

SETTLERS OF EAST GREEN HARBOUR - LOCKEPORT

Jón Rögnvaldsson, one of the settlers at Markland, compiled a census in February 1878 of the Icelandic settlers living in the Markland Settlement. The census was updated in February, 1879 to include the settlers living in the Lockeport Settlement.

The families who took up residence in East Green Harbour are listed as follows:

Family 1: *Jón Eiríksson* (1841-1919) left Víðinesí in S. Múlasýsla, Iceland in 1879 with his wife, *Guðný Magnúsdóttir* (1841-1931) and four children: Magnús (13), Snjólaug (12), Guðný (4), Sveinbjörn (2).

They arrived in Markland in 1879 (see Lot 4 Brautarholt). With them was his sister, *Elinborg Erlendsdóttir* (b. 1847). She worked as a servant with William and Annie Sedgewick in Middle Musquodoboit and is listed in their household in the 1881 NS census as "Ellen Ellison." Jón and family moved to Lockeport and are listed in the 1881 census for Nova Scotia as family # 316. His occupation is listed as a fisherman. They then show in the 1901 census in Manitoba. Son Magnús fought in the North-West (Riel) Rebellion and won recognition for his bravery.

Family 2: *Sigfús Bjarnason*, 1836-1919 and *Helga Gunnlaugsdóttir*, 1844-1930. Left from Staffelli, N. Múlasýsla in 1879 with their six children. They first moved to the Markland Settlement (See Lot 21 Lundur) and then moved to the Lockeport Settlement. The family is listed in the 1881 NS census for Lockeport as Family # 317. The family later went to North Dakota.

Family 3: *Erlendur Höskuldsson*, 1845-1928, and *Guðlaug Stephánsdóttir*, 1835-1919 left from Löndum, Breiðdalshreppi, South Múlasýsla in 1879. Erlendur bought a home and store in the Markland Settlement from Hans Robb, merchant. (See Lot 20 Robbshús or Ós.) They moved to Lockeport in 1880 and the family is listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport as Family # 320. His occupation is listed as labourer. He was a fine carpenter and did work for the Locke family. This family stayed in Nova Scotia. The surname Huskilson was used by the family.

Family 4: *Sigurður Guðmundsson Nordal* (1844-1920) left from Húnavatnssýsla, Iceland in 1874 aboard the St. Patrick with his wife, *Valgerður Jónsdóttir* (1841-1927). They had 6 children: Guðmundur (14), Sigurður (10), Björg (7), Jón (5), Margrét and Jane Locke (named for the midwife who assisted at her birth).

This family initially settled in Kinmount, Ontario but moved to Nova Scotia in May 1875. The family is listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport as Family # 322. His occupation is listed as a labourer. Margrét and Jane L. are not listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport. In 1891 and 1901 the family is in Manitoba.

Family 5: *Sveinn Árnason* and his wife, *Ingibjörg*, came to Nova Scotia in 1879. They later settled in Argyle, MB. Sveinn and Ingibjörg died in Garðar, ND. Their children include Svanlaug, Guðfinna, Sigurjón, Kjartan, Anna and Árni.

Family 6: Magnús Jóhannesson (1839-1929) and his wife **Málfríður Baldvinsdóttir** b. 1844, left Akureyri, Iceland in 1874 aboard the St. Patrick. They settled in Ontario but were in Nova Scotia by 1875. They had 3 children: Magnús "Walter" (9), Júlía (2), born in Nova Scotia, and John (1) born in Nova Scotia. The family is listed in the NS census for Lockeport as Family # 319. His occupation is listed as labourer. They moved to Duluth, Minnesota.

Family 7: Walter Jónsson whose name was **Þorvaldur Jóhannsson** (17) when his father, **Jóhann Bjarnason**, left Iceland in 1874 aboard the St. Patrick. His parents lived on the farm Hvammur, (Lot 16) in the Markland settlement. (See Settlers of Markland). The family moved to Lockeport in September 1880. They are listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport as Family # 125. Walter is listed as a shoemaker.

Family 8: Jón Gunnarsson and **Pálína Jónsdóttir**. They are listed as family # 27 in the February 1879 census in the Markland Settlement. They stayed briefly at Hvammur (Lot 16). (See Settlers of Markland). They moved to Lockeport where they are listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport as family # 321.

Family 9: Þorsteinn Benediktsson (b.1848) left from Akureyri, Iceland in 1874 aboard the St. Patrick with his mother **Sigríður Gísladóttir** (b.1818), his sister **Ingibjörg** and his brother **Benedikt**. They first settled in Kinmount and in May, 1875 moved to Millbrook, Ontario. Þorsteinn and his mother moved to Nova Scotia in 1879. The family is listed in the NS 1881 census for Lockeport as family # 318 (Thurston Bennet). His mother is listed as Sigríður Bennet (63). Jón Jóelsson or Jón Bennet (60) is also part of this household.

Family 10: Jóhanna Jóhannesdóttir (24) is listed as a servant at the home of Jacob Locke.

Other settlers from the Markland Settlement who passed through Lockeport:

Pétur Jónsson Hillman (22) moved to Lockeport in November 1875. They spent the winter in Lockeport. In 1876 the family moved to Markland. See Laufskógar (Lot #10) Leafwoods.

Ólafur Þorsteinsson (44) blacksmith. The family spent the winter of 1877 in Lockeport. They moved to Markland in 1878. When Ólafur left Markland he deeded his property to the church in Lockeport. It was subsequently deeded to Pastor Taylor's family in Musquodoboit. See Árnes (Lot 18) Riverness.

Ólafur Ólafsson (Fellsted) Came to Lockeport in 1876 and stayed there until 1878 before moving to Markland, where his family joined him. See Ljósavatn (Light Lake, East toward the Tangier River.)

Guðmundur Kjartansson and his wife, **Valgerður Jónsdóttir**, moved to Lockeport in 1876 from Kinmount and Lindsey, Ontario. In February 1878 they were in Markland. See Baldurshagi (Baldur's Field) under Settlers of Markland.

Pétur Hansen and his wife, **Guðlaug Jónsdóttir**, left Þverá, Hallardal in Húnavatnssýsla in 1876 aboard the ship 'Verona' and arrived in Lockeport. They were in Markland by February 1878.

Jón Ívarsson left from Þverá, Hallardal in Húnavatnssýsla in 1874 aboard the 'St. Patrick'. After leaving Kinmount, he moved to Millbrook, Ontario to live. He came to Lockeport in the spring of 1875 and by February 1878 his family was in Markland.

Settlers who came directly to Lockeport:

Björn Guðmundsson (Byron) m. **Ólína Sigfúsdóttir**, left Sauðárkrókur, Iceland in 1876 aboard the ship Verona. He settled for a short time in Lockeport. Seems he remarried **Gróa Snæbjarnardóttir** who came from Iceland in 1897. They moved to Winnipeg.

Hjálmar Jónsson Bergmann m. **Guðfinna Árnadóttir**, left Þverárdal, Húnavatnssýsla in 1875. They settled for a time in Lockeport and then moved to Chicago where he was a factory manager.

Friðrik Jóhannesson m. **Sólveig Benediktsdóttir**, left Stafnsholti in S. Þingeyjarsýsla in 1874 aboard the St. Patrick. Stayed in Millbrook, Ontario and then left for Lockeport, NS for a short stay. Ultimately moved to Winnipeg. Child: Jóhann Tryggvi

Baldvin Gunnarsson, left from Eyjafjarðarsýsla Iceland in 1875. He was in Lockeport for a short period of time.

Jón Sveinsson, a sailor, from Skagafjarðarsýsla, was in Lockeport for a short period of time. He took the name William Smith, married a woman of Italian descent and went to Melbourne, Australia.

Jón Sigurðsson, from Skagafjarðarsýsla, travelled on the St. Patrick. In May 1875 he was in Millbrook, Ontario and moved with the group to Lockeport for a short period of time. He returned to Iceland.

Records indicate these people were in Lockeport for a short period of time:

Björn Guðnason, from Húnavatnssýsla

Sigríður Sigurðsson, from Húnavatnssýsla

Victor (Sigurður) Smith

Kristján Jónson

Jóniná Jónsdóttir

Júlíus Pálsson, son of a pastor, Páll, from Eyjafjarðarsýsla in 1873

Jón Jóelsson, from Mývatnssveit

Einar Einarsson Mýrdal