

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

A SEXTET OF SALES

A glimpse of Gaspésians of the
mid 19th century involved as
sellers, buyers, recorders and
witnesses of land sales.

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Preface - Records of land sales from earlier days in Gaspesia provide an interesting glimpse of the families involved as sellers, buyers, witnesses and recorders. From six typical Deeds of Sale of the mid 19th century in the Gaspé region we have a window into family names and activities of "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY".

SALE Record of the Rev. McMahon, Missionary Priest of the
1833 Parish of St. Michel, Percé, acting in lieu of a Notary Public.

SOLD BY- Benjamin Ferguson of L'Ance-au-beaufils
and his wife, Magdaline Grant.

BUYER James Jessop of L'Ance-au-beaufils.

PROPERTY A piece of land at L'Ance-au-beaufils
on a Front of two arpents and with a depth
of thirty three arpents together with the
buildings thereon. Bordered on the East by
James Ferguson, on the West by Andrew
Ferguson, on the North by Crown Lands and
on the South by the Sea.

PRICE 30 Louis current money

WITNESSES James Forsyth
James Hickson

SALE
1837

Record of Charles Vardon, Justice of the Peace, Malbay,
acting in lieu of a Notary Public.

SOLD BY John Buckley of Point St.Peter and his wife,
Jane Bond.

BUYER Henry Bissett Johnston, Merchant, Point St.
Peter.

PROPERTY A certain Fishing Establishment at Point St.
Peter together with one dwelling house, one
stable and barn, one stage, one salt store,
one cookroom, one small store, flakes, etc.
on an irregular piece of land containing
fifteen superficial acres, more or less, on
a Front of seventy-one feet. Bounded in front
by the Cove of Point St.Peter, on the East by
John Bond, on the West by William Alexander
and in the rear by Malbay.

PRICE £ 220 lawful current money

WITNESSES Samuel Ray
Edward Renouff

SALE
1845

Record of James Perchard, Justice of the Peace
of Gaspé Basin acting in lieu of a Notary Public.

SOLD BY Mrs.Maria Anna Cort, Widow of the late Hugh O'Hara
of Gaspé Basin.

BUYERS The duly elected School Commissioners of the
Municipality of Gaspé Bay:

James Perchard

John Eden

Joseph Eden

Abraham Coffin, Sr.

Philip Bechervaise.

PROPERTY All that certain piece or parcel of land on the North side of the South West Arm of Gaspé Bay, commonly called York River, containing one acre and nine (? poles ?) on a Front of one hundred and eighty one feet, bounded on the West by a Protestant burying ground, on the East and in rear by land owned by the said Maria Anna Cort and on the South by the Highway.

PRICE The sum of £ 7 s.8 p.8 currency.

WITNESSES Francis Ahier, J.P.
H.O'Hara, J.P.
(not legible)

SALE
1847

Record of Francis Ahier, Justice of the Peace, in lieu of Notary Public.

SOLD BY Mary Olive Bond
Charles Bond
Peter Bond

BUYER William Hyman, Merchant of Grand Grève

PROPERTY A certain piece of land at Little Gaspé - the contents not ascertained - bounded towards the South West by land owned by Frederick Price, on the North East by the dwelling house as it now stands, on the Front by Gaspé Bay and in rear by waste lands of the Crown.

PRICE £ 10 currency.

WITNESSES Charles Esnouf
Francis Roy

SALE
1859

Record of Nicholas Dumaresq, Justice of the Peace,
acting in default of a Notary Public at Gaspé Basin.

SOLD BY Ellen Elizabeth Boyle of Gaspé Basin,
Widow of the late Rev. William Arnold.

BUYER Joseph John Kavanagh of Gaspé Basin,
Post Master.

PROPERTY A certain lot or piece of land situate
and lying on the North side of the South
West Branch of Gaspé Bay upon a Front of
about one and three quarters of an acre,
bounded by the waters of the S.W. Branch
of Gaspé Bay - in the depth, or rear, by
Crown Lands or the waters of the N.W.
Branch of Gaspé Bay - on the side towards
the East by a lot of land belonging to
Charles Stewart, and on the side towards
the West by a lot of land belonging to
Neil McKenzie, and also in part by a lot
or piece of land upon which is erected a
Roman Catholic Chapel - said lot or piece
of land hereby sold containing thirty five
acres in superficies, more or less...
together with all and every the members
and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

PRICE £ 250 current money of Canada

WITNESSES John Le Boutillier
Charles Veit

Reference to the "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" article on "FORT RAMSAY-ANOTHER GASPÉ BASIN PROPERTY", published by SPEC on February 5th., 1985, will help in the location of the property sold in this last of a series of six sales. It is also the earliest sale of the series bearing date of 1820.

SALE Record of James Stewart of Gaspé Harbour, Justice of the
1820 Peace acting in lieu of a Notary Public.

SOLD BY Peter Chouinard (then residing at Percé)

BUYERS Mary Ann (Maria Anna) O'Hara and James Mills.

PROPERTY A certain tract of land situate and being on the South side of the Basin of Gaspé, bounded to the Eastward by land appertaining to James Stewart, Esq., and to the Westward by a Brook, the whole containing about one hundred and seventy acres, more or less, with all the buildings thereon, the Crop now in the ground, all woods and underwoods, and everything else on the premises.

PRICE The sum of £ 27 s.5
Out of this the said Mary Ann Cort and James Mills also obligate themselves to pay Henry O'Hara, Esq. the amount of £5 for a certain debt owing to him by the Seller and to deliver to the Seller ten barrels of potatoes at Percé before the close of navigation.