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EDWARD MULKACHY 1780 AND DENNIS YOUNG 1767.

In efforts to recall the work and to perpetuate the memory of those men who came to Trinity in the early days of settlement, I find myself harkening farther and farther back to the records of their marriages, Baptisms and Burials in the old Church Books. Such records not only constitute the earliest direct references to them, and perpetuate their memory down to the present day, but they will continue to do so, as long as those books are preserved.

Those people are fully entitled to such grateful remembrance, for they, in their humble ways had a real share in the laying of the foundations of our corporate life, upon which foundations down to the present day, each generation has had a share in contributing to the superstructure.

Those days, dating back at least fifty years before the beginning of the records in the old Church Book (to say, 1700) were days of hardships and privations to many of the young men who came either from Poole or Limerick and settled down in Trinity. As they had been since their childhood days to some definite form of home, social, and religious life, the loneliness that was theirs for several years after their arrival must have been painfully acute. Of course every decade from the year, say 1700, and during the following century on to the date of the first recorded baptism in 1758, found more and more people settled here, and thus the loneliness was lessened, and the domestic, social, and spiritual privileges were increased.

Whilst the first page of the Marriage Register (1757) contains the names of Hart, Long, Jeans, Bailey, Lockyer, White and Miller, names still familiar to us—yet to Edward Mulachy, Joan Dixon and Dennis Young from Yonghall, Ireland, belong the honour of first mention, on that first page—names that have long since ceased to be known in our midst; but which are still immortalized in the entry referred to, and which I shall give at the end of this article.

The Youngs, the Dixons, and the Mulachys were neighbours in Yonghall, Ireland, and as such they were more or less influenced by one another's actions from their earliest years. Edward Mulachy was the eldest child of a large family; and from the day he was able to do anything to help his father to provide for the family, he gave evidence of a willingness, and a resourcefulness to do so that deepened the love of his father and mother for him, and also won for him the admiration of every right thinking person in the parish. His young life was an illustration of the truth of the old saying:—"If you want anything done, ask a busy man to do it." Thus, in spite of his hours at school every day in the week but Sunday and Saturday, and the many chores at home and on the small farm before and after school, he always found time to do so many little things for the neighbours, that he became to them an indispensable part of the village machinery. Whilst he derived happiness from each and every act of this kind day after day, he was never so happy as when he was serving Father Fallon at the Altar in the parish church on Sundays, and putting everything in its proper place in the Sacristy after the service.

So the years went on in Edward Mulachy's life from boyhood into youth. Then as his brother (two years his junior) became old enough to do all that Edward had been doing, and doing it largely in the same spirit; it did not come as a surprise to any one in the village, when it became known that Edward had made up his mind to relieve the stress of support at home, by leaving for Newfoundland, with the first batch of youngsters that was going from Ireland, and consigned to Benjamin Lester at Trinity.

The pain of leaving home and going out into a strange country was considerably softened in Edward's case, by the fact that John Dixon, who had gone to Trinity, Newfoundland years before as a cooper; had married there, and together with one child, he and his wife were very happy there.

The monotony of a thirty days passage across the Atlantic had begun to tell upon Edward, when the Island of Baccalao was reported right ahead, as the first sight of the new world. All other thoughts were then dispelled by those of anticipation of the new life he was to enter upon, and the old friend he was to meet on the morrow.

Many things in Trinity (that rapidly improved during the next ten years) were at the time of Edward's arrival, in a very primitive condition. Benjamin Lester had just begun to outline a business there, and his premises, as well as the temporary dwelling houses of the settlement, were not calculated to make the best impressions upon those coming from any part of the Old Country.

Edward Mulachy, however, (together with the other youngsters) was received with a kind welcome, and comfortably housed for the night. He was delighted to meet his old neighbour, John Dixon, and to be taken by him to his home for a day or two.

It did not take Edward long to realize that "happiness does not consist in what you have, as much as in what you are"; for though there was evidence of the lack of many ordinary luxuries in the home outfit, yet abundant happiness was evident in the collective, and individual life of John and Nora Dixon, and their daughter Joan. And as such happiness is infectious, Edward went to Mr. Lester's office the next day, supremely happy, and to be informed as to whom he was to be apprenticed for the next five years.

As John Dixon was a valuable servant in the employ of Benjamin Lester, and it became known to him that Edward Mulachy was a friend of his family in the Old Country, he (Benjamin Lester) thoughtfully and kindly arranged for Edward's apprenticeship to Mr. Richard Waterman in Trinity, so that he might be able to see his friends the Dixons quite often, and profit by their watchful care.

It did not take long for Edward's master and his wife to become aware of the willingness, and the resourcefulness in his character, that was so well known in Yonghall, and with the same effects; for though his daily life was so regulated as to give him every opportunity to learn the requirements for a practical life in the Colony, he was in every other respect treated as one of the family.

The only clergyman in Trinity at the time, and for several years afterwards, was Rev. Robert Kilpatrick, Missionary Priest of the Church of England. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman were God fearing people, and though as members of the Church of England, their family, and public devotions were different, and differently expressed in some ways from what, as a Roman Catholic, Edward had been accustomed to, yet they were so evidently sincere, and Mr. and Mrs. Waterman's daily lives were so consistently in keeping with their devotions, that Edward realized that his lot had fallen in good surroundings; and by sharing in those devotions, together with his own private devotions, and occasional family devotions at the Dixons, his spiritual life was kept in good condition, and his temporal life was lived accordingly.

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The close of the five years of Edward's apprenticeship found him a young man in every sense of the word, and fully equipped for an independent life. It was a foregone conclusion on the part of his friends, from the time of his early visits to the Dixons, that Joan Dixon and Edward Mulachy would marry at the end of Edward's apprenticeship. The mutual love that had been born in their lives during those early visits, deepened with the passing years, and many little preparations for their housekeeping were made at the same time and put away in Joan's "Dutch Trunk."

As Joan was the only child, and father and mother were growing old, it was decided that she and Edward should begin their married life in the old home. During the year 1780 in the first St. Paul's Church (that then stood in the middle of the old churchyard) and by the marriage service of the Church of England, Edward Mulachy and Joan Dixon pledged their troth either to other, and were proclaimed man and wife together, in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, by Rev. Robert Kilpatrick, Missionary Priest at the time. The following twenty-five years were intensely happy ones. Then came a succession of changes. John Dixon and his wife were called to rest within a few months of each other, and the next year, as the result of an accident, Edward Mulachy was called to follow them. Their bodies were laid to rest, with reverent care and Christian burial, side by side in old St. Paul's churchyard, and their dust to-day combines with mother earth, 'till the Resurrection morning. Joan their souls rest in peace. Then May Mulachy found herself alone and lonely in the old house in which she was born and where she had been so happy. In order to dispel the loneliness she took two or three boarders, and for the next three years life went on in a new setting though by no means satisfactory. Then there came into her life another man from Yonghall, one Dennis Young, who was known to her husband's people, and who had come to Trinity as the representative of a commercial firm in Queens-town, with which Benjamin Lester wished to do business. After a year's residence in Trinity he asked Joan Mulachy to become his wife, and with that longing that had never left her to live again the old homelife, she consented, and the first entry in the old Marriage Register of St. Paul's Parish, Trinity, reads as follows: April 15th, 1787. Married by Rev. Benjamin Lester, Dennis Young, to Joan (Dixon), widow of the late Edward Mulachy.

Thus during the first one hundred and fifty years after the discovery of Trinity in 1501, men came to us in early summer and left again in late autumn. Then during the next one hundred years they came, remained, and settled down in the various parts of Trinity Bay. Those men not only began the foundations of permanent homelife, but also during their three score years and ten of individual life, they added the first layer of superstructure on those foundations. During that century and the first half of the next, those Colonial-builders were steadily recruited by boys from Poole and Limerick, Weymouth and Westford, Christchurch, Plymouth, and Wexford, Somerset, Bideford, Yonghall, St. David's, and Glasgow. They were more or less clanish in their choice of wives, when it was possible to select, but in the large majority of instances, love, or a less tender sentiment brooked no interference, and "they lived happy for ever afterwards." Hence, there are but few of the present generation in Trinity in whose veins do not course a mixture of English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh blood in various individual proportions—the outcome of which is a people in every respect thoroughly British. For example: my paternal grandfather was English; my maternal grandfather was Welsh. My paternal grandmother was Irish; and my maternal grandmother was a Newfoundlander. (I daresay there was some "Scotch" in both my grandfathers at times). Is it any wonder, I ask, that we have such a good opinion of ourselves?

INFORMATION FOR INQUIRERS, RE SAMUEL GARLAND.

Samuel Garland was born in the parish of Shipton-George County of Dorset, England, in the year 1778. He came to Trinity about the year 1794. On May 20th 1827, he was married to Mary Still. Mrs. Garland died in 1859, aged 85 years. Sometimes I am inclined to believe that he must have been a distant relative of the Garlands at Trinity, and for the following reasons: He came from the same county in England. The land that he cultivated on the North Side, (Trinity East) and on which he built his house and lived for about sixty-five years, was secured by him from the Trinity Garlands. There was no clergyman in Trinity, and the new Church (old St. Paul's) was not ready for service at the time he was married, so he was married in the Garland House, Trinity, and by John Bingley Garland, Magistrate. This, however, was only a coincidence, and does not necessarily point to relationship. Samuel Garland was well known, and sought after in Trinity as a skilful seal-skinner, and as such was employed every spring, when the seals were landed and rendered out here. The witnesses to the marriage of Samuel Garland and Mary Still, were George Skelton, J.P., John Foster, John Peckham, Jr., and Sarah Peckham. They are both buried in St. Paul's Churchyard, Trinity. The F.P.U. Hall at Trinity East, is built on a part of Samuel Garland's property, and when the men of Trinity East met in that Hall to organize a club for mutual improvement, they unanimously decided to call it "The Garland Club."

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Eriksen is at St. John's and will remain there till her daughter, Miss Phyllis returns (20th inst.) from the Church School for Girls at Windsor, N.S., for summer vacation in Trinity.

Mr. Maddock, representing The Newfoundland Clothing Co., registered at Garland Hotel this week, did his work here, and left on Tuesday for Notre Dame Bay.

The S. S. Neptune came to Trinity last week for Mr. Samuel Grant and his outfit for the season's fishery at Blanc Sablon. He took with him about one hundred and fifty men, boys and girls, and we wish them "good luck in the name of the Lord." No matter how quiet Trinity has been before the Neptune leaves, it is always painfully so after she has left with her human freight, not all from Trinity, of course, but still enough to be missed.

The Methodist have done some extensive repairs to their cemetery fence and ground. I am always glad to see this being done to any place where the bodies of those whom God has called to rest, await God's next call to life and activity again. Our cemeteries are holy places now, and they will be very wonderful places on the Resurrection Mornings.

Captain Flander in the schooner "Lucile B. Creaser" arrived from Barbados via St. John's last week.

Captain Stanley Barbour in his new schooner "The Gander Deal" made his first trip to St. John's and return, and he is very much pleased with her all-round good points.

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her. We are glad to have them with us. Trinity is very pretty just now.

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Mr. Richard Malmgren of Royal Bank staff at St. John's, is spending his vacation at his home in Trinity. Glad to see you Dick.

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