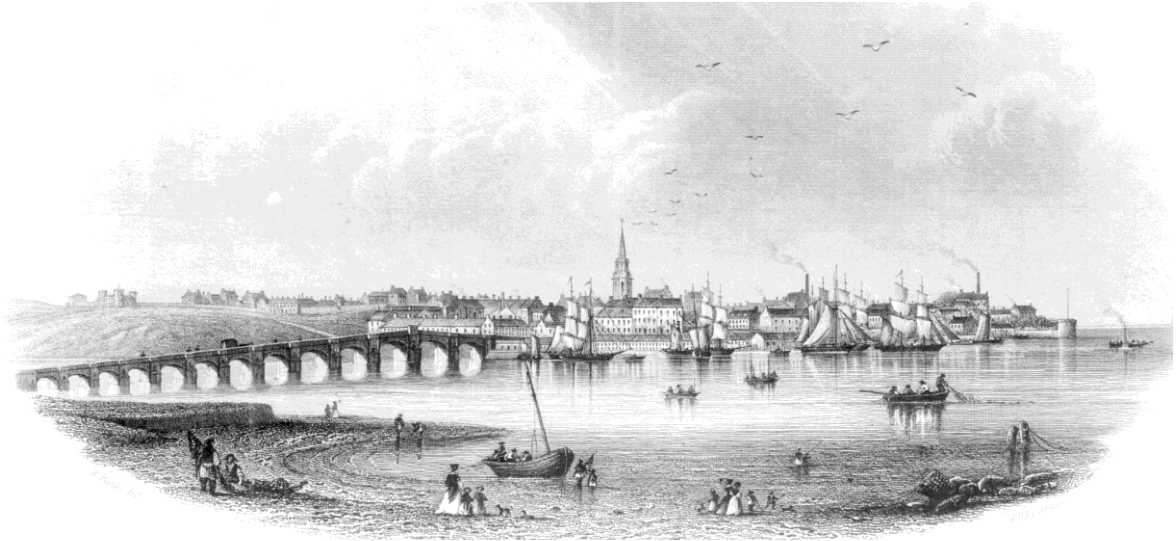


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D'ARCY

Although Archives are often not associated with modern technology, it is surprising how many requests I receive for information from all over the world via e-mail. Recently, I was contacted by a gentleman in Canada whose ancestors, Walter and Jane Pringle, along with their two children, Elinder, 4 and Jane, 2 had gone out from Berwick to Saint John in New Brunswick in 1836. From his end, Mr Dixon had established that the family must have sailed on the D'Arcy which had taken 33 days to sail from Berwick with goods for a J.V.Thurgar and 110 settlers for the New Brunswick Land Company. He wrote to me trying to find out if there was any additional information here. Normally, I have not been able to find any information about emigrants; however, the following entries were in the Berwick Advertiser about the ship:

13 MAY 1836

Tuesday May 10, D'ARCY, Phillips (master) arrives at Berwick from Sunderland, carrying coals.

EMIGRATION – The D'Arcy of Sunderland. Captain Phillips, a fine new brig, of 230 tons register, arrived at this port on the evening of the 10th instant, to receive on board a number of emigrants for St Johns, New Brunswick. The vessel is chartered by the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company for the conveyance of agricultural labourers, etc., engaged by them in this neighbourhood, to settle on their estate, in the province of New Brunswick. We are informed that about 160 persons engaged with the Company's agent, who was in the neighbourhood a few months ago. The company allot a farm of 100 acres to each family of which 5 acres is to be cleared and copped, with a comfortable log-house built there on, ready for the reception of his family on arrival at the settlement, of which a lease of at least 50 years will be granted at the yearly rent of one shilling per acre, with an option to the tenant to buy the freehold at 20 years purchase at any one period within the first ten years. The company also convey the emigrants there, which is to be repaid by them sometime after landing. They will probably sail in the early part of next week.

20 MAY 1836

The D'Arcy emigrant vessel, sailed from this port on Monday for New Brunswick, having on board 100 persons, including children; the number not so large as had been anticipated, several changed their intention in consequence of the vessel being somewhat behind the time appointed, together with other circumstances. The emigrants were in high spirits as they proceeded down the river, shouting and cheering to their friends on the shore.

LORD DELAVAL

The following is the only record to date of emigration from Berwick.

3 Sep 1852 – from the “Newcastle Courant”:-

BERWICK TO PORT PHILLIP

GOLD DIGGINGS AND SHEEP FARMING AT MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP

FROM BERWICK UPON TWEED

The fine New Ship LORD DELAVAL, 700 tons, A1 at Lloyd’s, CHARLES YOUNG, Commander, carrying an experienced Surgeon.

PASSAGE MONEY

Steerage	£18
Intermediate	£25
Cabin	£30 to 45

Having a Full Poop.

Special Agreement for Families and Individuals in all the Classes.

Apply Immediately. Rates of Freight Moderate.

Berths secured in this splendid Vessel, and Deposits of One-half of Passage Money received, and all further Particulars given, on Application to GEORGE GRAY, 51, Quayside, Newcastle.
Newcastle upon Tyne, Aug.27, 1852

1 Jul 1853 Intelligence has been received in Berwick of the safe arrival at Melbourne, on the 27th of February, after a passage of three months and seventeen days, of the Lord Delaval, emigrant ship, which sailed from Berwick. All were well.

16 Mar 1855 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT. THE fine, first-class, British-built barque LORD DELAVAL, 451 tons register N.M., has a full poop and topgallant forecastle, classed 9 years A.I. at Lloyd's. Sheathed with yellow metal, sails fast, and carries a large cargo. This handsome vessel was built at Berwick, under special inspection, in 1852, of the best materials, well found in stores, and every way adapted for carrying troops or passengers, having a good height between decks, and fitted with air ports. Now lying near the New Quay, North Shields, where she may be inspected on application to Capt. Gladston, on board.

Note: - On this particular voyage the Lord Delaval carried 187 emigrants of whom 50 were from Berwick. The full list of passenger names is available in the Record Office. However, due to the fact that the passenger's Nationality only is given, as either English or Scottish, it is not immediately possible to determine which of the passengers were of Berwick origin.

Dennis Nicholson

BERWICK ADVERTISER "ADS" AND ENDS

28th April 1821 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION. In the Corn Market Place, Berwick, on Saturday 5th May, if not previously disposed of by Private Bargain. An IRISH JAUNTING CAR, with Top & Curtains complete, together with a set of Harness for One Horse. For particulars apply to Walter Rowland, Auctioneer.

28th July 1821 Coronation of George IV. ORDER OF PROCESSION (to the Abbey)
First – The King's Herbwoman and her 6 maids strewing the way with Herbs

September 1820 Tolls to be taken at Union Bridge are as follows. Viz:-

For every Foot Passenger	0.0.1d
For every Horse, Mule etc. drawing any Coach, Chaise, or suchlike carriage	0.1.0d
For every Horse, Mule etc. drawing any wagon, cart or suchlike carriage	0.0.3d
For every Horse, Mule, Ass etc. Laden or unladen and not drawing	0.0.6d
For every Score of Oxen etc.	0.1.8d
For every Score of Calves, Sheep etc.	0.0.10d

3rd March 1821

WILLIAM HAMILTON, Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Undertaker, Dealer in Hardware & Toys, HIGH ST, BERWICK – Returns his most grateful thanks to his friends and the public for their past favours since his commencement in business & begs to inform them that he has just received a large Assignment of Paper Hangings, Table, Pen & Pocket Knives, Razors, Scissors, Spectacles, Irons, White & Brass Stair Rods, Locks, Hinges, Nails, Tacks, Screws, Butchers' Knives & Steels, Shoemakers' Knives, Pincers, Hammers, Awls, Sparables, Bristles, Britannia Metal Tea Pots, Drawer Handles, Nobs, Glass Paper, Bellows, Blacklead, Wallpaper, Quills, Ink, Sealing Wax, Wafers, Slates, Account & Copy Books, Brass-Bounds Camp Desks, Boxes of Dominoes, Blacklead Pencils, Tortoiseshell, Ivory & Common Combs, Conj Boxes, Door Mats, Looking Glasses, Canes, Walking Sticks, Beads & Bugles, Black at 1/6d 1b, and many other articles in above lines.
Orders from the Country Punctually attended to.

Muriel Fraser