

Therefore, I have been able to complete some research in the local history section of my public library, and indeed around Poole Quay itself, where houses – built by the merchants engaged in the Newfoundland trade – remain even to this day.

However, I am looking for any additional background information on the fishing out-

ports of Newfoundland during the late 1700s to 1820s. Not only am I interested in the cod fishing industries, but also the social history of the coastal communities that built up around them.

I would be grateful for any information. Mrs. M. Addison, 3 Southill Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, U.K., BH12 SAV.

Driving In and Moving Out: Auto Mobility in Postwar America

The Society for Commercial Archeology announces a conference "Driving In and Moving Out: Auto Mobility in Postwar America" to be held at the University of Southern California, August 6 to 8, 1992, in Los Angeles.

The conference will examine the transformation of the American cultural landscape and built environment after World War II, emphasizing the roles played by the automobile and the highway. An enthusiastic reliance on the automobile, the promise of a limitless future, and a fascination with science and "modern" living all combined to impart a unique look and feel to structures, neighbour-

hoods, and cities. The Los Angeles site is a living museum of the drive-in, freeway, and suburban culture.

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