Records that are not WILLIAM WEST 1839-1920

The following record of a marriage between William West and Caroline Daw in Greenspond, 1860, has always been contentious.

First, his status is Widower, and we know of no other marriage prior to this one, he was only 21 at the time as well suggesting he likely wasn't a widower already.

Second, the Royal Newfoundland Gazette lists him as Captain William West of which no one knows 'our' William to be.

Research by others that has been shared extensively online and in print, has shown that William and Caroline listed in this record moved to England, had 2 children, then William died in 1866. Caroline remarried to William Bragg and had more children. See the last page with an excerpt from *The Greenspond Letter* with this information.

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Name	Caroline Dew
Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	4 Jan 1860
Marriage Place	Greenspond, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland
Spouse	William West
Father	John Dew
Cleric 1 Name	Rev. Milner
Reference Date 1	29 Jan 1861
Source	Gazette (Royal Newfoundland Gazette) 1807-; Courier (Morning Courier & General Advertiser, Morning Courier) 1844-1878
Notes	Bride was the second daughter of John Dew. Groom was Capt. William West.

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Caroline Daw, born January 1842 was to marry William West of Cat Harbour, Bonavista Bay on 04 Dec. 1860 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Greenspond. Caroline and William moved to England in 1864 and had a daughter Caroline born at sea on their voyage to England. They later had another daughter Margaret Lucy Jane born in 1866 and in that same year William West died. Caroline was to marry once again to widower William Bragg on 25 Dec.1869 in Poole, Dorset, England. They had two children, Lucy Ann and Joseph Walter, as shown in the photo below.



Caroline (Daw) West Bragg and William Bragg with Lucy Ann and Walter Joseph Bragg, circa 1877-1878

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