

PORT ANNE

- Population 1966: 124
- A resettled fishing community, Port Anne is located in western Placentia Bay, on Burnt Island in Nonsuch Arm, west of Petite Forte (Known as Burnt Island until a name change in the 1950s (after the newborn Princess Anne), the community may have taken its original name from having been actually burnt, or the name may be a corruption of the family name Byrne, which is associated with nearby Paradise.
- It is probable that the earliest settlers of Port Anne became familiar with the island while fishing out of Paradise, which was one of the earliest fishing stations in that part of the Bay.
- The community appears in the first Census (1836), when there were 27 people recorded at Burnt Island and Petite Forte.
- The community first appeared separately in the 1845 census with a population of 25, which had increased to 53 by 1869.
- By that time the Deer, Pardy and Young families were all fishing there, and it was these three families that made up the majority of the community's population throughout its history.
- Port Anne differed from many neighbouring communities in that the majority of its people were members of the Church of England, while Petite Forte and Paradise, for example, were largely people by Roman Catholics of Irish decent.
- Although most early census records note one or two Roman Catholic families, by 1921 Port Anne was exclusively Church of England.
- The people of Port Anne fished local waters for cod and other species, and some were engaged in the western boat fishery off Cape St. Mary's or went to the Bank fishery out of other Placentia Bay ports.
- In the nineteenth century they most likely traded their catches to Paradise or Oderin, but in the twentieth century the dominant firm in the area was Rodway's of Baine Harbour, to the east (also the nearest community with a Church of England church and a port of call for the Bay steamers).
- With little prospect of ever having a road connection to nearby communities, Port Anne was resettled in the late 1960, with a few people moving to Baine Harbour and the majority going to the Arnold's Cove and Come By Chance area.
- Since that time some former residents (and others) have maintained seasonal fishing premises at Port Anne.

Howard C. Brown (1985), Census (1836-1966), Lovell's Newfoundland Directory (1871), McAlpine's Newfoundland Directory (1894), Statistics: Federal Provincial Resettlement Program (1975), Archives (A-7-1/H).