

CANADA

NOTES: The origins of George & Ann Jesty are unknown. I previously suspected this Founder George to be the grandson of Benjamin, at Druce Fm in Puddletown (sheet B). However, John Pead has found that George's later tracks in Hampshire (sheet B), so the origin of this George Jesty in Newfoundland remains unknown. Wanda Ross tells me that Captain George's death certificate records his father (Founder George) as having come from England, and his mother (Ann) as Annie Groves, of Newfoundland. It must be noted that the Newfoundland records are very thin, and even the dates we have often don't agree with each other. It is quite possible that Founder George arrived in Newfoundland some years before 1850. We have no record of his of death either. (Note also that Newfoundland was an English colony until the late 1940s, not part of Canada.)

Petites is a group of very small islands just east of Rose Blanche, on Newfoundland's south coast. Once a center for the Grand Banks fishing industry, the area is now essentially deserted. Captain George (1853) emigrated from Newfoundland to North Sydney, NS, in 1886 with at least Archie, William, and Albert. (Fanny Jane and Clara Jesty are not listed in that census, but they may have married by 1901). Minnie was born in N. Sydney. The N. Sydney family are the only Jestys in the Canadian census in 1901. As we see, this family is the root of many present Jestys in the Canadian Maritimes, and several others in other provinces.

SOURCES: The earliest dates are from the **Newfoundland Grand Banks genealogy site**, at <http://ngb.chebucto.org>, particularly the few early Jesty baptism records from the Petites Methodist Church. Others (N. Sydney, Nova Scotia) are from the 1901 Canadian census. However, the great majority of this page, from Captain George on, is from **Wanda Ross**, the Captain's great granddaughter, of Ottawa, who has compiled an enormous amount of information about this line. Thanks also to **Kris Griffon**, on whose Flickr site I found the photo of the Petites Church, presumably the source of the baptism records.

George Jesty (of England) m Annie Groves (of Newfoundland)*

known to be in Petites, NL, from 1853

†NOTE: Captain George's birth is recorded as 1853 in the 1901 Canadian census, but as 1857 on his death certificate (I will post a copy soon, from Wanda Ross.)

