

In the Vieges Map—in 1534—Placentia Bay bears the name of "B. Andre."

In the Haleynne Map—1543—it is called "B. de St. Andre."

In the Map of Jehan Roze—1543—it is called "Baia de St. Andre."

On a Portuguese Portulan, undated, but after 1542, is found "I plasamse." Newfoundland then appears as an archipelago.

On a map of same date, known as the "Coate Portugaise du Depot," the Peninsula of Avalon is shown, and Placentia Bay appears as a bay written "Plaesanse."

On the map of John Vallard, of Dieppe, 1547, is found "Ille de Plaisance."

In the Descliers Map, 1546, Avalon is an island, and Placentia is not mentioned; in the Descliers map of 1550, however, the Peninsula of Avalon is shown and "Te de Plaisance" marked as a bay.

The late Bishop Mullock, in his lecture on Newfoundland, gives "Plaisance" as the original name.

It does not appear that the harbor was marked on the charts until the French occupied it in 1660, but it was known before then, for Sylvester Wyet called there in 1594 and found over sixty sail of fishermen belonging to St. John de Lux and Sibiburo. In his narrative, he says after leaving Placentia he sailed for the western side of the bay, where his boats were attacked and injured by the savages. Wyet may have reached Long Island and there encountered the Red Indians who had an encampment there, as is evidenced by the many remains of stonework, etc., which from time to time have been found there.