Farm, Fish, Faith or Family?
Nineteenth Century North Devon and Canadian Connections

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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 The impact of kinship links and communities on migration choices and residential persistence in North Devon Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Exeter (2009) available at: https://ore.exeter.ac.uk/repository/handle/10036/88193 [N.B. this takes some time to download].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
Brayshay, Mark ‘The Emigration Trade in Nineteenth-century Devon’, in Duffy, Michael; Fisher, Stephen; Greenhill, Basil; Starkey, David J. and Youings, Joyce (eds.) New Maritime History of Devon Volume 2: from the late eighteenth century to the present day Conway Maritime Press (1994).
Campey, Lucille H. Ignored but not Forgotten: Canada’s English Immigrants Dundurn, Toronto (2014).
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).

Hancock, W Gordon Soe Lange as there Comes None 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.


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


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.


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

Unless you are fortunate enough to trace a recording of an emigrant, oral evidence for C19th 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 or on websites.
Newspapers
Many British and foreign newspapers are now indexed online.
Britain: www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk also accessible via www.findmypast.co.uk.
Canada: https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/can http://libguides.bgsu.edu/CanadianNewspapers www.ourontario.ca/demo/news.html


Census Returns
British and colonial census indices and associated images of original enumerators’ books can be found on Findmypast www.findmypast.co.uk, Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk and www.ancestry.com and other subscription sites.
See also FreeCen www.freecen.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl.
Family Search www.familysearch.org contains free access to indexes to some US and Canadian censuses.
For links to Canadian census indices and some original images 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 but also individual parish indexes available online. See 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 or Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk (subscriptions required).
The work of the Immigrant Ships’ Transcribers’ Guild might be useful, as they seek to transcribe passengers’ lists www.immigrantships.net.

Miscellaneous
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](http://www.islandregister.com).
1901 census for London, Middlesex County, Ontario.
Thanks to William Cooke, James Halls and Gary Carroll.

**Cudmore**
Family information
Parish Registers of Ashreigney, Cheldon, Chulmleigh, Dolton, St Andrew’s Plymouth and West Worlington
1881 census for Summerside, Prince Edward Island
*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette* 27 March 1830 p 2 cols b & c
Criminal Registers HO27/39
*Colonial Herald* 17 December 1842
The Island Register - information about families of Prince Edward Island [http://www.islandregister.com](http://www.islandregister.com).
Harrison, Grant John *The Penalty was Death* by (Halsgrove 1829)
Thanks to Debbie Cruwys Kennett

**Elliott - Braund**
Parish registers of Morwenstow, Cornwall, Bucks Mills, Parkham and Woolfardisworthy West, Devon.
Baptisms in the Kilkhampton Bible Christian circuit.
*The North Devon Journal* 2 December 1858.
*The Kingston Daily News* 22 March 1858 p. 2.
Letter from John Thompson 1819 [http://www.alivingpast.ca/Thompson.htm](http://www.alivingpast.ca/Thompson.htm).
Thanks to Joan Beck.
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;
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 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.
Tassie, William, Galt Collegiate Institute Semi-centennial and Tassie Old Boys’ Reunion Galt, Ontario (1902) Register p. 3