

WILLIAM HOGAN (ABT 1760 -1833) AND WILLIAM HOGAN (1781 - 1858) EARLY SETTLERS OF NORTHERN BAY: WERE THEY RELATED? SUBMITTED BY # 315 JOE PETRIE <jpetrie@massbay.edu>

The two William Hogan families are forever linked by a tragedy. The winter of 1879 - 1880 was probably no longer and harsher than any typical Newfoundland winter. Fishing is always difficult and it can be hazardous in any kind of weather. Arctic ice increased the hazard. By the end of March 1880, the ice on Conception Bay was slowly receding.

On March 26, 1880, Good Friday, four young men from Northern Bay went on to the Arctic ice that was into the shoreline to fish. None of them would make it back alive.

Richard Fahey (son of Cecelia Hogan and Thomas Fahey), two Hogan brothers (Patrick and Martin, sons of Maurice Hogan and Jean O' Flaherty), and William March (son of Cecily Hogan and Simeon March) died there that day. The wind had veered and the ice went out with it. On Easter Sunday, March 28, 1880, Willie March's body was returned to Northern Bay.

This paper documents my unsuccessful work on determining whether the two William Hogans were related and how they were related. It is written with hope that fellow Newfoundland genealogists will aid me in establishing a relationship and in advancing my genealogical research of the Northern Bay Hogan families.

For the purposes of this document, I have affectionately referred to the two Williams as William 1 and William 2. Richard Fahey, Patrick Hogan and Martin Hogan were descendants of William 1. Willie March was a descendent of William 2. It has not been determined whether Willie March was also a descendant of William 1.

I began researching William 1 in the 1980s. I'm a native Bostonian who, after my parents died, visited his parents' sisters in Cape Breton and in Halifax, Nova Scotia about once every three years. One evening, while visiting my Mom's sister (Mary Aloysia Tobin of Glace Bay, Halifax and North Sydney a great great granddaughter of William 1) in Halifax, Aunt May suggested that we visit Mom's first cousin (Allie Burke Ahern). Aunt May wanted me to hear first hand about and see memorabilia of Allie's receiving the Order of Canada.

After a nice visit, we prepared to leave Allie's house. Before we left, Allie asked me about the family genealogy and specifically about my Hogan research. Imagine her surprise when I asked her, what Hogans? I don't have any Hogans!

That night, I had my first immersion in Family Hogan. (My resulting quest for Hogan information is described in more detail in an E-zine published in the Cape Breton Genealogy and History Association entitled: My Experience with Serendipity in Genealogy.) Also printed in *The Newfoundland Ancestor*, volume 21, 2.

I began researching William 2 a few years later. As I described it in the Serendipity document, two of my late North Sydney grandaunts, Sister Loretta (Mary Elizabeth Tobin) and Sister Joseph Aloysia (Sr. JA B Anna Bridget Tobin), who were both members of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, had willed me their daily (missal) prayer books. Both books were taking up needed space in a cluttered book case in the small area in my cellar where I worked on my projects for my employer and my genealogy hobby. One evening, in an attempt to make space for one more book, I decided to clean out the assorted Memorials and notes that the two nuns kept in their missals.

I started with Sr. JA's. Most of her Memorials were the common, standard, undertaker-provided documents with a drawing or portrait of a saint on the front and a prayer and sparse vital information on the deceased on the back. The rare Memorials that really caught my eye were memorials with photos. One photo memorial was provided

by her sister, Sister Loretta. It was for the late Bishop John March, Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace. On the back of it, Sister Loretta wrote that Bishop March was "daddy's cousin".

Because of the notation, I eagerly began to collect information about William 2's family B but I was thinking that the families were probably William 1's family. It took a while for me to suspect that I might really be researching two families. Edward -Vincent Chafe, from Gull Island, a certificated Canadian Genealogist and former member of the NLGS Board of Directors, confirmed my suspicions by telling me that I mixed two families in a Genealogy Report that I sent him.

I was certain of one thing: While I had one anecdote the memorial from my Grandaunt I really had no official proof (and still have no official proof) that William 1 and William 2 were related.

A second anecdote came soon after. Patrick Hinchey, a former mayor of New Waterford, Nova Scotia and a Cape Breton genealogist, wrote to me indicating that he was a cousin of both of my parents. (I had previously documented his family as part of my Cape Breton Petrie genealogy.) He promised to send proof of his relationship to my mother after he returned from a trip to the hospital. Unfortunately, he died without sending it. Patrick was the first source (and currently the only source) from William 2's family to claim a relationship to William 1's descendants.

Is this proof? No, because there is still only anecdotal information from two different sources and no official documentation, I have concluded that the descendants of the two Williams knew that the two families were related either because the two Williams had common Hogan relatives in Newfoundland/Ireland or because their wives were related. Maybe William 1's wife (whose maiden name is unknown) was a Johnson. William 2's wife was Elizabeth Johnson.

Earlier I wrote that I hoped that fellow Newfoundland genealogists will aid me in establishing a relationship and in advancing my genealogical research of the Northern Bay Hogan families. In the background, I am also hoping that more instances of Hogan Family serendipity result. As an aid, the following is a listing of some generations of William 1 and William 2 descendants, where I have highlighted in **BOLD** and in a larger font size my mother's family on William 1's list and Patrick Hinchey's family on William 2's list.

1. William Hogan (b. abt. 1761 Ireland;d.1833)

sp: Elizabeth Hogan (Maiden Name Unknown, b.abt. 1774)

2. John Hogan (b.1790)

sp: Sarah Rixon (b.1792; m.1812)

3. John Hogan (c.1814)

sp: Elizabeth Crummey (m.1839)

3. Maurice Hogan (b.1814; d.1871)

sp: Jane O=Flaherty (b.1823; m.1847;d.1863)

3. Bridget Hogan (c.1817)

3. Mary Hogan (c.1819)

3. Johanna Hogan (b.1824; d.1901)

sp: Lawrence Mullaly (b.1818 ;m.1849; d.1871)

3. Philip Hogan (b.1826)

sp: Mary Johnson (b. 1830; m. 1849)

sp: Johanna Ford (b.1887; m.1863)

3. Edward Hogan (b.1828)

sp: Elizabeth Mansfield (b.1830; m.1852)

2. Mary Hogan

sp: **Richard Tobin (m.1824)**

3. Eleanor Tobin (b.1825)

3. Anne Tobin (b.1827)

3. William Tobin (b.1829; d.1883)

sp: Mary Doyle (b.1832; m.1859)

3. Patrick Tobin (b.1831)

3. Eleanor Tobin (b. 1832)

3. James Tobin (b.1836)

3. Mary Tobin (b.1838, d.1914)

sp: Arthur Doyle (b.1836; d.1918)

3. Richard Francis Tobin (b. 1840; d. abt. 1901)

sp: **Honora Catherine Dooley=Nora= (b.1852; m.1869; d.1932)**

3. John Tobin (b.1845; d.1871)

sp: Ellen Ford (m.1872)

2. James Hogan

sp: Margaret Foley (m.1820)

3. Patrick Hogan (b.1822)

3. James Hogan (b.1825)

2. Eleanor Hogan

sp: Daniel Hinchey (m.1813)

2. Patrick Hogan

sp: Margaret Tobin (m.1833)

2. Thomas Hogan (b.1790)

sp: Ann Baggs

3. Joseph Hogan (b.1808)

3. Ellen Hogan (b.1818)

3. Richard Hogan (b.1820)

3. Joseph Hogan (b.1823)

3. Jane Hogan (b.1825)

3. Cecelia Hogan (b.1832)

sp: Thomas Fahey (b. 1830; m. 1862)

3. Mary Hogan (b.1835)

sp: Peter Hogan (b.1835; m.1877; d.1871)

3. Bernard Hogan (b.1838)

sp: Johanna Woodrow (b.1845; m.1870)

3. John Hogan (b.1841)

2. William Hogan (b.1781, Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland; d.1858)

sp: Elizabeth Johnson (b.1774; d.1832)

2. John Hogan (b.1810; d.1857)**2. Jean Hogan (b.1812; d.1837)**

sp: Thomas Glavine

2. Alice Hogan (b.1812)

sp: William Broderick (m.1839)

- 2. Mary Hogan (b.1814)
sp: Thomas Walsh (m.1844)
- 2. William Hogan (b.1820; d.1871)
sp: Ellen Glavine (b.1825; m.1844)
- 3. John Hogan=Laité=(b.IW)
sp: Hogan
- 3. Mary Elizabeth Hogan (b.1852; d.1949)
sp: Patrick Hinchey (b.1848)
- 2. Patrick Hogan (c.1824)
- 2. Theresa Hogan (b.1825)
sp: William Collins (m.1848)
- 2. Cecelia Hogan=Cecily=(b.1829; d.1883)
sp: Simeon March (b.1834 ;m.1855; d.1882)
- 3. Theresa Anne March (b.1856)
sp: Michael O'Neill (b.1856 ;m.1883; d.1892)
- 3. William March (b.1858; d.1880)
- 3. Elizabeth March Betsy= (b.1860; d.1922)
sp: James O'Neill (b.1851; m.1885; d.1922)
- 3. Bishop John March (b.1863; d.1939)
- 3. Louisa March (b.1867)
- 3. James March (b.1868; d.1942)
sp: Agnes Moore (b.1869; m.1886; d.1940)

Please note that the above listings are probably incomplete. There are doubtless kin who are not listed. Additional generations have been omitted for privacy purposes. What I find interesting about the additional generations is the number of priests and members of religious orders that descended from the two Williams. (There's probably enough material for another article.)

Credit for records in the above lists really belongs to Conception Bay genealogists; especially, Edward-Vincent Chafe, Raylene Earle, Matt Mullaly and Jim McCarthy. I thank them and thank countless others who have expanded my knowledge of my Northern Bay Hogan and Tobin families.

One additional note: My E-zines including my Serendipity document are available on my son's web site www.joepetrie.org

If you have any information to help me including how to make the connection between the two William Hogan families, please contact me at [<jpetrie@massbay.edu>](mailto:jpetrie@massbay.edu)

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