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**Preface**

While preparing the DAO of NEW-FOUND-LAND: John Mason’s 1620 Discourse for publication the Brown University Library map collection was discovered. Other than academic and private collections (eg. Hon. Fabian O’Dea) no general survey of old Newfoundland maps exists.

The John Carter Brown Collection at Brown University Library has digital scans of nearly 3000 items, including maps and charts from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, available for viewing at http://jcb.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/JCBMAPS~1~1

A search for items containing the word Newfoundland gives an immediate 25 or so items which were culled for duplicates and the portion showing Newfoundland were clipped and copied.

This work presents the Island of Newfoundland sections of 52 maps in the collection, with their place names transcribed and annotations.

**Newfoundland maps and charts**

The names on clipped portions were transcribed and are shown opposite or below the map or chart. The dates range from 1508 to 1776, and do not include any of the definitive Cook charts which came into use about this time. The shape and names on pre-Cook maps and charts were very inaccurate, although some names were fixed early on and never changed.

The annotations and this discussion use the eastward facing coast of the Island from Bell Isle in the north to Cape Race in the south, in keeping with the earlier mentioned idea of what sailors would see as they sailed due west towards the Island.

As late as the 1770’s Notre Dame Bay remained relatively obscure, early Iberian maps calling it Bay of Rocks and Bonavista Bay was still called Bay of Flowers in the late 18th century. Mason used Bay of Flowers and Bay of Fogs for what appears to be Bonavista Bay and the eastern end of Notre Dame Bay, but they were unexplored and completely unknown in 1620. There can be little doubt that Fogo, the northern limit of Bay of Fogs takes its name from this toponomic use. The coast from Bonavista to Cape Race shows English influence early on but surprisingly many early Iberian names stuck around until modern times.

Cape deGrat first appears as Cape Hambleton or Cape Hambleton du deGrat but disappears as quickly. Cape Bauld (lower and unseen from the southeast) is now considered the northern tip of the Island.

The Biscayans and later the French made for the Straits of Bell Isle and The Grand Bay, following the Corte-Reals, for over two centuries and they avoided everything south between Deadman’s Bay of Bonavista Bay to Cape St. John.

After turning at Deadman’s Bay, north of Cape Freels, the coast extends well offshore in a series of underwater ridges, islands and rocks. This area is also the closest distance between the mainland and Funk Island. The Penguin Islands lie off the outflow of Shalloway Brook, the Wadhams (Peckford, Green, James, and Bugden) lie off the Ragged Harbour – Muddy Hole promontory; next west, Duck and White islands extend from the north side of Ragged Harbour, then the sunken glacier scraped plateau extends from Fogo to the string off the northwest point of New World Island (Salt Harbour, Berry, and the biggest one at the end, in rock-free water, Bacalho). This Bay of Rocks, not including the inner reaches of Green Bay, runs about 75km east-west and 30km north-south. A French captain making to the Petit Nord would avoid the Bay of Rocks, making for Cape St. John and Fleur de Lis before turning for Cape deGrat, or Cape Bauld to Cape Onion, or Quirpon, Cape Ardoise, Cape Artiman and Cape Onion. From Cape Onion, and Diable (devil) Cove, to Cape Norman and into the Grand Bay.

The Gray Islands (Groais and Bell) were stops and eventually the center of French exploitation of White Bay. Northward along White Bay from Cape Fox the capes and coves have many French names positing a later use, but along the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula the Biscayan influence is shown on the their early maps and charts.

Two Visscher maps from 1706 and 1715 (pages 84 and 1715) give the only reference to this Biscayan, French and English division of the Island. The maps are copied from an original but the 1715 version has some changes in names and is dotted up with trees and mountains, probably an atlas map. The division between Terra Nova and Terre Neuve is made by the word Gallice while the English area is Avalon.

Bell, the southernmost of the Gray Islands, was an important French rendezvous point, acting as gateway first into Grand Bay and later along the east facing coast of White Bay. The Fichot Island group shows up early but Hare Bay doesn’t appear until well into the 18th century. The French named Harbour Deep and Canada Bay, and some of their names stuck around various White Bay headlands and coves.

Cape Goboso Summit stands 600 feet a.s.l just inside Cape Tasse; 3km southeast of Canaries Harbour and 7km north of Hooping Harbour. Canaries Harbour, a small arm
on the south of Canada Bay, opposite Englee, was the location of Canada Harbour. Pincet and Santon may be Little Harbour Deep and Cat Arm; Harvordoring appears to be Hooping Harbour. A few French names remain in White Bay south of Great Harbour Deep.

The maps chosen were printed in Italy, Germany, England, the U.S.A., France, Sweden and the Netherlands. The copying and translating is obvious; a number of them are based on Champlain’s early 1600’s model of the Island. Transcription errors and spelling changes abound and require careful assessment to determine if the names still exist in modern form or were replaced.

A modern map of the Island is included for easy reference. Readers are also referred to Mobilewords Limited What We Call Things: a coastal toponomy of the Irish Loop as well as several papers found at swvp.ca/IVS.html for other assessments of early maps.

Historical maps; a brief history


Richard Hakluyt and the English Voyages, by George Bruner Parks, The American Geographical Society of New York, New York, 1928, Special Publication No. 10, which purports to be the first biography of the Hakluys, explained why English geographers’ knowledge lagged behind their European confreres. A combination of seafaring being limited to coastal and near continental waters and a slow awakening to the benefits of commercial and political empires.

But as a Whole they [the English] kept to the adjacent coasts. They exported Wool to Flanders. They imported Wine and Wood from Bordeaux. They had begun, in the fifteenth century, to exchange Woolen goods for timber in the Baltic, for luxuries at Lisbon and in the Levant. But a large part of their trade was still carried by Venetians and Germans, and even their supply of fish was shipped in the main by foreigners.

It is not surprising, then, that Englishmen took small part in the discoveries of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Italian merchants and mariners gathered exotic wares from the ends of the Mediterranean and traveled to the heart of Asia and to China Spaniards, and Frenchmen crept down the fringe of Africa and at last launched out across the Atlantic to reach the wealth of Cathay direct.
By the 1550's John Dee and the Hakluys began to build on the earlier English westward voyages of discovery by the Cabots. The first Company was founded with Sebastian Cabot at its apex, the Muscovy Company resulted from the discovery of the north coast of Russia after seeking a northeast passage to China.

European geographers posited a passage around the top of North America throughout the 1500's after they discovered the idea of a world globe, and it was only after great efforts, and many failures, that English seafarers began to try for the Northwest Passage. Settlement, planting, in North America was slowly developed; Dee promoted it as early as 1560 but it was Raleigh and Gilbert who, using Dee’s ideas and plans, started to organize real colonization efforts.

Newfoundland, which was Gilbert's aim, had been visited by a London expedition in 1536 as well as by the numerous fishermen who spent the summer months in drying their catch on its shores. Of the remote expedition Hakluyt was able to find a survivor. I take it at least that at this time he obtained the account of it printed in his cousin's Voyages. The survivor was the London merchant, Oliver Dawbeny, ... The information happened to have no great value ... Indeed, the only lesson ... to teach the new was that when supplies ran out the voyagers could eat one another or else that they could steal from fishermen. Gilbert was to make use of the latter lesson.

Newfoundland was a blip on the national English consciousness, Parks suggested that when asked about North America most thought of it a fishing station near Iceland.

Parks explained most early English voyages used Spanish, French, Dutch, or Portuguese pilots before English captains learned enough to make the passage on their own. And, where the Spanish, French and Portuguese had minerals, furs, foodstuffs, and other exotic wealth to claim in the New Worlds, England was sort of stuck with fish and lumber.

Tudor Geography 1485 – 1583, by E. G. R. Taylor, Octagon Books, New York, 1968, surveys English geographical literature from early days but really concentrates on John Dee’s pivotal influence on English exploration. Dee, along with his European fellow geographers posited ways around the Americas which spurred the search for the theoretical Northwest Passage.

Taylor concluded Dee geographic greatness was later deprecated as a result of his late career switch to astrology and esotericism.

So, too, his unceasing efforts for the instruction of mariners, and for the unveiling of the hidden corners of the earth, entitle John Dee to an honoured place in the History of Geography.

In his chapter on English Geographical Literature to 1550:

Although the first few years of the sixteenth century saw Bristol merchants following up on John Cabot’s discovery by a series of voyages culminating in that of the younger Cabot [Sebastian] in 1509, their activities were barely recorded and excited little interest. That there were islands beyond the seas to the west became generally known, ...
It was not until 1550, with Dee and Hakluyt that English Geography began, according to Taylor and only progresses with both men calling on their European counterparts for the information they needed. They then became the advisors and suppliers of geographical information to the great mariners of the times.

from Taylor, facing p. 81; showing the various theoretical polar regions and passages current in the mid-16th century which sent expeditions to prove the passage existed for another two centuries

NOTE: The maps below are all scaled to show the Island size relative size to one another; depending on the size of the original, using screen shots to capture the images means some will lose their original resolution. Readers are encouraged to visit the Brown collection to see perfectly legible (600dpi) scans of the maps and charts.
NOTE: In Baccalauras - Cod was king from day 1! Cabot’s reports of hauling up fish in baskets and schools so thick they delayed passage was not only believed but probably a Biscayan fishing experience for nearly a century before Cabot. In the next century cod was virtually the only thing known about Newfoundland in England.

BAIA DE ROCKAS Notre Dame Bay?
R. GRADO
IN BACCALURAS Baccalieu Island
C DE PORTOGESI Cape Race?

NOTE: from Brown University map entry:
Cartobibliographic notes: This 1511 edition of Ptolemy’s Geographia was edited by Bernard Sylvanus and is an isolated example of Venetian cartographic printing. It is also one of the first examples of two-color printing with a red letterpress printing of place names overlaid upon the woodcut. Sylvanus, also known as Bernardo Silvano, relied on outdated information or was unable to depart from classical interpretations of the world. His cordiform projection used here was later adopted by Apian and Vavassore and was used for a number of important sixteenth-century maps.
Map of the world Neapoly [Naples] 1511

Terra de corte reale de rey d’portugall [Land of Corte-Real of the King of Portugal]
Terra de pescaria [Land of fish]
Terra d’lavoradore de rey de portugall [Land of Labrador of the King of Portugal]
Terra d’los zagres [Land of the Zagres? Sagres is a province of Portugal]

A general map, made onelye for the particuler declaration of this discovery [London] [Henry Middleton][1576]

From the map entry at Brown University:

Map (heart-shaped or cordiform) of the world including part of the coast of North and South America. Cartographic elements include some lines of latitude and longitude (based on a Ferro meridian). Canada is shown as an island, the Northwest Passage, Anian, Hochelaga, and Labrador are included.

Source author: Gilbert, Sir Humphrey, 1539?-1583
Source title: A discourse of a disccouerie for a new passage to Cataia

Historical notes: Gilbert, half brother to Sir Walter Raleigh, approached Queen Elizabeth with his ideas to search for a new route to China in 1566. His proposal was not accepted then because of conflict of interest with the Moscovy Company which claimed it held the rights to exploration. However, the publication of this book may have helped Martin Frobisher and Michael Lok succeed in their proposal to explore the Northwest Passage. This map is a much simplified reduction of Ortelius' large cordiform map of 1564. Interestingly, no corresponding northeast passage is indicated on the map.

NOTE: Legendary islands (S. Brandan and Demones and Corves) were in use. Island of Demons was later considered to be Quirpon Island. Michael Lok was a pioneer of English westward exploration and expansion, being a member of the Cathay Company and the Muscovy (Russian) Company and a supporter of Martin Frobisher’s three expeditions in search of the Northwest Passage between 1576 and 1580. Lok died penniless and in great debt presumably still promoting the northern regions of North America as holding the key to the Orient. Original map inscription translated from Latin: To the Illustrious Philip Sidney, Lord Mayor, Michael Lok dedicates this map.

Grand Bay
Aves [Birds]
C. Razo

[Map of Newfoundland south to the Caribbean] [Marseilles] [1592]

NOTE: Most definitely a west view of the Island on the Avalon but the western half appears south up. Illo appears to mean cape; G d agua freschal is written inland on what could be the Baie Verte peninsula; perhaps La Scie? Cape Race could be either c franco or p. crus.

belaigo Belle Isle [Strait?]
G d agua frescha [Freshwater]
bacalau
illo d grati [Freshwater]
c. so fraco cis
foce Fishot?
fealuis [flower?]
illo despero
g demados demons
St catalina
fauiano [Ferryland?]
St catarine [Saint Katarina]
bona vito
c franco
illo d cabas [Horse Islands?]
s cataline
p crus
NOE: the Island takes shape, at least the part labelled TERRA NOVA is fairly representative of the triangle, west up. Off Cape Bauld is written ??? ?? castelli; the Avalon has a cross topped by a fleur de lis. Birds and trees adorn the Island with fish and ships in the ocean. A bearlike creature to the left is interesting.

??e de arigo
Mate de Trigo
Bonne viste
Bacalaos
C de Esperaza [Cape Spear]
C de raz

C. Blanco
Y. de S. Iulian doiseaux
Fico De fogo
C. Dognon
Carquis

C. de bona Vista
Y. de bacaile
Y. de Avea
C. St. Francisco
C. de esperan
R. de los patas
Y. espera
C. De Raiz
Terra Nova. Amsterdam. By Cornelis Claesz, op't water, in't schrijf-boeck
Amsterdam. 1609

NOTE: B. de S. Eiria; Eiria is an early name for the Island of Corvo (sea crows or cormorants; locally shags) in the Azores; see also 1582 for Corves. The general shape of the Island starts to appear early in the 1600's but won’t become accurate for 200 years.

Bela ilha
C. de Grat
I. de Ficho
Bela groyña [Grey and Bell Islands]
I. de Iulian
P. de S. Ioan
I. de Figo

I. de S. Barbara
I. de Aues [Funk I.]
I. de Orques [Orcas]
I. de Frelins
B. de S. Eiria [Trinity Bay]
Ilha? dos Bakalhaos

B. da Conceicain
S. Ioan
C. de Spera
I. de Spera [Tors Cove archipelago]
Farilhon
Arenhosa [Arenhosa?]


NOTE: Bacaillos is here marked on Cape Breton Island. An extra C, Raze appears where Cape deGrat would be expected; I. aux oiseaux is well north of its expected location; C.de Raye is where it is supposed to be; the Island appears to be turned about 45 degrees to the right.

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Carte géographique de la Nouvelle Franse faictte par le Sievr de Champlain Saint Tongois Capitaine Ordinaire pour le Roy en la Marine. Paris, chez Jean Berjon, rue S. Jean de Beauvais, au Cheval volant, & en sa boutique au Palais, à la galerie des prisonniers. M.DC.XIII.

NOTE: Illustrations on original are ballaine (whale) chien de mer (dogfish) saumon (salmon; shown above), lou marin (seal), etarrgon (sturgeon) molue (cod), gros chabot (fish with a large head: flounder, halibut?), uit de mer (clam), bar (looks like a perch), sige noc (horseshoe crab)

belle illo  les illes achaux (Horse Islands)
belle illo de grat  les illes achaux (Horse Islands)
l. fichot  bayo blanche C. rouge  segle
gayo  C. St. Ioan belle ille [of Gray Islands?]  illa aus tanqueus [Funk island?]
conch  illes de fouques [or fougues?] baye darge  freleye

baye Ste. Claire  ille de baccalos
baye de la conseption  C. Ste. fresaye [Cape St. Francis]
ille St. Ioan  frinouse [Fermeuse?]
illes des poirs


America noviter delineate. [Lyon] [Claude La Riviere] [1659]

NOTE: A curious image given the time and great number of more accurate maps available. Similar to M.DC.IX above with more names.
[Carte de la Nouvelle-France, augmentée depuis la dernière, servant à la navigation faite de son vray méridien par le Sr. de Champlain Capitaine pour le Roy en la Marine]. Paris. Faict ... par le sieur de Champlain. 1632.

NOTE: If this one is turned to west up it resembles 1592. The interiors has trees and birds, but mostly it has just barren hilltops.

Belle isle
Isle fichot
Cap de grat
Cap rouge
Groye
Baye dorge [Orange?]

Les isles a Chavaux
[Horse Islands]
Isle aux apouois
Isles des fogues
Isle de moy
C. de bonne viste

Baye S t. Claire
Baye de la Conception
Cap Ste. Fresaye
Frinouse
Isles despoirs
Cap de raze


NOTE: A legend on the original has number 27 as illes be bacalos; the 2 of 27 is at right edge of the cut out; 29 is belleisle; 30 is Cap de Ste. Marie.

A fish of Newfoundland and a seal off Sable Island from 1632 at right.
NOTE: After three decades this north up orientation continues to distort the coastline; curiously, it is not that inaccurate in its placements and relations. All the names are in English with coastal features marked offshore, terrestrial features inland.

| Belile       | B. Verde       | St. Ioanes    |
| C. Charles   | Carbonear     | Petti Harbor  |
| C. de Grate  | Muscita       | Bay Bulls     |
| C. Rag?e     | Harborgrace  | Wittles Bay   |
| I. Deanos    | B. Roberts    | Fermose      |
| I. De Fralous| Cubitts Cove  | Greene I.     |
| C. St. Johns | Braga        | Monoable B.   |
| C. Bonavista | Bay of Consumption | I of Spere |
| Kattalina    | Belila        | C. Broyle     |
| Bonaventue   | Colliers B.   | Caplinge B.   |
| Robinhuds B. | Samon Cove    | Fereland      |
| Trinittia    | Harbor Maine  | Aquafort      |
| Trinittie Bay| Holly rude    | Cro Island    |
| R. of Random | Welles I.      | Renosa        |
| Tickle Harbor| C. St. Francis| C. Ballard    |
| Parlicans    | Flat Rock     | C. Race       |
| Bacalea      | Tor Bay       |              |

Section showing a hypothetical channel with a lake through the center of the Island from Trinity Bay (R of Random) to Grand Bay possibly around Bay of Islands into which flows the mighty Humber. An equally large conjectural lake is shown draining into Placentia Bay.
A Draught of the Sea Coast and Rivers, of Virginia, Maryland, and New England, Taken from the latest Surveys. London. [T. Milbourn] [1672]

NOTE: Inscription upper left: To ye Rt Hon: Cecilius Calvert Baron Baltmore de Baltmore Absolute Ld. And Proprietry of ye Provinces of Maryland & Avalon &c This Mapp is Humbly desiccated by R. Bloms. The Island is included as an insert lower right corner as map concentrates on Bay of Fundy to Chesapeake Bay.

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A Chart of the Coast of America from New found Land to Cape Cod. [London] John Seller. [1672?]

NOTE: Charles Streights [Straits] appears here and on 1673, Cape [St.] Charles, north of Bell Isle is the eastward limit of continental North America; Cape Hambleton was an early name for Cape Bauld.

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A New Mapp of the north part of America from Hudson Straights commanly call'd the Norwest Passage Including Newfoundland New Scotland New England Virginia Maryland & Carolena. [London] John Thornton, Hydrographer, at the signe of England, Scotland & Ireland, in the Minories. [1673]

NOTE: The relative sizes of the Avalon and Great Northern peninsulas might stem from the fact this is an English map and the Avalon was English, the other French.

Southwest corner of the Island from this map. Kirk sound is unknown; Placentia Bay contains l. rouge and C. Judas.
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Isle de Terre Newe. [Frankfurt am Main] [Jean David Zunner] 1686.

A new mapp of America devided according to the best and latest observations and discoveries, wherein are described by their proper names, the seaverall countries that belong to ye English which are wholly left out in all French and Dutch maps viz New Scotland. Long Iland. N. York N. Jarsey. Maryland. Pensilvania Carrolina, &c.

London. By Philip Lea, at ye Atlas and Hercules in Cheap-side, and by I. Overton at the White Horse without Newgat [1687?]

NOTE: A century before Newfoundland didn’t get a name nor a reference to cod. Norenbega was the early name for New England and once included everything south of the Gaspé, Champlain searched for it in Maine, Later it became limited to smaller parts of New England and eventually disappeared when colonization began. The word first appeared on Verrazanno’s 1529 map and is thought to derive from an Algonquin word for a quiet stretch of water.
NOTE: About this time St. John’s sported two defenses in the Narrows, on the north side was One O’Clock (a rock there still uses this name) and on the South Side, Ring Noone. Ford here probably is a misspelling for Fort. It occurs again in 1715.
Pascaarte vande Noorder Zee custen van America, Vande West-hoeck van Ysland doorde Straet Davis en Hudson, tot aen Terra Neuf. Amsterdam. By Johannes van Keulen Boeck vercooper en graadboogh maeker, aende Nieuwebrugh inde gekroonde Lootsman. [ca. 1702]

NOTE: H. du Petit Maistre: thefreedictionary.com defines petit maitre as a fop; a coxcomb; a ladies' man. How this became a toponym is uncertain and probably not even noted by French records. It appears northwest of the Gray Islands, possibly Croque. Little may refer to Little Harbour Deep.

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A New Chart of the Sea Coast of Newfound land, new Scotland, new England, new Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsilvania, and part of Carolina. London. [Sam Thornton] [1706]

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Carte nouvelle contenant la partie d'Amerique la plus septentrionale, ... par Nicholas Visscher avec privilege des Etats Géneraux. Amsterdam à Nicolao Visscher, cum Privilegio Ordinum Generalium Foederati Belgii. [1715?]

NOTE: Grasyeux Aix I. is a curiosity, grasyeux may be a spelling of gracieux (graceful); Aix is a French city (Aix-en-Provence). C. Orge and Bay d'Orge were dorje earlier; see Great Harbour Deep discussion in Introduction.
A new and exact map of the dominions of the King of Great Britain on ye continent of North America containing Newfoundland, New Scotland, New England, New York, New Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia and Carolina according to the newest and most exact observations by Herman Moll, geographer. London. Sold by H. Moll and by I. King at ye Globe in ye Poultrey near Stocks Market. 1726.

NOTE: Bay de Orge appears here east of Bay of Foggs or Bay of Foggs is inexplicably moved to west.

Gory I. appears here and on 1730 and 1763; each instance between Bay of Foggs and Penguin Island (probably Penguin Islands at Cape Freels not Funk Island.) By this time Funk Island wasn’t as attractive stop as the auks were already decimated, disappearing entirely by the 1790’s.

Original map inscription from the 1730 edition:

The French by the Treaty of Utrecht are allowed to catch fish, and to dry them on land, in that Part only, and no other, of the Island of Newfoundland, which stretches from Cape Bonavista to the Northern Point of the Island, and from thence running down by the Western side, reaches as far as Point Riche: But the Island of Cape Briton, as also all others both in ye mouth of the River St. Lawrens and the Gulph of the same name, are given by the same Treaty to the French, with all manner of Liberty, to Fortify any Place, or Places, there.

Beavers at work from the 1730 edition; is that Niagara Falls?
To the Right Honourable John Lord Sommers ... this map of North America ... is most humbly dedicated by your Lordship's most humble servant Herman Moll, geographe. London. Sold by H. Moll ... Printed for I. Bowles ... and T. Bowles ... and by P. Overton ... and by John King. [ca. 1730]

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A new map or chart of the Western or Atlantic Ocean, with part of Europe, Africa & America shewing the course of galleons, flota &c. to and from the West Indies. London. Printed for E. Cave, at St. John's Gate. 1740.

NOTE: B. de Frelay [Bonavista Bay?] occurs as I. de Frelins in 1609 and Frelay Bay in 1726 and 1763. Harver dorn is north of the Gray Islands. Avalon gets its own name.

NOTE: Be. De Korc [Bonavista Bay?] occurs again as Bay Cork or Cork Bay in 1755, 1760, 1762, 1764, and 1776. Obviously of French origin it replaces Flower, Flowers and Frelay and Frelins in this period. Bonavista Bay doesn’t appear up to 1776.
[Eastern Canada showing Saint Lawrence River and Newfoundland] London. Sold at Stephen Austen’s Bookseller in Newgate Street and by Thos. Willdey at the Great Toy Shop in St. Paul's Church Yard. [ca. 1740]

NOTE: Original map cut off just below St. John’s.

Detail of the interior of the Island.
A New Chart of the Coast of New England, Nova Scotia, New France or Canada, with the Islands of Newfoundland. Cape Breton St. John’s &c. ... [London] [John Brindley] [1746]

Inset showing North Atlantic,
Inscription on original map on west coast: C. or Pt. Rich which is left out of all the late French Maps as if there were no such place seemingly because it is the Bounds of their Privilege of Fishing which extends from hence Nth. round to C., Bonavista.
Bell I.  
Str. Of Belle Isle  
C. Grat  
Quirpon I.  
C. Hamilton  
C. Anthony  
Hares B.  
S. Julian’s Harbr.  
Lit. Mitre  
Fischoth Hr.  
Graois  
Bell I.  
Ca-Rouge Harbr.  
Goboso B.  
Canarie  
C. d’Argent  
Santon  
Orange  
White Bay  
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I.St. Barbe  
C. St. John  
Ladys Bay  
Saye  
Penguin I.  
Fury I.  
Fog Bay  
Cork Bay  

Gull I.  
C. Bonavista  
St. Giles Pt.  
C. Lorian  
Bird I.  
New C.  
Catalina Port  
Ragged Har.  
Saints C.  
Green Bay  
Trinity H.  
Robin Hoods B.  
Smiths Sound  
C. Bonaventure  
R. Rangdon  
B. of Bulls  
Tickle Har.  
Trinity Bay  
Garbel Pt.  
Scilly Cove  
Scurvy I.  
Bacalao I.  
Split Pt.  
Flamborough Hd.  
Carboniere  
Havre d’Grace  
Roberts Bay  
Salmon Cove  

Har. Main  
Holyroad  
Bell I.  
Conception Bay  
C.St. Francis  
Black Hd.  
Red Hd.  
Tor Bay  
Cuckholds Pt.  
S. Johns  
C. Spear  
B. of Bulls  
Whale Pt.  
Green I.  
C. Broyle  
Caplin Bay  
Fariland Har.  
Foreland Hd.  
Crow I.  
Aquafor  
Fermose  
C. de Blad  
Bear Cove  
Reneaus Rocks  
Freshwater B.  
Cape Ballard  
Glan Cove  
C. Race
Mapa de una parte de La America Septentrional ... [Paris?] [Imprimerie Roy ale?] [1756?]

A map of the British & French plantations in North America. London. [1758]
A new map of the most frequented part of New Found Land [cartographic material] / by Thos. Kitchin, geogr. London. [ca. 1760]

NOTE: Original maps has the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula cut off.
Part of North America; containing Canada, the North Parts of New England and New York; ... [London] [J. Cooke][1760]

NOTE: Annotation upper right: By the Treaty of Utrecht, the French have the Liberty of the Northern Coast of Newfound-Land, from C. Rich to Cork Bay, for curing their fish only. This map was 47 years after the treaty and three years before the Treaty of Paris.
Newfoundland is colder than England in Winter and as much hotter in Summer. 'Tis a Mountainous barren Country, but has several commodious Bays and Harbours, here are seldom less than Five or Six hundred ships loaded with Fish annually tho not above 4 or 500 Families of English remain here all the year besides the Garrisons.
By the articles of Peace in 1763, Cape Breton and all the other Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are ceded to Great Britain. The French are allowed to fish in the Gulf at the distance of three Leagues from all the Coasts At at 15 leagues distance from the Island of Cape Breton without the Gulf. The Islands of St. Peters & Miquelon are ceded to France with Liberty to dry their fish on the North Coasts of Newfoundland, from Cape Bonavista to P. Riche in like manner as formerly allowed by the Treaty of Utrecht.
A new and accurate map of North America drawn from the famous Mr. d'Anville with improvements from the best English maps; and engraved by R.W. Seale; also the new divisions according to the late treaty of peace, by Peter Bell, geor. London. Printed for Carington Bowles, map & printseller, no. 69 in St. Pauls Church Yard. 1st Jany. 1771.

NOTE: This is the first time the Island’s shape is near to reality.

Cape de Grat   C. St. John   C. St. Francis
White Bay     Cark Bay       St. John’s
Pinguin’s I.  C. Bonavista    Cape Race
Belle-Isle
C. Dognon [Cape Onion]
Cap de Grat
Quirpon I.
C. Hamilton
B. de Pistolet
C. St. Antoine
Baye aux Lievres
St. Julien
Fichot
Petit Mestre
Belle Isle
I. du Cas rouge
Goboso
C. d’ Argent
Santon
Pincet
Fourche
Orange
Baye Blanche
C. de Den
I. S te. Barbe
B. Verte
C. St. Jean
B. N. Dame
Penguin I.
I. de Fougue
Toulinget
Cork Bay
I. Gull
C. Bonavista
Pointe St. Gilles
C. Loriau
Cap Neuf
C. des Saints
Le Baye Verte
Port au Saumon
Le Baye Verte
Trinité
Horchops
C. Bonaventure
Detroit de Smith
Ragdon
Bay de la Trinité
Scurvy I.
C. Breack
I. Bacaillon
B. Verte
C. Flamborough
B. de la Conception
C. S. Francis
C. Noir
Pte. Rouge
Tor Baye
Pointe des Cocus
B. des Taureaux
Whale Pte.
I. aux Oyes
C. Brolle
Cape Broyle
Pte. Foreland
Crow I.
Roches Ranous
C. Battard
Glan Cove
Cape Raze

NOTE: This American map has all French names stripped. The speculative Humber River, rising west of Hare Bay and traversing the whole of the Great Northern Peninsula before entering Deer Lake shows the might and importance of the river by this time, but its size below Deer Lake lent it a mightiness that could be explained only by an expected length. The upper reaches are actually just west of the bottom of White Bay. Grand Lake and Star Lake are shown flowing into Bay St. George; in fact the unaltered Grand Lake flowed out through Sandy Lake and into the Humber, accounting for its large flow.

The headwaters of Gander and Exploits rivers is fairly accurate and, while Notre Dame Bay isn't named, it is depicted fairly well showing the various smaller bays and arms.
ODE TO NEWFOUNDLAND

When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills,
And summer spreads her hand,
When silvern voices tune thy rills,
We love thee, smiling land.
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimmering white,
At winter's stern command,
Thro' shortened day, and starlit night,
We love thee, frozen land.
We love thee, we love thee
We love thee, frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,
And wild waves lash thy strand,
Thro' spindrift swirl, and tempest roar,
We love thee windswept land.
We love thee, we love thee
We love thee windswept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love,
Where once they stood, we stand;
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above,
God guard thee, Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.
A QUICK STUDY OF HISTORIC NEWFOUNDLAND MAPS

Newfoundland was the first thing Europeans saw when they sailed west, from the legendary St. Brendan through to the Norse and on to 1497 the Island has been in people’s awareness. Once map and charts were started the Island was present on all of them by one name or another.

This work clips out the Island from a number of maps held by Brown University Library and made available for viewing on the Internet, lists the place names on each, and provides other notes pertinent to the map or its time.

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