sealed and threw at the river; they killed him. So every now and again when you're walking there and you hear the water rustling they'd think it was the Barrel Man. What they would do, no matter what religion they were, they would go up – they called the Catholic Church the chapel – the chapel steps and that's where they'd go for protection until it passed by. I don't know what's to it but they claimed that people actually saw it.

GEORGE ATKINS, THE MAGICIAN

Nan's brother, George Atkins, Uncle George, was in the First World War and while he was over there – well, first of all he started – he went and joined but his father was home at the time and because he was underage and went and brought him back. Anyway, he snuck off and ended up going. He was only 16 and so he was underage. In the First World War there was a lot of that. Anyway, while he was over there he befriended a man that was a magician and he came back to North River with all these magic tricks and he had everybody convinced that, you know, the devil was going to get them. He was really a mischievous man and he used to do all these tricks, kind of hypnotic stuff.

I remember Aunt Rachel – Nan said that she was ironing a shirt and he told her she wasn't going to get it done right. But anyway, she said all of a sudden these polka dots started to appear and stripes, what she could see, and when she said, "That's that George Atkins coming." She had a choice word for him, right?

Then she said another thing he used to do – well, when he'd come to visit mom and all of them would run and hide because he used to tell them he was going to turn them into a buck goat and

they believed he could do it because of these sleight of hand things, right? But he had the cape and the hat and the trunk and the wand and all this. He would give you an orange and then he'd say cut this way and cut it this way and take it apart. When you did there was a match right in the middle of it, but you couldn't see how he got it in there.

SEASONS OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Lucille Morrissey Winter

SUMMER/FALL:

I remember school uniforms, playing hopscotch, skipping rope, hula-hoop, and marbles. I remember holding concerts on the stable loft, 5cents to get in and go through my "tickle trunk" to look for costumes.

I was supposed to weed the potatoes in my garden and pulled up the potatoes instead. Fred Snow's Snack Bar was the place we all gathered for some fun.

OCTOBER/FALL

Halloween was and still is my favourite time of the year. I remember foraging in my Nan's trunk for the best costume to wear. A hat, a fancy dress or coat, to pulling pranks to decorations, to staying out to late and Mom calling all over the River on our Party-Line to find me. Our favourite places to "trick or treat" were the Convent and the Cookie House, (Mrs. Mahoney's).

DECEMBER/WINTER

My friends and I went sliding on Margaret English's Hill and almost always ended up in the drain. Everyone skated on the pond as well. Cars and trucks were on there too sometimes.

I remember knitting and crocheting with nan, sweaters that she would put the zipper in when finished.

I remember always going to midnight mass, coming home to see the Christmas Tree standing. Then I couldn't wait for morning to see my doll or my new watch that I already discovered, opened to get a closer look and couldn't get back together again properly.

Seeing people who had passed away being waked in your house was quite the experience. Mom ran a Snack Bar at one time in our house.

I had a cat, Whiskers and the main attraction was watching me touch the cats tail, her saying "yum yum yum" while drinking her saucer of milk.

I went berry picking on the truck to Snow's Pond, ate all my lunch before I got there, ate a lot of the blueberries too.

Loved shopping at Garfield Ralph's getting some Bell Bottomed Jeans, Hot Pants, and styling in the Maxi Coat.

DEATHS & WAKES IN NORTH RIVER

Legend has it that when a person died at home, the door would be opened to let out the soul. When a corpus was in route to the church and graveyard, all blinds would be drawn to show respect, religion did not matter at that time. The bell would toll for about an hour before the corps arrived, the bell was stationary and would be hit with a steel ball but when the corpus was about to arrive the bell would ring. The corpus was waked at home for 2-3 nights, There was always three people in attendance at the wake from midnight til daylight. If anyone of the 3 fell asleep their faces would be polished black. There was many games of 45's played on the foot of the casket.

It was customary for friends to get together and have a few sips and tell each other what they would do to or for the person who died first. John Mahoney & Dicky Neville promised each other that they would dance on the coffin of the one who died first and John Mahoney did just that in the grave yard he said "Hold on boys I got one more thing to do" after the casket was lowered into the ground John jumped down and stepped out the Hornpipe on top of the casket. Related to me by Mary Flynn of Otterbury. Mary promised Aunt Biddy Quinlan that when she died if she was left behind she would put a Berry Bush and a mat rag in the casket with her. She died in the winter and Mary forgot to place those items in the casket before it was taken to the graveyard, so she went to the graveyard and had the casket opened and slipped the items in.

Another of Mary's stories: Laura Morrissey & Verna Bowering were returning home from a card game and Verna Was singing "Flowers never fade" and Laura said, "Will you sing that at my funeral?", Laura died in the car before they reached her home and Verna Practiced with George Bartlett and sang at the funeral.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES AT THE HALL

In the 50's & 60's Wilf Doyle band from Conception Harbour would play, Christine Doyle and Bill Keating on guitar, Jack Ghaney on Drums, Wilf play the accordion. There were seats all around the sides of the hall and the kitchen would serve

The lancers would start between 9-9:30, everyone had a dance partner, after the 1st set everyone would go outside to cool of and have a smoke and many times to have a fight. There was fighting inside and out. people would attend from Brigus, Cupids, Bay Roberts and towns farther up the bay.

SHOPS IN NORTH RIVER - HALLS TOWN as remembered by Richard P Morrissey

1. In 1950 North River's main go to shop was B A English, that consisted of a shop attached to the family dwelling and a large storage room upstairs. Across the road was a

building which stored bags of flour, scratch, bran, etc. And attached to this building was a garage for his car, (one of three in the community)

Next to the main business and house was another building approximately 40ft by 50 ft with a mezzanine floor on the road side. There was also a very large barn for a horse, cows, pigs & hens etc., behind the house there was a large cellar used to preserve vegetables.

Lorraine Hall Laracy , Margaret Hann married Duncan Snow Dorothy Fillier married Leo Hanlon, all worked at English's store.

He started a wholesale business in the early 50's.

2. A little later his daughter Bridget & son-in-law Daniel Cummings started a a store down the road, DJ Cummings and carried similar items.
3. James E Hanlon and his wife **Mary Jim** (called so because there were so man Marys) started a store attached to their house and carried general merchandise and catered to school children.
4. Edward Fitzgerald opened a grocery shop and wholesale business, and a 3 bay large garage across the road from their house on land that they made (with permission) by filling in the river.
5. Ned & Joan Dawson opened a small store at the bottom of the river.
6. Fred Snow opened a small games shop next to Connolly's
7. Donald Hall opened a small Juke box store and later built on a larger store that later was a Canada Postal Service.
8. James Ashford had a small store at the end of Ashford's Lane. Note; he sold shoe leather and tacks. When Richard was a little boy, Uncle Jack sent him up to get 2 ozs of tacks with the right money and he put the money on the counter and picked up the bag to leave Mr. Ashford asked him where is the tax and he said here in my hand
9. Marjorie Fillier opened a small convenience store further up the road.
10. Lorne Snow had a small convenience store.
11. Jacob Mahoney operated a general grocery store in the 1940's.
12. Regina Hurley operated a small store attached to her house.
13. Frank Hanlon towed his stable from his yard, over Hanlon's lane, up the main road and by the brook at the end off Jack Morrissey's garden and used it as a snack bar and sold beer. Frank had a 2nd store attached to his house, the house that Vern Dawe lives in now.

BERRY PICKING IN NORTH RIVER HALLS TOWN

In the morning between 7:30-8AM English's truck would pick up everyone along the way to go berry picking and drop them in their favourite spot. He would have berry boxes in the truck and everyone would be allotted one each. Wm. Bradbury & Bessie were pickers and he would say "it's I Stan Bill Bess and myself" to get an extra berry box. Stan was called "The Travelling Tar Mop" because of his beautiful black curly hair. Josie Delaney Corbett Stevens was the high-liner berry picker, no one could beat her, 15-16 gallons per day. The truck came back and picked everyone up in the evening.

MIDWIVES OF NORTH RIVER & HALLS TOWN

Mary Josephine Dunn Fowler 1873 -1957 - She also prepared deceased persons for burial.

Nellie Morrissey 1894 - Married Patrick Morrissey father of William who married Gertrude Dunn of South River

Ida Jane Snow 1892 - (married John Snow of Ed & had Arthur & Eric)

Alice Kavanaugh Mahoney 1835 - 1927 (Married Patrick Mahoney & had 8 children)

Liz Cooney

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Songs and Recitations:

“Little Meg and I” by Con. T. Murphy

Recited by Edward Dawson

Spin a yarn before I go below
and as the night is calm and bright; there's no chance of a blow.
I'll tell you one story as true as ever it was told.
Shipmates wouldn't lie about the dead. No, not for gold.
Well, the story is of the maid and lad who loved in days gone by.
And the maid's name was Meg Anderson. And the lad's ship mate was I.

On such a sturdy ship to the craft was Meg; was very hard to find
but she could climb a hill and make five knots against the wind.
And as for larnin' hulks and spares I often heard it said,
that she could give the scholar point and then come out ahead.
And the old school master often said, well, mates it made me cry,
for the smartest there was little Meg and the greatest dunce was I.

Well what cared I for learning when Meg was by my side.
Although, lad, I loved her, mates, and for her I would have died.
And she loved me, that little lass, and often I would smile
when she would say, Bill, I'll be your wife, with the prattle of a child.
But there lay a gulf between us mates with waters running high.
On one side stood Meg Anderson on the other side stood I.

Meg's fortune was 12 ships at sea and houses on the land,
where mine, shipmates, [unintelligible]; you could hold it in your hand.
Meg's father owned a vast domain for miles along the shore.
My father owned the fishing smack, a hut and nothing more.
And I knew Meg's love I'd never gain no matter how hard I tried.
But it was on a bed of down lay she, and along a bed of straw lay I.

And I never dreamt of leaving Meg or Meg of leaving me,
for we were young and never dreamt that I should go to sea.

And then one fine morning father said there's a whale ship in the bay,
And I want you Bill to take a cruise; you'll go on board today.
Well mates three weeks from that day, I bid them all goodbye,
and on the pier stood little Meg, and on the deck stood I.

I often oft times saw her whenever I came on shore,
And she would say Bill when you are gone I love you more and more.
And I promise I will be true to you all through the coming years,
and as she spoke her bright blue eyes were filled with briny tears.
And as I whispered words of hope and I kissed her eyelids dry,
the last words were godspeed you Bill that parted Meg and I.

Well mates, we roamed the seas for four long years. It been on one summer's day,
on that good old ship [Marzini] he cast anchors in the bay.
My heart ran high with hope for to see her home once more,
and hundreds there stood on the pier to welcome us on shore.

But my heart it sank within me when I gazed with wandering eyes,
But no little Meg stood on the peer as on the deck stood I.
Well mates, it nearly broke my heart when I went on shore that day.
They told me that my Meg had wed when I was gone away.
They told me that they forced her to and wrecked our dear young life.
Just think she'd make a child in years to be an old man's wife.

Well her father said it must be so. Then what could she reply?
But just 16 was little Meg; just 21 was I.
When I roamed the sea for four long years, perhaps it might have been more,
one blustery night Jack Lam and I, we were rowing to the shore.
And just ahead we saw a sight that caused us to hold our breath.
Lay floating in the pale moonlight was a woman cold in death.
I raised her up, oh god, shipmates, had I but passed her by,
but within the bay lay little Meg, and over her stood I.

The next day we laid poor Meg away and lightly o'er the wave,
my spirit wandered back to keep a watch beside our grave.
Her father knows not where she lies, or him who she betrayed.
There is no one knows but Jack and I where little Meg is laid.
In a little grove of willows, her father's house nearby,
there rests in peace my little Meg where here shipmates am I.

“The Face Upon The Floor” by Hugh Antoine d’Arcy
Recited by Edward Dawson

It was on a brand new summer’s evening and a goodly crowd stood there.
And how well I filled y’all’s bar room on a corner of the square.
The songs and witty stories came through the open door,
when a vagabond went slowly and composed upon the floor.

Where has it come from? someone cries. The wind has blown it in.
What does it want? Another cries. Some whiskey, rum or gin.
Well sic’ em Toby if your stomach feels equal to the work,
although I wouldn’t touch him with a barge; he’s as filthy as a Turk.

When badinage this poor wretch took to stoical of good grace,
and in fact he smiled as though he thought he struck the proper place.
Come, boys; I know there’s kindly hearts amongst a gooder crowd.
To be in such good company would make a deacon proud.

Give me a drink, boys; that’s what I want. I’m out of funds, you know.
But when I had the cash to treat the bunch, that hand was never slow.
What you laugh as if that pocket had never held a sou.
Well once I was fixed, my boys, so well as well as any one of you.

There, thanks. That braced me nicely. God bless you one and all.
Next time I pass this good saloon I’ll make another call.
Sing you a song? No. I can’t do that. My singing days have passed.
My voice is cracked and my throat worn and my lungs is going fast.

But if you’ll give me another whiskey, boys, I’ll tell you what I’ll do.
I’ll tell you a funny story, and in fact I’ll promise too.
That I was once a decent man; not one of you would think,
as I was, some four or five years back. Say, give us another drink.

Fill them up, Joe. I want to put some light into my frame,
for such little drink to a bum like me is miserably tame.
Five fingers; that’s the scheme. And corking whiskey too.
Here is luck, more boys and landlords, and my best regards to you.

Well, you’ve treated me pretty kindly boys and I’d like to tell you now,
that I became this dirty sot you see before you know.
And I told you once before I was a man of muscle, frame and health,
Who but for a blunder might have made considerable wealth.

I was a painter, not one that dabs on bricks and wood,
but an artist who for my age was raised very good.
I painted a picture; perhaps you have seen. It's called the Chase of Fame.
And it brought me 1500 pounds and added to my name.

It was then I met a woman, boys; here comes the funny part.
Her eyes petrified my brain and sank deep in my heart.
And it was so, and for a year or two her smile was freely given,
and when her loving lips touched mine it carried me to heaven.

Boys, did you ever see a woman for whom your soul you'd give
with a smile, like, the Milo Venus, too beautiful to live
And eyes that would beat the Koh-i-noor and a wealth of chestnut hair.
And so it was she as there was never another half so fair.

When I was painting out the portrait one afternoon in May
Of a fair-headed boy, a friend of mine who lived across the way.
And Madeline admired it and much to my surprise
she said she would like to know the man that had such dreary eyes.

Well, it didn't take long to know him, but before a month had flown,
that friend has stolen my darling and I was left alone.
An airy air of misery had passed above my head;
the jewel that I had treasured so had tarnished and was dead.

It was then I took to drink, boys, and I never saw you smile.
And I thought that you would be amused and laughing all the while.
Come, friend. What's that I see? A tear drop in your eye?
Come laugh like me; it's only babes and women cry.

Come give me another drink, and I will be glad
I will paint to you all a picture of the face that drove me mad.

With another drink and a chalk in hand this vagabond began
to sketch a face that well might draw the soul of any man.
And as he added another lock upon that well-shaped head,
With a fearful shriek, he'd flung his arms aloft, and he stretched across the picture dead.

My Old Ragado chords of “Little Beggarman” by Pat Hanlon

A D G C

I'm a Newfoundlander, Johnny Butler is my name

D A C G Am E

I was born in Otterbury, a fisherman of fame

D C

Born in the morning, at quarter after two

D C G

With my hands in my pocket of my old ragado

Now, at the age of sixteen a-fishing I began

I longed to see the day that I'd become a man

My youth I soon exhausted

And a man I quickly grew

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

Now, at the age of thirty, I'll tell you it's no shame

I courted a pretty maiden Susie Anthony is her name

Now Susie said she loved me and I loved Susie, too,

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

Says I my pretty Susie I have something else to say

Do not think me so unworthy for to leave you this way

For to lead you to the altar is more than I can do

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

Oh no, says pretty Susie I'm not a bit put out at that

I knew the time would come when you'd turn me down right flat

There's lots of men in Newfoundland twice as good as you

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

I buttoned up me overcoat, put on me old black hat,

And thought myself quite lucky to get off so fine as that

With the heel of my hand I wiped my mouth & bid goodnight to Sue

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

Now then I'm a married and settled down in life

With a cozy little cottage and a handsome little wife

I often think upon the days when I was courting Sue

With my hands in the pockets of my old ragado

Stories of the Supernatural

THE HAUNTED TRESTLE

Brittany Corbett (student of Ascension)

The trestle in North River was known to be haunted. In the night you should stay away because there was a girl killed on it. She haunts the trestle and she will try and kill you.

THE FAIRIES MAY GET YOU

Courtney French (student of Ascension)

My grandmother told me a story about when she was a little girl. They lived up in North River and like all kids back then, loved to explore and play outside. Her mother would say to them, "Don't go up there because the fairies may get you." Indicating not to go to the field on Springfield Road (South River) or by the old train track because those spots would be known as the places where the fairies have taken people for what seemed to them to be 10 to 15 minutes, but could actually have been anywhere from three hours to three days. Her mother saying this was enough to scare the kids from going to these places.

FAIRIES AND THE JACK 'O THE LANTERN

Florence Hurley (nee Hall)

My mother was a really good storyteller. I don't have the memory or the mindset that she used to have so I can only remember bits and pieces. Besides, in my day we were more concerned with the Beatles and stuff like that, not about old stories that our mothers and fathers and grandparents used to tell us!

But next door, now my mother always talked about Uncle Bob Hall, he lived next to where my mother eventually came to build a house and live with my father and the rest of the family. Uncle Bob was a storyteller and people would go to his houses and he would frighten people to death. He would tell the ghost stories; I don't know what the stories were but my mom always said that people would be afraid to walk home after coming out of Uncle Bob's because he was such an interesting person, an interesting teller of stories.

As a matter of fact he used to tell, one of the stories he used to tell was Jack O' the Lan. He wouldn't say Jack-o-Lantern, Uncle Bob would call it Jack O' the Lan. It's a ghost, it's basically a ghost story from what I can understand, some light going, you know, through the woods. That's all I can recall it might be.

You know, my brother used to say that he never saw the fairies but he heard their music. He got lost one day in the woods when he was a child; not too much of a child because he had a vivid memory of it. He got lost and he went around trying to get his bearings to find his way back home and he heard the music. Now, he was only a child and it was before transistor radios or television or anything like that, so he heard music. He swears he heard the music, so where could it come from? It must have been the fairies. So he did believe in the fairies, you know!

FAIRIES OF THE YELLOW MASH

Gervase Hurley

Gervase Hurley was interviewed by folklorist John Widdowson about a story which Gervase had learned from his mother, a tale of how his grandfather met up with a group of dancing fairies at a place called The Yellow Mash.

Gervase Hurley: We don't say "marsh," it's "mash" all the time. So I'll use "mash", Yellow Mash. He said they were there in the thousands, ranked, you know, filed ranks, dancin'. He said they were short' I think they'd be about four feet, and tall pointed hats, which I take it would be above their normal height. They were all dancing, he said.

John Widdowson: Did they look like people?

GH: Apparently so. They looked like small people, about four feet high.

JW. And how tall was this hat? You did tell me it was fairly tall? How many inches?

GH: Well all my mother says is "Tall pointed hat" which I'd say twelve inches - no more than that, you know. Now there's another man, Ed Dawson, he describes 'em much the same way.

JW: Did your mother tell you how your grandfather reacted to this? Did he just watch them dancing or did they disappear, or what did they do?

GH: Oh apparently he just watched 'em, then continued on his way in the woods.

FATHER THIBAUT'S HEADSTONE

Nicolas Hurley

Father Thibault of Conche (died 1870) is buried in the North River Roman Catholic Cemetery, and at one point he was believed to be a clergyman with unusual powers. In 1986, Nicholas Hurley spoke with Decks Awash magazine about Father Thibault's headstone:

According to local people, Father Thibault's powers are said to have extended beyond the grave, so we visit the cemetery on the Conception Bay Highway just outside North River to discover why.

"There is some lore around his tombstone," Nicholas informs us as he points out the obvious dark outline on Father Thibault's white marble headstone.

"The older people in the parish say that the shadow of a man appeared on his tombstone soon after his burial and they say that touching it brings all sorts of cures. We told a lady from the States about it when she was picking blueberries up around the cemetery. Three weeks later she wrote and told us that her incurable skin cancer had disappeared. She said she had touched the tombstone and said a prayer. The doctors couldn't explain it."

JACKY LANTERN

Diana Kearley (nee Frost)

John Frost got married to Florrie Snow and he had my great grandfather William Henry and William Henry had five children, four girls and a boy. The boy being my grandfather, [Jack Frost].

My father was Bill Frost and his father was Jack Frost and he was married to Mae Bussey from Makinsons. My father was born in North River as was his grandfather and his great grandparents and most all of them lived in the same house. It is still standing there in North River in Frost Lane.

Dad used to tell us stories when we were little. There was no TV, there was no radio but I remember stories that he told us.

One time coming on Halloween, and Halloween was a lot different in North River then we didn't have pumpkins we carved turnips, big turnips and our parents grew big turnips and kept them for that purpose. But we were getting ready for Halloween and Dad told us this story about Jacky Lantern. Now it had to do with Halloween but it had nothing to do with pumpkins, witches and things like this but it certainly had to do with spirits and hauntings. He said that he and a lot of his friends saw the same thing.

Now we live by a really beautiful big wide river in North River and the moon shone on the river and the sun shone on the river and bright nights with moon and water. Who knows what Dad saw but the story was that on Halloween just before really dead dark they saw a Jacky Lantern. To them it was moon shaped and it was round shaped. But he always had the name Jacky Lantern and he came every single Halloween.

He always told us about Jacky Lantern and they would not be caught out – they didn't treat or treat either but they were out up to shenanigans but they would be home before dark because of Jacky Lantern in North River.

THE GHOST WITH RED EYES

Josh Russell

At Clarke's Beach Pond where the metal bridge is, there is a hill that leads into a pond and behind is a forest where dirtbikes and quads go past. Years ago a lady was kneeled down by the pond washing her old clothes because back then there were no washing machines to clean your clothes like there is today. She lost balance and fell into the pond and because she didn't know how to swim, she had drowned. It is said that if you go on the bridge where you can see where she drowned you can see her ghost with red eyes on the hill washing clothes.

JACK FROST FOLLOWS A GHOST

Naomi Russell

Naomi Hurley recounted this story in 2011 as part of a school project at St. Michael's Regional High while she was in grade seven.

I'm going to tell you this story, it's short, and it's about my great pop. He also lived in North River for any of you guys who heard the one about my great nan. OK, his name was Jack Frost [laughs], not the snowman. He was a real pop of mine. Anyway, so he used to go away, he used to play for dances in farther communities away from North River. I can't really name them off hand. But he used to play for them and when he was done he'd have to walk the whole way back, because this took place in the 1900s. And he'd have to walk back from these places.

After he was done playing music he'd go to the bar and have some drinks with friends and usually him and his friends, they'd walk home from these dances. It usually took a few hours to get home. So he walked home with his friends. So when he walked home with his friends after his last friend turned off and walked their path home, he was walking by himself, he had another – he had about another hour to walk before he got home to his house. So he was starting to get lonely and it was cold and it was late so he started to walk faster. Up ahead he thought he saw the figure of somebody and the figure looked very familiar, he thought it looked like somebody I know.

When he started to get closer, it was a girl. It looked like a girl he knew, long hair and he thought oh my god, that's a girl I go to school with. And – oh, I forgot to mention he's about, you know, high school and stuff. Anyway, I don't remember what her name is so I'm just going to name her Karen, [audience laughs], OK? Her name is Karen. So he tries to catch up to Karen and he's running and running and running but he doesn't seem to be catching up to her. He runs for what seems like hours but is only minutes but he doesn't catch up to her. So he calls out her name, Karen, Karen. She doesn't hear him, she doesn't turn around, she doesn't even know he's there. So he calls out again,

Karen, Karen, it's me, Karen. She doesn't hear him. So he said that's odd, I don't know what I've done wrong, I wonder why she's ignoring me.

So he kept trying to catch up with her. Since this was in North River she turned down and she went down to the bank of the river and she disappeared and he didn't see her. He was really confused, like why did she go down there because she was going in the complete opposite direction of her house. He walked home and when he got home his mom greeted him and said, "How was the dance?" He said, "It was good but something peculiar happened on the way back. I saw Karen up ahead of me and I was trying to call out to her but she wasn't answering." Then she looked at him with a strange face. And he said – so he looked at his mother with a strange face and he said, "What?" And this was about two o'clock in the morning by the time he got home.

So his mom said, "Karen died in a car accident at ten o'clock." [Jack] said, "No, she didn't, she was up ahead of me when I was walking home." [His mom] repeated very gravely, "No, she died in a car accident at ten o'clock." He just looked at her really strange. So [it turns out] he followed a ghost home, the end.

Old Time Recipes

For consistency:

c - cup

tsp - teaspoon

tbsp - tablespoon

lb - pound

pkg - package

COTTAGE PUDDING

Submitted by Laura Barrett;
recipe by her mom Sarah Bradbury

4 tbsp butter

$\frac{2}{3}$ c sugar

1 large egg

1 c milk

1tsp vanilla

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c flour

4 tsp baking powder

pinch salt

Cream butter, sugar, beat in egg until blended then add all the rest in bowl. Mix together good then pour in a loaf pan (greased). Bake at 350 for 1 hour (let cool)

Sauce

4 tbsp of cocoa

2 c of milk

1 tsp vanilla Put all ingredients in a sauce pan on low heat. Stir constantly until it comes to a boil then drizzle over (cool cake) then serve

BLUE BERRY CAKE

Submitted by Glynn Morrissey;
recipe by Gertrude Morrissey

1 egg

$\frac{3}{4}$ milk

$\frac{1}{2}$ c oil

2 c flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ sugar

3 tsp baking salt

"....well janney cake, we call it - one made extra for the janneys; it would be usually made with the leftovers from the other cakes, you see."
Gervase Hurley, 16 August 1967.

SALMON CROQUETTES

Submitted by Joanne and Richard Morrissey;
recipe by Gertrude Morrissey (nee O'Brien)

Melt over moderate heat

2 tbsp butter

Blend

$\frac{1}{4}$ c flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt

Few grains of pepper

Gradually add, stirring constantly.

1 c milk

Cook until mixture thickens & smooth.

Add, 8 or 10, ground crackers.

Add 1 tin of salmon. 16 oz. Remove bones.

Mix well.

Meanwhile, beat 3 eggs well in a bowl and take by the tablespoon & dip into egg, and put in hot fat. Brown on both sides.

SNOWBALLS

Submitted by Joanne and Richard Morrissey;
recipe by Gertrude Morrissey (O'Brien)

Boil for 3 to 4 minutes
¼ c butter
½ c evaporated milk
2 c sugar
Add 2 tbsp cocoa
Let cool a little then add
2 c coconut
2 c rolled oats
1 tsp vanilla

Roll in balls and then in more coconut.

"Boil-up is used as a noun and a verb. As a noun it is used to refer to meal time in the woods. The preparing of a meal in the woods is boiling up."
Macolm Hall, age 30, 27 January 1967.

PEPPERED STEAK

Submitted by Joanne and Richard Morrissey;
recipe by Gertrude Morrissey (O'Brien)

2 lb steak cut up in small pieces
2 onions
2 stalks celery
1 green pepper
1 tin stewed tomatoes
1 tin mushrooms
2 tbsp s. Sauce
2 tbsp corn starch

Add cut up green pepper & celery & onions. Add tomatoes & mushrooms. Keep juice of mushrooms and add to corn starch. Add s. sauce. Cook on simmer for 1 hr. covered.

JOHN'S SAUCE

Submitted by Joanne and Richard Morrissey;
recipe by Gertrude Morrissey (O'Brien)

2 c water
1 c brown sugar
½ c vinegar
2 tbsp corn starch
4 tbsp ketchup
1 tsp salt
2 tbsp s. sauce
" tsps " w. sauce

Boil 5 or 10 minutes, add to chicken
Cover chicken parts cook for 1 ½ hrs in
Slow oven. Cover

Serve**** with fried rice or mashed potato.

DARK FRUIT CAKE

Submitted by Kathleen Neville Fitzpatrick;
recipe by Josie (Neville) Corbitt Stevens

1pkg currants
1pkg raisins
1pkg mixed peel
1 pkg cherries
1 c nuts
2 ¼ c sugar (I use 1 c)
2 ¼ c water
1 lb Good Luck Butter
1 tsp mace
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp cloves
1 tsp allspice

Put all the above in pot & bring to boil for 5 mins.
Let cool. Add 3 eggs beaten & 2 tsp vanilla. STIR.
Then add dry ingredients:

3 ⅓ c flour
2 tsp soda
2 tsp baking powder

Bake 275° for 2 ½ - 3 hrs

"Aunt Jose made the best fruitcake ever, problem was us Delaneys ate the whole thing Christmas night!" -
Eileen McCann

OLD TIME PORK CAKE

Submitted by Kathleen Neville Fitzpatrick;
recipe by her father, Peter Neville

1 c finely ground pork
1 c hot strong coffee
1 c granulated sugar
1 tsp each of allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
2 eggs well beaten
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c of molasses
3 c sifted flour
2 c raisins
1 c currants
2 c mixed peel

Place pork in bowl. Pour hot coffee over it and let stand until cold
Sugar spices and soda - stir into pork and then add well beaten eggs and molasses.
Two tablespoons of flour over fruit, add raisins
Flour to the pork mixture, stirring until well blended
Add the floured fruit. Use a nine or ten inch baking pan and line it with three layers of brown paper.
Bake at 275° for about three hours.

“You associate grapes with Christmas, you know; blood puddings also. What are called ‘black puddings’ in my tradition: puddings, often in skins like sausage - made from pig’s blood and seasoning.”

Gervase Hurley, 17 August 1967.

BLOOD PUDDING

2 loaves of bread
1 c salt pork cut up fine
2 c onion
1 tsp pepper
1 c blood
3 tsp allspice
1 tsp cloves

Soak bread
Squeeze out excess water
Add other ingredients and mix well

Put in greased molds and steam for 3 hours.

DINNER ROLLS

By Sylvia Hurley

Recipe can be doubled

1 egg
1 16 g pkg yeast
1 c milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c margarine (heat milk and margarine in microwave)
3-4 c flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c sugar
1 tbsp salt

While milk and margarine are heating, dissolve yeast in warm (not hot) water, to which a tbsp of sugar has been added. Cool milk/margarine mixture to warm. Add beaten egg and risen yeast. Add dry ingredients. Stir vigorously with a wooden spoon until smooth. Add flour as needed until mixture can no longer be stirred. Knead and continue adding flour until dough is no longer sticky. Let rise for at least an hour (or until doubled in size) in a warm place. Knead dough and let rise again. Form rolls and place on a greased pan. Let rise. Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

FISH CHOWDER

Courtesy of Mary Long St. Clare

$\frac{1}{3}$ c onions
1 c carrots
3 c water
 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp pepper
Pinch sugar
2 tbsp butter
2 c diced potato
1 c celery
1 tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp msg
1lb fish or sole
6 oz tin condensed evaporated milk

Place first 10 ingredients in pot. Boil gently until cooked. Add fish. Simmer 10 minutes or until fish is cooked. Add milk. Re-heat but do not boil.

PLACENTA BLUEBERRY PUDDING

Submitted by Peter Boleska

2 ½ c flour
1 tsp allspice
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp ginger
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
¼ c hot water
1 c molasses
½ c oil
1 egg beaten
2 c blueberries

Sift flour, spices and salt together. Set aside. Combine molasses, oil and egg. Dissolve baking soda in the hot water and add to the molasses mixture. Add dry ingredients and blend well. Fold in blueberries. Turn into a greased 2 quart mould and steam for 3 hours.

Serve with Vanilla Sauce

¼ c butter
½ c butter
1 tbsp flour
1 c milk
1 tsp vanilla

Melt butter, add sugar and flour. Combine well. Gradually add milk and vanilla. Cook slowly until thickened. Stir frequently.

BOILED FRUIT CAKE

Submitted by Joann Fitzpatrick,
recipe by Dorothy Neville

1 pkg currants
1 pkg raisins
1 pkg dried peel
1 pkg cherries
1 c nuts
2 ¼ c sugar
2 ¼ c water
1 lb Good Luck butter
1 tsp mace
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp cloves

1 tsp allspice
3 ⅓ c Cream of the West Flour
3 eggs
2 tsp soda
2 tsp baking powder
¾ tsp salt
2 tsp vanilla

Put in pot fruits, spices, water, sugar and butter. Boil for 5 minutes. Let cool. Add eggs beaten, vanilla and dry ingredients (flour, baking powder and salt). Bake in 275 F degree oven for 2 ½ to 3 hours.

GREEN TOMATO MUSTARD

Submitted by Lorraine Boone

3 lb green tomatoes
3 lb onions
1 or 2 cucumbers
1 cauliflower

Cut into small pieces. Soak in salted water overnight. Boil in same water, until you think it's cooked. Strain off water. Let set there, until sauce is cooked.

Sauce

3 cups sugar (little or more depending on your taste, white sugar)
1 ½ c vinegar (white)
1 c flour
6 tbsp dry mustard
1 tbsp turmeric

Put sugar and vinegar on to boil, then add flour mix flour with water, as if you were making gravy. When mixed, add to boiling mixture stirring constantly. Then add mustard and turmeric. Let boil together. If not sweet enough add more sugar to taste.

Then add to pickle mixture and stir in well. Then put on stove to simmer on low heat, about 10 minutes or so. When cool put in bottles.

North River Comings and Goings

Firemen Attend Tragic Fire

BAY ROBERTS, Jan. 25.—On Friday evening our volunteer fire brigade responded to a call from Otterbury, Clarke's Beach, to a fire believed caused by an electric heater in an upstairs bedroom of the home of Mrs. Angela Quinlan. Upon arrival it was learned three of Mrs. Quinlan's children were asleep in the bedroom. One of the firemen managed to get into the flaming bedroom and bring the child out, however the child died shortly afterwards.

The fire was quickly put out, however, the three children, Gerald, Loyola and Angela lost their lives.

Mrs. Quinlan, a widow, and five other children escaped the fire, to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Daily News, 29-Jan-1960

Outport Health Report.

Messages from various doctors to Board of Health report two cases of Spanish influenza at North River, and one case of smallpox at the Goulds.

Two cases of smallpox have appeared at Manuels and four more cases of smallpox have occurred at St. George's.

Evening Telegram, 23-Apr-1919

SNOW'S POND HEMATITE.

By word lately received from Snow's Pond, North River, we learn that a 3-foot vein of hematite iron ore has just been struck in the shaft, which is now down 20 feet. The ore in this vein is free from any admixture. This appears as if it is going to turn out a first class property, as all the indications go to warrant it. There is a large body of decomposed iron, averaging from one to five or six feet, scattered all over the surface and overlying the ore, which has the appearance of being a high grade, some surface specimens showing as high as 65 per cent. We congratulate the owners, who are local men, upon their good fortune.

Evening Telegram, 13-Sep-1900

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

Nov. 27.—The long distance telephone between St. John's and various Conception Bay towns was opened. The first message was from Dr. Whelan of North River to the Prime Minister.

Evening Telegram, 31-Dec-1921

Welcome To Returning Veterans

CLARKE'S BEACH, Aug. 25.—Again the people of Clarke's Beach, North River and Salmon Cove responded nobly to the call of the W.P.A. and turned out en masse to the Parish Hall in North River to welcome back the lads of the Artillery who so recently arrived home.

The chairman of the gathering was Mr. Chesley Filler who, whose brilliant wit and cordial manner added much to the success of the evening.

The speakers were Rev. Mons. Dinn, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. B. English, Mr. R. W. Shepherd, J.P., Mr. Martin Seward, Mr. T. Mahoney and Mrs. Wilkinson who, as President of the Branch, extended to the lads a hearty welcome from the W.P.A.

Solos were rendered by Misses V. Long, E. Ellis, A. Hanlon, B. Long, Eileen Reid, and Betty Long. The quartettes of Mrs. Hall, Misses M. Hanlon, B. Long, and Miss Dinn were greatly enjoyed.

The guests of the evening were Capt. R. Wood, Ptes. Lawlor, H.E.M. Jacobs, Harold, Morgan, Mufford, Hancock and Wren Hancock.

Immediately after the entertainment concluded tea was served by the ladies of the W.P.A. and dancing was indulged in.

At the conclusion of the dancing presentations of money and cigarettes were made to the guests by Mrs. Wilkinson on behalf of the W.P.A. The National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

R. W. S.

Daily News, 06-Sep-1945

Mr. Pat Kavanagh has bought the business owned by Mrs. North Mullowney at South River, after some renovations he intends to start a restaurant.

Daily News, 16-Nov-1956

South River Notes

SOUTH RIVER, March 25.—Quite recently the people of South River, Salmon Cove, Clarke's Beach and North River had the great pleasure of welcoming home the following members of the armed forces: Miss Clarice Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan of South River, now a leading air woman in the R.C.A.F., as well as Seamen George Atkins of North River, Alphonse Long also of North River and Geo. Dunn of South River. This was Clarice's first visit to her home for sometime and her family and friends were very pleased to see her once more. Apart from a public reception under the auspices of the W.P.A. held in the school which she attended before leaving home, several other receptions in houses were given in her honour and the fortnight's furlough seemed to pass all too quickly. Clarice, being the only girl from here in the forces naturally evoked much favourable comment particularly on her trim appearance in air force blue and everyone vied with each other in helping her to enjoy her leave.

Daily News, 08-Apr-1943

Clarke's Beach Area Gets Ready For June 2

All Hallows' Hall at North River was the scene of the initial meeting which launched the campaign for the festivities of the Coronation in Clarke's Beach and vicinity.

Monsignor Dinn convened the meeting and Chesley Filler was selected as chairman with secretary S. D. Colford, asst. secy. S. G. Hoddinot and treasurer J. Fisher.

The following committees were appointed:

Entertainment Committee—Messrs. D. J. Cummings, N.R., Walter Stevens, N.R., Edward Connolly, N.R., Mr. Eric Jerrett, Clarke's Beach, Mrs. Rev. Wilkinson Clarke's Beach, Mrs. Rev. Davis, Clarke's Beach, Messrs. Lloyd Hussey, S.R., F. W. Hussey, S.R., Mrs. Rev. Fick, S.R., Mrs. J. Fisher, Makinsons; Mr. F. Lawrence, Makinsons; and Miss Nellie Harter, Makinsons.

Finance Committee—R. W. Shepherd, L. S. Hoddinot, Miss B. Dunn, Miss N. Harter, Mr. H. F. Lawrence, Mr. Walter Stevens, Miss H. O'Brien, Mr. S. D. Colford.

Publicity Committee—Mr. T. W. Hussey, Mr. R. W. Shepherd and Mr. Jas. Tall.

Address of Loyalty—Rev. H. Fick, B.A., Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dinn and Mr. Davis. With the chairman C. Filler, Mr. F. W. Hussey, and Mr. B. A. English.

These committees intend getting down to business immediately.

Daily News, 30-Apr-1953

NEW HOUSE BEING BUILT

A very worthy project is underway at South River, where the Dept. of Welfare are being a new home for Mrs. Tom Frainey and her daughter, Mrs. Jim Cummings, the men of the community are giving free labor, we understand, instigator of this project was Rev. Father Hogan, P.P. of North River, to whom great credit is due. Both Mrs. Frainey who is almost eighty years old and Mrs. Cummings are widows, there is also an invalid son Tom Cummings living with them. We hope they will live to enjoy many happy years in their new home.

Daily News, 03-Dec-1959

METING OUT JUSTICE

In the Police Court.

(BEFORE JUDGE CONROY.)

JAMES CONSTANTINE, 38, former man Cape John, up for vagrancy, was ordered to find two surcles in \$14 each, or go to prison for six months. John Cummings, 19, seaman, North River, Conception Bay, was up for the larceny of a pair of boots from the ship, Maurice Winter. The boots belonged to John Lane, one of the crew. The accused informed the court that the boots were lent to him by Lane, who told him that he could take them and put them on. The prisoner was discharged. Sergeant Newhook summoned cabman Ed. Cantwell for obstructing.

Evening Telegram, 14-Dec-1900

The United Towns Electric Company will commence at the end of next month the extension of their transmission line from North River to Halls Town where some 25 houses will be wired. With the opening of spring some exploratory work will be commenced on the iron ore deposits at Snows Pond. Test pits will be sunk over the area and possibly some diamond drilling. If and when an economic deposit of ore is located the United Towns will continue their transmission lines from Halls Town to Snows Pond.—Daily News.

Harbor Grace Standard, 24-Jan-1930

VENERABLE LADY HONOURED ON HER 111th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Ellen Carroll Receives Many Messages and Presents —Heard Over Air

Mrs. Ellen Carroll of the Birch Hills, North River, celebrated her 111th birthday yesterday by a visit to the city, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Daniel O'Brien of North River. Last night over Radio Stations VONF and VOGY she was interviewed by the Barreman and her answers were clearly heard by the radio audience. Yesterday she received congratulatory messages from His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Mayor, Hon. J. C. Puddister, and others and during the day also received a number of birthday presents. Mrs. Carroll had not been in St. John's for between 30 and 40 years. She is a remarkable old lady, being possessed of all her faculties, though a little hard of hearing. With very little assistance she is able to get around even if not so sprightly as a few years ago. It is not so long ago that she walked on Sunday mornings from the Birch Hills to North River to Mass. She hopes to visit the All-Newfoundland Fair at the Arena to-night if the excitement of last night was not too much for her.

Daily News, 21-Oct-1938

His Honor the Administrator of the Government, in Council, has been pleased to appoint Messrs. J. M. Mallick, Richard Morgan, Zachariah Dawe, Patrick Kenny, and William Basse, to be a Board of Road Commissioners for Port-de-Grave, (North Bay Roberts to Port-de-Grave); Messrs. Thomas Batten, Isaac Richards, James Moore, George Basse, William Hall, and Richard Morrissey, to be a Board of Road Commissioners for Barended, (Port-de-Grave to Hall's Town); Mr. Isaac Richards, to be a Member of the Road Board for Barended; Mr. Edward Butler, to be a Member of the Road Board for Cape; Mr. Stephen French, to be a Member of the Road Board for Cape.

Road Board for Salmon Cove and Clarke's Beach, District of Port-de-Grave; Messrs. James Moore, Thomas Moore, Abraham Sealey, Barended, John French (Dock), W. J. Thompson (Pond) Henry C. Dawe, and Patrick Mahony, North River, to be a Road Board for Barended and North River, District of Port-de-Grave; Messrs. Philip Grandy, Thomas Kinsella, John Noseworthy, Charles Brenton, Philip Cluett and Geo. Chant, to be a Road Board for Belloram, Fortune Bay District; Messrs. Lawrence Moss, John Chivers, John Furlong, Edward Dooley, John Fennell, Pierce Heaney, and Michael Kehoe, to be a Road Board for Plate Cove, District of Bonavista Bay.

Secretary's Office, April 30, 1895.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. A. B. S. Stirling to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Twillingate, in place of Rev. Canon Temple, left the district; Messrs. Henry Dawe, John Crowley, William Pillier, John Cummings, James Snow, and Jacob Hall (of Jacob), to be a Road Board for North River, District of Port-de-Grave; Messrs. John Rowe and Thomas Greene (of William), to be members of the Road Board for Point Verde, District of Placentia and St. Mary's, in place of Messrs. James Rowe and Wm. Greene, resigned.

Secretary's Office, Nov. 14, 1905.

Published by Authority.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. A. B. S. Stirling, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the district of Twillingate, in place of Rev. Canon Temple, left the district; Messrs. Henry Dawe, John Crowley, William Pillier, John Cummings, James Snow, and Jacob Hall, of Jacob, to be a Road Board for North River, district of Port-de-Grave; Messrs. John Rowe, and Thomas Greene, of William, to be members of the Road Board for Point Verde, district of Placentia and St. Mary's, in place of Messrs. James Rowe and William Greene, resigned.

Secretary's Office, Nov. 14, 1905.

Mr. McKAY asked leave to present a petition from F. Noseworthy, J. Long, and others, of North River, Port-de-Grave, asking for a road leading from the main road to the back garden road. At North River there were a number of these roads, and considerable trouble was given the residents in bringing manure to their gardens. Petitioners asked for a sum of \$20, and he trusted the Minister of Public Works would see the way clear to grant the same.

Published by Authority.

His Excellency the Governor, in Council, has been pleased to appoint John McNeil, J. T. Nevill, D. Marison, John Dwyer, John Howley, Alex. D. Rankin, Esquires, to be, with the hon. the Surveyor General, a Board of Agriculture, under the provisions of the Act of the last session of the legislature, entitled "An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture."

His Excellency the Governor, in Council, has also been pleased to appoint Messrs. James Mahoney, and George Butler, to be members of Road Board for Barended and North River, in place of Mr. Richard Morrissey, resigned, and Mr. George Basse, left the district; Messrs. John Prince, Samson White, John Moss, Wm. Prince, Sealove; Jas. Quinton, sr., and John Pomeroy, Southern Bay, to be a Road Board for Southern Bay; Messrs. Edward Penney, and Lawrence Dacey, to be members (additional) of Keels' Road Board.

Secretary's Office, 6th August, 1899.

Published by Authority.

HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Henry T. Butt to be Sub-Collector at Sound Island, Placentia Bay; Mr. William Sullivan, to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for Northern Bay, in place of Thomas Ford, deceased; Mr. Robert Hiscok (of Jacob), to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for Heart's Content, in place of Mr. Henry Piorey, Scilly Cove, retired; and Mr. Willis Pittman, to be a member of the same Board, in place of Mr. W. J. Martin, of New Perlican, retired; Mr. Moses George, to be a member of the Road Board for Shoal Bay, District of Trinity, in place of Leander Drover, resigned; Mr. John Long (of Wm.), to be a member of the Road Board for North River and Barended, district of Port-de-Grave, in place of Edward Skeans, deceased; and Mr. Walter Hanton, to be an additional member of the same Board.

Secretary's Office, April 28, 1903.

Published by Authority

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Messrs. Joseph Gorman (Emeraldvale) and Isaac Hall (Halltown) to be members of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of North River, in place of Messrs. Francis Kelly and Patrick Morrissey, retired; Messrs. John Turner, of Abraham (Hayward's Cove) and Thomas Kane, Jr. (Sholloway Cove) to be members of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of St. Brendan's, in place of Messrs. Thomas Turner, left the District, and Jno. Turner, retired; Mr. Ethelred Carter to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Greenspond, in place of Mr. Ebenezer Young, retired; Mr. John Clarke to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for the District of Carbonear, in place of Mr. Wm. Hawker, deceased.

Department of the Colonial Sec'y.
January 9th, 1912.

Protesting Poor Road Conditions At North River

Residents of North River, Conception Bay, have made a strong protest to the Government regarding the poor condition of roads in that area.

Following is the text of the communication as received by Mr. Isaac Mack, Q.C. M.P.P., representative of the Provincial Government for Port-de-Grave District:

North River,
Conception Bay, N.F.,
February 26, 1904.

Messrs. Q.C. M.H.A.,
Lawrence Street,
St. John's, N.F.

Sir:—We, the undersigned, wish to go on record in protest of the way in which the Department of Public Works is neglecting the country roads in this area and in particular the North River road from Clarke's Beach to Snow's Beach.

Last year certain funds were allotted to various roads but North River was very conspicuous in the absence of its name among the privileged few. There are numerous motor vehicles in North River and the owners of

the vehicles consider that a little attention to their road would not be amiss. We realize that two policemen from North River earn their livelihood through the Dept. Public Works but when it is considered that practically ninety-five per cent of their time is spent on highway repairs and on other roads very little in the way of maintenance is the North River road can be accomplished.

We request you to endeavour to obtain through the Dept. Public Works the services of the necessary men and equipment needed to make the North River road passable in safety.

In anticipation of a favourable reply in the not too distant future and submitted on behalf of the residents of North River, we are respectfully yours,

D. J. CUMMINGS,
D. A. ENGLISH,
EDWARD J. CONNOLLY.

Daily News, 02-Mar-1954



Road Gang getting the road ready for paving: Gregory Long, Luke Neville, Jake Moores, Stan Fillier and Nicholas Cummings

Barn Dance

A barn dance was held at North River Parish Hall on Friday, Oct. 14th, with Doyle's Orchestra in attendance. Teas were served by the ladies and everybody reported an enjoyable time.

Daily News, 21-Oct-1955

BOXING

AT STADIUM

Friday, Aug. 19th, at 9 o'clock

FOR NEWFOUNDLAND HEAVY WEIGHT BOXING
CHAMPIONSHIP ELIMINATIONS

JOE "BRICK" WALL, 201
ST. JOHN'S

vs.

BERNIE "BOOM BOOM" SKANES, 190
NORTH RIVER

ED TONER, 130 lbs.
ST. JOHN'S

vs.

KENNY McCURDY, 128 lbs.
U.S. MARINES

WILLIE BARNES, 210 lbs.
ST. JOHN'S

vs.

TOM STRUZINSKY, 201 lbs.
U.S. NAVY

2 OTHER BOUTS

Referee: TOM "PUSSYFOOT" BENSON
Judges: LEO O'DEA, DOUG OLIPHANT

General Admission 75c
Reserved seats 1.00, 1.50, 2.00

Aug 21, 1955

AT NORTH RIVER.

(Editor Evening Telegram.)

DEAR SIR,—I happened to be present at a musical and dramatic entertainment held at North River on Monday evening last, under the auspices of the Rev. Dr. Whalen, the beloved pastor of that place. Though it is admitted that our local theatricals do not by any means assume international importance, yet it is the opinion of those competent to judge that they play a prominent part in the education of the youth in the several localities in which they are held. Hence a good word towards the encouragement of every effort in that direction should never be considered out of place. Indeed, the exhibition was in this instance so successful from every standpoint that I really cannot refrain from publicly stating that fact.

I have not the full details at hand; but the programme, which was a judiciously varied one, was in its entirety, even brilliantly carried out by the whole company. "The Flag of Newfoundland" opened up the proceedings, and of course created a wave of patriotism. In the farce, entitled "Barney the Baron," Mr. P. Connolly as "Barney" did excellent work in a difficult role. The audience was simply delighted with him. His songs, too, especially "Molly O," were sung and acted in a most humorous manner. He was a host in himself. Mrs. P. Cummings sang her song in a clear soprano. She has some lovely notes, and her voice is perfectly true. The duett, in which the Misses Neville and O'Brien took part, was admirably rendered; and the little girl, B. Neville, prettily danced a horn-pipe to the great amusement of the audience.

In the Temperance piece with which the entertainment closed, it was evident that Mr. P. Hurley as the reformed drunkard, knew something about the science of elocution. His conception of the role was original and his acting superb. But the palm of the evening must be given to little Cummings girl, apparently not more than five years of age. In the scenes between the Publican and the Gaoiler, she took part in two duetts. She was a revelation. The audience felt like kissing the darling little child. A tableau brought this piece to an end, showing the drunkard restored to his now happy wife and family and the joyful faces of the three characters (the Misses Cummings) representing Faith Hope and Charity, to whose kindly aid he owed his reformation.

The more or less minor parts were well taken by the Misses M. Corbett, M. Hanlon, and Messrs. Connolly, J. Seward, J. O'Brien, James Mahoney and B. Aspel. Miss Walker, the talented teacher at North River, ably accompanied the several singers.

At the invitation of Dr. Whalen, Messrs. W. J. Lynch and W. H. Kennedy, of Harbor Grace, attended, and sang "Beautiful" and "The Laughing Song," respectively. The latter gentleman laughed so heartily that he compelled the audience to join in chorus. Both kindly responded to the enthusiastic encore which they received.

The proceeds, amounting to the handsome sum of sixty dollars, goes, I believe, to a fund for the building of a new church. If one can judge by the energy and perseverance displayed by him on this occasion, Dr. Whalen and his good people will not have long to wait for that new church. The people of North River and the outlying places are to be congratulated upon having such an able man assigned to them as their Parish Priest; and he in turn, must be pleased to have such rare material at his fingers' ends towards the general upbuilding of the place. Yours truly,

Feb. 15, 1907. WELL PLEASED.

Evening Telegram, 18-Feb-1907



Crowds of people from all over Conception Bay gather to watch winter horse races on North River



Playing Hockey on River



Garden party on St. George's Church grounds



Mug-up: Jake Hall, Rose Hall Hurley and family

North River Bazaar.

REV. DR. WHELAN'S Church bazaar at North River opened at 6 p.m. yesterday at that town. The event is under the patronage of His Lordship Bishop March, and is being held in the old church building, which is suitably decorated for the occasion. The display of goods is lavish and varied and indicates a successful issue. Last night the hall was largely attended by people of all denominations. The sale continues till Wednesday night next.

Dance and Supper

to be held in
ALL HALLOW'S HALL
North River, C.B.

This Friday Night

7th inst.
Doyle's Orchestra will be in attendance.

Daily News, 14-Nov-1952

Beautiful Entertainment.

CITY MAN SURPRISED AT TALENT EXHIBITED AT NORTH RIVER.

In a first visit to this beautiful section of Conception Bay, I had an agreeable surprise. It surely is a beautiful spot. It is interesting to a first visitor, and even to the initiate; to the frequent passer by, its varied magnificent scenery of sylvan dells, umbrageous groves and evergreen solitudes, present a charming panorama to the eye. Somehow we of the city are obsessed with the idea that talent enters only where urban dwellers revel. This may be a species of metropolitan "melagomania" or of communistic pride, but it really exists, and only a visit to beautiful places like Clarke's Beach and North River dispels the illusion. My sojourn here has been short, but it has been long enough to destroy some preconceived notions. But as brevity is golden, where an up-to-date newspaper like the *Telegram* has to keep its columns diversified, I will come to the point.

Through the kindness of the promoters, I was a guest on the nights of Thursday and Friday at an entertainment held in the spacious and beautiful Hall at North River and seldom have I witnessed, even in my native city of St. John's, anything approaching it. It was a revelation to me, expressing as it did histrionic talent of a very superior character. This opened with a comedy in three acts entitled: "Snow Ball or a Married Man's Mistake."

DRAMATIS PERSONALE.

Mrs. Featherstone—Miss Hanlan.
Felix Featherstone—M. Fitzpatrick.
Miss Ethel Granger—Miss E. St. Clair.

Mr. Thornycroft—B. A. English
F. A. Pandergraast—M. A. Mahoney-honey.

Penelope—Miss F. M. Casey.

Each lady impersonated the characters assigned to them in such a faultless and graphic manner that the spectator had the pleasing illusion of being amidst the surroundings depicted and in which the different facetious scenes occurred. In fact each act developed the most amusing situations and the audience from the opening to the closing scene were convulsed with laughter. Where such perfection was evident it would really seem to be unfair to make distinctions that might be considered to be invidious, but one cannot but make special reference to the excellent rendition of "Penelope" given by the talented Miss F. Casey and the extremely amusing role assumed by Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, the seemingly erring Paterfamilias. Mr. Fitzpatrick by the bye is the courteous and efficient station agent at Clarke's Beach and his popularity is well deserved. "Mike," if he wishes to devote his time to it, can profitably utilize his histrionic qualifications.

VERSATILITY OF CHARACTERS.

One of the young ladies who occupied a principal role at the initial performance having been taken ill, Miss Kathleen Casey showed her versatility and ability by assuming it with only a few hours notice and acquitted herself with grace and fluency. At the prelude and between the rise and fall of the curtain in the various acts there was an enthralling flow of music and song. Miss Kitty Seward sang very acceptably. "Sunshine Trail," a pretty morceau by a popular author. A duet—the *piece de resistance*—was "Moonrise" from Stephanie. The beautifully modulated voices of the young artistes who rendered this blended prettily, and the encore demanded so energetically, was gracefully accorded. They were Misses F. Casey and Doris Noseworthy. Solo—Gavotte—"The Valley of Laughter" was inimitably rendered by Miss D. Noseworthy. This young lady is possessed of a very pretty soprano voice of extreme sweetness, yet powerful in expression, and if trained would ensure for her a cordial welcome on any city stage. In fact the same can be truthfully said for the various lady vocalists. Miss F. Casey's "Micky O'Neill" sung so inimitably and with the slight touch of the brogue and gesture which it demanded, caused a

storm of applause and she had to twice repeat the concluding verse. The stage settings, furnishings and scenic effects were very beautiful and a testimony to the aesthetic talent inherent in the Misses Casey. With the rendition of the National Anthem it was then "on with the Dance," and certainly many fair women and brave men trod the mazes of Quadrille or Lancers till the proverbial wee sma' hours. It was really a pleasure to be present and people from Carbonear, Mr. Grace, Briggs and even reinforcements to your humble correspondent from the old city crowded the hall. For a short while the very popular Pastor, Rev. Dr. Whelan, and his curate, Rev. Fr. Casey, were present and enjoyed the proceedings very much. It was indeed an unexpected and highly appreciated treat for a city dweller. —COM.

Clarke's Beach, June 3, 1922.

Evening Telegram, 01-Jun-1922



Walter Delaney, Michael Delaney, Josephine Stevens,
Victor Stevens.



Joseph R. Smallwood, Joann Fitzpatrick.



Jack Duffy, Agnes (Delaney) Duffy, Walter Delaney,
Elizabeth (Hall) Delaney.



Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Peter Neville (Jr),
Marie Neville.



Sylvia (Fitzpatrick) McCabe, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Marie
(Fitzpatrick) Spracklin, Paul Fitzpatrick,
Kathy Fitzpatrick.



Cyril Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Neville.



Dorothy (Delaney) Neville.



Daniel Neville, Bridget (Long) Neville.



Frank and Bill Hall. New Year's Eve, Dec 31, 1999.



Ann St. Clair (Left) and Kathleen Morrissey (Right)
on Cummings Lane.



Helen Morrissey Kennedy, Mike Neville, Marie O'Brien, Tom O'Brien, Jim Mahoney, Kathleen Morrissey Coombs, David Mahoney, Richard Morrissey and RoseMarie Hanlon, ca. 1959



Rose Hall Hurley, Daniel Neville, Agatha Connolly, Duncan Mahoney and Sadie Hall Savitsky



James E. Cummings and Sheila Neville Power



Mary English Hall, Tom O'Brien, Daniel Cummings and Peggy Snow Kent



Regina Kelly Hurley, Kate Connolly Mahoney and Rose Hall Hurley



Patricia Hall Snow, Cal Hall, Miep Pieren Hall and Tom Snow



George Morrissey, Mike Morrissey, Linda Dunn and Sylvia Hall Hurley

Visitors To North River, Conception Bay

The many friends of Mrs. Daniel O'Brien, of North River, Conception Bay, will be pleased to hear that during the months of July and August, she was privileged to have her two daughters, Mrs. Lorenzo Boucher, and Mrs. John Melius, spend their annual vacation with her. Two grandchildren in the persons of Miss Carol Boucher and Miss Dianne Melius, also accompanied their mothers on their vacation.

Yet another very pleasing incident occurred for Mrs. O'Brien, when her son, Mr. Bernard Brazil, arrived to spend his vacation with his mother. This visit is the first that Mr. Brazil has paid to his homeland in twelve years. Another visitor to spend his vacation with Mrs. O'Brien was a Mr. Michael Nash, from Roxbury, Mass. Mr. Nash has made several visits to Newfoundland and he enjoyed his vacation here.

Mr. Brazil was very much pleased with the general improvement that has taken place within a twelve year period and he says that conditions in Newfoundland are definitely on the upswing.

Mrs. O'Brien's visitors will be leaving shortly to return to their homes in the United States, in the Boston area.

Daily News, 27-Aug-1956



Elizabeth Connolly Morrissey, William Henry Frost, John D Morrissey and Jack Frost



Jim Mahoney (2.3.1), Patricia Mahoney Puddister, Marie Mahoney Slade, John, Dan Mahoney, Wayne Hurley, Eddie Dawson and Dominic Mahoney



Margaret Snow, Ida Snow, Bridget Neville Hann Hall, Ida Lidstone Stevens, Mary Morrissey Snow, John Snow, Bill Delaney, Alfred Snow, Duncan Snow and Jo Snow Griffin (seated in front)



Frank Dawson, Bart Kennedy and Jim Mahoney



Bernard English, John F Morrissey, Patrick Morrissey, William Winter and Frank Hanlon



John F Morrissey, Thomas Mahoney and Stephen Hurley



Mark Snow, Dick Cummings, Pete Neville, Danny Cummings, Margaret Frost Sheppard and Sylvia Hall Hurley



Margaret Snow Neville Mugford, Gert O'Brien Morrissey, John F Morrissey, Mary Morrissey Snow, John Snow and Laura Laracy Morrissey



John B Hall, Florence Manderson Hall, Bernard English, Margaret Flynn English, Mary English Hall, John (Power) English and Sylvia Hall Hurley (in front)



Elizabeth Rose Cooney "Aunt Liz", was a midwife in North River. Mother to Din Cooney



Danny Cummings, Jack Mahoney, Nicholas Cummings, Genevieve Kennedy Connolly, Edward Connolly and Ella Sinclair Cummings



Alfred Snow and Lou Poole Sinclair with her granddaughter Kelsey



Jack Frost and Dick Morrissey



John A Mahoney, Mary English Hall and Daniel Cummings, Coronation Day 1938



A crew in the kitchen of Jim and Florence (Snow) Hall (1959)
Back row: Daphne Hoskins Snow, Mary Moore Morrissey, Agnes McDonald Fitzgerald, Jack Fitzgerald, Jake Mahoney, Jim Hall, Florence Snow Hall
2nd row: John F Morrissey, Calvin Hall, Laura Laracy Morrissey, Unknown, Walter Snow by the washer
3rd row: Jack Laracy & in front of him is Lorraine Hall Laracy
Front row: Tom Morrissey, Bill Delaney Sr., Edward Snow



Daniel Sinclair (1.9) with great-nephews, Gary, Danny, Brian and Wayne Cummings



Cousins: Regina Morrissey Drover, Madonna Snow Cummings and Barb Morrissey Delaney



Gertrude Hall Sampson, Rachel Snow, Florence Snow Hall with baby Kay Hall Morrissey, Gerald and Cal Hall in front



Bride English Cummings, Gertrude O'Brien Morrissey, Mary Morrissey Snow, Mary Long Sinclair, unknown, Margaret Flynn English, Regina Kelly Hurley and Ella Sinclair Cummings, 1956



Nick Hurley, Elizabeth Connolly Morrissey, John D Morrissey, Mark Snow and Marie Neville



Elizabeth Cummings Morrissey, Mary Long Sinclair, Genevieve Cummings Connolly, Bridget Long Myles, Gertrude O'Brien Morrissey and unknown



Danny, Wayne Cummings, John A Mahoney, Ella Sinclair Cummings and Gertrude Dinn Mahoney



Laying the Railway



Bell Island Miners, Ned Dawson: middle row, 4th from left



Joan Mahoney Dawson, Winnie Flynn,
Loretta Flynn, Bill Dawson and Gerard
Flynn



Buchans miners: Mike Cummings: row 2, 2nd from left; Johnny Newell:
row 3, 4th from left; Donald Hall: row 3, 6th from left



Eugene Hurley, Nick Sampson, Mike Morrissey,
George Morrissey and Phonse Hanlon



Mac and Loretta Snow's Wedding Reception featuring The
Falcons



Lillian Snow, Graham Snow, Din Cooney and Mary Snow
Brazil Cooney

Longevity Awards

Long-Lived Citizens

Sarah Mercer Morrissey
1786-1886, age 100

Ellen Dwyer Carroll "Granny Carroll":
1827 - 1942, age 115

Mary Josephine Hanlon Morrissey "Mary Bren":
1897 - 2001, age 104

Mary Keefe Flynn:
Born 1918, presently residing at Callingwood Downs
Retirement Residence, Clarke's Beach, age 104

Regina Kelly Hurley
Born 1922, presently residing in North River, age 99



Regina Kelly Hurley at age 99

Newfoundland's Grand Old Lady Passes Away

Mrs. Ellen Carroll Who Died at North River Had Passed Her 115th Birthday—Probably Oldest Citizen in British Empire

Mrs. Ellen Carroll, of North River, Newfoundland's oldest citizen and probably one of the oldest citizens of the Empire, passed away on Sunday at the home of her daughter at North River, the years of her life being 115, forty-five above the allotted span.

Mrs. Carroll was known all over Newfoundland through her broadcasts and because of her remarkable age. For some years her birthday anniversary, October 20th was the outstanding event. She was born on October 20th, 1827 and lived for most of her girlhood in St. John's and served for a while as housemaid at Government House when it was built. The population of St. John's and its surrounding district was when she was born, 15,000 and that of all Newfoundland 50,000, and in her lifetime she saw it mount to 300,000. She lived under the reign of seven Popes and seven British Monarchs, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI.

Mrs. Carroll lived through five forms of government in Newfoundland—rule by Governor advised by a commission, Representative Government, Amalgamated Government, Responsible Government and Commission Government. She was 61 when the first railway was operated in Newfoundland and a middle-aged woman when the Dominion of Canada was launched. She remembered the Old Chapel, the precursor of the present Roman Catholic Cathedral and remembered Bishop Fleming celebrating Mass in it. She was present when the Cathedral was built and completed and the first Mass celebrated in it.

Mrs. Carroll was twenty-one when she was married at Brigus in May, 1848, by Rev. Father Mackey. In the following year, on St. Patrick's Day, her first child was born—James Carroll, who is still living at the age of 92. She had 15 children, 119 grandchildren, 143 great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-grandchildren. Her husband pre-deceased her 47 years ago and was two years her junior in age.

(The Daily News is indebted to Mr. J. R. Smallwood, "The Barreiman" for particulars as to Mrs. Carroll's life).



The Late Mrs. Ellen Carroll

Daily News, 08-Dec-1942

Mrs. Ellen Carroll Celebrated 113th Birthday Sunday

The intervening years between the allotted span of three score years and ten and five score years and thirteen have dealt very kindly with Mrs. Ellen Carroll of North River who yesterday, October 20th celebrated her 113th birthday. On Saturday night, in the North River School, a reception was tendered Mrs. Carroll, the proceedings being broadcast over stations VONP and VORH, and arranged by F. M. O'Leary Ltd. The hall was filled with residents of North River and visitors from the City. On the platform, when Mrs. Carroll arrived, were Hon. Sir John C. Puddister, Kt., deputy chairman of the Commission of Government and Lady Puddister, Mrs. Carroll's daughter, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Carroll's one month old great-great-grandchild. The audience were Rt. Rev. Magr. Murphy, P.P. of Brigus and Rev. Frs. Peddie and Terry.

Commencing with a short concert in which Misses Margaret Keen, Dorothy Templeman, Messrs G. Coultas and J. Rooney took part and with Mr. Bob McLeod as accompanist, at its conclusion Hon. Sir J. C. Puddister, brought birthday greetings to Mrs. Carroll from the Commission of Government and first read the following message from Their Majesties the King and Queen:

Their Majesties' Message:
King and Queen:
"Windsor Castle."

Mrs. Ellen Carroll, North River.
The King and Queen are much interested to hear that you are celebrating your hundred and thirteenth birthday and send you hearty congratulations and good wishes on this remarkable anniversary.

Private Secretary,
and then a letter from His Excellency the Governor:
17 Oct, 1940

"Dear Mrs. Carroll,
Lady Walwyn and I send you our warm congratulations on the occasion of your 113th birthday and are pleased to hear that at this remarkable age you are happy and in very good health.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) Humphrey Walwyn,
Vice-Admiral Governor.
Mrs. Ellen Carroll,
North River, C.B.

Sir John Puddister presented Mrs. Carroll with 113 one dollar bills, one for each year of her age, and said that the presentation was on behalf of the Commission of Government.

Mr. F. M. O'Leary added his congratulations to Mrs. Carroll and made a number of presentations on behalf of many friends of Mrs. Carroll and on his own behalf a rocking chair. Special mention must be made of a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the comrades of her son, Sergeant Thomas Carroll, who was killed in action during the Great War.

Mr. J. R. Smallwood, "The Barreiman" read a large number of congratulatory messages from outside of Newfoundland, and within Newfoundland, including one from Mrs. Carroll's oldest son, aged 91, in California and youngest son at Malden, Mass. Rt. Rev. Magr. Murphy, P.P. of Brigus expressed the regret of all that Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Neill and Rt. Rev. Magr. Dinn, P.P., North River, were unavoidably absent. Whilst all present knelt, Magr. Murphy imparted to Mrs. Carroll the Papal Blessing. He read the following message:

The Apostolic Blessing
Cittadel Vaticano
To Bishop O'Neill,
Harbour Grace.
"Occasion 113th birthday Ellen Carroll, the Holy Father imparts His Apostolic Blessing."

(Sgd.) Cardinal Maglione.
Mrs. Carroll was very tired at the end of the reception but referring to the presents which had been given her said, "May God bless all who gave them to me." The National Anthem brought to a close an historic occasion.

Daily News, 21-Oct-1940



Rocking chair gifted to Granny Carroll at her 113th birthday party, arranged by then-Barreiman, Joseph R Smallwood



Ellen Dwyer Carroll (Granny Carroll) with Joseph R Smallwood, 13-Oct-1940



Mary Bren Hanlon Morrissey at age 100



Ellen Carroll Brazil O'Brien with Anne Brazil Galway, Ellen Dwyer Carroll with Ellen "Larry" Brazil Walsh Conway, ca. 1941



Mary Keefe Flynn at age 104

