



Quirpon



Levi Tucker
Quirpon
--Photos by Kathleen Tucker--



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Berths

1. Lancey Ball Point, 2nd berth
2. Sealot Rocks, 2nd berth, fished by William (Billy) Pynn
3. Lark Gulch, prime.
4. The Flats, prime, fished by the Bellmans
5. Cod Cove #1, prime, fished by Billy Pynn, and later, Edgar Best
6. Cod Cove #2, prime, fished by Levi Davis
7. Cod Cove #3, prime, fished by Billy Pynn
8. Island Rock, prime, fished by Azariah Roberts
9. Cape Cove, prime, first fished by Azariah Roberts, later by Levi Davis
10. Salmon Rock, prime, fished by Lancelot Pynn
11. The Clous, prime, fished by Joe Elms
12. Western Point, prime, fished by Steve Parsons
13. Deep Water Berth, prime, fished by Life Taylor
14. Dicky Taylor's Berth, prime, fished by Dick Taylor
15. Wild Cove, prime
16. Wild Cove Point, prime
17. The Cobbler, prime
18. Cape Degrat Berth

Best Berths/Draw System

Cod Cove and Island Rock were considered the best berths. Other berths that were considered good draws were Salmon Rock and The Clous.

Trap crews/skippers

There were usually four or five men in each crew, and most had one boat, but they often had more than one trap.

- Billy Pynn
- Levi Davis (a crew of five or six men)
- Levi Roberts (came along after Billy Pynn)
- Joe Elms
- Lancelot ('Lancey') Pynn
- Life Taylor



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Levi Tucker's father, Archibald, started trap fishing just prior to the Draw System. Before that, he had worked as a foreman at the East Coast Fisheries Plant, where the present wharf is located today. Thus, when Archibald's boys were a little older, he went trap fishing with sons Roland (Rol) and Levi (born in 1935) and gave up his job as foreman.

In those days, fresh fish was bought from the fishermen and salted at the plant. It was called ‘salt bulk’ fish, and was not graded.

Herring Bank was considered a good place for fish.



Wharf and boat on the haul-off, and a splitting table (recreational fishery)

Merchants

- Sack (Zachariah) Button supplied everyone for the fishery, and collected salt fish and dried fish. He was the main merchant, and had a schooner.
- Charlie Kean



Quirpon, a great place to sit down and take a spell!

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Flo Hedderson, Quirpon



Figure 1 Frank Hedderson's stage at Quirpon



Figure 2 Two fishermen at Ship Cove (left) and (right) Frank Hedderson with son, Edward (holding fish)



Figure 3 Frank and Vern Hedderson in Frank's boat



Figure 4 Noah Hedderson Jr's fishing room at Straitsview, late 1950s



Figure 5 Franks's fishing stage, and three of his children



Figure 6 Culling fish at Hedderson's fishing stage, Quirpon: Alf Burden and Don Hedderson



Figure 7 Frank built this trap skiff at Straitsview



Figure 8 Roberts' wharf in Quirpon



Figure 9 Frank Pynn's fish plant, Quirpon. L-R: Jake Patey, Frank Hedderson, Ambrose Hedderson



Figure 10 Francis Pynn's fish plant, where the fish were split



Figure 11 Jessie Gillingham (cutthroater) splitting fish on the fish box



Figure 12 15. Edward Hedderson at his wharf in Quirpon



Figure 13 Frank Hedderson, left. Flo Hedderson, right.



Figure 14 Building his first punt at Straitsview



Figure 15 Ches Pynn and Edward Hedderson 'at the fish' (left) and Maurice Gillingham (right) pronging fish

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Boat on the haul-up, wharf and stage (stagehead is gone)



Old shed



Looking out Noble Cove, the eastern entrance to Quirpon Harbour



Tea time.....an integral part of the day.



Community of Quirpon



Present day government wharf



Looking out towards the government wharf



The old Pynn house...the oldest house in Quirpon. Billy Pynn was a prominent fisherman in Quirpon.



An old dory and an anchor

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Figure 16 Quirpon Island nautical chart