The Parish Records of St. Paul's Church, Trinity, Trinity Bay -*copies of which can be found at the Newfoundland Archives at St John's, as shown below - show that the surname "Clark" was spelled without an "e" from the first Clark entry, the marriage of Mary Clark, daughter of Robert and Vine Clark, to John Hunt on May 18, 1782 (p. 1, #2), to 1827, when the Rev. William Bullock prepared the Will of Rolert Clark Jr. on Oct. 26, 1827. In the Will (See APPENDIX, p. 28) Clark is spelled with an "e" as "Clarke". He, the Rev. William Bullock, again spelled Clark with an "e" in the Burial entry for Robert Clark Jr., who was buried on Oct. 31, 1827, just five days after the Will was written. He did not use the "e" on Clark when he first came to Trinity in 1822, however, as shown in the Baptism entry for Joseph, sor of Robert and Ruth Clark of Cuckold's Cove (his spelling) on Nov. 7, 1822 (p. 2, #4). Neither did he use an "e" on Clark in the following marriages: Eleanor Clark to Charles White on Nov. 14, 1823 (p. 6, #16); Robert Clark (widower) to Elizabeth Bartlett on Oct. 29, 1814 (p. 2, #4); John Clark to Eleanor Leonard on Sept. 22, 1825 (p. 17, #53). From 1827, however, he continued to use the "e" on Clark with the exception of Robert, baptised on June 6, 1832, and John, baptised on Sept. 22, 1833, sons of Richard and Elizabeth Clark (p.18, #57)- until he left Trinity in 1842.

In the Will of Robert Clark Jr. (referred to above), the Rev. William Bullock spelled Cuckold's Cove with an "h", as "Cuckhold's" Cove, a spelling that was not used in the Records previously, until he used it in the Burial entry for Sarah Pardy of "Cuckhold's" Cove, who was buried on Feb. 5, 1823 (age "30"). He had not used that spelling in the Baptism entry for Joseph Clark (See above paragraph). He then used the spelling "Cuckhold's" Cove in two Baptism entries, as follows: Hannah, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Ryall - (Ex. 5), p.24 on April 17, 1823 ("3 years 2"); and John, son of John and Elizabeth Stone of "Cuckhold's" Cove, on May 15, 1823 ("1 month"). He continued 1842,

to use the spelling "CuckhoId's" Cove up to

After the departure from Trinity of the Rev. William Bullock in 1842, baptisms were performed by David Martin, a schoolmaster at Trinity, who had been ordained by Bishop Spencer in 1840. He used the "e" in Clark for the Baptism entry of Charles, son of Robert and Elizabeth "Clarke" (p. 2, #4) on Dec. 31, 1844, but spelled Cuckold's Cove as it was spelled before the Rev. William Bullock came to Trinity. In an earlier Baptism of Jane Emma, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Clark (p. 18, #57), on July 7, 1844, David Martin used "Clark" and "Cuckold's Cove". The Rev. H. J. Fitzgerald also used "Clark" in the Baptism entry of Sarah, daughter of John and Eleanor Clark of "Island" Cove (Cuckold's Cove) on Feb. 12, 1845. The Rev. Thomas M. Wood also used "Clark"in the Baptism entry of Charlotte, daughter of John and Susanna Clark of Cuckold's Cove (p. 18, #58) on July 30, 1853. The Rev. Benjamin Smith used an "e" in Clark in the Baptism entry for Mary. daughter of John and Susanna "Clarke" of Cuckold's Cove (his spelling) on May 18, 1855, and continued to use the "e" in Clark.

The above information shows that the form "Clarke" was sometimes used in the Trinity Parish Records after 1826. When I was a boy, we as a family spelled our surname without an "e". My Council of Education Examination diplomas show that I was writing my name as "Clark" in the late 1920s and early 1930s. By that time, however, most of the Clark families at Dunfield were adding the "e" to their surname, and, not to be different I suppose, we"followed suit". The form "Cuckhold's" for Cuckold's seems to have been used only by the Rev. William Bullock. I have often wondered why he used that form, since I have not been able, to date, to find it in any dictionary, encyclopedia or books of knowledge. Perhaps he felt that the word "Cuckold" in "Cuckold's Cove" was stigmatising, and was first used derogatively. See next page.

*The Newfoundland Archives at St. John's have Trinity Parish Records on Microfilm (Reel G, a film of the original entries of Births, Marriages and Burials) from the 1750s to 1857.

In addition, there are five volumes of transcribed (copied) entries of Births and Marriages - for Trinity Parish - as follows:

Births:1753 - 1823, Vol. 64A; 1823 - 1860, Vol. 64; 1860 - 1891, Vol. 63. Marriages: 1757 - 1839, Vol. 64B; 1839 - 1891, Vol. 64C.

Most of the information contained in the Genealogy of the Clark families I obtained from these sources. H. C.

Note: Sometimes the Place of Residence of people living in the "Island" Cove area of Cuckold's Cove, was given in the entries as "Island" Cove. In 1913, the name of Cuckold's Cove was changed to Dunfield, in memory of the Rev. Canon Henry Dunfield, who was in charge of Trinity Parish from 1877 to 1881.

Even today, 1987, the two cove areas of Dunfield are referred to as "Cuckold's Cove" and "Island Cove". The first burial entry I could find for Dunfield was that of Mary Ann Morris, who was buried on Dec. 22, 1913. Age: "82 years".

Henry ("Harry") Clarke

LEGEND

В. = baptized (or "baptised", British spelling) Bap. Bur. = buried (interred) See note below D. = died (Ex. = EXCURSUS. The numbers in parentheses refer to the numbers of the paragraph(s). See pages 22 to 26 inclusive M. NM = not married to date (Feb. 1987), or never married p. = page pp. = pages Tombstone = headstone - the stone at the head of a grave bearing name, dates etc. Wit .: = witness or witnesses at a marriage = number. Example: #1 = "number one"; #2 = "number two"; etc.

Note: The ages listed (with quotation marks) under the dates of Burial are almost all taken from the ages given in the Burial entries. It will be noticed that an age given in the Burial entry may not agree with the age derived by subtracting the given date of birth from the given date of burial. There may be a discrepancy of one, two, or even several years. Some reasons for the discrepancies could be:

- a) The recorded Date of Birth could be in error, perhaps mistaken for the date of Baptism. (Sometimes two or more children in the same family could have been publicly baptised at the same time.)
- b) Relatives were not sure of the age of the deceased, especially when the deceased was elderly or very old.
- c) The deceased had not been sure of his/her age when living.
- d) The age had been unwittingly (or, dare we say, deliberately?) exaggerated by the deceased during life or by relatives of the deceased.

APPENDIX

See pp. 27 to 29 inclusive.

Re "Cuckold's Cove": Some people believe that the name derived from the fact that there was an abundance of mussels on the bar of Cuckold's Cove Arm near the Bar Point, and that the word "mussels" became associated with the word "cockles", as in the song, "Cockles and Mussels", and "Cockles" became "Cuckold's". If so, it was,in my opinion, and perhaps in the Rev. William Bullock's opinion, rather unfortunate, since the word, as given in the dictionary and as used by Shakespeare, would be stigmatising.

Incidentally, fisherman would dig on the shore at The Bar for clams, locally called "Cocks and Hens", to use as bait. That fact also could perhaps have helped with the "cockles and mussels" association.

I may add as an afterthought here that those delicious mussels on The Bar were much in demand in the "old days" in the springtime - especially in "the long hungry month of March" - when people from "far and near" would come to The Bar to "haul" mussels.

H. C.

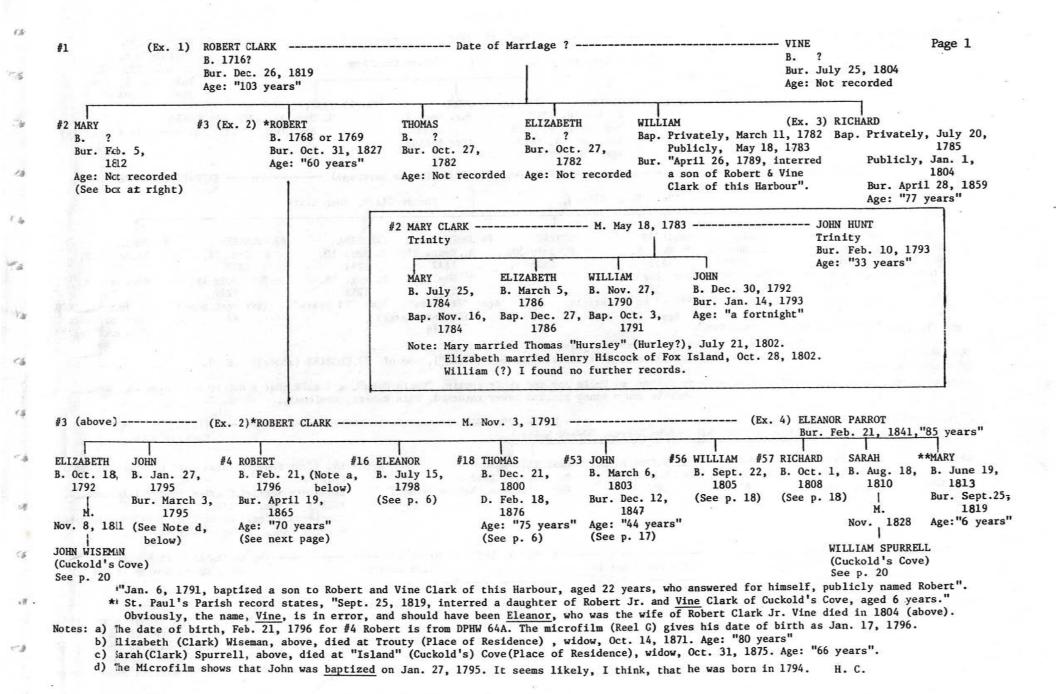
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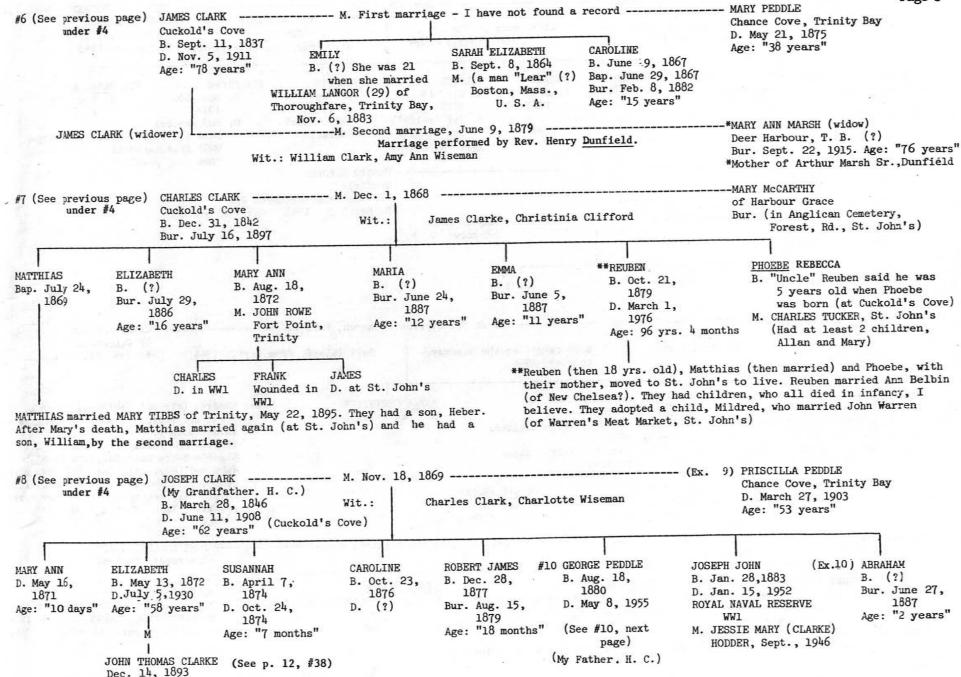
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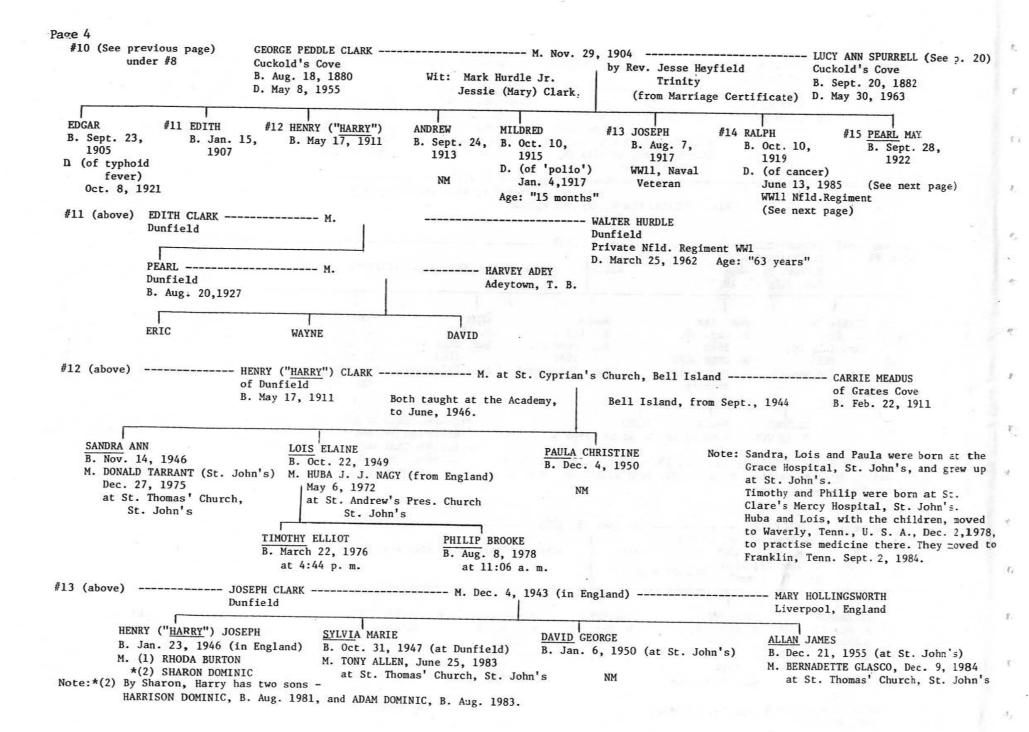
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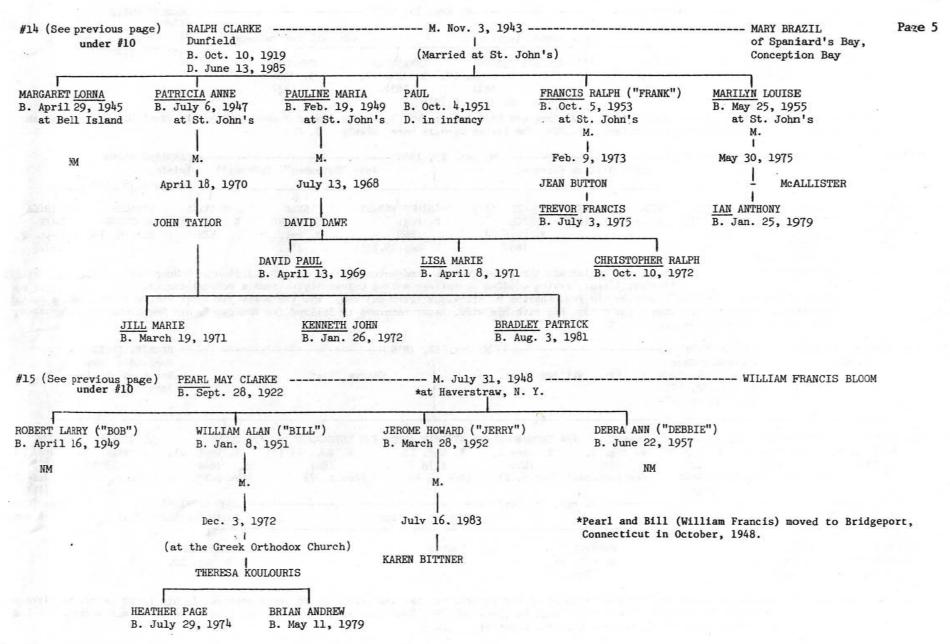
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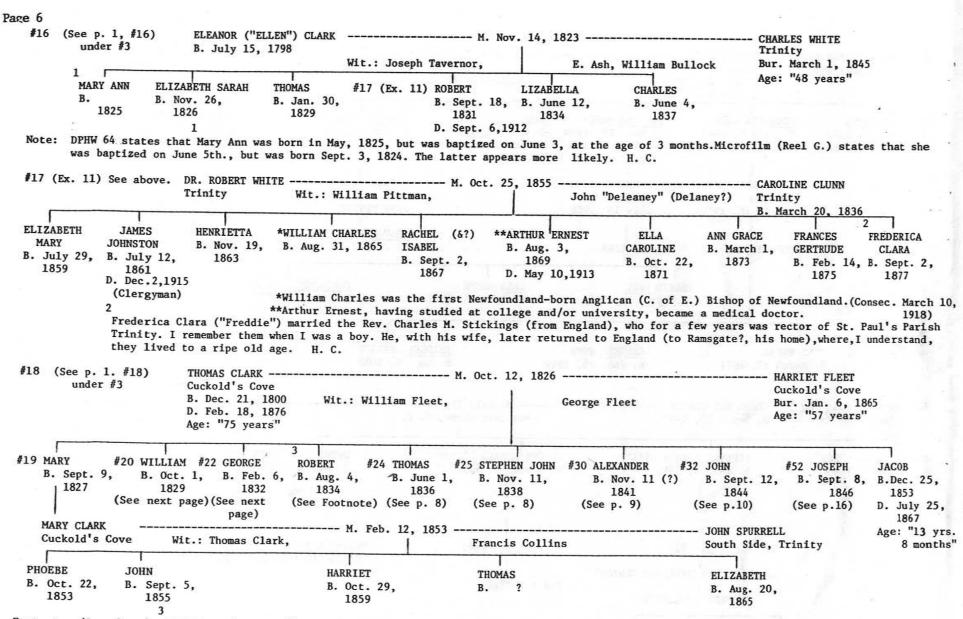




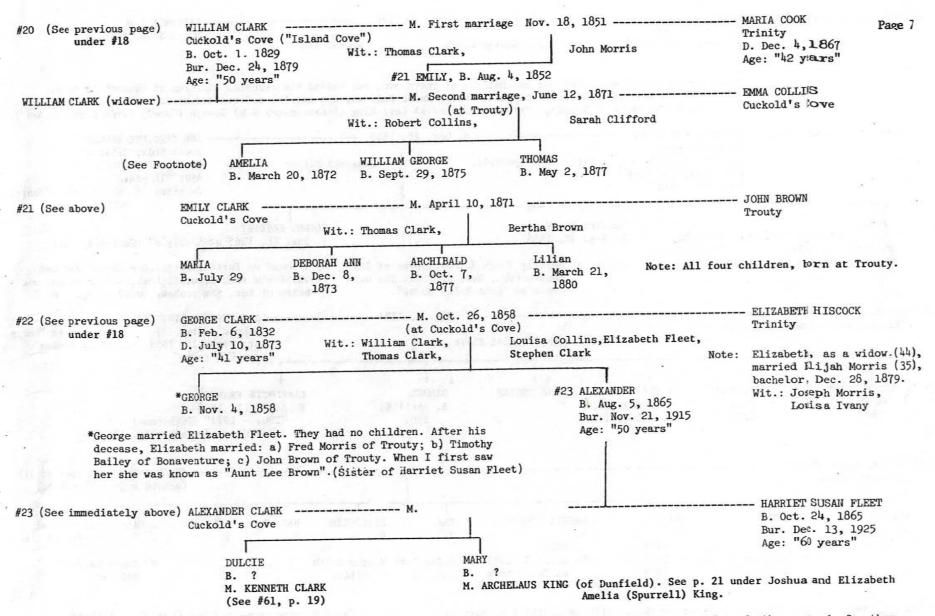


Note: From here back to #5 (p. 2) are descendants of ROBERT CLARK (See #4, pp. 2 & 1), including, of course, the two other children, Vianna and Joseph, by his first marriage to Ruth (Rogers). Also, the children of his daughter, Mary Ann. (See at bottom of p. 16)

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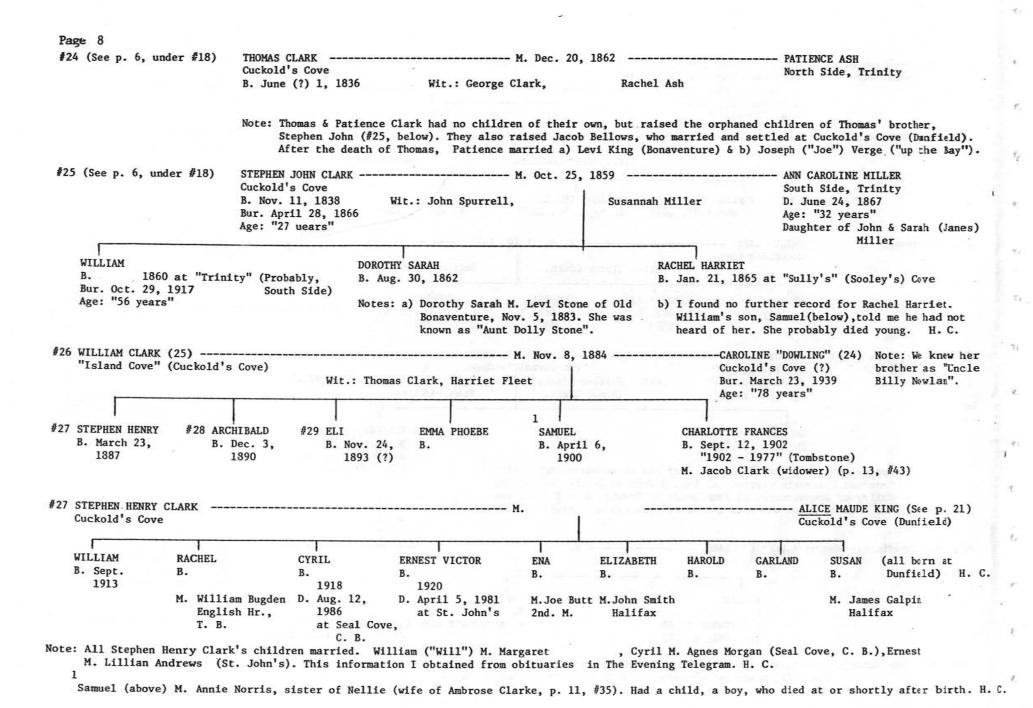


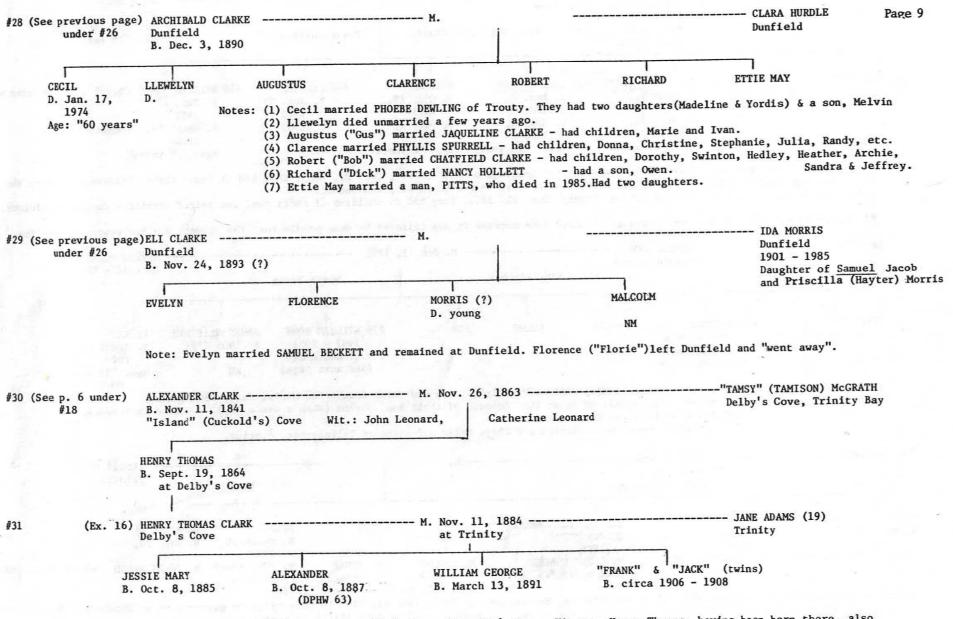
Footnote: (See above) ROBERT was known as "Big Bob" because of his remarkable size and strength. He never married. In his later years, he lived and worked at St. John's. "Uncle Rube" said he often met "Big Bob" here at St. John's, and told me where he had worked, but I did not make a note of it, and now I do not remember. H. C.



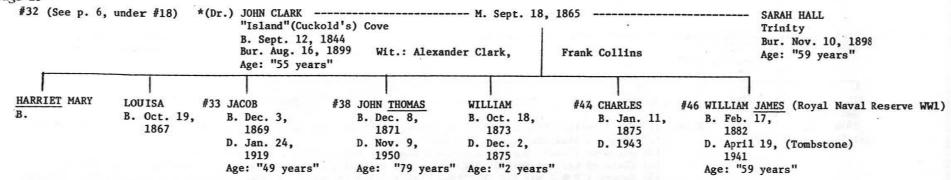
Footnote: (See above): Amelia, William George and Thomas were very small children when their father died. I found no further records for them.

Possibly, their mother married again and/or moved away. H. C.





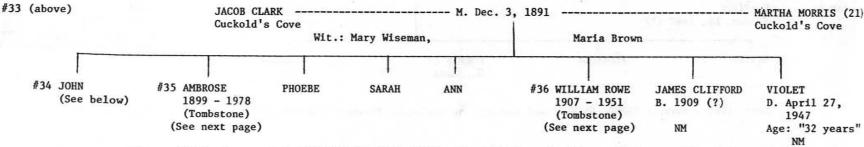
Note: Alexander Clark (#30 above) settled at Delby's Cove, his wife's home. His son, Henry Thomas, having been born there, also settled there and his children were all born there. In later life, Henry Thomas came to Dunfield and lived for a short time.



Notes: (1) Harriet Mary married JOSEPH HENRY JANES (27) of Spaniard's "Bay" (Cove), Dec. 29, 1885. They had at least three children, Eleanor, who married CHARLES KING of Trouty; Jacob, who went to live in the U. S. A.; and Samuel.

(2) Louisa married JAMES CLIFFORD (25) of Trouty, Dec. 22, 1891. They had no children of their own, but raised Harriet's daughter, Eleanor.

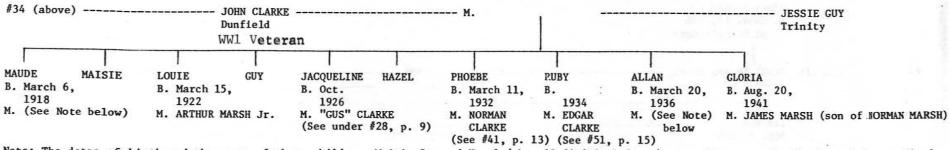
*John, being the seventh son, was known as "Doctor" John because it was believed by some people that the seventh son had powers of healing.



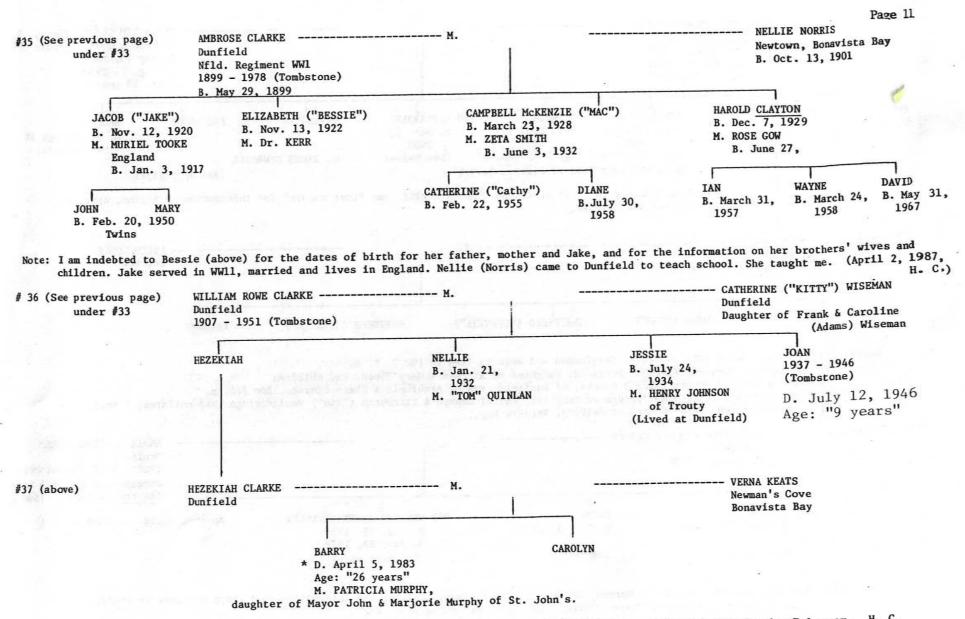
Notes: (1) Phoebe married JAMES HURDLE ("Big Jim"). They had three daughters, Maria, Nancy and Joyce. I think I can recall being at the funeral of their son, Norman (When I was a boy), who died in infancy.

(2) Sarah went to the U. S. A.

(3) Ann also "went away", married a Richard Meima and lived at Tallahassee, Florida.

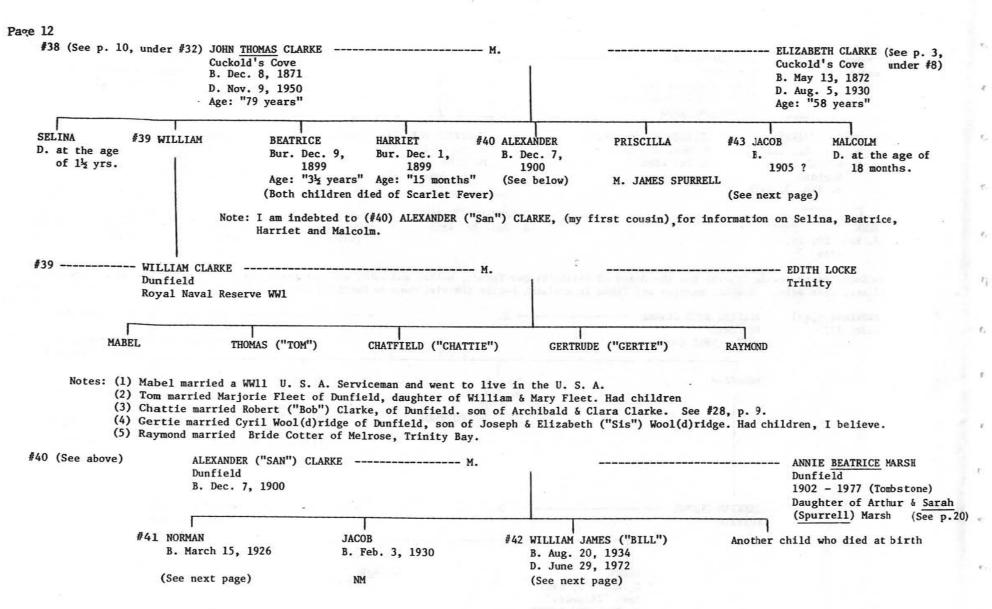


Note: The dates of birth, and the names of three children, Maisie, Guy and Hazel (who all died in infancy), were given to me by Phoebe and Norman Clarke at my house on Jan. 11, 1986. Also for Note (3) above, and the name "Joyce" in Note (1), I am indebted to them. H. C. Maude married a WWll U. S. Serviceman and went to live in the U. S. A. Allan married and settled at St. John's.



^{*} Date of death and age for Barry was obtained from an obituary in The Evening Telegram. H. C.

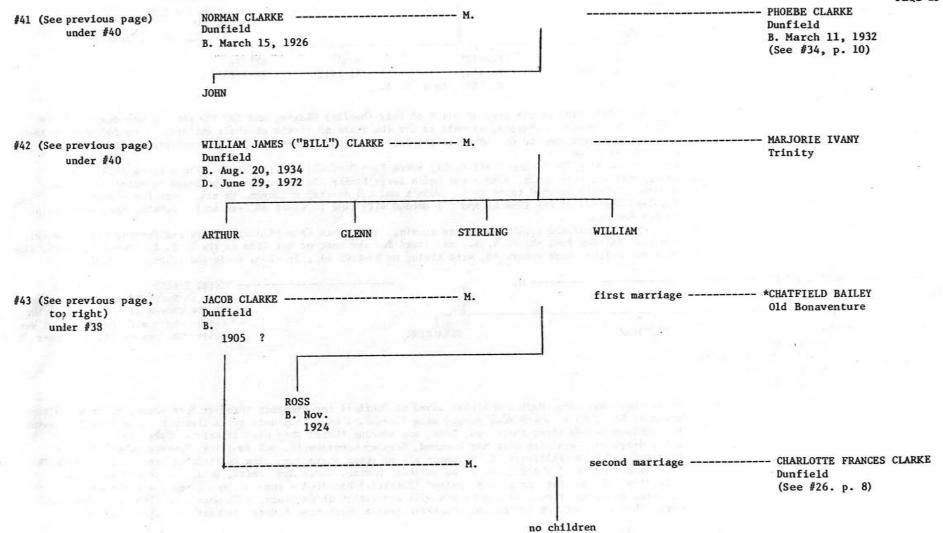
Note: For the dates of birth under #36 and also for the dates of birth of Bessie, Mac and Clayton under #35, I am indebted to Phoebe (their cousin) and Norman Clarke. See note at bottom of previous page (p. 10). H. C.



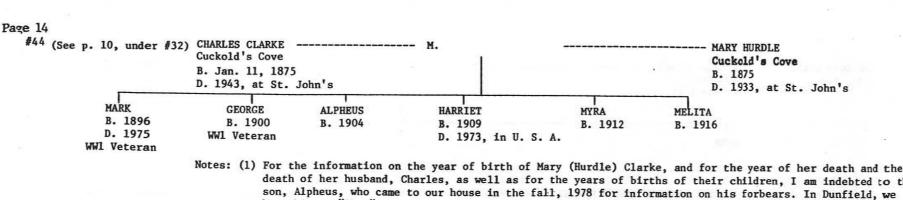
Note: For the dates of births for Norman, Jacob and William James, and for the information that there was another child, I am indebted to Norman & Phoebe Clarke. (See note at bottom of p. 10.)

Also, for the information that Raymond Clarke, son of William & Edith Clarke (#39 above), married Bride Cotter of Melrose. E. C.





Note: For the names of William James (#42 above) and Marjorie's children, I am indebted to Norman & Phoebe Clarke. See note at bottom of p. 10)
*Chatfield ("Chattie") Bailey was a teacher in the C. of E. School at Dunfield. She taught me. H. C.



death of her husband, Charles, as well as for the years of births of their children, I am indebted to their son, Alpheus, who came to our house in the fall, 1978 for information on his forbears. In Dunfield, we knew him as "Phee".

(2) Charles and Mary Clarke and their family moved from Dunfield to live at St. John's circa 1921 - 22.

(3) George married here at St. John's and had a large family. In later years, he moved to Mainland Canada.

(4) Alpheus ("Phee") married twice at St. John's and had several children. He also lived for a period in Mainland Canada. At the time he and his second wife came to visit us here at St. John's, they were living at Bay Roberts.

(5) Harriet left Dunfield (1920?) with her cousin, Jacob Janes (son of Joseph Henry and Harriet Clarke Janes), who was visiting from the U. S. A., and lived for the rest of her life in the U. S. A. (See #32, p. 10, Note 1)

(6) Myra and Melita, both unmarried, were living on Newtown Rd., St. John's, in the 1950s.

#45 MARK CLARKE Dunfield *ROSS PATRICIA GERALDINE B. at Dunfield. I believe. At least,

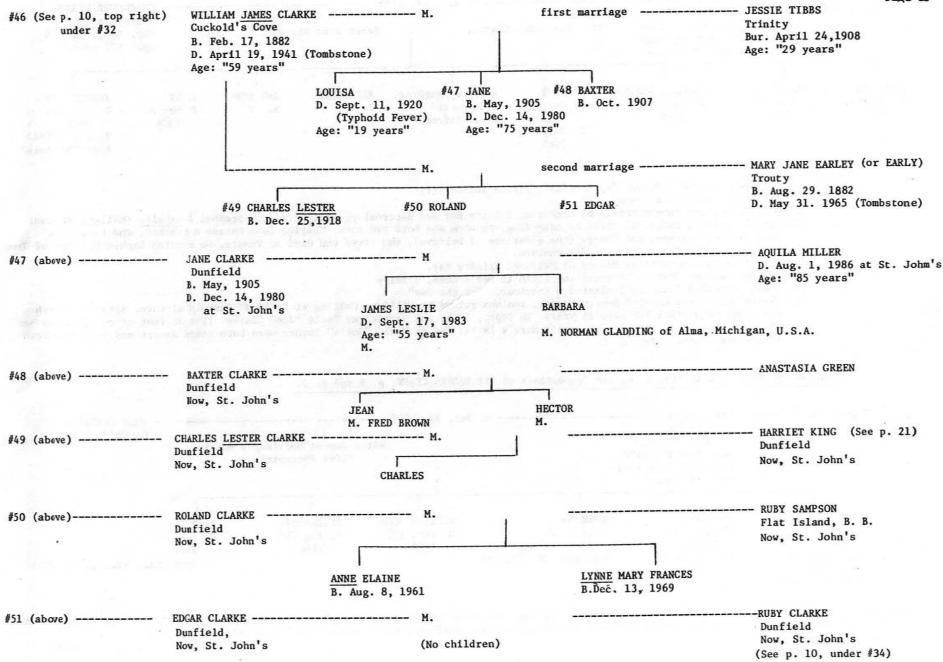
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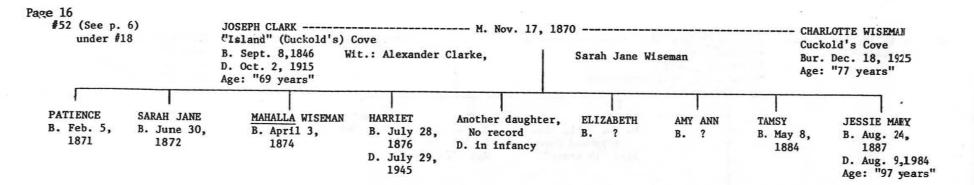
(Came to Dunfield and taught school in The Church of the Good Shepherd. before the new C. of E. school was built. She was my first teacher. H. C.

NOTES: (1) After their marriage, Mark and Violet lived at Dunfield for probably three or four years, after which they moved to St. John's, where Mark worked as a fireman. I know they were still living here in 1940. They moved to Mainland Canada after their son, Ross, was working there. They died in British Columbia.

(2) Their daughter, Geraldine with her husband, Stanley Capnerhurst, and daughter, Vanessa, when visiting Newfoundland from Chilliwack, B. C., about six or seven years ago, came to visit us here at St. John's. They gave us the names of their children as follows: Marcia, Carol Ann, Faith, Enid, Connie and Vanessa. Geraldine told us that her sister "Patsy" (Patricia) had died - she had been married - and that her brother, Ross, was then living with his wife and family at Courtney, B.C. Geraldine also said that her mother had died and her father had remarried just a short time before his death (in 1975). H. C.

^{*} I believe that Ross's full name was "Kevin Ross Charles", and that he was first called "Kevin". I seem to recall that, when I was a boy, I heard his mother "call out" (at Dunfield), "A big bee has stung Kevin".





Notes: (1) Patience married a Pippy "up the Bay", Little Harbour (?)

(2) Sarah Jane married a Vokey " "

(3) Mahalla married Hubert Peddle of Lockston, Trinity Bay. Her maternal grandparents were Stephen & Mahalla (Miller) Wiseman.

(4) Harriet married twice: a) first to Adam King, to whom she bore two sons, Charles (who became a teacher, and taught for many years at Badger) and George (the elder one, I believe), who lived and died at Trouty. He married Sophie Clifford of Trouty. b) next, to Jonathon Miller of Bonaventure.

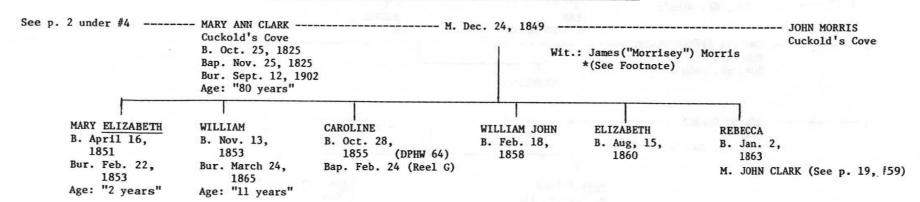
(5) Elizabeth married Charles Mackey of Melrose, Trinity Bay.

(6) Amy Ann married Charles Tavernor and lived in God's Cove, Trinity

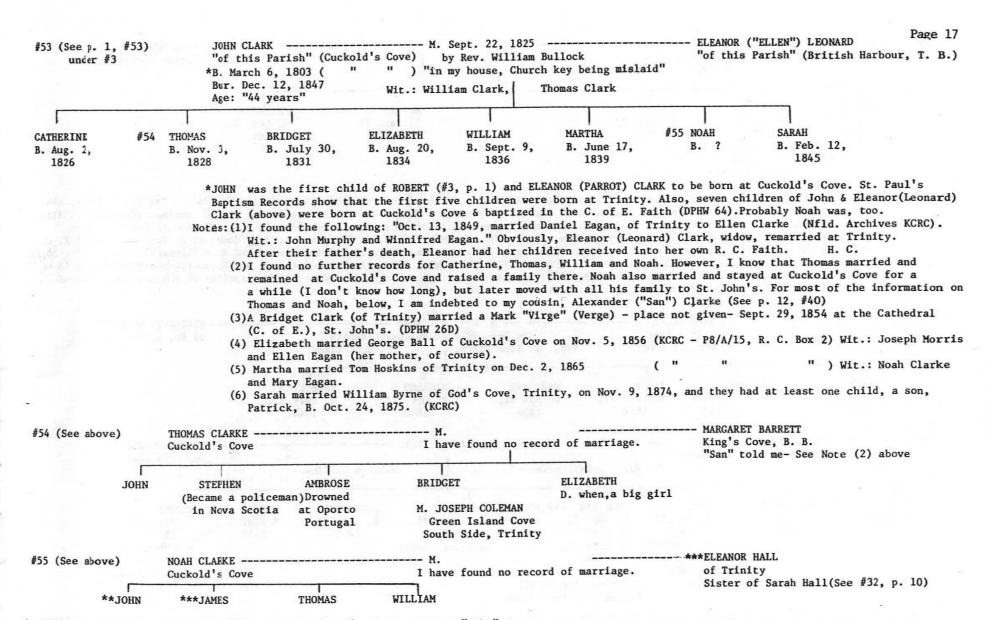
(7) Tamsy (probably "Tamison") married a Sceviour, "up the Bay".

(8) Jessie Mary first married Robert Hodder, who was raised by William Collins at "Island" (Cuckold's) Cove. After his death she remained a widow for several years. In Sept., 1946, she married my Uncle "Joe" Clarke. (See at foot of p. 3). It may be of interest to note that "Aunt" Jessie Mary's father and my Uncle "Joe's" father were both named Joseph and were both born in the same year, 1846. H. C.

From here, #52, back to #19, p. 6, are descendants of #18 THOMAS CLARK, p. 6 and p. 1.



*Footnote: In the early records of the Morris families, the name was often given as "Morrisey", and sometimes as "Moors", "Morice" and even "Moorse" I remember hearing my father and my Uncle Joe refer to their Aunt Mary Ann's husband as "Uncle Johnnie Marsey".

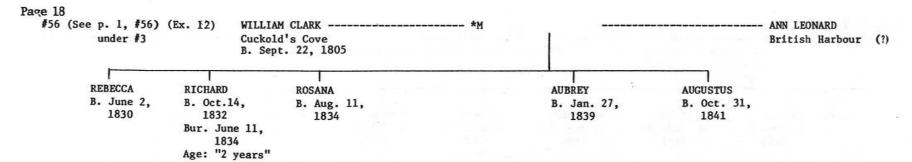


^{**}John worked with the Municipal Council at St. John's. He had a son, "Mike".

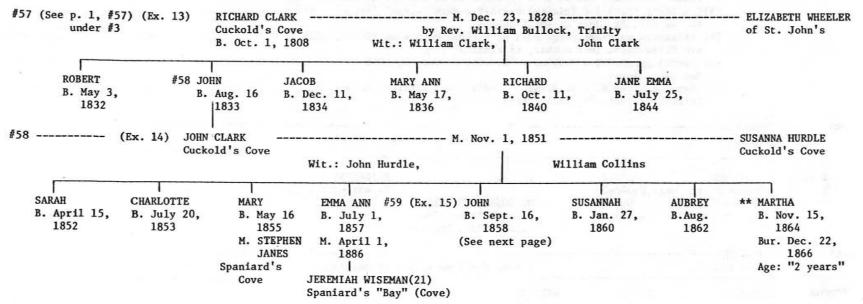
*** Listed in The Newfoundland Directory for 1894-97 were: "Ellen Clarke, widow of Noah, Boncloddy Street. James Clarke, Porter, 16 Boncloddy Street".

As a passenger on the S. S. Prospero when I was a young man, I met and talked with James, who was then a "Purser" on the "Prospero", a coastal boat.

Note: "San" told me that, some years after Noah had settled at St. John's, he was a member of a ship's crew and he drowned at Catalina, Trinity Bay.



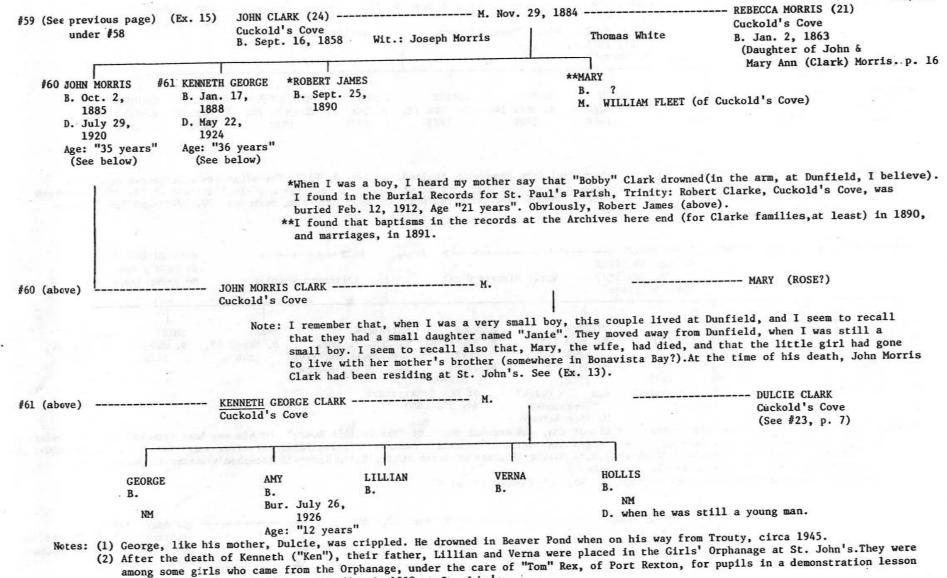
*When I first started researching my family tree (many years ago), I found in the Baptism Records for St. Paul's Parish, Trinity, the baptisms for three children (Rebecca, Richard and Rosana) of William and Ann Clark, but I could not find a marriage record for William and Ann in the Marriage Records.At that time, the records were available here at St. John's only at the Bureau of Statistics at Confederation Building. Years later, I found, here at the Nfld. Archives in R. C. Records for Kings Cove, B. B. (which included R. C. congregations at Trinity, Bonavista, etc.), the following: "Renewed the marriage of William Clarke and Anne 'Linnard' (sic), Sept. 20,1830. Witnesses: Betsy 'Linnard' and Ellen Clarke." KCRC, P8/A/15. Obviously, Ellen Clarke, a witness, was Eleanor(Leonard)Clarke, wife of William's brother, John. (See previous page, #53). I also found in the King's Cove Records the baptisms of two more children of William and Ann - Aubrey and Augustus (above). For more information, see (Ex. 12)



Note: I found in the Burial Records for St. Paul's Parish, Trinity, that a child, EMILY, age "10 years", daughter of John and Susama Clarke, of "Island" (Cuckold's) Cove, died Aug. 3, 1871.

^{**} The Place of Residence given for Martha when she was baptized was "Lobster Cove".





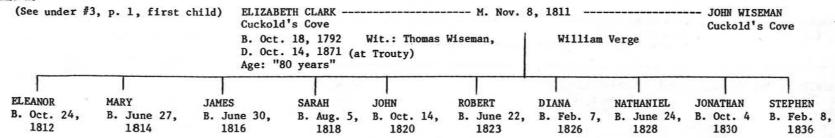
(3) After being a widow for a few years, Dulcie married STEPHEN ("STEVE") SPURRELL, a widower, of Dunfield. They had one child,

Phyllis, who married Clarence Clarke, of Dunfield, son of Archibald ("Arch") Clarke, #28 p. 9.

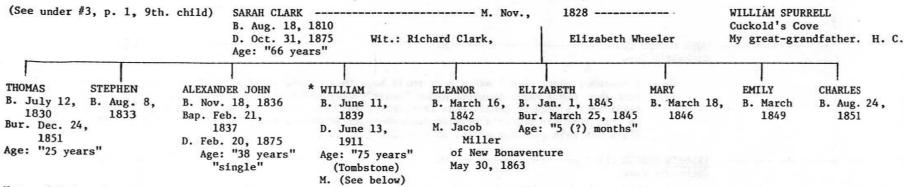
From here back to #58, p. 18, are descendants of RICHARD CLARK, #57 pp.18 and 1.

at Summer School, which I was attending in 1929 at St. John's.





Note: Eleanor, the eldest child, married Robert Paul from Hampshire, England, on Oct. 3, 1833. The witnesses were Thomas Ryall and Richard Clark (her uncle?). Records would suggest that they settled at Cuckold's Cove for a while. The first child, John, was born at Cuckold's Cove, Sept. 12, 1834. A child (name & month missing) born in 1841; Mary Ann, born Oct. 22, 1843; and Robert, born June 20, 1846 were all born at Trouty.

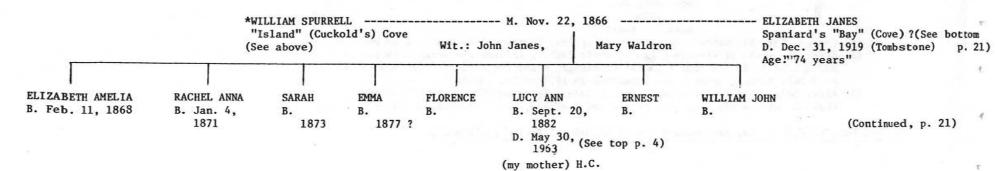


Notes: (1) I heard my parents say that Thomas, the eldest son, was drowned just off "The Devil's Rocks" on his way home from Trinity just before Xmas.

(2) Stephen, the second son, married ----- Sarah Ann Hurdle of Cuckold's Cove on Oct. 26, 1858. Witnesses were: John Spurrell(Alexander John?),

Elizabeth Wiseman (Stephen's aunt, above?), Mark Hurdle (brother of Sarah Ann?), Ellen Spurrell (Stephen's sister, Eleanor?), and
William Spurrell (Stephen's brother or father?).

(3) Charles married Elizabeth Clark on Dec. 5, 1872. (See under #5, p. 2)



Continued: Some information about the children of William and Elizabeth (Janes) Spurrell (previous p.):

*1. Elizabeth Amelia ("Aunt Lizzie") married Joshua King of Bonaventure, but lived at Dunfield (See below).

2. Rachel Anna ("Aunt Rachel") married Richard King of White Point, New Bonaventure, and settled there. Some of their children were -Ernest (who became a contractor in Nova Scotia); Andrew (a WWl veteran, who studied at Oxford, England, became a lawyer and settled at Tunbridge Wells; Kent, where he died); Joanna ("Annie"), who married Tasker Cook, a farmer at White Hills, St. John's; Gertrude ("Gertie") who married a man, Burrage (of New Perlican ?); Elizabeth ("Lizzie"), who married Joe Short of New Bonaventure; Richard John, who taught school at Ireland's Eye and later at Trouty; Myrtle, who married a man Stagg (a Newfoundlander) and settled in the U. S. A.

3. Sarah, who married Arthur Marsh of Dunfield, on Feb. 7, 1895, "he 24 and she 22".

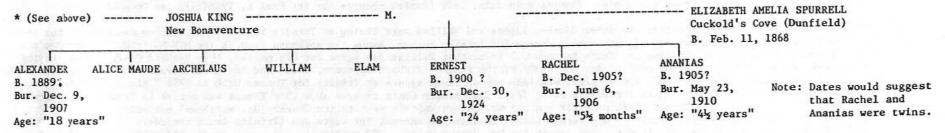
4 Emma, who married James Doherty of Dunfield on Dec. 29, 1898 (1897?), "he 23 and she 21". Their children were: Frank, a WWl veteran, who studied in England, returned to Newfoundland, where he lived for some years, and finally lived at Montreal, Quebec; George, who married here at St. John's, and finally settled here; Agnes, who married Frank Cook of the White Hills, St. John's; and Ann ("Annie"), who married a man Piercey of New Perlican, I believe. Note: When Ann was seventeen, the family moved to St. John's to live. 5. Florence, who married Isaac Hussey of Heart's Content and settled there. Had two daughters, Susie and Lizzie. Susie M. Joe Kelland.

6 Lucy Ann, who married George Peddle Clark (my parents). See p. 4 #10.

7. Ernest, who married Leah Morris, B. May 10,1886, (daughter of Mark and Ann 'Rowe' Morris of Cuckold's Cove - now Dunfield).

8 William John ("Will John"), who married Elizabeth Wool(a) ridge (1892-1986) of Dunfield. The family moved from Dunfield to St. John's to live either in the late 1930s or early 1940s. Their children were William Darius ("Will") and Sophie, who married Ralph March.

Note: Ernest also moved away with his family to Windsor, Grand Falls in the 1930s to settle.



Notes: 1. Alice Maude married Stephen Henry Clarke (See p. 8, #27). I would think that Alice was born in 1893, or perhaps, 1887, before Alexander.

2. Archelaus ("Ar-chee'-lis" as he was called at Dunfield) married Mary Clark (See p. 7 under #23). See Note below.

3. William ("Will") married Louie Jestican of Lockston.

4. Elam married Emma Phoebe Clarke (See p. 8 under #26).

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5. I found yesterday (Feb. 3, '87) that Alexander was born on April 5, 1889 (DPHW 63). I also found the birth of another child, Lucy Hannah, who was born on Feb. 20, 1891. The place of residence given for Alexander was New Bonaventure, and that for Lucy Hannah was White Point.

6. Obviously, Joshua & Elizabeth first settled in the New Bonaventure area, but they were living at Dunfield as far back as I could remember. Alexander was buried from Cuckold's Cove (Dunfield), in 1907 (above), more than three and a half years before I was born.

H. C.

Note: The children of Archelaus and Mary (Clarke) King were: Alexander ("Sandy"), Annie, Harriet (See p. 15, #49), Douglas and Edward.

Re Elizabeth Janes, my grandmother (See bottom p. 20, Spurrell): I am not sure she was born at Spaniard's Cove. My mother said she lived at Catalina. Perhaps she was born there. However, I believe that a Stephen Janes of Spaniard's Cove was her brother. I have checked the Catalina Parish records as well as the Trinity Parish records, but have not found a record of her baptism, unless she was the Elizabeth "Savory" (Sabrina?) born to John and Sarah Janes (of Spaniards "Bay", Cove) on Feb. 17, 1847. There was also a child, Stephen, born on Aug. 25, 1850. My grandmother's brother, Stephen Janes of Spaniard's Cove married Mary Clarke, daughter of John & Susanna (Hurdle) Clark of Cuckold's Cove (See p. 18, under #58). When we were small children, she, Mary (Clark) Janes, was referred to as "Aunt Polly Janes". The Janes of Catalina and the Janes of Spaniard's Cove were obviously H. C. related. It appears they lived first at Catalina.

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(Ex. 1) See p. 1, #1. According to the following excerpt from the Trinity Court records, Robert Clark was settled at Trinity, Trinity Bay, as early as 1752:

"Oct. 13, 1752. Decided that there be levied on every boat from Bonaventure to English Harbour the sum of 5 shillings a boat for the support of Church and poor and for carrying of Richard Roach (sic) to St. John's, and for other charitable uses as the justice and principal inhabitants shall see needed, and that merchants and traders here do likewise pay a proportion as may seem reasonable towards the same." Among the names of those who paid the levy was -

In the 1753 Census for Trinity, I found: Robert Clark - 24 Irish servants, 2 boats kept (See below), 1 skiff kept, 1 stage, "trainfats". Last winter - 0 English servants, but 3 Irish servants; and in the Census for 1754, I found: Robert Clark - 2 boats, 1 skiff, 1 stage, 1 "trainfat", 1 storehouse, 4 English and 24 Irish servants.

The two boats kept were the "Two Friends" (60 tons, 17 seamem, able to stow 1200 qtls.) and the "Archibold" (sic) (100 tons, 2200 qtls.)

Since there was no wife(or children)listed for Robert in the 1753-54 Census, it can be assumed that he was not yet married to Vine. H. C.

In the 1800 - 1801 Census, I found "Robert Clark Sr., occupier of house of which Samuel Rolles, proprietor." The 1800 - 1801 Census shows that Robert had a wife, but no children are listed. At that time, of course, his daughter, Mary, and his son Robert were married, and his son Richard was at least fifteen years old. Vine died in July, 1804 (Burial records for St. Paul's, Trinity), at Cuckold's Cove.

The Trinity Court records show that two other Clarks, Thomas and William were living at Trinity in the 1750s, but no descendants for them can be found in the Church records of St. Paul's Church for Trinity Parish. Among the snippets (now in the MUN Maritime History Dep't.) of information compiled by the late Dr. Keith Matthews, I found that William (as agent for his mother, Mrs. Richard Clark?) was trying in Trinity Court to recover money owed to her (or him?) by the firm of Richard Waterman, which had become insolvent. The date was Aug. 1752. I also found in the snippets: "Col. Rec.s, 1759, William, one of three agents at Trinity for Thomas Webb in 1754." Also, the Trinity Court records show that William was a jury foreman in Oct., 1756. The Trinity Court records show that Thomas was active in Trinity as follows:

- a) 1751, Trinity Court. Mr. Thomas Clark paid 25/ d for Mr. Joseph White's seat in the Church (Dr. Matthews' snippet);
- b) 1756, Mr. Thomas Clark, arbitrator in Joy versus Lester in disputed account for wages due (Trinity Court records);
- c) 1756, Nov., Trinity Court, Mr. Thomas Clark, agent for Mr. Joseph White 500 pallisades and 6 men for(fort)fortifications (Fort Point?);
- d) 1757, May, Trinity Court: Mr. Thomas Clark, out of compassion, supplied the widow Rowe and her helpless family (with food, etc.?) for the summer, else they would have starved."

The information in the previous paragraph has often made me wonder whether the three Clarks, Thomas, Robert (my great-great-great-grandfather) and William, all at Trinity in the 1750s, were brothers, and that their father was a Richard Clark. Notice how the names Robert, Thomas, William and Richard were used in the early Clark families. Research has shown me that it was customary to repeat family Christian names.

Items in the Lester Diary would suggest that Thomas returned to England and was carrying on a trading business at Trinity from Weymouth in Dorset, during the 1760s and 1770s. For example, on Dec. 1, 1766, Mr. Thomas of Ringwood called on Isaac Lester "and prayed much the buying of fish of him next year". (Note: Isaac Lester operated the Lester business at Poole, while Benjamin, and later Benjamin's son-in-law George Garland, took care of the business at Trinity.) (Incidentally, I was in Ringwood on Sun., June 1,'36,'last year',looking for tombstones in a cemetery, hoping to find pertinent information, but without success.) Some items for trade for Thomas Clark, listed in the Exon Customs, were: 2 cwt. figs, 10 dozen hand baskets, 180 cwt. cork, etc. On July 22, 1772, Mr Thomas Clark called on Isaac Lester about bread he was shipping in the "Young Churchill". On Oct. 22, 1773, Mr. Thomas Clark called on Isaac Lester and settled his account - his balance of upwards 400 pounds was paid. On Dec. 10, 1778, however, the London Chronicle showed that Thomas Clark, John Elliot and Richard Bartlett, Weymouth merchants, were insolvent.

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In May, 1973, the late Dr. Walter White, corresponding secretary of the Trinity Historical Society, advised me through correspondence that I could obtain from the Provincial Archives here at St. John's a photocopy of a document referring to the bankruptcy of Messrs Clark & Co. of Weymouth. (See typed copy of the document appended - APPENDIX p.27). My wife and I, having already planned to visit England in the summer to holiday there with our daughter, Paula, who was then studying at Oxford University, flew (on July 2, 1973) to Heathrow Airport, where we met Paula. The three of us proceeded by bus to Reading, and by train from Reading to Exeter, where we had a rented car, and began our holiday. After spending a few days in Devon, we drove to Weymouth in Dorset, and from there to the Records Office in Dorchester, a few miles from Weymouth, where all records for the county of Dorset are usually kept. Hoping that the words "Messrs Clark & Co. of Weymouth" in the document might prove to be a link between our forbears in Newfoundland and their forbears in England, Paula and I searched for the birth of a Robert Clark, who according to the Burial records for St. Paul's, Trinity, was born in 1716, but after two days of unsuccessful research, we gave up. Carrie, on the other hand, armed with the date of birth and the place of birth in England of her great-grandfather, was successful in finding the date of his baptism and the names of his parents. (In June, last year, 1986, we - Sandra and her husband, Don, and Carrie and I, traced Carrie's ancestors back to the 1660s, at the Records Office at Dorchester, Dorset).

Remembering that "Uncle Rube" (Reuben Clark, under #7, p. 3) once told me that his uncle - who was my grandfather - told him that our people, the Clarks, came from "Devonshire", we, Carrie, Paula and I, in July, 1973, drove back to Exeter, where we did more research, but with the same result. We realized that trying to trace the English forbears of Newfoundland Clarks without definite clues or "links", is very difficult because the name Clark or Clarke is a very common one in England.

(Ex. 2) In the 1800-1801 Census for Trinity, I found "Robert Clark Jr. - 1 house, 1 fishing room, occupier and proprietor, Trinity, 1 boat, children 3 boys, 1 girl". A glance at #3, p. 1, shows that Robert Jr. in 1801 had 2 boys (excluding John, who died as an infant in 1795) and 2 girls.

Baptismal records for St. Paul's Church, at Trinity, show that the first five children of Robert Jr. & Eleanor Clark were born at Trinity. The sixth child, another John, born March 6, 1803, was born at Cuckold's Cove.Obviously, Robert and his family moved from Trinity sometime between early 1801 and early 1803. The Trinity Court records show that Robert Clark Jr. found the body of a James Matthews in Island cove Pond on April 2, 1801 (See typed copy appended - APPENDIX p. 29). It appears likely, I think, that Robert Jr. was in the "Island Cove" area of Cuckold's Cove (known as Dunfield since 1913) preparatory to settling there, or he had already settled there at that time. No doubt Robert Sr. and Vine, parents of Robert Jr., moved to Cuckold's Cove at the same time. Vine died at Cuckold's Cove in July, 1804.

On October 26, 1827, just five days before he was buried, Robert Jr. had his will prepared by the Rev. William Bullock. (See typed copy, p.28). When the will was probated, Robert's assets were worth 500 pounds - a large sum in those days.

(Ex. 3) (See p. 1, under #1) To me the life of Richard Clark, youngest son of Robert Sr. and Vine Clark, has been somewhat enigmatic. I could not find a record of marriage or of children for him. He was born at Trinity in the 1780s and died at Cuckold's Cove in April, 1859. It appears that he was living at Cuckold's Cove in 1845 because his nephew, Richard, in a land claim (See APPENDIX p.27) was referred to as Richard Jr. (While it is not considered correct usage, I have come across several instances where a newphew with the same Christian name as an uncle, was referred to as junior.)

Recently I discovered that a John Clark (married) died at "Island" Cove (Cuckold's Cove) on April 9, 1873, at the age of 52 years. That means, if the figures given are correct, he was born in 1821. In the column headed "Parents" was "Richard & ? " The second name was not legible. There was no other Richard Clark who could have been the father of John than the Richard Clark in the above paragraph. There is no record of a birth or a marriage in the Trinity Parish records for this John Clark.

For many years now, I have wondered about the connection between the Clarks of Cuckold's Cove and people of British Harbour. The wives of John Clark and William Clark - nephews of Richard - were Leonards from British Harbour (See pp. 17 & 18). Then, there were Clarks in British Harbour in 1819. For example, a son, Robert, was born to a Robert & Sarah Clark at British Harbour on Oct. 14,1819; and a son, John, was born to a Richard & Sarah Clark of British Harbour on June 20, 1823. The son, Robert, born to Robert & Sarah Clark, died in Nov., 1822, and a Sarah Clark was buried at British Harbour on Dec. 8, 1823, at the age of 22 years. It would be more than coincidental, I think, that

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a Robert Clark and a Richard Clark of British Harbour would each have a wife named Sarah.Could it be, I wondered, that the Robert was in error and should have been Richard, perhaps the Richard Clark from Cuckold's Cove, who, of course, would have been at least sixteen years older than Sarah! Against this supposition, however, I have to weigh the fact that a Joseph Clark of Kearley's Harbour (no doubt a descendant of a Joseph Clark from Crocker's Cove, near Carbonear, who married a Grace Miller of Kearley's Harbour on Oct. 29, 1817, and settled at Kearley's Harbour)married a Charlotte Vatcher of British Harbour on May 16, 1862, and had children born at British Hr. in 1867, 1869 and 1871. Another child was born - or at least baptized - to them at Lance Cove, Randon Island.To date, I have not been able to determine whether Joseph and Charlotte (Vatcher) Clark settled at Lance Cove around 1877, or remained at British Harbour, or whether they had a descendant named Richard.

- (Ex. 4) See p. 1. A Thomas Parrot of Salmon Cove (now Champneys) married an Eleanor Bailey on Dec. 27, 1760. Eleanor (Bailey) Parrot was buried on Nov. 2, 1766. Baptized "a daughter of Thomas Parrot, widower to Eleanor, publicly Eleanor, Oct. 11, 1769." Obviously, Eleanor was born in or before 1766, and was three or more years old when she was baptized. Had she been born in 1761, a few months after her parents' marriage, Eleanor could not have been "85 years" old, as stated in the Burial records, when she was buried on Feb. 21, 1841. She could, possibly, be 80 years old, which would mean that she was 7 or 8 years older than her husband, Robert Clark Jr. This, I think, was a case in which the age was greatly exaggerated.

 If she had been born as early as 1761, she would have been 52 years old when her daughter, Mary, was born in 1813.
- (Ex. 5) See top of p. 2. Joseph Rogers of Trinity married Elizabeth Wells of English Harbour, Trinity Bay, on April 11, 1801. Ruth Rogers was their daughter.

Joseph Rogers was accidentally shot on Feb. 4, 1803 by a stray bullet while he was standing in a store at Trinity, watching a target some persons were firing at. (Trinity Court records)

Elizabeth Rogers (widow) of English Harbour, married Richard Ryall of English Harbour on March 22, 1805. They had children born at English Harbour, but their daughter, Jane, was born at Cuckold's Cove in 1812. They had at least three other children born at Cuckold's Cove - William, in 1817, John, in 1819 and Hannah, in 1823. (These are the dates of baptism and not the dates of birth, I would think.) See FOREWORD in paragraph 2.

When I was growing up at Dunfield, we always called that part of Cuckold's Cove Beach to the far right, as one looked out towards the islands, "Ryall's Beach". The two Coves of Dunfield are still called "Cuckold's Cove" and "Island Cove".

(Ex. 6) See p. 2 under #4. The correspondence from the late Dr. Walter White (referred to at the top of the previous page) contained the following:

"The name, 'Vianna', was probably the grandmother's name, and shortened to 'Vine'. 'Offbeat History', The Evening Telegram of June 14,1967, states: 'One of the first bits of evidence of Portuguese interest in the Newfoundland fishery is found in a document dated October 15, 1506. The document stated that a tax was being put on fish that came from the fisheries of Newfoundland to the port of VIANA DO CASTELLO.' Page 31, ninth line from foot of page, of the book 'The Corte Real Family and the New World' by Eduardo Brazão, refers to 'the noble Count of Viana'.

Prowse, p. 15 says: 'The Rev. George Patterson, in his very able and learned paper - A Lost Chapter in American History - informs us that:- 'Immediately after Gaspar Cortereal 's first voyage 1500 - 1501, fishing companies were formed in Viana, Aveiro and Terceira, Portugal, for the purpose of founding establishments in Terra Nova.'

Our Trinity business records from the late 1700s to the mid 1800s refer to brigs and brigantines leaving here with cargoes of fish for 'Viana' ('Vianna'). This may possibly account for the baptismal name, 'Vianna', (Vine), which is not encountered elsewhere in our church records."

(Ex. 7) See p. 2, #5. John & Elizabeth (Morris) Clark moved from Cuckold's Cove to Britannia, Random Island, some time between 1857 and 1861-since Mary Elizabeth was born at Britannia on Jan. 12, 1862- and settled there. "Uncle Rube" (p. 3, under #7) told me that men from Cuckold's Cove would sometimes go to "Random" to work in the slate quarry. He also told me that when he was a small boy, he remembered his Uncle John (half-uncle, really) when he would come "down" from Random and "drop in" at Cuckold's Cove to visit his relatives.

- See p. 2, under #4. Joseph Clark, son of Robert and Ruth (Rogers) Clark was born on Oct. 12, 1822 according to DPHW 64A, but the Microfilm (Reel G) shows that he was baptized on Nov. 7, 1822, when he was nine months old. We know, therefore that he was born some time in 1822. When I first began to research and compile the Clark family, I assumed that, because I could find no other record for Joseph, he had died in infancy or early childhood, and that the burial had not been recorded in the burial records of St. Paul's Parish. A few months ago, however, I found that a Joseph "Clerk" was a witness at the marriage of a William Ryall and a Susan Sexton, both of Trinity Parish, on Nov. 4, 1841. This information made me "sit up" and think. Joseph's maternal grandmother mother of Ruth (Rogers) Clark See (Ex. 5) was Elizabeth (now Ryall), wife of Richard Ryall. Elizabeth and Richard Ryall had a son William, born at Cuckold's Cove on July 20, 1817 (DPHW 64A). That meant that William Ryall, 24 years old at the time of the marriage, was Joseph's mother's half-brother, or Joseph's "half"-uncle. It is not surprising, therefore, that Joseph was a witness at the marriage.
 - I also found, a few months ago, in the records of St. Thomas' Church, St. John's, that a Joseph Clark, bachelor, of Trinity, married an Elizabeth Pardy, spinster, of Trinity, on Sept. 6, 1845 (DPHW 30A). ("Trinity", of course would be Trinity Parish.) The witnesses were a James Harvey and a William Bugden. I searched in the Trinity Parish records for the birth of an Elizabeth Pardy and found that she was born on March 28, 1822, daughter of James and Sarah Pardy. (Sarah was buried from Cuckold's Cove, Feb. 5, 1823, age "30". See FOREWORD [, 2nd. paragraph)

The above information would indicate that Joseph lived and married. I am puzzled, however, by the fact that Joseph's father, Robert, by his second marriage, became the father of a son on March 28,1846 (less than 7 months after the marriage of his older son Joseph to Elizabeth Pardy) whom he called Joseph (my grandfather). See p. 2. Did the older Joseph die sometime between Sept. 6, 1845 and March 28, 1846? Or, did Robert have two sons, each with the name Joseph and both living? The latter could be true, since there are two instances in the Clark families where two children had the same name, although one of them had a second name (See p.2, under #5 & p.6, under #18).

- (Ex. 9) See p. 3, #8. Priscilla Peddle of Chance Cove, Trinity Bay, was born on Nov. 1, 1849, but was not baptised (by the Rev. Henry Petley) until Aug. 26, 1866 (DPHW 62). A marginal note says: "Note date of birth". Had she been baptized as an infant, I would not have found her date of birth, since the records for Chance Cove did not begin until the 1860s. She was the daughter of George and Susannah Peddle of Chance Cove. She had a brother Thomas (whom I remember seeing when he came to visit at Dunfield when I was a small boy), a brother, George, I believe, and a brother Abraham ("Abram"). There must have been other children in the family, but records are not available.
- Ex. 10) See p. 3, under #8. When I was a boy, I remember hearing my Uncle "Joe" (Joseph John Clark) say that he had had a brother younger than than he, and I thought he said his name was "Abel". I was unable to find in the Trinity Parish records another brother younger than Uncle Joe. A few months ago, however, I found in the burial records that Abraham Clark of Cuckold's Cove was buried on June 27, 1887 at the age of "2 years". I spoke to my cousin, "San", about it and he said he had heard his mother (Elizabeth) say that she had a younger brother who died as a small child, and he said she called him "Abram". It was "Abram", of course, that Uncle Joe said and not "Abel".

 Obviously, the child was named for his mother's brother, "Abram" Peddle. The Newfoundland Directory for 1894 97 lists under Chance Cove: "Abram Peddle of George". My father was named George Peddle for his grandfather, George Peddle, and an older sister, who died in infancy—was named Susannah for her grandmother, Sussanah Peddle, obviously. I almost forgot that I, if I remember correctly, was named "Henry" for a Henry Peddle, another of my grandmother's brothers, I believe.
- (Ex. 11) See p. 6, #17. Robert White, as the dates on p. 6 show, was only thirteen and a half years old when his father, Charles White, died.

 I heard my father, my Uncle Joe and their cousin, "Uncle Rube" (Reuben Clark, p. 3, under #7), say that "Aunt Nell White"— Eleanor (Clark) White would come from Trinity to Cuckold's Cove to visit her "favourite" brother, Robert (p. 1, under #3) and express her worries about what her son, Robert, was going to do for a living. Her son, Thomas, she said, could "bait his hook and catch a fish".

 All Robert was doing was accompanying Dr. Levisconte on his "rounds" and carrying his "satchel".Robert must have been intelligent, observant and very eager to learn medicine, because, as a result, he became a medical doctor, and practised medicine at Trinity, which meant in those days that he visited the sick "all up and down the shore" in Trinity Bay. The above information was, obviously, passed down by Robert Clark ("Aunt Nell"White's brother) to his sons, Charles and Joseph, who passed it on to "Uncle Rube" and my father and my Uncle Joe.

Dr. Robert White's wife, Caroline, was born on March 20, 1836. She was the daughter of William & Margaret Clunn of Trinity. Her father, William Clunn, was "Cap't of Brig.". (DPHW 64)

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(Ex. 12) See p. 18, #56.As stated on p. 18, I was unable to find a record of the marriage of William and Ann Clark in the Trinity Parish records, although I had found the birth records of three of their children. The record of a marriage which I found years later in the C. of E. Cathedral, St. John's records (below), however, intrigues me:

"Marriage - William Clarke, Bachelor, Trinity (religion not stated) May 5, 1829 (DPHW 26E)
Anne Buckley, Spinster, St. John's, C. of E.

Wit.: Richard Clarke, William Buckley. Married by Frederick H. Carrington A. B."

It seems to me that the above is a record of William and Ann's original marriage, and that the surname "Buckley" is in error, confused perhaps with the surname of one of the witnesses. The other witness, Richard Clarke, would appear to be William's youngest brother, who married (at Trinity) Elizabeth Wheeler, of St. John's, on Dec. 23, 1828, less than five months before the marriage of William & Ann. (See p. 18, #57) Also, see below. Notice that the first recorded birth of a child (Rebecca) to William and Ann Clark was on June 2, 1830.

It is interesting to note here, I think, that a Margaret <u>Buckley</u> of St. John's married a Thomas Ryall of "Trinity Parish" on Oct. 17,1837. The marriage was performed by the Rev. William Bullock, and the witnesses were Hannah Ryall and John Ryall, at Trinity. See (Ex.5) p. 24

William and Richard (named as heirs in their father's will, after their mother's decease - see typed copy of Will in APPENDIX, p.28 -left Cuckold's Cove and settled at St. John's sometime in the early 1840s. (Their mother, Eleanor died in Feb. 1841).Notice that the last baptismal record for a child of William & Ann (in the Trinity area) was Augustus, B. Oct. 31, 1841; and the last for Richard & Elizabeth in the Trinity area was Jane Emma, B. July 25, 1844. Possibly, William left Cuckold's Cove before Richard did.

- (Ex. 13) See p. 18, #57. As stated in the above paragraph, Richard, with his wife and children, left Cuckold's Cove and settled at St. John's sometime in the early 1840s, probably shortly after the birth of Jane Emma and the auction of his land at Cuckold's Cove on Oct. 22, 1845 (in payment for a debt of 27 pounds, which Richard owed). See typed copy of document in APPENDIX p. 27.
- (Ex. 14) See p. 18, #58. Although Richard Clark (#57 above Ex. 13) moved with his family to St. John's to settle, his son John married Susannah Hurdle of Cuckold's Cove and settled at Cuckold's Cove.
- (Ex. 15) See p. 19, #59. John Clark, son of John and Susannah (Hurdle) Clark, married Rebecca Morris of Cuckold's Cove and settled at Cuckold's Cove. In later life, after Rebecca's decease, John married a Janet Sexton (of Trinity, I believe) and settled at St. John's.

I remember seeing this John Clark, when I was nine years old. He came to Dunfield from St. John's for the burial of his son, John Morris Clark, who had died at St. John's, I believe, but was buried at Trinity in July, 1920. (See p. 19, #60). I seem to remember him as a fairly tall, somewhat stooping man.

(Ex. 16) See p. 9, #31. I remember that, when I was a boy about eight years old, Henry Thomas Clark of Delby's Cove came with his second wife, Laura and their small son, Fred, together with the twin sons, Frank and Jack (by his first marriage) to Dunfield to live (just "down the lane" from our house) in the vacant house of John Spurrell, who with most of his family had moved to Montreal. Henry Thomas' son, "Will" (William George) also moved from Delby's Cove to Dunfield with his second wife, Bertha, and their children, "Bea" and "Harry", and a couple of children by Will's first wife. They lived in Gus House's vacant house. Sometimes, I would go with my older brother, Edgar (See p. 4, under #10), to those houses to visit. Children in small communities in those days just "dropped in" (uninvited, of course) at other homes, especially at homes where there were other children. Henry Thomas and Will did not stay long at Dunfield. Henry Thomas moved to St. John's, where his son, Fred, died (when still a small boy), and Will moved to Corner Brook, I believe.

"L. C.

B. G. Garrett Sherrif ----- Robinson & Brooking

Memorial of an Indenture bearing the date the Twenty-second day of October, One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, whereby Benjamin Greer Garrett Esquire, Sherrif of Newfoundland by virtue of a Fieri Facias at the suit of Robert Slade, James Slade and Robert Slade, Executors of the late Robert Slade, against Richard Clarke Junior for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-seven pounds currency to the said Benjamin Greer Garrett in hand paid, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, did grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto George Richard Robinson and Thomas Holdsworth Brooking of Trinity, Merchants, "All that piece or parcel of land of Richard Clarke Junior, situate in Cuckold's Cove near Trinity aforesaid bounded on the South by Joseph Morris Junior, on the West by Robert Clarke, on the North by John Hurdle and on the East by the sea, and all the Estate, right, title and interest of the said Richard Clarke Junior therein, as the same was sold by Public Auction on the 22 nd. day of October instant." to have and to hold unto the said George Richard Robinson and Thomas Holdsworth Brooking their executors, administrators and assigns forever.

B. G. Garrett Seal Witness John Robert Jeans

I hereby certify that the execution of the deed of which the foregoing is a Memorial by Benjamin Greer Garrett, party thereto, appears by the affidavit of John Robert Jeans, the only subscribing witness thereto, to have been proved before George Anderson, a Commissioner of Affidavits, on the Twelfth day of December, One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and the same is hereby actually Registered by me this day.

Given under my hand this Thirty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and forty-five A. D. 1845

John Stark Registrar

Note: The above document is copied from a photocopy brought to me last year by my son-in-law, Donald Tarrant, who found it at the Registry of Deeds at Confederation Building, St. John's, last yeat (1986).

Since the early records at Trinity almost invariably spelled the name "Clark" without an "e", it would appear that the transcriber (copyist) of the original document added the "e". (It could have been "Clarke" in 1845. See FOREWORD, i) H. C.

Copy of bankruptcy of "Messrs Clark & Co, of Weymouth":

"By His Excellency Richard Edwards Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Nfld."

Whereas James Rowe of Trinity appeared in Court this day, and presented a Petition setting forth that his late father Edward Rowe deceased purchased a fishing Room of John Rixon of Trinity as appeared by an Indenture, which he produced in Court bearing the date of the 6th. of July 1762, which Fishing Room situate and lying on the South Side of Trinity Harbour and was lately occupied by Messrs Clark & Co., who lately became bankrupt and in consequence thereof the said Room with the buildings thereon are going to decay, and praying that he may be put into possession of the same in order to repair and occupy it for carrying on the Fishery.

I do decree the said Plantation or Fishing Room situate on the South Side of Trinity Harbour which was purchased by the said Edward Rowe deceased of John Rixon, and lately occupied by Messrs Clark & Co of Weymouth, who became bankrupt, to be the sole right and Property of the said James Rowe son to the aforesaid Edward Rowe deceased, strictly charging and forbidding all Persons whatsoever, from giving the said James Rowe His Heirs or Assigns, any Let, Hindrance, disturbance, or obstruction in the Quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the said Premises.

By Command of the Governor

Given under my hand at The Court House St. John's, 5th. Sept. 1780

R. Edwards

A. Gorman

See (Ex. 1) where continued on second page.

I obtained a photocopy of "Bankruptcy" in 1973 from Provincial Archives, Reference CS - 1, Vol. 9, pp. 89 -90, 1780 - 1783 (See top, p. 23)

Copy of Will of Robert Clark Jr.

Robert Clark, Trinity Bay

Copy of his Will

In the name of God, Amen. I, Robert Clarke, now residing in Cuckhold's Cove, being of a sane mind but in great weakness of body, do by this make my last Will and Testament as follows:

First, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God in the hope that He will receive It for the sake and through the merits of Jesus Christ.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Ellen Clarke, the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence now in the hands of I. B. and G. Garland Esq'res, Merchants in Poole, also the sum of One hundred pounds cash now in my possession, together with all other sums of money which may be lawfully owing to me at the time of my death, after all my debts and funeral expenses are paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Ellen Clarke, my dwelling house, stores and stages, boats and fishing craft and all other utensils thereto belonging for her natural life, and at her death the same to be divided share and share alike between my two sons William Clarke and Richard Clarke.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dear wife, Ellen Clarke, my pew in the Established Church.

Iten: I give and bequeath to the Church Wardens of Trinity the sum of Two pounds to be applied to the use of the Established Church.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my friends, George Skelton Esq're and Thomas Drawbridge Esq're Executors of this my last Will and Testament; and I do hereby revoke all former Will or Wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Cuckhold's Cove this twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

his Robert X Clarke Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in his presence and in the presence of each other as witnesses thereto.

William Bullock

William Fleet

I hereby certify that the execution of the Will of which the foregoing pages One hundred and twenty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven contain a true and correct copy by Robert Clarke the Testator, was proved before me by the Reverend William Bullock, a subscribing witness thereto, on the Twenty-fifth day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and the same is hereby actually registered by me this day.

Given under my hand at the Registrar of Deeds Office, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland this eleventh day of December in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight (1828).

John Stark

Registrar

(See FOREWORD i)

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Note: For a copy of this Will, I am indebted to my son-in-law, Donald Tarrant, who found it at the Registry of Deeds, Confederation Building, St. John's. H. C.

APPENDIX

Copy of an Inquisition - from the Trinity Court Records - on the body of James Matthews, found in Island Cove Pond on April 2, 1801

District of Trinity.

An Inquisition, indented, taken at Trinity aforesaid the second day of April in the forty first year of the reign of His present Majesty, George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith & so forth, and in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and one - Before me John Clinch His Majesty's Surrogate in and for the said District, upon view of the body of James Matthews then and there lying dead, upon the Oaths of -

Thomas Read, Foreman Thomas Nichols William Britt David Durell Samuel Thomas Finch John Meagher John Green
William Pittman
William Sheppard
Samuel Morice (sic)
John Crocker
Redmond Flinn

Good and lawful men of Trinity aforesaid, who being sworn and charged to inquiry on the part of our said Lord the King, when, where, how, and after what manner the said James Matthews came to his Death - Do say upon Oath, that the said James Matthews on the 24th. Day of March last past in company with several other of his fellow servants went off upon the field ice that was then close in with the shore, to haul seals, in that he was seen by some of his companions several times in the course of the Day, particularly towards the close of the Evening near the shore, but in consequence of his not returning home the same night or the day following, it was imagined he had fallen through the ice in the Bay, as nothing more was heard of him until the 2nd. Day of April, when he was discovered by Robert Clark Junior in Island Cove Pcod - with his face much disfigured by the worms, but no marks of violence on any part of his body -

Whereon the said Jurors, after a strict and careful examination of the body of the said James Matthews unanimously agree that his Death was accidental -

In witness whereof the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition put their names on the Day, and year, and at the place first above mentioned.

Thomas Read, Foreman
William Britt
Samuel Thomas Finch
John Green
William Sheppard
John Crocker &

Thomas Nichols David Durell John Meagher William Pittman Samuel Morice Redmond Flinn.

Signed in the presence of

John Clinch

Surrogate