

GASPE OF YESTERDAY

GASPESIAN LAND PATENTS  
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PATENT - AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT CONFERRING A  
RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE - AN INSTRUMENT  
MAKING A GRANT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

THE STORY OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR GASPESIAN  
ANCESTORS TO OBTAIN PATENT FOR THE LANDS THAT  
THEY HAD SETTLED IS LONG, CONVOLUTED AND OFTEN  
OBSCURE. SOME DETAILS OF THE CLAIMS THAT THEY  
MADE BEFORE THE GASPE LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION OF  
1819-20 HAVE BEEN RECALLED BY "GASPE OF YESTER-  
DAY". A CLAIM, HOWEVER, REQUIRED TO BE PATENTED  
TO BE A LEGAL GRANT. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS  
GASPESIANS ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS AND DELAYS IN  
OBTAINING PATENT TO THEIR LANDS. THEREFORE,  
THE FOLLOWING LIST OF GASPESIAN LAND PATENTS,  
SUBMITTED TO THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE IN ACCORD-  
ANCE WITH THE ACT 10/11 VICTORIA, ONE HUNDRED  
AND FORTY YEARS AGO, IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

KEN ANNETT

GASPESIAN LAND PATENTS

ISSUE OF PATENTS FOR LANDS CLAIMED IN THE DISTRICT OF GASPE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT 10-11 VICTORIA, CHAP.30.

LISTED BY TOWNSHIP. NAMES SPELLED AS LISTED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

RESTIGOUCHE - Robert Fergusson Alexander McDonald

MANN - Thomas Wilson Alexander Thompson

MARIA - William Cuthbert Etienne Diot  
Pierre Landry Charles Sutherland  
Gabriel Lapointe Urbain Johnston  
Joseph Landry Fabien Fougère  
Patrick Carroll Patrick Hamilton  
John Carroll Felix Audette  
John Connors Grégoire LeBlanc

NEW RICHMOND- William Cuthbert Thomas Foran  
John Fergusson Damase Bourdages  
John McKenzie John Willet  
John Cruger Lazare Poirier  
Fleurant LeBlanc Frederic Bourdages  
Pierre Babin Raphael Cormier  
John McCormick and Ann Sherar  
Jean Babin Alexandre Babin  
Pierre Poirier and Polycarpe Poirier  
Milcade Bourdages John McColm  
Gilbert McWhirter William Lynd  
Joseph L.Cyr Aimé Cormier  
Ephraim Cormier Joseph C.Cormier  
Felix Lacouffe Andrew Turner  
Patrick Walsh Mary Connors  
Pierre Babin

HAMILTON

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William Cuthbert	Come Lepage
James Hughes	Francois Paquet
James Martin	Geo. Boissonnault
Margaret Neilson	John Hughes
Jacques Bugeol	Thomas Hamilton
Frs. Bernard	Télesphore Poirier
Etienne Bugeol	Felix Bernard
Hubert Bernard	Triphon Bugeol
Murdock Gillis	James Gillis
Paul Poirier	Julien/Alex.Gauthier
Nic./Jos. Arseneau	Ol./Raymond Bourdages
Leo./H. Bugeol	John Smith
Jules Bugeol	Jacques Brière
Louis/Aimé Poirier	David Poirier
Louis Paquet	Jos./Henry/Sebast. Bugeol
Charles Robin Co.	Jean Henry
Jane Watt	Henry Watt
Amateur/Lazare Henry	

COX

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Martin Sheppard	John Wilkie
Richard Smith	Ann McGear
William Smith	Alexander Hall
Philip Starnes	Louis Denis (Paspebiac)
James Craig	Charles Robin Co.
Bartholemew Ray	John Thompson
Benjamin Billingsley	André Loisel
James Chatterton	Philip Main
John Main	Amasa Bebee
Henry Kavanagh	William Dobson
William McAdams	John Renouf
Philip Rafter	William Flowers
Robert Flowers	Magdalen Starnes
John Forsyth	Nicholas Renouf
Sarah Billingsley	Mary Billingsley
John Thompson, Sr.	William Sherar
Mary Smith	Margery Barstow
Joseph Mash (Marsh)	Carol O'Keefe
Charles Robin Co.	James Woods
Francois Langlois	Emmaunel/Seraphim/Sebastien Le Brasseur

## HOPE -

James Neilson	André Laroque
Barnabas McGee	Thomas Hardy
James Wright	Eustache Laroque
Daniel Ross	Philip Maurant
William Podoin	Asa Beebe
William McRae	John Young
Asa Chatterton	John Byers
Charles Manger	Charles and George Bocquart
Germain Courtois	Julien Courtois
William Ross	Joseph Grenier
Richard Manger	Michel and Jos. Laroque
Hector Ross	William Skeine
Andrew Young	and William Young
Joseph Thompson	Michael Sullivan
John Traverse	William Sullivan
Adam Scott	William Hayes
John White	Amasa Bebee
Joseph Young	Gilbert Roussy
Charles Rocquart and	George Rocquart
Michael Laroque and	James Laroque

## PORT DANIEL -

[From Anse au Gascons to Shigaouasee E. ]

William McPherson	George McGinnis
Charles Robin Co.	John McPherson
William Phelan	Maurice Humphreys
André B. Roussy	Patrick Jones
Joseph Atkinson	John T. Cheelon
Pierre Darèsche	Edouard Duguay
Joseph Langlois	W.M.Lauder
Etienne Michel	James McPherson
James Enright	James Gillis
Francois Alain	Pierre Alain
Maxime Huard	John S.Beebe
Laurent Langlois	William McKewn
Matthew Murphy	Jean Langlois
John Dea	Louis Roussy
Mariel Huard	Patrick Fitzgerald
Raymond Langlois	Paul Chazados
Joseph Blais	and Charles Blais



Jean Michel	Patrick Jones
William McDonald	William Millar
James Millar	Benjamin Hall
Baptiste Grenier	Nancy Enright
Thomas Day	James Day
John McKenzie	Thomas Bearsto
William McKenzie	Stanislas Roussy
Patrick Day	George McDonald
Pierre Loisel	Joshua Bebee
Joseph, James and	David Dow
Michael Enright	George Gilker
Jane Harvey	Edward Power
Jane Henry	Jean Langlois
Joseph Morin	

## NEWPORT -

Alexander David	Desiré David
James Hakey	Hugh McKewn
John McKewn	Charles Cyr
Charles Lantier	John Lambert
Abraham Keehan	George Smith
Lawrence Keehan	Charles Robin Co.
Barnabas McGee	

## PERCE -

[From Cannes de Roches to Cap d'Espoir]

James Lenfesty, Sr.	Thomas Picknell
Charles Savage	Simon Mercier
George Moir	Michel Paget
Henry Paradis	Baptiste M. Sweeney
Louis Lelievre	Francois Michel
Michael Furlong	Jacques Couture
Lawrence Lamb	Philippe Poirier
James Rooney	Henry Collas
Timothy Driscoll	Joseph Couture
Alexis McGinnis	Mary Eve et al
Abraham Trachy	George Lucas
Daniel Dumaresq	Alexander Reilley
William Tilly	James Fergusson, Jr.

John Baker	Joseph E.Roi
James Lenfesty, Jr.	Thomas Lenfesty
Stephen Walsh	Francois Paget
John Cass	Nicholas Dégaris
Joseph Cass, Jr.	David Duguay
Prot. Church	John Jones
Robert Short	Ambroise Collin
David Baker	Jean Lancoupe
Daniel Dumaresq	Clovis McGillis
Owen S.Cornick	William Driscoll
David Conglan	Daniel Lelievre
Richard Knox	Daniel Lambert
Francois Dubois	Charles Belliveau
Michel Bilodeau	John Hogan
Daniel Smith	Richard Walker
Alex. Lambert	Jules Collin
Thomas Dasylya	John Beck
Rémi Roussy	John Ahern
Jean Richard	Edouard Trachy
Fabien Baronet	Michael Ahern
Joseph Lancoupe	Thoedore Beaulieu
Joseph Dubois	Philip Le Foley
Jean Lelievre	Jean Dubois
Joseph Bouchard	Pierre Mercier
John Bermingham	Pierre Duguay
Owen Hickson	Pierre Lelievre
Hubert Collin	Timothy Downie
Eloi Parisé	Peter Hayden
Laurent Valcour	Richard Tennessey
Charles Arbour	William Donahue
William Silk	James Jessup
Charles Quiron	Hugh Mahon, Jr.
Margaret Beck	Hugh Mahon, Sr.
Philip Beck	Timothy O'Brien
Joseph Beck	Patrick Handerkin
Thomas Beck	Victor Caron
George Bunton	John Neelisse
Daniel Beck	Louise Arbour
Edouard Lessard	Joseph Méthot

Florence McCarthy	Anna Bourget
Denis McCarthy	Alexis Boulet
Tranquil Duguay	Nicolas Bourget
Charles Blais	Julien McGinnis
John Baker	Jean Harbour
Hospice Larue	Jean Labbé
Baptiste Page	Charles Simoneau
George Heath	Joseph Labbé
Jean Bourget	James Shannon
Joseph Proulx	Louis Lelievre
Josiah Cass	Mark Bunton
George Barnes	Peter Lendreau
Jean Fortin	Patrick Enright
Jean B. Elondin	Jasper Morris
Antoine Blois	James Cain, Sr.
James Cain, Jr.	Xavier Caron
Abraham Lenfesty	Terence Dolan

MALBAY -

Louis Raile	Peter Vibert
Louis Urquhart	Aubert Bond
Elizabeth Lucas	Charles Vardon
Christine Zapp	Isaac Chewine
Michael Crony	Abraham Zapp
John Gemmel	Michel Girard
Peter Mabe	Jean B. Zapp
Jacob S. Packwood	George Packwood
John Hayden, Sr.	Abner Hayden
F.A.M. Devouges	Philip Mabe
Thomas Tapp	Antoine Chicoine
William Ross	Mary S. Girard
Michael Wuin	Michael Hogan
Jean B. Chicoine	Francois Beaucoup
Mary Sweeney	James Ste. Croix
Agathe Duguay	Charles Sweeney
John Gerard, Sr.	Pierre Langlois
J. Carbonneau	

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DOUGLAS -	Angelina Leggo	Patrick Barrons
	Elizabeth Leggo and	Job Leggo
	George Miller	James Meagher
	Nicholas Meagher	Isaac Kennedy, Sr.
	Alexander Leggo	Catherine O'Rourke
	Adam Williamson	Robert Harbour
	Denis McGrath	Jean Carbonneau (Hurley Hurley)
YORK -	Louis Panet dit Papoulet	
GASPE BAY SOUTH -	Henry Cavenagh	Abraham Coffin
	Patterson's	Lewis Kelly
	Duncan Morrison	Neil McKenzie
	Joseph Scott	
SYDENHAM -	Abraham Adams	Felix Adams
	John Annett	John Adams
	William Annett	
GASPE BAY NORTH -	John Rose, Sr.	Peter Samson
	Nicolas Gagnon [ may be Guignon]	
	David Rabby	Peter Rokert
	Frederick Cumming	Nicolas Lemesurier
	Hugh Cumming	Richard Mutton (Mullen?)
	Widow John Coffin	Charles Simpson
	Widow Allen Pyke	Widow Walter Philips
	William Miller	David Philips
	George Lemesurier	Philip Ahier
	Peter Brouard	John Degary
	Jean Z. Pierrotte	John Gari
	Thomas Stanley	John Price
	Peter Kasovy	Adam Fortin
	William Simon	Peter Simon
	Francois LeMesurier	Jean Échard
	Abraham Lenfesty	William Hyman
CAP DES ROUSSELS -	Francois Ahier	John Sorsleil
	Charles Lefevre	Peter Connors
	Joseph Marin	James Rifeau
	Jacques Reine	Hugh Brosnahan
		Nichol de Ste-Croix



Peter Reine	Aubainade Ste-Croix
Nicholas Connors	Martin Bond
Charles Bélan	Jean Rifeau
Peter Whellan	Louis Bond
Matthew Whellan	James Whellan
Widow J. Whellan	John Packwood
Mark Packwood	Fred Packwood
John Bond	

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The above listing of patents for land in the District of Gaspé, issued in 1852, is evidently a partial one for in 1823, Edward Isaac Mann of Restigouche told a Parliamentary Committee on Crown Lands that he understood patents had been issued for lands, "lying in the Vicinity of Gaspé Bay". It is to be hoped that continuing search will turn up additional information on the issue of Gaspesian Land Patents. If readers of SPEC have such information it is hoped that they will contribute it in order that our knowledge of land titles will be more complete.