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Plantation Records

"Return of Possession held in Conception Bay 1805"

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On August 21, 1804, in an effort to help avoid frequent disputes regarding possession and rights of Fishing Rooms, Beaches, Flakes and land, Governor Erasmus Gower issued an order directing his Surrogates around the Island of Newfoundland to take an exact account of all Fishing Rooms, Wharves, Beaches, Flakes, etc... within 200 yards from the High Water Mark and register them in a book. The claims of every Merchant, Planter, and Boat Keeper to the land he occupied were to be clearly defined. This official Register of Fishing Rooms was to be admitted as evidence in all land claim disputes.

The following is a transcription of a surviving portion of Governor Gower's "Plantations Book." The transcriptions were done in the same format/style as was presented on the photocopies. Even though spelling and punctuation in some entries had obvious mistakes, we have transcribed them as they were in an effort to preserve the integrity of the original document. Thus [sic] has not been added to any spelling mistake. There was an instance where instead of Act Wm III, it was entered as Act Wm II and even this was left as was. After the work was transcribed, it was proof read and spaces were added between names in some of the transcriptions (Thos.Brown would become Thos. Brown) and this only happened with two people's transcriptions as everyone else added those spaces in.

Misc. Volume 13, Conception Bay Plantations Book - held at the Registry of Deeds and Companies, Confederation Building, PO Box 8700 Stn A, St. John's, NF A1B 4J6. Additional copies of CO 199.18 "Return of Possession held in Conception Bay 1805" are available for viewing at: The Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador, Colonial Bldg., Military Road, St. John's, NF A1C 2C9 or at The Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1

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No.	Name and Description of the Room or Other Erections, with Its Exact Boundaries	In what Harbour, Cove, etc., Situated	Name-and-Residence of the Party Claiming Right to the Same	The Nature of that Claim	Name and Residence of the Present Occupier	Whether-Built, Sold or Leased at the Time of this Entry	Date of this Entry	To Whom Sold or Leased or otherwise Transferred	For what Consideration Sold or otherwise Transferred, or the Rent and Term of the Lease
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1012	Matthew Horton 49 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by George Andress on the W. by Chas. Bradbury 100 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods 1 Stage 2 Flakes 1 House 3 Gardens.	North side H. Grace	H. Grace	Bequeathed to him by his Fathers will in possession 40 years or more.	Michl. Adams & Co. H. Grace	Leased for - years for £ - per annum.	1798	Michl. Adams & Co.	
1013	Charles Bradbury 57 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Mattw. Horton on the W. by John Nicholls 190 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the Woods. 1 House 2 Gardens.	"	"	By deed of gift from his Father	Chas. Bradbury H. Grace	-	1800		
1014	John Nicholls, 42 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Chas. Bradbury on the W. by Chas. Garland Esq. 92 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 2 Stages 2 Flakes 4 Houses 3 Gardens. This spot formerly belonged to Geo. Garland Esq.	"	"	By -	Jno. Nicholls H. Grace				
1015	Chas. Garland Esq. 61 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Jno. Nicholls Flake on the W. by Robt. Holden 250 yds from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods 1 Stage 2 Flakes 1 House 1 Garden.	"	"			Leased	-	Wm. Brown 20/ per annum	
1016	Robert Holden 98 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Chas. Garland Esq. on the W. by Chas. Davis 300 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods	"	"		No person	No buildings			
1017	Chas. Davis 90 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Robt. Holden on the W. by Jno. Courage 300 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 Stage 2 Flakes 3 Houses 2 Gardens - - by Surrogate McHallop	"	"		Chas. Davis H. Grace	Built	-	Chas. Davis £30	
1018	The descendants of Willm. Smith 41 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Chas. Davis on the W. by Chas. Garland Esq. 160 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods, 1 Stage 1 House 1 Garden 1 Flake.	"	"		Jno. Courage H. Grace	Not sold or leased	-	No person	

1019	Chas. Garland Esq. as Agent for Capt. Beil 95 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the S. by the sea on the N. by his meadow 150 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the N. by the woods, on the S.W. by the Widow French and Coles Plantation. 1 Meadow	"	"	By deed of gift from Robt. Beal					
1020	French Plantation 97 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Chas. Garland Esq. on the W. by Jas. And Wm. Cole 115 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by Chs. Garland Esq.'s meadow 1 Stage 2 Flakes 3 Houses 4 Gardens French appears to have taken part of Cole's room in consequence of having it found it lying void, I -- Nicolas, Surrogate, Oct. 21st 1821.	"	"	In consequence of lying void	Widow French	No buildings			
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1021	James & Wm. Coles Plantation, 128 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by the Frenchs on the W. by Wm. Stowe 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 Stage 2 Flakes 3 Houses 3 Gardens. Cole's room is now only 128 yards east to west, he having suffered French to take part of it several years since, I --- Nicolas, Surrogate.	North Side H. Grace	H. Grace	Cut and cleared etc.	J. & Wm. Cole H. Grace				
1022	William Stowe 163 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by J. & W. Cole on the W. by Roger Snelgrove, 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 Stage 2 Flakes 1 House 3 Gardens. By this record Stowe has about 6 acres of land as 70 yards each way makes an acre. William Stowe's room found to measure only 153 yards east to West, the east bounds terminating at the west end on the Green bank over Ships Head Beach. 29th Oct. 1821, I ---- Nicolas, Surrogate. Capt H.M.S. Ship ---	"	"	Ditto	Wm Stowe H. Grace				
1023	Roger Snelgrove, 49 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Wm. Stowe on the W. by Henry Sheppard 194 yds. from from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 House	"	"	Purchased from Wm. Stowe for £9	R. Snelgrove H. Grace	Sold	1804	R. Snelgrove	£9
1024	Henry Sheppard, 96 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Roger Snelgrove on the W. by Geo. Snow, 194 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 House 1 Garden.	"	"	Purchased from Wm. Stowe for £9	Henry Sheppard H. Grace	Do	1803	H. Sheppard	£9
1025	George Snow 80 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Henry Sheppard on the W. by Otterbury Head 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the Northward, bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 Stage 1 Flake 1 House 1 Garden.	"	"	Part cut and cleared agreeable to Act Wm.3.and part purchased from Wm. Stowe for 20/	G. Snow H. Grace	Part sold	1803	Geo. Snow	£1
1026	Geo. & Wm. Parsons 285 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Otterbury Head on the W. by Geo. Pippy 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the Sullivans and the woods. 1 Stage 2 Flakes 1 House 1 Garden. Measured and found correct, 23rd Oct. 1821. (62 yds. at the west end having been sold to Harolds and Wm. Parsons) I -- Nicolas, Surrogate, Capt. H.M.S. --	"	"	Do	G. & Wm. Parsons H.G.	"	1804		
1027	George Pippy 187 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Geo. & Wm. Parsons on the W. by Richd. Palmer 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 stage 2 flakes. 1 House 1 Garden. George Pippy's room is now bounded on the east by Heralds room. Oct. 23rd 1821, I ---Nicolas, Surrogate.	"	"	"	G. Pippy H. Grace	"	1804		
1028	Richard Palmer, 160 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Geo. Pippy on the W. by John Mulcahy, 198 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods.	"	"	Cut out of the woods	No person	No buildings	1805		
1029	John Mulcahy, 140 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Richd. Palmer on the W. by Wm. and David Mallowney 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods.	"	"	Do	Do	Do	1805		
1030	William and David Mallowney, 100 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Jno. Mulcahy on the W. by Chas. Carrol 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods.	"	"	"	"	"	1805		
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1031	Charles Carrol 100 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by William and David Mallowney on the W. by the woods 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods	North Side H. Grace	H. Grace	Cut out of the woods	No person	"	1805		

1032	Back Ground. Richard Cain 130 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by the woods on the W. by Jerry Linehan 210 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Jno. D. Garland on the N. by the Woods	"	Do	Do	Do	No buildings	1800		
1033	Thomas Jones, 24 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Richard Cain on the W. by Wm. Danson, 103 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. and N. by the woods. No Fishery. 1 Garden	"	"	"	"	"	1800		
1034	Jerry Linehan 44 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Richard Cain on the W. by Richd. Palmer 98 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by John Stritton on the N. by Thomas Jones. 1 House 1 Garden. No Fishery	"	"	"	J. Linehan H. Grace	Built	1798		
1035	Edmund Murphy 161 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by John Stritton on the W. by Amy Thistle 159 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Henry Pynn on the N. by Richd. Palmer 1 House 2 Gardens 1 Meadow.	"	"	"	E. Murphy H. Grace	"	1790		
1036	James Cowan 74 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by John Stretton on the W. by Amy Thistle 78 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Henry Pynn on the N. by Edmund Murphy. 1 Meadow. No Fishery	"	"	Bequeathed by Ann Stretchs Will	Do	Leased			Edm. Murphy for 2 years for 15/ per year
1037	Amy Thistle 130 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Edmund Murphy on the W. by Wm. Parsons 451 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Jas. Cowan and our meadow on the N. by the woods. 1 House 2 Gardens, 2 Meadows.	"	"	Cut out of the woods	A. Thistle	"	1785		
1038	John Johnson 80 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Jno. Heffernan's meadow, on the W. by the woods 120 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Andrew's meadow on the N. by the woods 2 Houses 2 Gardens 1 Meadow	"	"	Do	J. Johnson	"	1796	J. Johnson	
1039	Wm. Hickey 76 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Richd. Palmer on the W. by Amy Thistle on the N. by the woods. 2 plots more 58 yds. from E. to W. 78 yds. from S. to N. Bounded on all sides by the woods. 1 House 1 Garden 3 Meadows.	"	"	Part cut out of the woods and part purchased from - for £ -	W. Hickey	"	1799		

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1040	Honor Lynch 97 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by William Hickey on the W. by the woods 70 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Amy Thistle on the N. by the woods. 1 House 1 Garden.	North side H. Grace Back Ground.	H. Grace	Cut out of the woods	H. Lynch H. Grace	No buildings	1795		
1041	Garrett Condon 40 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Wm. Hickey on the W. by H. Lynch 40 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by Amy Thistle on the N. by Honor Lynch	"	"		No person	Do	1798		
1042	Ships Room on Harbour Grace Beach 153 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. and W. by H.W.M. 206 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by the Sea on the N. by Charlotte Pike's fishing flakes, now in possession of the Widow Andrews.	"	Ships	The Act of Wm. 3rd.	Do	"	"		
1043	Charlotte Pike 153 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the W. by the sea on the E. by the room now in possession of John Davis Garland 14 yds. from N. to S. on W. bounds bounded on the S. by the Ships Room on the N. by Amy Thistle 63 yds. on the E. bounds from S. to N. bounded on the S. by the Ships Room on the N. by the Churchyard 2 Flakes 2 Houses 2 Gardens. Island Stage	"	C.P.	By deed of gift from his Father	Wm. Address etc.	Not sold or leased	1798		
1044	Charles and Jno. D. Garland 194 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Henry Webber on the W. by Jno. Stritton and the Church Yard 460 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. Including a sport granted by order of the Chief Justice in 1793								
1045	Chas. Parsons 117 yds. from S.E. to N.W. bounded on the S.E. by Amy Thistle on the N.W. by W. Parsons 360 yds. from S. to N. bounded S. by Wm. Danson on the N. by the stone wall 69 yds. from E. to W. on the S. bounds bounded on the E. by Jas. Cowan on the W. by Jas. Sheppard 1 Stage 1 Flake 2 Stores 2 Houses 2 Gardens	"	"	Purchased from J.T.N. for £130			1804	Chas. Parsons	

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	These rooms was not recorded last year.								
1046	The descendants of the late W. Brazel. Back Room 103 yds. from S. to N. bounded S. and W. by Chas. Garland on the N. by Chas. Garland - Plantation 42 yds. from E. to W. bounded E. by Canis, Plantation, on the W. by Chas. Garland 3 H. and 3 gardens. Error.	H. Grace	Jno. Brazill H. Grace	Bequeathed to him by his Father's will Error re Will.	Jno. Brazill & Mary H. Grace.	Not sold or leased	1776	No person	
1047	Amy Thistle 95 yds. from South to N. bounded on the North by the School House and South by Charlotte Pike 62 yds. from East to West bounded on the E. by Charlotte Pike and West by James Juir. 2 S. 1 F. 1 Wharf 1 Store 8 Houses 3 Gardens. Error.	"	Amy Thistle H. Grace.	Bequeathed by her Father-in-Law's will. Error re Will.	Sundry persons 8 Tenants.	"	1750	"	
1048	William Lampen 70 yds. from S. to N. bounded N. by the Marsh and S. by the School house 8 ½ yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by the Church land and W. By the path leading to the Brook 1 H. 3 Gardens.	"	Wm. Lampen H. Grace	Purchased from Mary Ferrers for £44.	Wm Lampen H. Grace	"	1803	"	
1049	Heirs of Henry Pynn 348 yds. from S. to N. bounded N. by the lookout S. by Journeaux and Thistle's rooms 93 yds. from E. to W. bounded W. by Chas. Parsons and E. by Amy Thistle. 2 H. 3 G. 1 M	"	Heirs of Henry Pynn	Put in possession by Chief Justice Cook	Jas. Cowan H. Grace & Descendants of H. Pynn	"	1783	"	
1050	Jane Singeon, 52 yds. from S. to N. 19 yds. from E. to W. on the North bounds 11 yds. from E. to W. on the South bounds bounded on all sides by Amy Thistle. 1 H. 2 Gardens	"	Jane Singeon	Bequeathed to her by her mother's will	Jane Singeon	"	1783	"	
1051	Richard William Bazill and Henry Taylor 540 yds. from East to West bounded on the East by Chas. Carrol on the land and by a large rock marked "RT" in the landwash on the West by Black Duck Pond Brook 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded North by the woods.	H. Grace	4 Brothers.	Cut and cleared agreeable to act Wm. 3rd Chap.25.Sec.7	No person	No buildings	1807	"	

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1052	The undermentioned room was this day measured by Order of the Surrogate, the Reverend F.H. Carrington by William Martin, H. Constable John Mulchay - 60 yds. east and west bounded on the east by John Smokeham on the West by a Path leading to the woods on the North by the woods and on the South by the Water 200 yds. from High Water Mark. Recorded this 1st day of February 1816 by Order the Surrogate, Mattw. Stevenson, Clerk.	On the north side of Harbour Grace	Jno. Mulchay	Cut and cleared agreeable to act Wm. 3rd Chap.25.Sec.7	No person	No buildings	1813	No person	
1053	Doctor William Sterling 230 yards from N. to S. bounded on the South by said Wm. Sterling's premises bounded on the North by the woods running in an easterly and westerly direction 160 yards bounded on the East by ground in the occupation of Mr. William Innott and on the west by ground in the occupation of the Rev Mr. Ewers, granted to said Wm. Sterling the 17th June 1820 by His Excellency Chas. Hamilton Governor, Measured by Mr. H. Garland D.S. and H. Johnson C.S.C. in the presence of said Dr. Sterling and Mr. Ebenezar Webber 28th day March 1821 and recorded the same day by me, H. Johnson C.S.C. by Order of Wm. Martin Esq., Surrogate.	North side of Hr. Grace	Dr. William Sterling Hr. Grace	Granted by His Excellency Sir C. Hamilton 17th June 1820	Woody ground not yet cleared		28th March 1821		

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1054	Wm. Piddle 110 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. and W. by the woods 186 yds. from H.W.M. to the Northward bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 Wharf 3 Houses 1 Garden.	Green Head	Green Head.	Cut and cleared agreeable to act Wm. 3rd Chap.25.Sec.7	Wm. Piddle	Not sold or leased	1803		
1055	James Kelly 101 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Chas. Noseworthy on the West by the woods 190 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 House 1 Garden	Do	Do	Do	Jas. Kelly	Do	1805		
1056	Chas. Noseworthy 105 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Wm. Porter on the W. by James Kelly 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 1 House 2 Gardens.	"	"	"	Chas. Noseworthy	"	1803		
1057	William Porter 173 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Thos. Noseworthy on the W. by Chas. Noseworthy 188 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods 2 Houses 1 Garden.	"	"	"	Wm. Porter	"	1796		
1058	Thomas Noseworthy 100 yds. from E. to W. bounded on the E. by Greenhead on the W. by Wm. Porter 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the N. bounded on the N. by the woods. 2 Houses 2 Gardens 1 Meadow.	"	"	"	Ths. Noseworthy	"	1796		
1059	John Warford 53 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. by the woods on the N. by Timothy Collins 200 yds. from H.W. Mark to the W. bounded on the W. by the woods. 1 Stage 1 Flake 1 House 2 Gardens.	Mint Cove	Mint Cove	"	Jno. Warford	"	1795		
1060	Timothy Collins 174 yds. from S. to N. bounded on the S. N. and West by the woods 200 yds. from H.W.M. to the Westward bounded W. by the woods	Do	Do	In consequence of lying void	T. Collins	"	1805		
1061	Timothy Collins 9 yds. in front by the Seaside 53 yds. from N. to S. on the W. bounds 160 yds. from H.W.M. to the W. bounded on the W. by the woods. 1 Stage 1 Flake 1 House 1 Garden 1 Meadow.	"	"	Cut and cleared agreeable to act Wm. 3rd Chap.25.Sec.7	T. Collins	"	1796		
1062	Henry Sheppard Jr. 132 yds. from N. to S. bounded on the N. by Henry Sheppard Sr. on the S. by Timothy Collins 148 yds. from H.W.M. to the Westward bounded on the West by the woods and the Pond. 1 Stage 1 Flake 1 Beach 1 House 1 Garden 1 Meadow	"	"	Do	H. Sheppard	"	1794		
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