

Ferryland
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Dear Sir:

~~of~~ I received your letter about the old Stone House and I'll answer your questions as well as I can. I don't know when it was built. But there was a very old man John Rossiter, whose father fought with Nelson on the Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. He told me that his father told him that when he came over here about 1805. The old Stone house, & the Stores, one of which Bill now was for a fish store, were old buildings then, & no one knew when they were built. Rossiter went home to collect his prize money, & was never heard of by his family afterwards. They thought he was probably murdered for the ^{prize} money, I guess it was built by the firm of Holdsworth, from Dartmouth. There was a stone over the main door with 1825. My grandfather, John Davoy, who bought the premises from Sir Arthur Holdsworth, in 1840 told me that was when it was repaired. The outside walls were two & a half feet thick. The partition were two feet thick. It was about sixty feet long & fifty wide. three stories high the ~~total~~ hall was 12 ft wide. & I often lay down on the bench of the window in the kitchen in the sun. when I was a little boy. There were twelve rooms in the two lower flats, & the top or attic was all flush on the front, but on the back three rooms were boarded off for the servants. There was a back stairs in the kitchen going up to the servants quarters, a long cellar behind the house, but attached it had a bricked arched roof. There was also a basement under the kitchen. & the well was also off the kitchen it had a cobble stone floor, which was high by the well, but sloped away to a drain

which went out through the end of the house to a stone
drain. & By the way we still are using that well.
It was torn down in about 1908 as near as I can go.
My grandfather went to St. Johns to live with his daughter
about 1894. he was an old man then. The house was left
unoccupied, as my father had his own home, to keep up in hard
times. the stone house was never repaired. The roof gave out. then
the windows began to blow out of it. finally every breeze blew
some more of the roof away. Then the walls began to fall, & at last
had to be pulled down as they were getting dangerous.
John Morry, my grandfather & lived in it & reared his family there.
My father lived there, and I often spent a night there when
my grandfather lived there. I used to be greatly intrigued
by the big four Poster Beds, with the Canopy & the screens around
them, with two or three steps going up to them, guess these old
folks left the world behind when they went to bed. because they
could not see nor hear, when they pulled the screens.
Yes my house is built on the foundation of the old house,
about the Sundial. when the Holdsworth lived in it
there was a Sundial on the corner, and there was a lovely
large garden with all kinds of flowers. Grass Berry, & Currant
and rose Bushes etc. of course it took money to keep a garden
like that going. I hope you'll get some information from
this letter, and will you send me a dozen Copies of the magazine
you have the story in. as I want them to send to some friends
& to my kids, also I want to subscribe for the year. Send the
Bill with the books.

Yours Truly
Howard Morry