

# Farm, Fish, Faith or Family?

## motivations for emigrating from North Devon 1830 to 1900

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### Selected Sources for Tracing Emigrants

This list is not exhaustive but provides ideas for tracing emigrant families and includes some of the sources used in order to discover more about the families you will meet during this session.

Few, Janet *Faith, Fish, Farm or Family? The impact of kinship links and communities on migration choices and residential persistence in North Devon* Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Exeter (2009) available at:-

<https://ore.exeter.ac.uk/repository/handle/10036/88193> [N.B. this takes some time to download].

List of North Devon emigrants currently researched by Janet Few at:-

<http://thehistoryinterpreter.wordpress.com/faith-fish-farm-or-family-north-devon-emigrants/>.

Background information and the North Devon Exodus Database, including many more families being researched, can be found at:- <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Emigration/NDevonExodus>.

### Further Reading

Bourne, F W, *The Bible Christians: their origins and history 1815-1900* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Tentmaker Publications (2004).

Brayshay, Mark 'The Emigration Trade in Nineteenth-century Devon', in Duffy, Michael; Fisher, Stephen; Greenhill, Basil; Starkey, David J. and Youngs, Joyce (eds.) *New Maritime History of Devon Volume 2: from the late eighteenth century to the present day* Conway Maritime Press (1994).

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Campey, Lucille H. *Seeking a Better Future: the English Pioneers of Ontario and Quebec* Dundurn, Toronto (2012).

Erickson, Charlotte (ed.) *Emigration from Europe 1815-1914: select documents* Adam and Charles Black (1976).

Few, Janet 'The Impact of the Bible Christian in Rural North-West Devon: a force for unity or division?' in *The Devon Historian* Volume 84 (2015).

Few, Janet *The Ones that got Away: tracing elusive ancestors who move into, out from and within Britain* (Unlock the Past 2015).

Few, Janet 'Uproar and Disorder?: the impact of Bible Christianity on the communities of nineteenth century North Devon' in *Family and Community History Journal* Volume 12 No. 1 (May 2009).

Greenhill, Basil and Giffard, Ann *Westcountrymen in Prince Edward Isle: a fragment of the great migration* Toronto University Press 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (1975).

Hancock, W Gordon *Soe Longe as there Comes Noe Women origins of English settlement in Newfoundland* Global Heritage Press (2003).

Hayman, John Gould *A History of Methodism in North Devon 1739 to 1898* Wesleyan Methodist Book Room (1898) available on CD from Devon Family History Society [www.devonfhs.org.uk](http://www.devonfhs.org.uk).

Hoffman, Frances and Taylor, Ryan *Across the Waters: Ontario immigrants' experiences 1820-1850* Global Heritage Press (1999).

Leetooze, Sherrell Branton *Bible Christian Chapels of the Canadian Conference* Lynn Michael-John Associates (2005).

Leetooze, Sherrell Branton *A Corner for the Preacher* Lynn Michael-John Associates (2005).

Leetooze, Sherrell Branton *The Damascus Road: the Bible Christian preachers of the Canadian Conference 1832-1884* Lynn Michael-John Associates (2005).

Shaw, Thomas *The Bible Christians 1815-1907* Epworth Press (1965).

Shepperson, Wilbur S *British Emigration to North America* Blackwell (1957).

Vancouver, Charles *View of the Agriculture of Devon: with observations on the means of its improvement, drawn up for the consideration of the Board of Agriculture* David & Charles (1969) originally published 1808.

Van Vugt, William E *The Background of Emigration from Somerset and Dorset to the United States in the early Nineteenth Century* paper presented to Somerset and Dorset Family History Society at the Bridport Seminar October 2002. Papers published to accompany the Westward Ho! Movement and Migration Conference held at the University of Exeter April 2003.

Wickes, Michael (ed.) *Devon in the Religious Census of 1851* Michael Wickes (1990).

Wickes, Michael *The West-country Preachers: a history of the Bible Christians 1815-1907* Michael Wickes (1987).

### **Oral Evidence, Memoirs, Letters and Diaries**

Unless you are fortunate enough to trace a recording of an emigrant, oral evidence for C19<sup>th</sup> emigrations will be hearsay. Memoirs, letters and diaries are often in private hands but more and more transcriptions are appearing online. It is worth trying to trace the descendants of an emigrant to see what information they have.

### **Postcards and Photographs**

Again these are often in private hands but you may find pictures in Canadian newspapers. Historic photographs of emigrants' destinations can often be found online [Google the place name and decade e.g. 'Port Hope 1860s' in Google Images]. It is also possible to source these from books although this is more time-consuming. Beware of copyright issues if you 'publish' photographs that you have found in this way; this includes use in journal articles, websites or online family trees.

## **Newspapers**

Many British and foreign newspapers are now indexed online.

Britain: [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk) also accessible via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

Canada: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/canada-online-historical-newspapers>

*The Bible Christian Magazine* - some issues are available online via Google Books.

## **Census Returns**

British and colonial census indices and associated images of original enumerators' books can be found on data providing websites such as Findmypast [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk), Ancestry [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) and [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca) and other subscription sites.

See also FreeCen [www.freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl](http://www.freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl).

Family Search [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) contains free access to indexes to some English and Canadian censuses.

For links to Canadian census indices and some original images [www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx).

## **Parish Registers**

Original registers, online indexes and images - not only via subscription websites and [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) but also individual parish indexes available online. Many Devon registers are on FindmyPast [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) or in the Members' Area of Devon Family History Society website. See [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) for examples and links to the Online Parish Clerk system, which is particularly strong in the West Country. Individuals take responsibility for a parish and offer free look-ups in records.

## **Passenger Lists**

Outgoing Passenger Lists 1890-1960 Class BT27 at The National Archives. Available via Findmypast [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) or Ancestry [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca) (subscriptions required).

The work of the Immigrant Ships' Transcribers' Guild might be useful, as they seek to transcribe passengers' lists [www.immigrantships.net](http://www.immigrantships.net).

## **Miscellaneous**

Canadian County Atlas Project <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas>.

For links to selected passenger lists to Canada before 1865 go to

[www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/tocan1400-1800.shtml](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/tocan1400-1800.shtml).

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DEV/Shebbear/BibleChristians>. .

Download 1851 Religious Census <https://archive.org/details/censusgreatbrit00manngoog>.

## **Tanton**

Parish registers of Beaford, Bideford, Little Torrington and St Giles in the Wood Devon.

Memorial Inscriptions of St Giles in the Wood Devon.

Memorial Inscriptions of St Eleanor's cemetery, Prince Edward Island.

1794 Land Tax for St Giles in the Wood Devon.

The Island Register - information about families of Prince Edward Island <http://www.islandregister.com>.

1901 census for London, Middlesex County, Ontario.

Canada Genweb's Cemetery Project <http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/>.

Thanks to William Cooke, James Halls and Gary Carroll.

## **Pennington**

Shebbear Bible Christian Circuit baptism registers

*Hartland and West Country Chronicle*

*North Devon Journal*

## **Cole**

<http://sites.google.com/site/longpointsettlers/Home>.

Norfolk Genealogy <http://www.noronet.on.ca/~jcardiff/>.

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/w/i/1/John-W-Wilson-Ajax/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0723.html>

Parish Registers for Little Torrington.

Parish registers for Buckland Brewer.

1816 Land Tax for Buckland Brewer.

Thanks to John D Cole.

## **Quance**

1841 census HO107 242 en dist. 18 folio 5 Holwell Farm Buckland Brewer

1851 census HO107 1895 folio 396 Tithecott, Buckland Brewer

1861 census RG9 1504 folio 39 Tithecott, Buckland Brewer

1871 census RG10 2208 folio 23 David's Hill, Bulkworthy

1871 census RG10 2205 folio 36 East Eckworthy, Buckland Brewer

1881 census for St Patrick's Ward, Toronto, York, Film Number C-13247 District 134 Subdistrict

H Division 2 Page Number 127 Household Number 640;

1901 census for Noah Quance District: ON ELGIN (East/Est) (#57) Subdistrict: St. Thomas E-2 p. 19.

Baptism registers Newton St. Petrock, Devon

Marriage registers Shebbear, Devon

Marriage certificate of Noah Quance and Mary Euphemia Harstone 1894

Death certificate of Robert Harstone 1878

Death certificate of Mary Euphemia Quance 1906

Death certificate of Noah Quance 1923

*St. Thomas Times-Journal* 24 June 1910 p. 1 columns d & e and p. 5 columns c & d.

*St. Thomas Times-Journal* 21 July 1910 p. 1 columns a & b.

*St. Thomas Times-Journal* 4 Sept 1926 p. 16. This picture was taken in 1906. Noah is third from the left in the front row.

*Exeter Flying Post* 16 June 1859 p. 7 column c.

*Western Times* 03 July 1868 p. 7 column d.

*Western Times* 26 July 1880 p. 3 column e.

*Western Times* 20 April 1917 p. 8 columns e & f.

Peters, W., *A History of Baltimore* typescript mss possibly first published in *The Cobourg World* 1896 <http://images.ourontario.ca/Partners/Cobourg/0000482141T.PDF>.

Tassie, William, *Galt Collegiate Institute Semi-centennial and Tassie Old Boys' Reunion* Galt, Ontario (1902) Register p. 3

