



BNAPS NEWFOUNDLAND STUDY GROUP NEWS Edition #1 - October 25, 2022



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A Message From The Study Group Chairman - Malcolm Back

Greetings to all Study Group Members. For a few years now I have been concerned about the length of time to respond between our quarterly newsletters. By the time I can publish a response to a query or article, or publish a request for help, it is often old news. Also, I am sometimes forced to drop certain news items due to lack of space in the Newsletter. To address these concerns, I am instituting the **Study Group News** which will come out on an as needed basis typically at the end of the month. Martin has agreed to e-mail these letters out. If you do not wish to receive them, please let him know. His email address is listed above in the mast head. Any information to be published should be addressed directly to me. Anything that would be of interest to our membership is suitable although as editor I do reserve the right to edit or refuse publication. Help with research, upcoming sales that would be of interest; provided it is Newfoundland centered Philatelic, it should be fine. This first edition should give you some ideas of what is suitable. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Next Zoom Meeting – December 17, 2022 – 12:00 NOON

We have a ZOOM meeting planned for December 17, 2022 at 12:00 noon EST. We have one presenter booked, but I would like to have at least one more presenter. Please contact me if you can help. M.B.

Klaus Wehlt - Otto Bickel; collectors interested in postal history, especially in destinations will have seen covers to Mr. Bickel to San Marino or Montenegro. I will tell a little bit about the life of Mr. Bickel and present four postcards (some with additional stamps) to these countries and to Munich, Bavaria.

Time: Dec 17, 2022, 12:00 NOON Eastern Time (US and Canada)

New Study Group Member - Jason Moisan

I am 37 years old and was born in Fredericton New Brunswick in 1985, but I grew up the majority of my childhood in Quebec City as my father was in the Canadian Armed Forces and was posted to CFB Valcartier. I currently live in Ottawa, Ontario with my wife and two cats. I studied business administration at the Royal Military College, and I am currently employed as a Logistics Financer officer within the RCAF. I decided to collect Newfoundland stamps 10 years ago as my grandfather was from Portugal Cove Newfoundland and I wanted to get a better appreciation of my family routes and history. I also served three years at 9 Wing Gander as the base finance officer. During this time, I met my wife, Megan, in Grand Falls, Newfoundland and got to travel to many of the various towns across Newfoundland increasing my interest in postal history and postmarks. I have completed numerous postings throughout my career across Canada, including, Greenwood, NS, Winnipeg, MB and Ottawa ON. I collect pre and post confederation Newfoundland Postmarks, Newfoundland Stamps, Newfoundland Postal History and I am currently concentrating on the postal history and rates used during the first royal issue of Newfoundland. I am also a member of the Ottawa Philatelic Society.



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Returning Study Group Member - David Spivack

I have rejoined the BNAPS and the Newfoundland Study Group and have a particular interest in Newfoundland Caribous, back of the book, and revenues. In addition, I collect Canada Admirals and revenues as well as stamps, revenues and postal stationery of other areas of the British Commonwealth including Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia during the King George V reign, and Nyasaland.

In recent years he has collected and researched the British South Africa Admiral issue culminating in a book on the subject with Stephen Reah-Johnson which was published in 2021 by the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Friends that make stamp collecting easier - Tony Thompson

I was giving a presentation to the BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group on 1 October 2022 entitled "The 3 cent Long Coronation Stamp". I love these zoom meetings which started during the covid period and allow friends the chance to chat about stamps. During the general discussions at the end of the meeting, I was told that Gary Lyons was offering two 1c "Pile of Cod" stamps from the Waterlow archives with notations in the bottom margin. Two members, Mal Back and Brian Damien then sent me scans of the advertisement which I had not seen (Figure 1, "and I should subscribe to *Canadian Stamp News*"). I think everyone knows this is my "special" stamp!

I immediately sent an email to Gary Lyon, and fortunately the stamps were still available. Gary included a nice cover letter that made me smile (Figure 2). Gary and his team at Eastern Auctions and Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) have always been very helpful in sharing their knowledge and permitting me to use scans from their excellent catalogues that help me with my *BNA Topics* and *Newfoundland Newsletter* publications.



Figure 1. Part advertisement of "Old Time Bargains #1,047" from Gary J. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd. for Special Offers #20,152 and #20,153 in *Canadian Stamp News* (27 September 2022).

Figure 2. Friendly letter accompanying purchase from Gary Lyon.

Help Request - Tony Thompson

Does anyone have examples of the 2c (Sc 186), 3c (Sc 187) 4c (Sc 189) and 7c (Sc 208) definitive issue being used on cover for the period 1 January 1938 to 11 May 1938? If so, can you please send me a scan of the cover at 300 dpi (jpeg compressed is fine).

Many thanks, Tony



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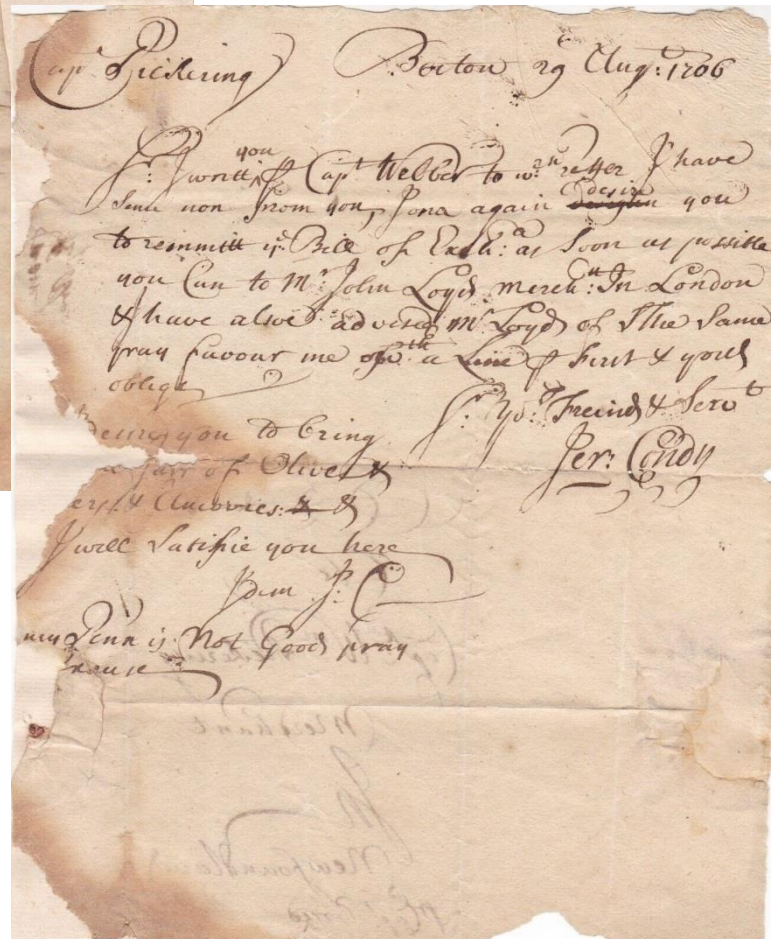
An Old Letter to Newfoundland - Grégoire Teyssier and Malcolm Back

I received an inquiry from Grégoire Teyssier regarding the oldest known letter to Newfoundland. He had found this letter dated 29 August, 1706 to Cap't Wm. Pickering, Merchant, Newfoundland. I mentioned to him the letter submitted by Timothy O'Connor, that was dated July 3, 1703 that I published in NN 182 (see page 4). Interesting that 3 years later, Cap't Wm Pickering who wrote the original letter was now the recipient in Newfoundland.

William Pickering (1671-1720) was a Salem shipmaster and merchant in the fishery and coasting trades of New England in the first quarter of the eighteenth century. He owned several vessels and employed them hawking merchandise in the Chesapeake colonies and Newfoundland and fishing on the offshore banks of Nova Scotia.



Source: Biographical sketch prepared by Dr. Danny Vickers, Memorial University of Newfoundland.





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The Earliest, Non-Archival Letter From Newfoundland - Timothy O'Connor, FRPSL

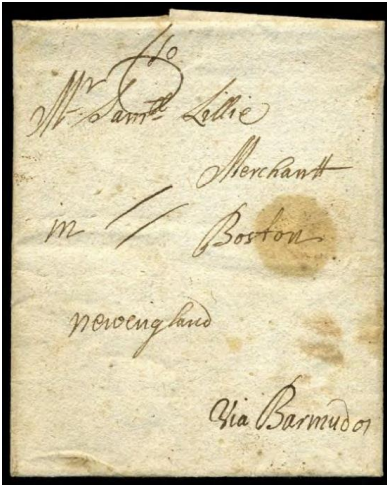


Figure 1 Address panel of 1703 letter

This report documents the earliest, non-archival letter from Newfoundland. The purpose of this report is to introduce the BNAPS family to a 1703 letter from Newfoundland to Boston, via Bermuda. (The address panel is shown in Figure 1.) The letter was written by Captain William Pickering of Salem, Massachusetts, and addressed to Samuel Lillie, at that point a wealthy Boston merchant who would join with others to underwrite commercial maritime ventures. In this particular case, he was a majority owner of the Sloop *Content*, Pickering's vessel. By 1707, Lillie would be destitute, as war and weather conspired to reward him with a series of financial setbacks.

Captain Pickering was a frequent visitor to St. John's, being Lillie's agent on this voyage, but also acting similarly for other Boston investors.

The letter (Figure 2) is datelined "Saint John's Newland July 3, 1703". He reports his successful sales, assistance in a military cause and hopes for a successful voyage to Europe...

"Mr. Lillie

Sr this comes to Acquaint you that we Arrived with your Sloop Content hear the 4th day of June & have sold all your goods except some pork and rum The molasses I have sold for 2/6 & 3/pr Gall I could have sold three times as much to good paymasters Rum I have sold for 5/ & 6/6 & 7/pr Gall That fetches some ready money The flower I have sold for 30/pr (?) Could have sold three times as much & have sold some pork for 4 (?) pr Barrl & some att 3:15p & what bread I have sold for 30/pr hundred & tobacco all /9p pr Oz. Sloop is taken upon the Queen's Service upon an Expedition bt Thom Mitchell Commdr of Her Majesty's Shp Shearness (?) Galley Edw Rumley Commandr of Bonadventure. Entered into pay (?) day of June att (?) per month they (?) & a man Wm Harbuttis in her & a boye on the Queen's pay We had her appraised by two old Masters of vessels and they valued her att 130 (?) Sterling My other two Hands I (?) ashore for coming home from New England made the Ile of Sables & being fare weather took off the people that were there (?) Hillyerd & his Company so having these hands to keep a boat fishing hoping to get something of itt & to imploy hands until the fish be ready to rearrive I am in hopes that fish will fetch a good price on (?) by reason that there is but very few ships in the land fishing. Your Brother Thomas Lillie is not in the Land The last news I hear of him he was in Lisbon Saltt is now at 3 Quintos pr Hogshead not at present Remain your Servant to command Wm Pickering"

Editor's Note: See BNA Topics, Volume 77, No. 3, Whole number 564, pp45-47 for the complete story.

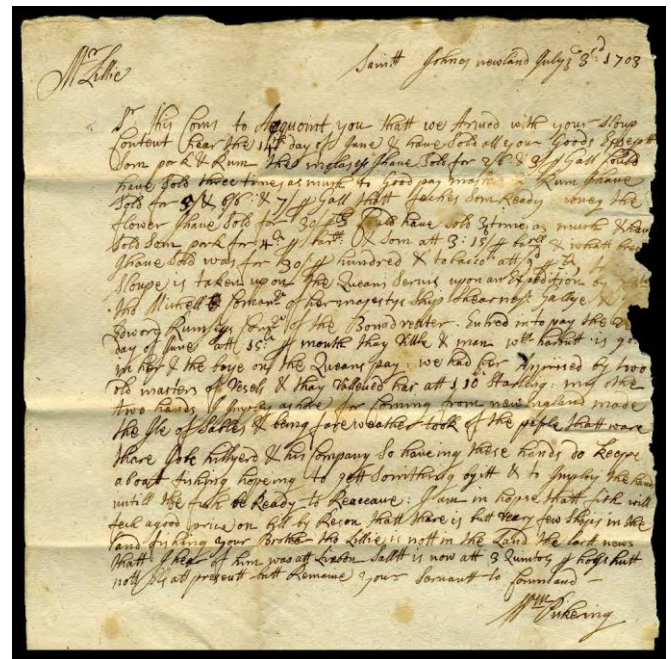


Figure 2 Letter dated July 3, 1703



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Upcoming Auctions

Sparks Auctions' Sales 43 and 44! October 27 – 29, 2022

1. The Daniel Cantor Collection of Queen Victoria Leafs and Numeral Stamps and Postal history (Lots 1 to 141) This sale comprises high quality mint never hinged singles (mostly PSE graded) as well as a comprehensive array of die proofs, plate proofs and essays, not to mention the 80 lots of postal history, covering rates and destinations, as well as gorgeous illustrated advertising material.

2. Our General sale (Lots 142 to 1816)

British Columbia and Vancouver Island *Lots (801-802)*

New Brunswick Pence *Lots (803-807)*

Nova Scotia Pence *Lots (808-817)*

Nova Scotia Cents *Lots (818-820)*

Newfoundland Pence *Lots (821-828)*

Newfoundland Cents *Lots (829-840)*

Newfoundland Cents *Lots (841-855)*

Eastern Auctions Limited Public Auction - The “Yuichi Tada” Collection of Nova Scotia

Session One - Starts: Thu, Nov 17, 2022, 12:30 PM - Featuring a traditional collection which has won gold medals on the international stage, includes proofs, stamps, postal history.

Eastern Auctions Limited Public Auction - General Sale

Session Two - Starts: Fri, Nov 18, 2022, 12:30 PM –

Day one of our General Sale features Cam Grosjean Elizabethan era mint collections. Important B.N.A. and early Canada 1851-1867 with outstanding classic stamps, multiples, proofs, noteworthy offerings of New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, Canada 1851-1867 postal history.

Session Two concludes with a specialized collection of Two-Ring numeral cancels on Large Queen stamps and covers.