

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

INVENTORY
OF
THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE WILLIAM WEST

Providing insight into the family
of William and Christie McLeod West
of St. George's Cove and of the
possessions typical of an early
Forillon family.

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PREAMBLE

Though "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" is not aware of any published family history there is evidence that the West family was one of the early and well-known families of the Forillon shore of Gaspé Bay. The contemporary historian-author of Gaspé Bay, Dorothy Phillips, notes in her "HISTORY OF THE SCHOOLS AROUND GASPE BAY" -

"...William West, who is said to have come from England, although the 1861 census gives his place of birth as the West Indies, to be a ship-builder for the Boyles and eventually acquired the property they owned in St.George's Cove..."

[The reference to the Boyles above included the brothers John, George, James and Felix Boyle and their brother-in-law, Richard Annett, all of the South-West Arm of Gaspé Bay who had Lot 2 at St.George's Cove on the Forillon of 150 acres]

William West is also referred to in Miss Phillips book, "ST.MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PENINSULA, as follows:
1841. Deed to a church site and graveyard at St. George's Cove (Part of Lot 2) donated to the Lord Bishop of Montreal and Quebec by William West and wife.

In his 1857 FISHERIES REPORT Dr.Pierre Fortin, the pioneer Overseer of the Gaspesian and Gulf Fishery listed the Gaspé Bay schooners employed in the whale fishery in the Gulf. His list included the 59 ton schooner, "H.R.S." owned by William West.

To mention one further reference, "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" No.211, FORILLON DEED SERIES contains the 1831 Deed of Obligation and Mortgage of George Boyle to William West, Yeoman and Fisherman. The mortgage was for £60 s.18 and as security George Boyle mortgaged Lot 16 on the South-West Branch of Gaspé Bay.

"GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY", in presenting below the INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE Wm WEST, drawn up in May, 1869 by Justice of the Peace, John De St-Croix, recalls members of the West family and seeks through this detailed inventory to cast light on the lifestyle of a Gaspé family of yesterday.

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE WILLIAM WEST

On the tenth day of the month of May, One Thousand Eight hundred and sixty nine, at the special instance and request of Dame Christie McLeod, widow of the late William West, Sen'r, son of William, in his lifetime of St. George's Cove, in the Township of Cape Rosier in the County of Gaspé, Farmer, deceased on the eleventh of January last, and of Charles Esnouf, son of John, of St. George's Cove afore-said, Testamentary Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the said William West, made and executed in the form derived from the laws of England on the fifth day of January last at the place above mentioned, which said Testament has been duly proved on the eighteenth day of the said month of January last and Registered in the Registry Office of the County of Gaspé on the nineteenth day of the said month. In the presence of Donald West, William West, Euphemia West, wife of John Gailliard, Kitty West, wife of Alexander Robert, Eliza West, widow of David Kinsela, and Jane West, wife of Philip Charles De St-Croix, all children issued of the marriage of the said William West with the said Christie McLeod, the said Jane West being duly authorized by her said husband, Philip Charles De St-Croix, also present, the said Euphemia West being duly authorized by her said husband, John Gailliard, also present and the said Kitty West being equally authorized by her said husband, Alexander Robert, also present and Alexander Ascah, legatee, also present.

And further, in the presence of Donald West of St. George's Cove, Fisherman and Farmer, TUTOR AD HOC duly appointed by Deed of Tutorship bearing date at St. George's Cove the twenty-ninth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty nine, which was homologated by one of the Justices of the Superior Court of this Province and registered in the Registry Office of the County of Gaspé on the fifteenth day of April in the present year, To Robert, William and John McLeod West, minor children issued of the marriage of Donald West with Margaret Smith his wife, John and William Gailliard, minor children issued of the marriage of John Gailliard with Euphemia West

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his wife, William Robert and Robert Robert, minor children issued of the marriage of Alexander Robert with Kitty West his wife, Albert and Ida Kinsela, minor children issued of the marriage of David Kinsela with Eliza West, his wife and Philip Charles De St-Croix minor child issued of the marriage of Philip Charles de St-Croix with Jane West his wife, for the purpose of representing them at the said Inventory - all the said minor children being the Grand Children and Legatees of the said late William West and having been notified by the said Testamentary Executor to be this day here present as well as all the heirs and children of the said late William West and other parties interested in his succession.

For the preservation of the rights of the said parties and all others interested or concerned in the Estate of the said late William West, it is going to be proceeded by the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace appointed for the Couty and District of Gaspé, in presence of the undersigned witnesses, acting in default of Notary and to that effect duly authorized by law, to the Inventory and exact description in the house, on the premises at St.George's Cove, aforesaid and other places, to the Estate of the said late William West of all and singular the property, effects, household furniture, money, debts, goods, chattels and other effects and things, books of account, titles, papers, and other vouchers belonging to the said Estate and "communauté de biens" that existed between the said Christie McLeod, widow aforesaid and that said, late William West, her husband, to whatever sum or sums of money the same may amount and whatever situate and to be found. The whole of which were shown and exhibited unto us, the said Justice of the Peace and witnesses by the said Christie McLeod and the said Charles Esnouf who have respectively affirmed and made oath before me, the said Justice of the Peace, that they have not concealed or caused to be concealed any effects and things belonging to the said estate and succession and faithfully promised and obliged themselves, and each of them, to shew and exhibit and represent all things whatsoever without concealment that shall or may belong or any wise appertain to the said succession and communauté under the penalty of the law in the case of refusal, wilful neglect or reservation to represent and exhibit the same, which was duly explained unto them respectively.

All which effects, goods and chattels subject to estimation were valued and appraised, "prisés et estimés" by Messrs Henry Price and Francois Xavier Joncas, both of the Township of Cape Rosier, hereto also present, whom the said parties hereto have chosen to value and appraise the same after having been duly sworn to value and appraise the whole of the said effects and things to the best of their knowledge and ability and according to their present condition and value.

This done at St. George's Cove at the late residence of the said William West, deceased, on the day and year above mentioned and signed by all the said parties and appraisers in the presence and with us the said Justice of the Peace and Witnesses also hereunto severally subscribing, these presents having been first duly read in the presence of all the parties.

SIGNATURES

[The mark X in a person's name
was made in lieu of signing]

Christie Mc X Leod	Margaret X Smith
William West	John Gailliard
Euphemia X West	Kitty X West
Philip Charles De St-Croix	Alexander Ascah
Eliza X West	Jane X West
Alexander X Robert	Donald West, Tutor Ad Hoc
	Charles Esnouf

Francois Xavier Joncas	Appraisers
Henry Price	
Thomas Price	Witnesses
Thomas LeMesurier	

John De St-Croix, J.P.

INVENTORYIn the House-Parlour

ITEM NO.	ITEM	VALUED AT \$ and CTS
1	One Eight day clock with case	25.00
2	One Round Mahogany table	10.00
3	Six wooden chairs	2.40
4	One Common Rocking Chair	1.50
5	Four small pieces of old carpet	1.00
6	One clothes Brush	.30
7	Nine pictures hung on the wall	6.40
8	One Coal Oil Lamp	1.00
9	One small trunk covered with seal skin	.40
10	One small box painted red	1.00
11	One large tea-tray	1.20
12	One Sofa covered with Black cotton	4.00
13	One Square Deal table painted red with green baize cover	2.40
14	One old Mahogany Rocking chair	9.00
15	Three foot stools	.40
16	One Book Shelf with a few books and tracts	2.50
17	One Looking-Glass	14.00
18	Mantel-piece ornaments such as conch, china-dogs, flower-vase and bottle	.80
19	One china tea-sett packed in a box	5.00
20	Two white window blinds	.60

		\$88.90

In the Bed Room. 1st Floor

21	One Four-post Bed-Stead	2.50
22	Two Clothes Baskets	.20
23	One Mahogany Chest of Drawers	32.00
24	One Looking-Glass in a Mahogany stand	2.50
25	One Chest painted Lead colour	1.00
26	One plated tea-pot	2.00
27	One white window blind	.30
28	One Feather-Bed paillaise, covers, sheets, blankets	18.00

In the Bed Room. 1st Floor (ctd)

ITEM NO.	ITEM	VALUED AT \$ and CTS
29	One Close-Stool	4.00
30	One Chest painted dark Green	1.20
31	One Small Table painted red	.60
32	One Lot of empty Bottles	.03
33	Two small Trays	.20

		\$153.43

In the Dining Room

34	One square deal Table	.80
35	One Bench	.20
36	Three Brass Candle-Sticks	2.00
37	One Tin Tea-pot	.10
38	One plated Tea-pot	.40
39	One Coffee-Mill	1.00
40	Seven small pictures hung up	.13
41	One sett of half a dozen tin Candle-moulds	.30
42	One Soup Tureen	.40
43	One Small Letter-scale	.05
44	One pair Snuffers	.10
45	Two cork-screws	.10
46	Four meat dishes	.75
47	Two water pitchers	.30
48	One vegetable dish	.25
49	Four smoothing Irons	.40
50	Four pairs Sheep-Shears	1.50
51	One small funnel	.10
52	One old half-gallon measure	.15
53	One Window Blind	.02
54	Twenty one Soup, meat and breakfast plates	1.50
55	One Salt cellar	.05
56	Two Pepper Boxes	.05
57	Half a dozen Cups and Saucers	.55
58	Three Bowls	.13
59	Three milk-dishes	.50
60	One Bread-tray	.05
61	One Milk Kettle	.30
62	One long handled Sweeping brush	.25

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AMOUNT FORWARD \$165.86

ITEM NO.	<u>In the Kitchen</u>		VALUED AT \$ and CTS
	ITEM		
63	One double stove with poker, tongs and pan		12.00
64	One tin pan		.20
65	Two water pails		.50
66	Three old Benches		.05
67	Two old chairs		.10
68	One Dough-trough		.25
69	One pair of tin scales		.40
70	One churn		.60
71	One small tub		.15
72	Two Tea Kettles		.60

			\$180.71
	<u>In the Passage</u>		
73	One Spy Glass		---3.00
			\$183.71
	<u>First Bed-Room Up Stairs</u>		
74	One Bed Stead		.75
75	One Table		.20
76	One Looking Glass		.50
	<u>Second Bed Room Up Stairs</u>		
77	One Wash-hand Stand		.35
78	One Bed Stead		2.50
	<u>Third Bed-Room Up Stairs</u>		
79	Two chests painred Lead colour		.50
80	One wire sieve		.25
81	One Large Tea cannister		.50
82	One Close-Stool		.25
83	Two Earthen-ware jars		.40

			\$189.90

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<u>In the Porch</u>		
ITEM NO.	ITEM	VALUED AT \$ and CTS
84	Two wash tubs	1.00
85	One Lanthorn	.25
86	One Frying pan	.20
87	One Coffee Mill	.10
88	One Crow-bar	.05
89	Two old Stools	.02
90	One Strainer	.01
91	One Reaping hook	.05
92	Two Bake-pots	.80
93	One Washing-pot	1.00
94	One Round-pot	.40
95	One Spinning wheel	1.00
96	One Grinding Stone	.05
97	Four Bread-pans	.10
98	One Cow Bell	.05
99	One Frame Saw	.50

		\$195.49

<u>In the Stable</u>		
100	One Ox-seven years old	32.00
101	One Bull-three years old	16.00
102	Three Milch Cows	56.00
103	Seven Sheep and four Lambs	36.00
104	One old Cariole Harness	5.00
105	One old working harness	3.00
106	One Hay fork	.30
107	Two old pigs	12.00
108	Fifteen hens	3.75
109.	One Fifty-six pound weight	1.00
110	One Hoe	.30
111	Six young pigs	6.00

		\$ 366.84

In the Stage

ITEM NO.	ITEM	VALUED AT \$ CTS
112	Five Fish Tubs	1.00
113	One Lot of old Staves	.50
114	One old Herring Net	.50

On the Bridge

115	One old Fishing Boat	.20
116	One old Flat	.40

		\$369.44

In the Store

117	Half a Barrel of wheat	3.00
118	Half a Barrel of barley	2.50
119	One and a half Gallon Hay-seed	.80
120	One Tan-pot	3.00
121	Part of a old Boat Rhode (?)	.30
122	One Grapnel	1.50
123	One thousand shingles	2.00
124	One old oil Barrel	.25
125	Two wire sieves	1.00
126	One old chest	.35
127	One pair Fish scales with iron beam	2.50
128	Three.Fifty-six pound weight	2.50
129	Two Twenty eight pound weight	.50
130	One pair Cart wheels-not shod	2.00
131	One old seine and Herring net in a puncheon	6.00
132	One small single block - eleven inch	1.00
133	One Cabrouette	12.00
134	One old Harrow	.20
135	One Cart	1.50
136	Two Mackerel nets	1.00
137	One old Whip-saw	.05
138	One American plough	.50
139	One Hay Rake	.05

 \$413.94

In the Cook Room

ITEM NO	ITEM	VALUED AT \$ CTS
140	Two old stoves	.50
141	Two Scythe snaths and scythes	.40
142	One pair of old Cart wheels	1.00
143	Eight boards	.40

In the Cellar

144	About three or four Bls Potatoes	5.00
145	Ten boards	.25
		\$ 421.49

In the Dairy

146	Seven milk dishes	1.00
147	One Crock	.40
148	One Tin net	.05
149	Two Cow Bells	1.00
150	One small churn	.10
151	One empty cask	.50
152	Two Pork Barrels	.60
153	Two half boxes of Glass	2.20
154	One small Keg	.05
155	One Screw Auger	.05
		\$427.44

All the effects, goods and chattels subject to estimation having been inventorized it is going to be proceeded to the Inventory of the maney belonging to the said succession.

Money in the chest

Two hundred and forty three dollars and ninety-seven cents in gold, silver and Bank notes. \$243.97

Of the Assets (active debts)

No 1. Bank of Montreal Deposit Receipt No.27572 for \$ 1000.00 sum of one thousand Dollars in favor of William West.

No. 2	The promissory note of William Hyman dated 1st November 1866 in favor of William West, Sen'r twelve month after date for the sum of one hundred pounds.	L 100.00
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Book Accounts

No.1	Done by Alexander McKenzie of Cape Ozo	\$ 6.00
No.2	Done by Thomas Briard, Sen'r of Seal Cove	12.00
No.3	Done by Peter Kassovie of St. George's Cove	6.40

Of the Liabilities of the Estate and Community (passive debts)

No.1	Re the Estate of William West to Messrs William Fruing.	\$ 50.70
No.2	Re the Estate of William West to William Hyman, Esq., Merchant of Grand Grève.	
No.3	Re the Estate of William West to Messrs LeMesurier and Brouard	6.55

Mortgage

A	Mortgage by James Perchard Esq. in favor of the late William West for the sum of two hundred pounds dated twenty sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, payable with interest at five per cent six months after notice - the said Mortgage registered on the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight	\$ 800.00
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Real Estate Property

Conquêts

No.1	All that certain Lot of land at St. George's Cove being Lot No.2, bounded on the S.E. by lot claimed by Peter Connor, in front by Gaspé Bay, on the N.W. by land claimed by LeMesurier and Lenfesty and in the rear by waste lands of the Crown.
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Titles and Papers of
Real Estate Conquêts

Quebec, 30th November, 1821. Adjudication in favor John Boyle, George Boyle, James Boyle and Richard Annett of the Lot of land above described.

And after having preceded with this Inventory until the hour of nine P.M. of the above mentioned day and there being nothing which could be found to be Inventorized after the most diligent search and enquiry, we have finally closed the present Inventory of all the household furniture, goods, chattels, effects and things, debts, titles, papers, belonging to the said Estate herein Inventorized having been left and deposited with the consent of all parties in the charge, custody, care and keeping of the said Charles Esnouf who has faithfully promised under oath to take charge and represent the same whenever required to whom it shall appertain, and the said Charles Esnouf and the said Christie McLeod who have occupied the house in which have remained all the moveable property of the said Estate since the death of the late William West have respectively affirmed and made oath before us that they have not concealed or caused to be concealed and effect and things belonging to the said Estate and communauté, and that none of the said effects and things have been taken away at their knowledge and have further declared that the said Inventory contains the whole of the said effects and things and that the said Inventory may be presented to the proper authority in order to be closed according to Law.

This done at St.George's Cove aforesaid at the late residence of the late William West on the day and year above mentioned and signed by all the said parties and appraisers, in the presence and with us the said Justice of the Peace and witnesses also hereunto severally subscribing. These presents having been first duly read in the presence of all the parties.

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} Appraisers

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Thomas Price

} Witnesses

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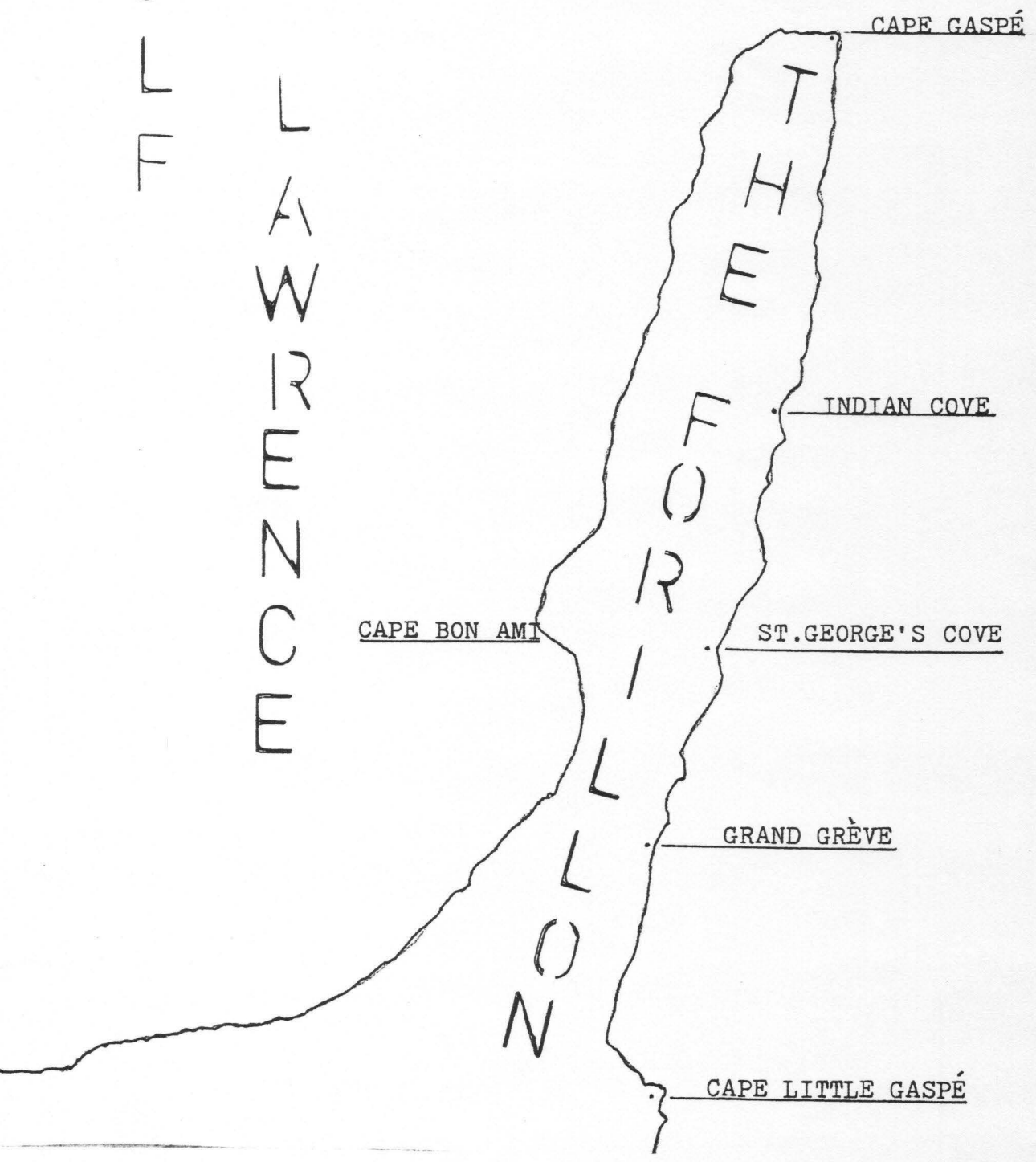
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MIL HUIT CENT SOIXANTE ET NEUF.

(Signed)

S.G.Harper, P.C.S.

GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE

GASPE BAY



THE FORILLON - THAT SLENDER PENINSULA BETWEEN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE AND GASPE BAY ENDING IN CAPE GASPE. FROM THE CAPE, INLAND ALONG THE BAY, THE SEA HAS CUT A ROW OF CRESCENT COVES INTO THE ROCK WALLS AND LINED THEIR BOTTOMS WITH BEACHES OF SMOOTH PEBBLES. IT WAS AT ST. GEORGE'S COVE THAT WILLIAM WEST MADE HIS HOME.



TYPICAL SCENE ALONG THE RUGGED FORILLON
SHORE WITH ITS SUCCESSION OF COVES. THE
AREA IS NOW WITHIN THE FORILLON PARK.