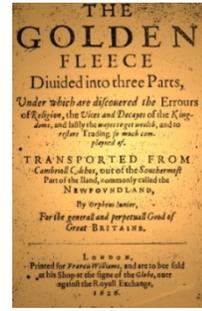


# THE SIR WILLIAM VAUGHAN TRUST INCORPORATED BULLETIN



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## ***Message from the Chair***

This is the second Bulletin issued by The Sir William Vaughan Trust Incorporated. These Bulletins are meant to update you on The Trust's activities and plans. Since the last SWVP Bulletin, The Trust has made a number of activities (detailed below) and advanced the cause considerably. I wish to thank all parties, the Board of Directors, our community partners and individuals for their valuable contributions of time and interest.



## ***The Sir William Vaughan Trust Incorporated Project Activities***

### **Trepassey Strategic Planning Session**

C. Martin, P. Curran, T. Fosnaes, R. Lewis, as board members (along with P. Goodyear, Member and R. Fleming, The Trust contracted archaeologist) met with C. Finlay (current Trepassey Mayor), R. Fleming (Trepassey Lions International), and, V. Pennell (Trepassey Management Authority and Southern Avalon Development Association) at the Opportunities Complex in Trepassey.

Facilitated by Mr. Curran, Mr. Martin outlined The Trust's interest in the Lower Coast to the Community Partners and The Trust's plans to conduct an archaeological survey of the stone fences and structures of the lower coast in the fall of 2013. The meeting was followed by a strategic planning session by Board members in an effort to detail future efforts to best ensure The Trust's objectives can be met.

Board members and Mayor Finlay spent about an hour at the site before the lunch meeting. Mayor Finlay expressed his amazement that the walls he knew were possibly significant historic resources for the town and the area. He has assisted The Trust immensely by arranging for a meeting between J. Corrigan (the oldest Lower Coast resident) who was able to fill Mr. Martin in on many aspects of the area, including a local graveyard in which the only legible stone marker gives a date of 1820.

The Community Partners thanked The Trust for its communications efforts, including these Bulletins. The next meeting was set for mid-summer when the objective will be to provide strong community support for the archaeological survey to take place in September.

### **The Trust Board Meeting**

The Board of Directors met in mid-April to conduct routine business and to add Mr. Lynn Hughes as a Board Member and or chief representative in Wales.



## **Research Program**

Advances were made in April and May on The Trust's various research plans.

### **Document found**

L. Hughes of Wales reported that a document made by SWV has been uncovered. Apparently a court-type document, it is being translated from Latin and will soon be the first (other than his books) SWV document; unfortunately it doesn't deal with Newfoundland.

### **Mason's Map Talk**

17 May the Early Modern Network put off a talk by Dan Duda of the MUN Library Map Room on the topic of Mason's Map. Mr. Duda plans to make Mason's Map his focus for his academic efforts possibly including his post-graduate studies.

He was able to place the map (which is surprisingly small; two pages wide and folded in the middle) in its political and social context through investigations of the map's purpose and how its symbology emphasizes its English-ness (the map names are English and it includes a Royal Coat of Arms in the title block. He guided the meeting through the map's historical and cartographic origins and engaged in a lively question and answer session.

One guest was quick to point out that the areas of the coast used by the French had scant information making it even "more" English. Mr. Duda pointed out that there are no aboriginal names used, unlike other contemporary maps of North America, the implications of this observation need exploration he suggested. Other discussion ranged about the question as to who actually drew the map, Mason, Vaughan, or an unknown and unaccredited engraver/printer, and exactly when it was drawn. While it was agreed Vaughan probably had a lot to do with the names and other information presented on the map, and the survey was done by Mason, there is no other indication of the map's origin.

The conclusion of the meeting was that Mason's Map holds many secrets which, once revealed, can have lasting and significant impact on our understanding to the early settlement period.

### ***The Newlanders Cure: A book review***

Stephen Nolan, a medical librarian and historian provided The Trust with a draft review of Vaughan's *The Newlanders Cure*.

The paper looks at the links Vaughan proposed between a *sound mind, a tempered soul* and a personal health not compromised by "fat and foggy bodies"; Nolan points out how Vaughan's diet would be advantageous for settlers.



## **International Virtual Symposium on Early Modern Wales and Newfoundland 2012**

IVS EMWN 2012 remains available for new postings and comments. Contributions by Mr. Duda and Mr. Nolan will be posted soon, look for your notification in the next week or so.

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