

Subject: "The Truth Lies in the Rocks"

I have just finished watching your January 29th program-- "The Truth Lies in the Rocks". with some interest since I have worked on the geology of Western Newfoundland for 40 years.

Several comments need to be made. Williams had nothing to do with working out the broad aspects geology of western Newfoundland. All of the geological features that led to the recognition of Gros Morne as a World Heritage Site were in fact recognized and published by me in scientific journals before Williams even started work in the area. In fact I introduced my former colleague Harold Williams to the intricate geology of western Newfoundland.

In 1972, I demonstrated the geology of Gros Morne to J.T Wilson, the Father of the Proto Atlantic Ocean referred to in your program, whose Post Doctoral fellow I had been.

Some of the things previously recorded before Williams entered the scene include:-

- 1)The recognition of an ancient continental margin of North America in west Newfoundland.
- 2)The recognition of on land ancient oceanic crust and mantle in west Newfoundland.
- 3)The recognition of the role of the closure of an ancient ocean in the telescoping and preservation of the margin.

I also recorded the fossils at Green Point and the significance of the rocks at Lobster Cove Head and Cow Head.

The clear implication of the program is that William's was the first to recognize, many if not all, of the above. This is just not true.

It would be tedious to discuss every detail the program touches upon although this will probably have to be done at some later date.

This is not just a case of quibbling over details of precedence but a case of misrepresentation and theft of my intellectual property.

Something will have to be done to rectify this situation since it is highly embarrassing and damaging on several counts.

I can provide documentation proving all of the above statements and could like discuss with you what can be done about the situation.

Regards

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