

By race he spoke of himself as Norman Irish. His religious faith was Roman Catholic, but not having his residence in a community of that faith and his wife and family protestant of the Free Baptist denomination, he seldom attended a Catholic church. His funeral services were attended by the family's pastor and burial was made in the Free Baptist churchyard at Lower Argyle.

JOHN GAYTON left his early home in Ireland and came to Newfoundland, thence with either Capt. David Spinney or Capt. Reuben Spinney to Argyle, Nova Scotia, where his half-brother, Thomas, had already made his home. John Gayton came to Argyle about the year 1816, where he lived with his brother, Thomas, when not away to sea, for a period of six years. It was his intention then to settle in Argyle, having gone to the extent of completing a bargain for the purchase of a lot of land for a homestead adjoining his brother. This plan, however, was abandoned and he went away to New York and eventually settled in the State of Pennsylvania.

JAMES GAYTON, a brother or half-brother of Thomas, in the autumn of 1826, with his wife and young daughter, Mary, came from Halifax to visit his brother in Argyle and remain, at least, the winter with him. Previous to this he evidently had been living a few years in Halifax, whither he had come after leaving his father's home in Ireland. Before the spring came he died and was temporarily buried in the Roman Catholic burying ground at West Pubnico. The spring following the widow and daughter returned to Halifax, taking the remains of the deceased with them for burial in that city. After the lapse of a few years relatives in Argyle failed to know of them or where they were residing.

Another brother or half-brother of Thomas Gayton, with a family, was known to be living in or near Boston, Mass., about the year 1840.

Families by the name of Gayton have long been, and descendants are yet, living in the Province of New Brunswick. They claim their ancestor, who first settled in that part of the country, was a brother or half-brother of Thomas Gayton, first of Argyle, N. S.

There are people of the name of Gayton resident in the colony of Newfoundland and mention is made of one, Charles Gayton, living in or near St. John's.