Researching Newfoundland Genealogy

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Difficulties with Newfoundland Research – Few Primary Records

- Most researchers start with Census Records. Until 1921, there were no Census Records for the entire island.
- Researchers search for Official Published Vital Records: Birth, Christening, Marriage, Death, Obituaries and Wills. Until recently, there were few.
- Researchers search for Published Family Records. Some exist. <u>I use them as clues for future research.</u> My goal is to verify before I add them to my database. Sometimes I can not verify and end up updating my database. Conflict resolution is difficult.
- I attribute everything for an audit trail. Web Sites and their databases are identified uniquely from other sources.

Some of the Web Sites and Databases that I use to collect Vitals

- FamilySearch, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 1893 (Lots of Christening and Marriage Records – Mostly Catholic. Images of the records are available to registered FamilySearch users.)
- Newfoundland Grand Banks: (1) Births, Marriages, Deaths and Wills;
 and (2) Official Lists. (Volunteers' Research. Free.)
- Ancestry, Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810–1890 - (About 42,000 records. Ancestry is a subscription service and is available 24/7. Ancestry Library is free to users at many Libraries but is not available 24/7.)
- Ancestry, Public Trees -(Family Members' Research. Use with Caution. Verify everything.)
- StonePics 250,000 Gravestone Photos on CDs that can be purchased.
 (Free Alphabetical listing). Free software download. (I downloaded.)
- Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador 100,000
 Cemetery Headstones (Members only, Current fee is \$42 per year.)

Most of the following Screen Prints are for William Hogan (my ggg grandfather) who arrived in Newfoundland from Ireland about 1780.

There are a few screen prints for his descendants.

My Notes for William Hogan follow on this and the next slide:

Web Sites: Ancestry, Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810–1890 (from Gertrude Crosbie's CD originally published by the Maritime History Archive of Memorial University); Plantation Book http://nl.canadagenweb.org/cbhg_pr1805-1-21.htm; Newfoundland Ancestor, Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador http://www.fhsnl.ca/ and Newfoundland Grand Banks, http://ngb.chebucto.org/

William supposedly emigrated from Ireland at age 20. He settled at Ochre Pit Cove in 1785 and moved to Northern Bay 8 years later. Note that in 1784, Catholics in Newfoundland were finally allowed to practice their religion, to own property etc.

I wonder whether he was initially a fisherman who returned to Ireland in the Fall - after fishing from the Spring (after Easter) to the late Fall.

The following is a cut and paste from the Plantation Book for Northern Bay: http://nl.canadagenweb.org/cbhg_pr1805-1-21.htm

- "15 John Cummins and Thomas Fogarty, 138 yds. from E. to West bounded on the E. by Thos. Milley on the W. by himself 200 yds. from H.W.M.to the N. bounded on the N. by the Woods 1 Stage 1 Flake 3 Houses 1 Garden John Cummins & Thos. Fogarty Purchased from Wm. Mullowney for £30 Wm. Hogan " 1796"
- Note: William Hogan is to enjoy this room rent free during his natural life, then tis to devolve to Jno. Cummings and Thos. Fogarty and their heirs but if they should rent his room or dispose of it they are to give the heirs of Wm. Hogan the preference."

My Notes for William Hogan (1761 – 1833) my ggg grandfather (Continued)

In the Plantation Book, William is mentioned twice. In 1785, he rented a plot in Ochre Pit (Oaker Pits) Cove from Jonathan Parsons for 1 shilling per annum. In 1803, it indicated that he acquired a plot in Northern Bay. His plot was 65 yards (East to West) by 64 yards (South to North). It indicated that the plot was wooded and that he cleared the woods himself. John Johnson was his eastern neighbor and John Commins was his western and southern neighbor.

Jim McCarthy indicates that the Plantation Book has his birth as 1758. Gertrude Crosbie in her Birth, Deaths and Marriages in Newfoundland (published by the Maritime History Archive of Memorial University) indicates that he died on 20 Nov 1833 at age 72. That year and the age bothers me. One William is listed on the 1832 Voters List for Northern Bay, Bay de Verde District. If he were alive, I'd expect two Williams to be listed (he and his son).

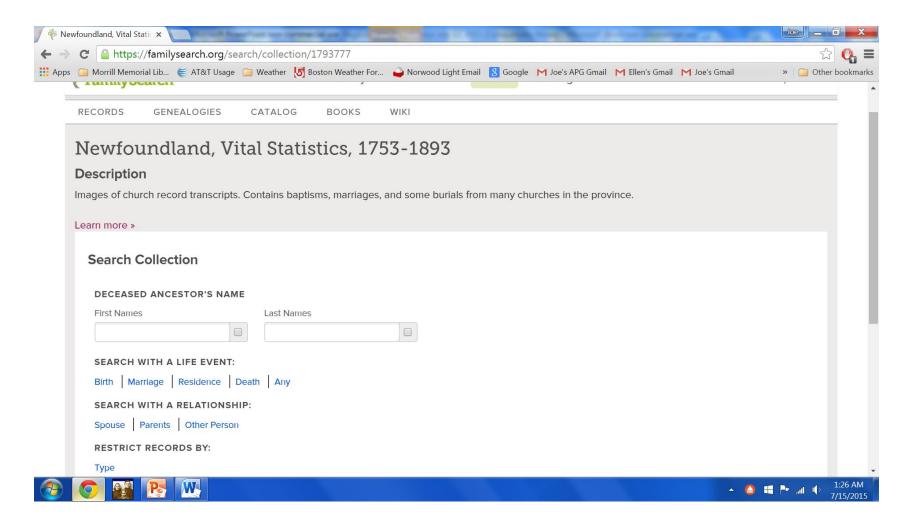
The list included Patrick, Richard, James Senior, James Junior, James (McNamara), John and Joseph Hogan. James (McNamara) Hogan and Joseph Hogan. They are not on my lists of descendants of William, the Planter. His son James had a son James born in 1825. He would have been 7 at the time of the Voters list.

In the Newfoundland Ancestor, Volume 12 Issue 1 pp 13 -15, John O'Mara identified William as one of the first members of the Benevolent Irish Society founded in Carbonear. O'Mara lists all the members as of February 17, 1806 which includes the 74 Founding Members. William was one of two Hogans listed. It appears that he was the only one of the 74 not from Carbonear.

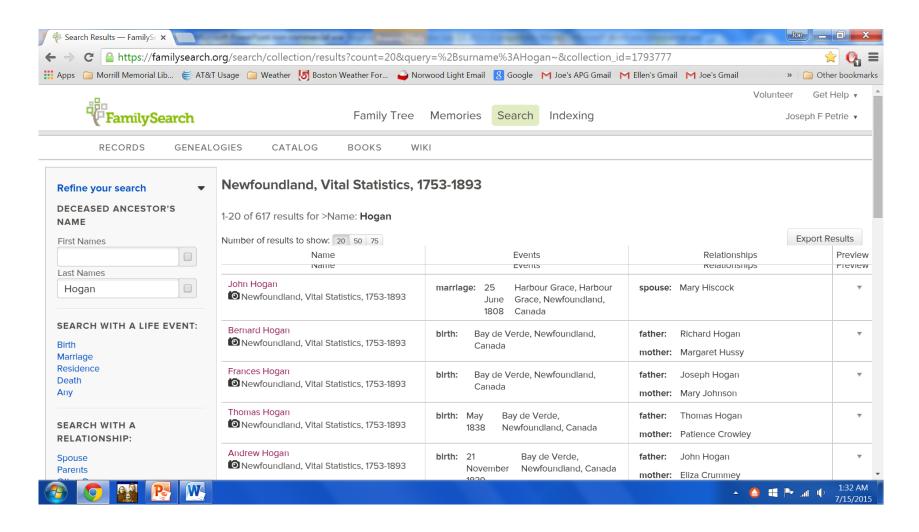
Finally, in Ancestry Public Members trees, William is identified as being the son of Patrick Hogan and Catherine Gaul. This is not verifiable because there is no citation. Based on the Irish naming pattern, a Catherine would have had one of William's daughters named for his mother. Also, other Public Member trees identified William's wife Elizabeth as Elizabeth Johnson possibly a daughter of John Johnson who was a Planter in Northern Bay. It is plausible but unverifiable.

Sources: Leo McCann, Jim McCarthy, Paul O'Neill, Ed Chafe and Matt Mullaly. Ed is a certified Canadian Genealogist.

Family Search, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 – 1893 (I searched for all Hogan Surnames)

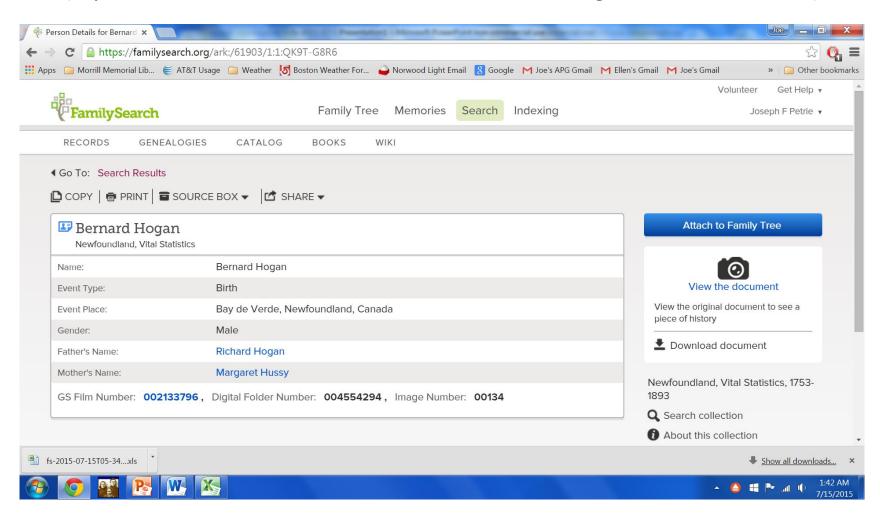


FamilySearch, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 – 1893 Search Results for all 617 Hogan Records

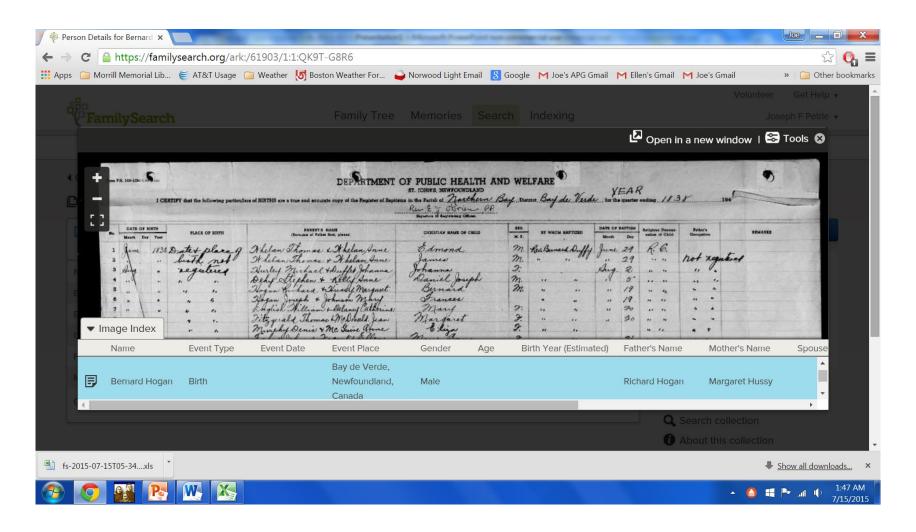


FamilySearch, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 – 1893 Christening Record for Bernard Hogan, Baptized on August 19, 1838

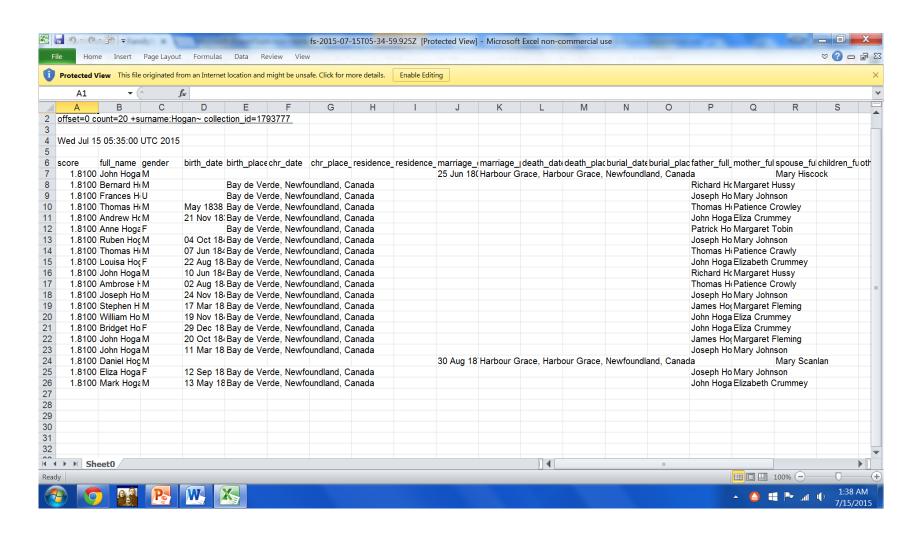
Bernard was a grandson of William Hogan (My Great Grandfather Richard Tobin and Bernard Hogan were first cousins.)



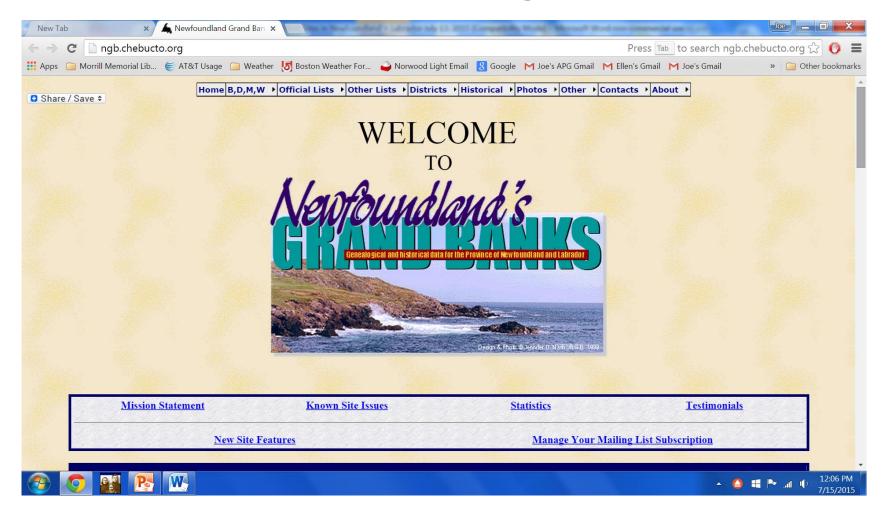
FamilySearch, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 – 1893 Image of the Baptism Register of Corpus Christi Parish, Northern Bay, Bay de Verde District for August 19, 1838. Bernard's record is on line 5.



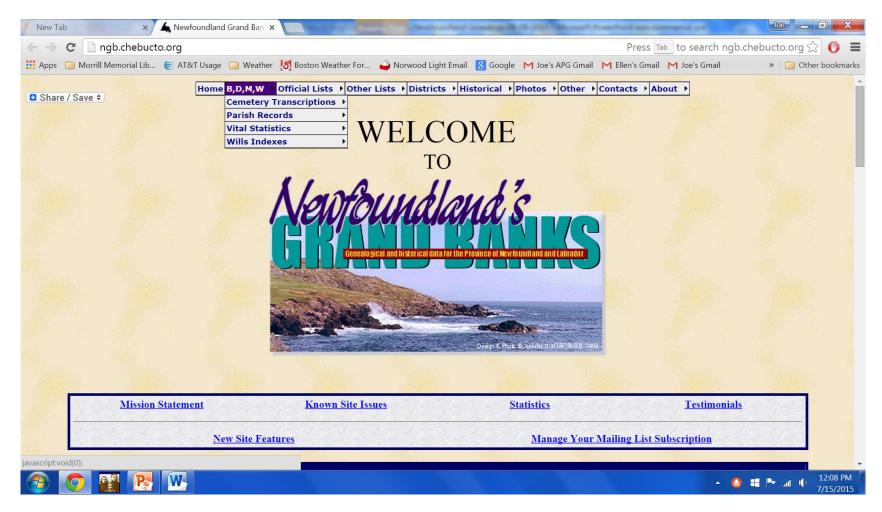
FamilySearch, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753 – 1893 Download of the first 20 (of 617) Hogan Records into an Excel file



Newfoundland Grand Banks Home Page



Newfoundland Grand Banks B, D, M, and W Drop Down List



Newfoundland Grand Banks Vital Statistics in the B,D,M,W Tab



Newfoundland Grand Banks Bay de Verde District – B,D,M,W Vitals

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- Methodists, 1816 1892
- Church of England, 1860 1892

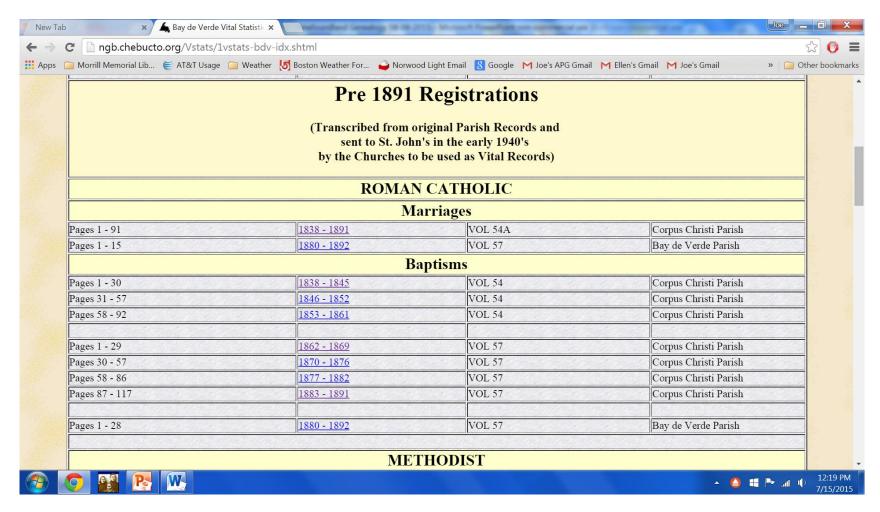
Marriages

- Roman Catholic, 1838 1891
- Methodists, 1816 1891
- Church of England, 1860 1891
- Civil Registrations, 1891 1892

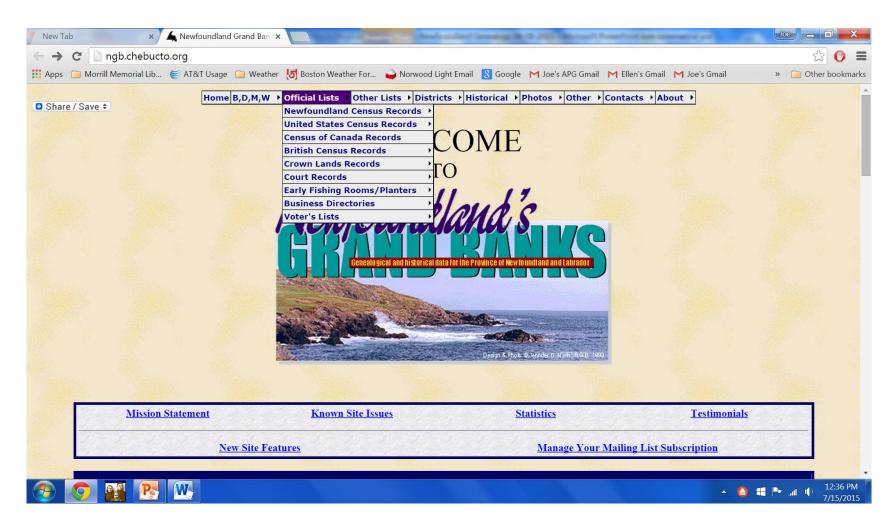
Deaths

Civil Registrations, 1892 - 1943

Newfoundland Grand Banks Bay de Verde District



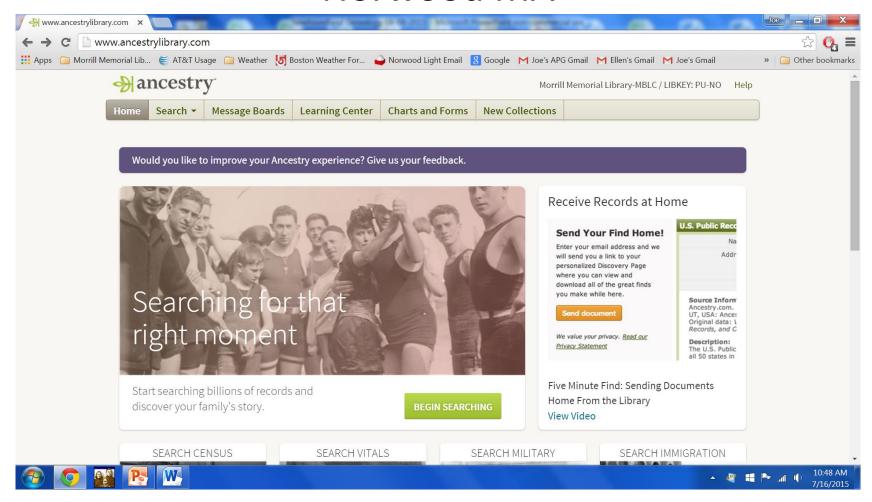
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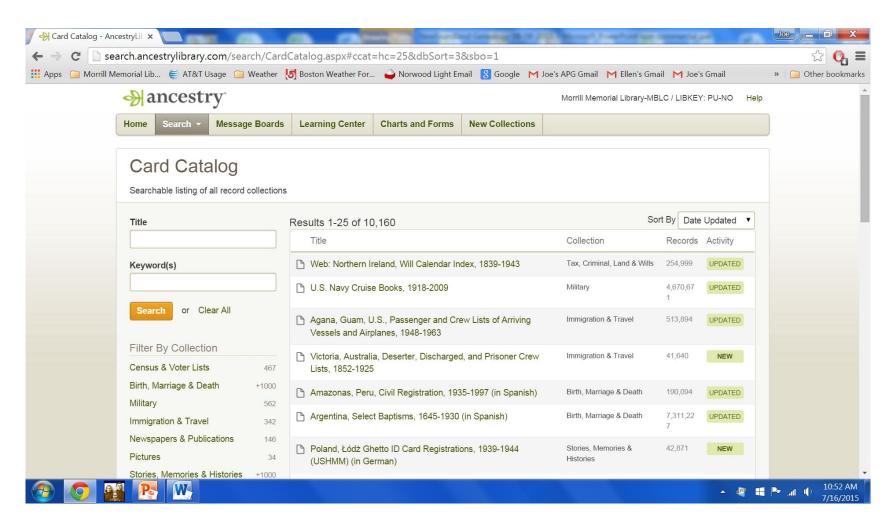
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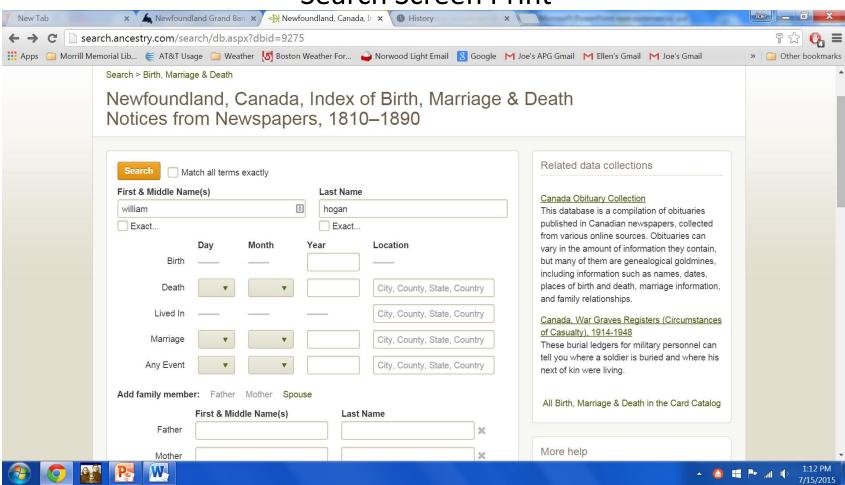
Ancestry Library Courtesy of the Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood MA



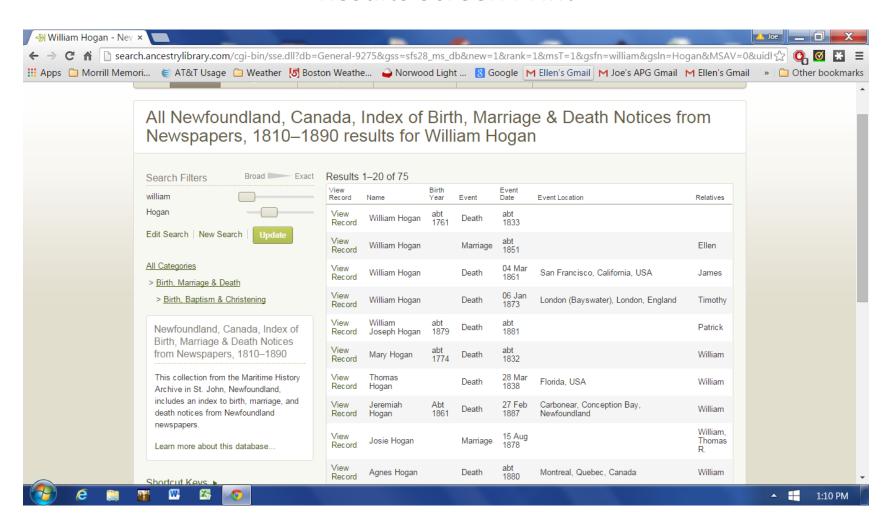
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Ancestry, Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810–1890 Search Screen Print

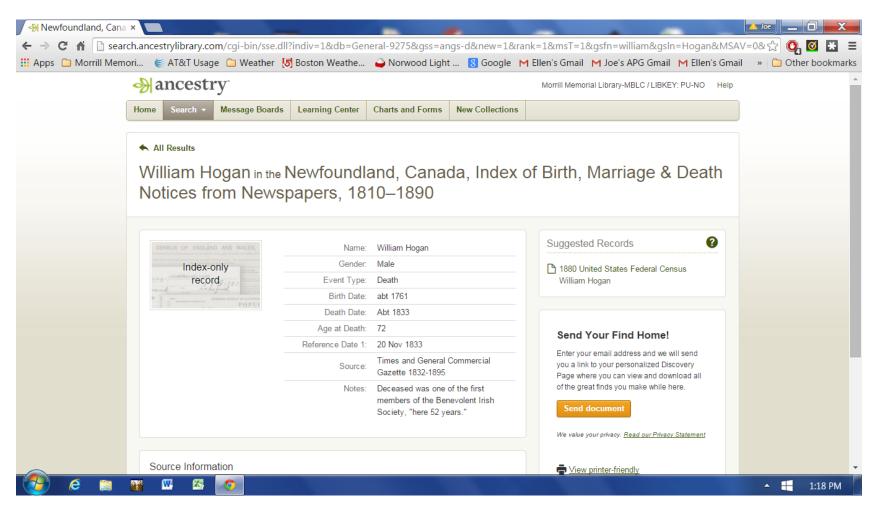


Ancestry, Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810–1890 Results Screen Print

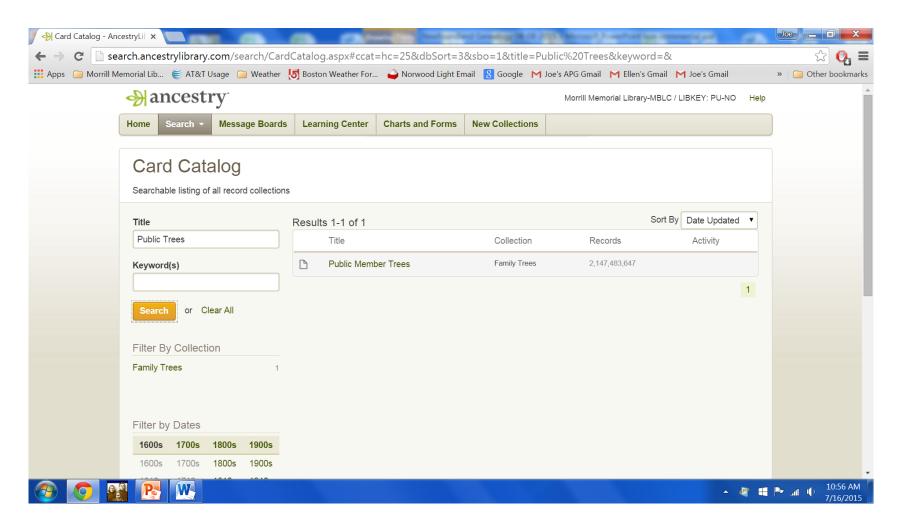


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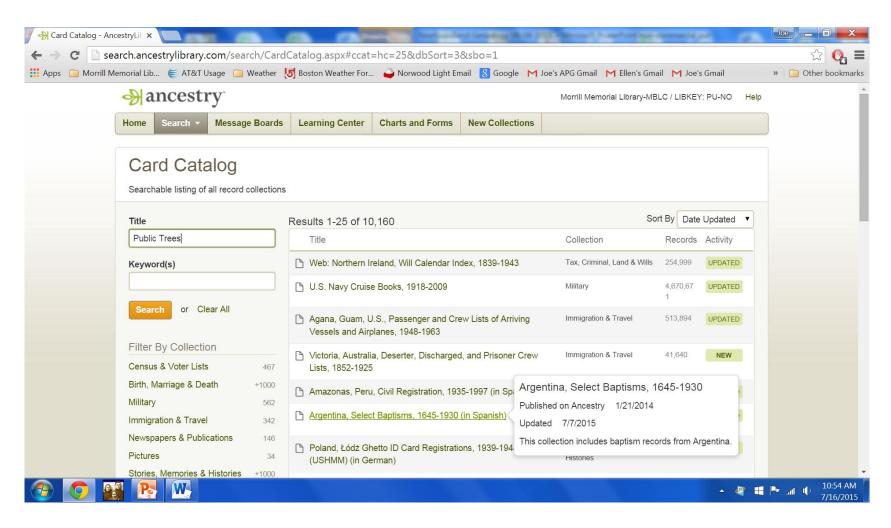
Screen Print of the Index Record for William Hogan (Contains a few fields from Gert Crosbie's CD – her database is at Friends ...)



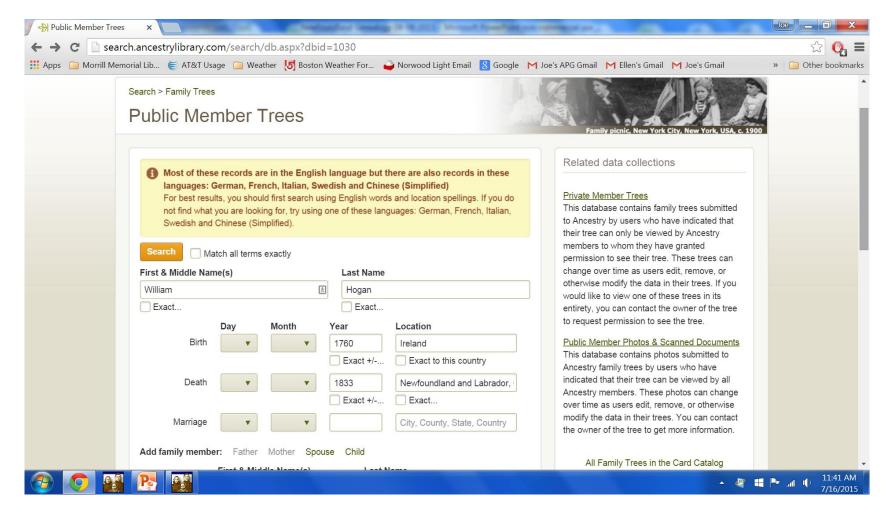
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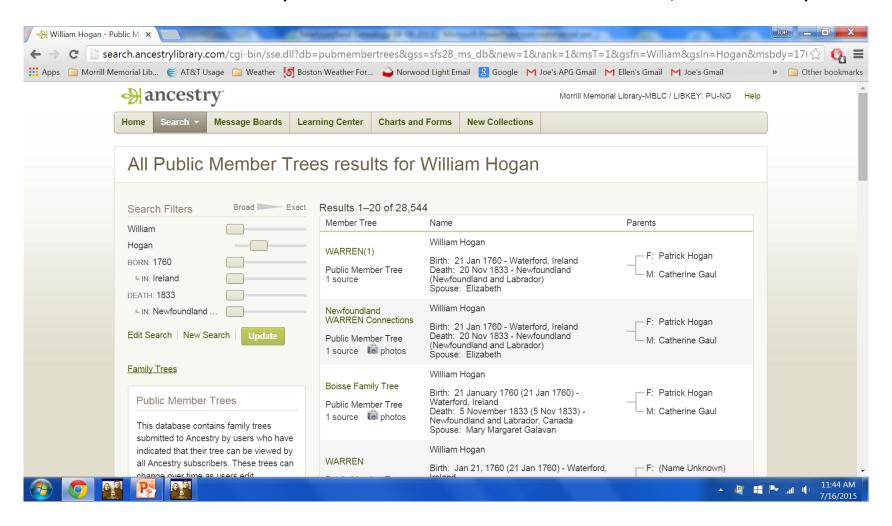
Ancestry Library New Collections Search Screen



Ancestry Library Search Screen for William Hogan



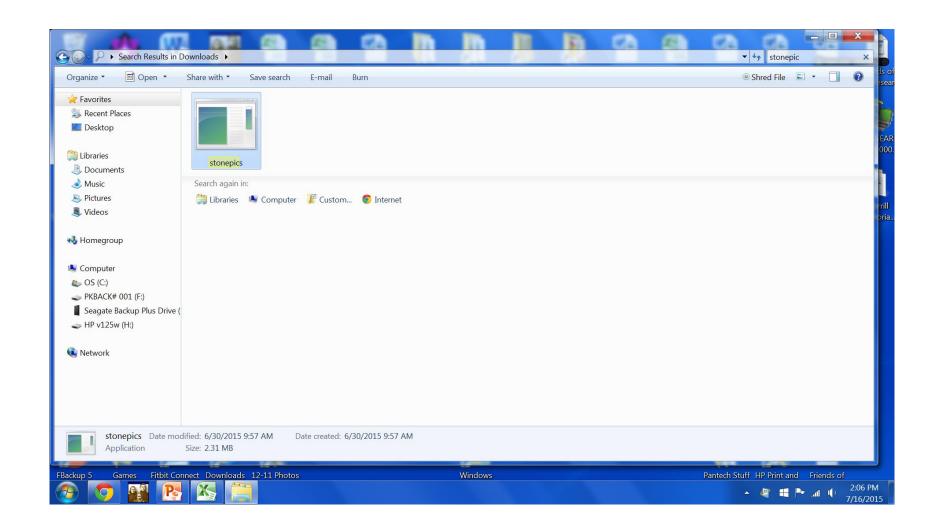
Ancestry Library Results Screen for William Hogan of Northern Bay, Newfoundland (9 of first 19 Public Trees of 28,544 Trees)



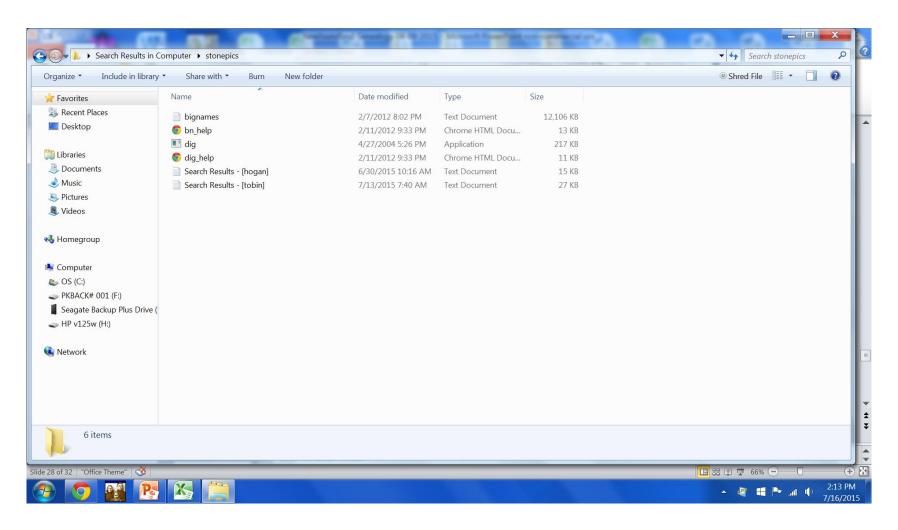
Ancestry Public Tree information for William Hogan that I am attempting to verify before I add or update records

- William Hogan's Parents: Patrick and Catherine Gaul?
- Christening Record in Waterford County
- William's Marriage to Elizabeth?
- Wife Elizabeth's Maiden Name
- Wife Elizabeth's Birth and Death
- Date and Place of William's children's Births
- Date and Place of some William's children's marriages
- Etc.

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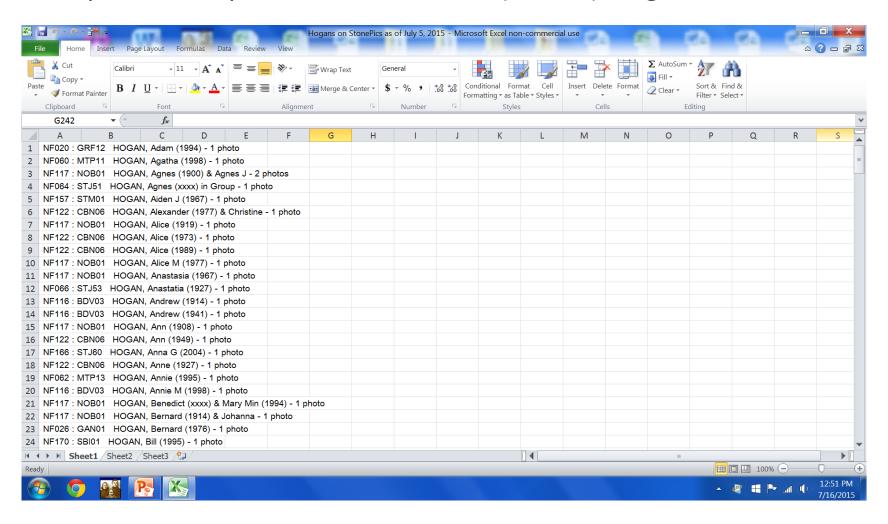


Stonepics software and 2 search result files



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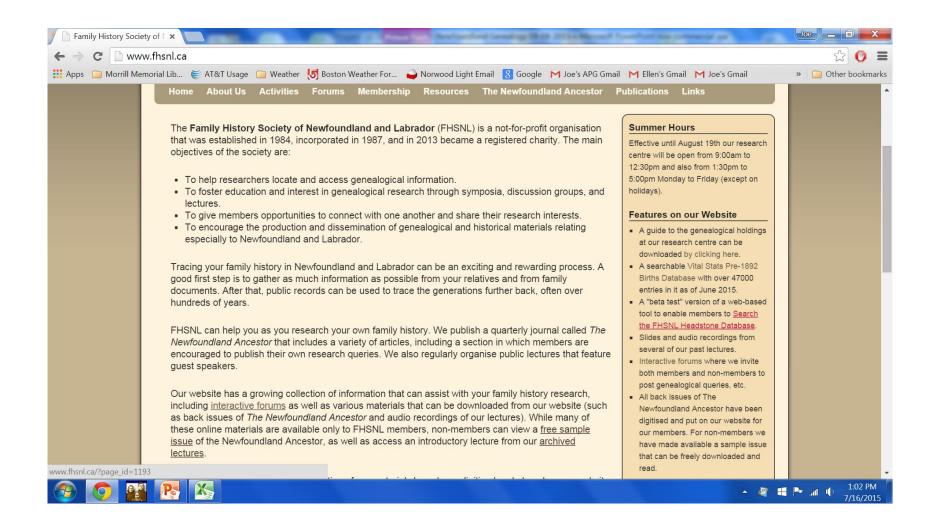
I downloaded and ran the software. I used the Dig software to produce reports. There are 245 (of 252) Hogan Records



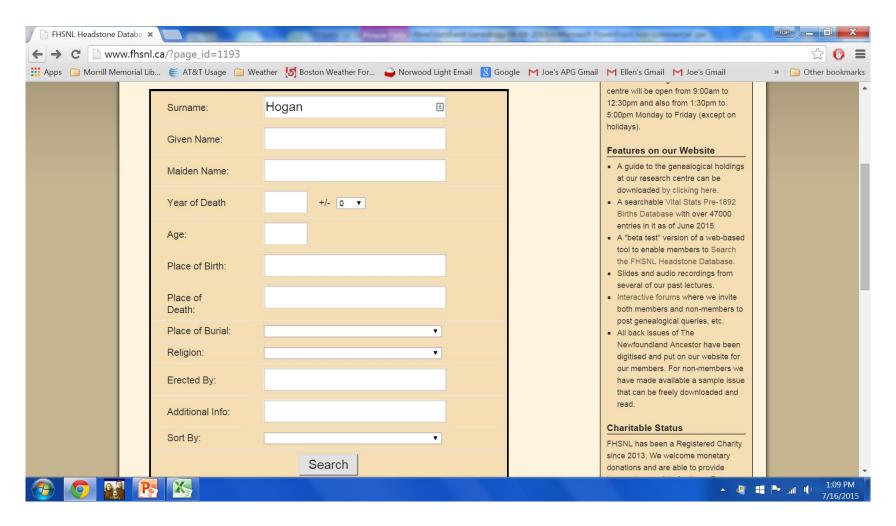
Home Page - Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador



FHSNL Headstone Link



FHSNL Headstone Search Screen



FHSNL Headstone Hogan Records (First 9 of 128 records)



That's All Folks!

The End. Thank you! Joe Petrie