

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

POSSESSION AND ENJOYMENT OF LANDS

In response to requests received following the publication by SPEC of general accounts of Gaspé land claims, the following article will attempt to record in more detail the claimants of 1819. Such detail as Lot numbers, acreage and code references in the official reports will, it is hoped, provide a clearer picture of the lands that our Gaspesian ancestors sought to "possess and enjoy."

GASPE OF YESTERDAY proposes to continue this project in another article dealing with 1820 and subsequent claims.

KEN ANNETT

GASPE LAND CLAIMS OF 1819

FOREWORD BY THE COMMISSIONERS

We, the Commissioners appointed in virtue of the Act passed in the 59th year of the reign of His Majesty George III, intituled AN ACT TO SECURE THE INHABITANTS OF THE INFERIOR DISTRICT OF GASPE IN THE POSSESSION AND ENJOYMENT OF THEIR LAND, have the honour to report, that in pursuance of the Order and of the Proclamation of His Grace, the late Duke of Richmond, Governor-in-Chief of this Province, bearing date the 9th April, 1819, we did, in the month of June, 1819, proceed to the Inferior District of Gaspé, and on the 21st day of the same month, at Douglas Town, in Gaspé Bay, commenced, after previous public notice to that effect, a Session for the reception of Claims to Lands by the inhabitants of Gaspé Bay and its neighbourhood, where, at the same time, we received and recorded all such documents and evidence as were by the claimants and opposants to claims produced in support of their respective pretensions.

On the 24th July we, in like manner, commenced a session at Percé, where we received the claims of the inhabitants of Point St. Peter, Malbay, Bonaventure Island, Anse à Beaufils, Anse du Cap and Grand Rivière, as well as the documents and testimony produced in their support.

On the 15th August we commenced receiving claims at New Carlisle where many were fyled for lands at that place and its vicinity, but the period limited by Proclamation for receiving claims in that District expiring on the first of September then ensuing, we found it impracticable, in equal justice to the whole of the District, to attend to all of the places, so as to expedite business which by the Proclamation of His Grace, the Governor-in-Chief, we were directed to visit. We therefore adjourned from New Carlisle on the 22nd August and proceeded to Bonaventure, New Richmond, Carleton and Ristigouche, for the purpose of adjourning the Sessions from those places until the following year, which we accordingly did, at the same time notifying the inhabitants by public notices in writing in order that they might be fully prepared with their

claims on our arrival in the ensuing summer.

[Signed] J.T. Tashereau
President of Commission for
Gaspé Land Claims.

L.Juchereau Duchesnay
Commissioner for Land Claims,
District of Gaspé

Robert Christie,
Secretary.

1819 GASPÉ LAND CLAIMS

<u>CLAIMANT(S)</u>	<u>LOT NO.(S)</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>CODE REF.</u>
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DOUGLASTOWN

Michael McGrath] Edmund Mulroney]	#1	100	I
Richard Barron	#2	100	II
Samuel Ray	#6	100	XVII
Robert Simpson	#7+8	200	XXIII
Daniel M'Pherson	#9	100	CI
Timothy Spruen	#10	100	III
Luke Gaul	#11	100	IV
Daniel M'Pherson	#12	71	CI
Alexander McCrae] Thomas Hollands]	#13	100	VI+VII
Henry Johnston	#14	100	VIII
Daniel Scott	#15	100	IX
William Walsh	#16	100	X
Thomas Walsh	#17+18+19+20	400	XI
Thomas Kennedy	Filed claim on #17 above		
Frances Poor, Widow of late David Condon	#21	100	XII
Thomas Kennedy	#22	100	XIII
Thomas Briand	#23	100	XXII
John McCrea, Sr.	#24+25+26+ 27(half)	350	V
Henry Johnston	5 unnumbered lots on S. side River St.John	1000	VIII
Timothy Spruen	5 unnumbered lots on S. side River St.John	1000	CII

DOUGLASTOWN TOWN LOTS. R=RANGE

(Each Lot = 1 square acre)

Michael McGrath	R2-#5+21	I
Luke Gaul	R5-#26	IV
John McRea	R1-#1+2+13+14	V
Henry Johnston	R1-#7+23. R2-#7	VII
Daniel Scott	R2-#11+27. R3-#11+27	IX
William Walsh	R1-#20 R2-#8+24	V

NAME(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
Frances Poor, Widow Condon	R1-25	
Thomas Rail	R3-#7-8+23+24	IX
James Morris	R2-#13-20 R3-#13-20	XVI
Daniel Ray	R2-#10+25	XVII
Matthew Morris	R1-#24 R2-#12+23 R3-#12	XVIII
Oliver Morris	R3-#5+6-21+22	XIX
James Larhé	R1-#10-11 R4-#1+16+27+28 - #10, [42 lots] 11, 12, 13, 26, 27, 28, 29	XX
Thomas Briand	R3-#25	XXI
Robert Simpson	R2-#6	XXII
Isaac Kennedy	R1-#10+11-19 R2-#20+21+22+23+24+25+26+27+28+29+30+31+32 [49 lots]	XXIII
Daniel McPherson	R1-#3-4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16-21-22 R2-#9+25+13 - 14 (half) Town Park lots #4-9 - 24 acres	
Thomas Kennedy	The Common Acre	
<u>HALDIMAND</u>		
James Thompson	#1 + 11 Town Lots	100 -11 LXXXI
James Cuning	#2+3+8-13(half)+14(half) -11 Town Lots	400 +11 XIX+XXI
Thomas Rail	#4	100 IX
Thomas Kennedy	#5	100 XXIV
James Morris	#6	100 XVI
Luke Gaul	#7	100 IV
John Stanley	#9	100 XLIV
Alexander McCrea	#10 + 23 Town Lots	100 +23 VII
George Thompson	#11 + 11 Town Lots	100 +11 LXXXII
Thomas Thompson	#12 + #13(half) + 11 Town Lots	150 +11 LXXXIII
Henry Johnston	To E. of Lot #1	50

(Schedule of Land Acquisitions)

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
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GASPÉ BAY NORTH - THE FORILLON

George Brehaut Helier Simon	Unnumbered Lot-Indian Cove	75	LXXXIX
	ALSO		
	#1 - Indian Cove	72	XC
John, George, James, Felix Boyle and Richard Annett	#2 - St. George's Cove	150	XCI
Jean Lemesurier Nicolas Lenfesty	#3 - St. George's Cove (from this Lot a burying ground excepted)	74	XCII
Philip and Francis Janvrin	#4 - Grand Grève	150	XCIII
Pierre Jacques	#5 - Grand Grève	75	XCIV
James Smith	#7 - Cape Buzo	467	XCVI
James Vinten	#8 - Cape Buzo	400	XCVII
Philip Langlois	#9 - Cape Buzo	300	XCVIII
Henry O'Hara in and for Julia Collas, Louisa Collas, Anne O'Hara, Minors.	#10-Little Cape Buzo	400	XCIX

PENINSULA AND NORTH SIDE OF NORTH-WEST ARM

John Ascah	#9+11	411	XXV
Richard Miller	#2	178	XXVI
James Baker	#3+10(half)	300	XXVII
Robert Ascah	#5+10(half)	450	XXVIII
John Annett	#6	200	XXIX
George Annett	#7	200	XXX
Philip Coffin	#11+12	400	XXXI
Richard Ascah	#13+14(half)	300	XXXII
Thomas Clough	#15+14(half)	300	XXXIII
Benjamin Paterson	#16(half)+17(half)	200	XXXIV
James Toppin	#18+17(half)+19(half)	400	XXXV
William Grant	#29	200	XXXVI
Charles Davis	#31+30(half)+32(half)	400	XXXVII
William Veale	#33 + 32(half)	300	XXXVIII

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SOUTH SIDE OF NORTH-WEST ARM

Henry Stanley	#1	200	XL
Benjamin Coffin	#9+10+11	600	XLI
William Annett	#12+13(half)	300	XLII
Robert Stuart	#13(half)+14(half)	200	XLIV
Jane O'Hara			
Henry O'Hara	Unnumbered Lot on N-W Branch	200	XLIII
Philip Langlois	A Lot adjacent to above	200	
Mary Anna Cort,	North-West Marshes		XLV
Widow of Hugh O'Hara and children Felix, Edward, Jane, Hugh, Martha, Brian, Maria			

[Opposition to the previous claim fyled 5 Sept.1819 by Richard Miller, George Annett, Robert Ascah, Thomas Miller, John Annett, William Ascah, Richard Ascah, William Annett, Robert Simpson, Benjamin Coffin, Abraham Coffin, Philip Coffin, Charles Davis, who claim Commonage in said Marshes with claimants above mentioned.

NORTH SIDE OF SOUTH-WEST ARM

Henry O'Hara	#1 (At entry of N.W. and S.W. branches)	40	XLIII
Jane O'Hara	#2 (CROWENS)	200	XLIV
Henry O'Hara	#3	225	XLIII
Hugh Cuning	#5	200	XLVI
Margaret Paterson, Widow of late John and children Richard, John, Daniel, Laughlin, Julia, Mary.	#6+23	600	XLVII
Richard Ascah	Unnumbered Lot between #6 and 7	150	XXXII
Richard M'Auley	#7	100	XLVIII
Samuel Tripp	#9 (bounded on W. by Ned's Brook.)	200	L

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
John Savidon	#11	200	LI
Francois Vallée	#12	100	LII
Benjamin Paterson	#13+15	160	LIII
	(Opposition to #13 fyled by Nicolas Lamare)		
Richard Annett	#14	200	LIII
John and George Boyle	#16 (bounded on W. by Hay Creek)	250	LIV
Mary Boyle, Widow of late James, and her son, James.	#17+19+25	500	LV
Abraham Coffin	#18	300	LVI
Richard Paterson	#20	300	LVII
Louis Janot Claude (An Indian)	#21	100	LVIII
Mary Anna Cort, Widow of late Hugh O'Hara and Felix, Edward, Jane, Hugh, Martha, Brian, Maria O'Hara	#24 (DUTCH PETERS)	100	XLV
Helen Boyle and William Hall and daughters, Mary and Jane	#26+27+28+29	800	LXXX
<u>SOUTH SIDE OF SOUTH-WEST ARM</u>			
James Stuart (STEWART)	#1+2(half)	300	XLIV LXVII
Pierre Chouinard	#2(half)+3(half)		LXVI
Jean Leandre Trudel	#3(half)	70	LXV
Mary Anna Cort, Widow of late Hugh O'Hara and Felix, Edward, Jane, Hugh, Martha, Brian, Mary O'Hara	#4+8 (BROOK'S) (Bounded on E. by Brook's Creek) (Opposition to #8 fyled by Daniel M'Pherson.)	400	XLV
John, George, James, Felix, Eliza, Annabella Boyle and Richard Annett	#9+10+11+12+13+14+15 (Opposition to #11 fyled by Wm. Rome)	1,400	LXIII

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE PPT.
Thomas Dee John White	#16	100	LXXXV
John Hacket	#17 (bounded on W. by eastermost Saw Mill brook)	250	LXII
Widow Paterson relict of Peter.	#19+20+21	600	LXI
Jean Janot dit Pap- oulouet (Indian)	#22	100	
John White	Unnumbered Lot on W. of Lot #22		LXXXV
Widow Paterson and Jean Janot	Unnumbered Lot on E. end of small Island in South River	10	LIX LXI
Robert Weir	#5	200	LXIV
<u>SANDY BEACH</u>			
John Adams	Unnumbered Lot at Lobster Cove, bounded on W. by the lands granted to Captain Joseph Dean and by Lobster Brook.	300	LXX
Henry O'Hara Lizette Morris	Each claim 100 acres of the land between that of John Adams, above, and Lot#1.		
William Baker	#1	200	LXXI
Thomas Miller	#2+3(half)	300	LXXII
Richard Ascah, Jr.	#4+3(half)	300	LXXIII
Edward Baker	#5+6(half)	300	LXXIV
Francois Lefour	#7+6(half)+8(part to Fox Brook)	300+	LXXV
Robert Stuart(Stewart) Jane O'Hara	#8	200	LXIV
David Terry	#9+10+11	600	LXXVI

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
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WATER LOTS -SOUTH POINT AT ENTRANCE TO GASPÉ BASIN

Philip and Francis Janvrin	Irregular Water Lot and Wharf		LXVII
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Henry Johnston	Water Lots #10+11 Adjacent to above		CIII
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WATER LOTS -NORTH SIDE OF GASPÉ BASIN

Henry O'Hara	Water Lot beginning at S.end of the Point on the N.side of said Basin		LXXXVII
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Widow Mary Anna Cort	Water Lots #10+11		LXXXVIII
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Richard and John Patterson	Water Lots #12+13		LXXXVIII
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Timothy Spruen	Water Lots #14+15		LXXXVIII
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Peter Duval	Water Lots #16+17+18		LXXXVIII
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John, George, James,	Water Lots #19+20+21		LXXXVIII
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Felix Boyle and Richard Annett Helier Desgaris	Water Lots #23+24		CIV
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WATER LOTS ON SOUTH SIDE OF GASPÉ BASIN

Peter Langlois	Water Lot adjacent to Janvrin *		LXXXVI
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John LeRuez John Parrée	Water Lot adjacent to Janvrin		
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(* Opposition to part of Water Lot
claimed by Philip Langlois fyled
by James Stuart Esq., (Stewart)
who claims width of 50 feet)

SOUTH SHORE OF RIVER AND GULF OF ST.LAWRENCE

Alexis and Joseph Vallée	Lot on N.E. side of River Ste.Anne fronting on River	1000	CVI
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Martin Samuel	St.Lawrence.		
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Martin Samuel	Lot on N.side of Great Fox River,	200	CVII
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George Boyle	Lot on N.side of Great Fox River	100	CVIII
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CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
John Bond	Lot at Great Fox River	200	CIX
Joseph, Sr., Joseph Jr., Francois and Peter Bond, Etienne Leclerc, Jean Noel and James Scott.	Lots on S. side of Great Fox River	1400	CX
Patrick and Edward Synnott	Lots on S. side of Griffin Cove	1200	CXI
Joseph, William, James and Patrick Synnott, Antoine Rinfret, John English and Nicolas Samson	Lots on N.E. side of Griffin Bay	1400	CXII

POINT ST. PETER/MALBAY

Henry Johnston	#1+9+11+12 Lots at Chien Blanc #5 Malbay Lot on Malbay side of Point St. Peter	2000 (approx)	CXV
Robert Bond	#2 P. St. P. #2 Green Point Lot at Ragged Point	700 (approx)	CXVI
John Bond	#6 P. St. P. (Burying ground excepted)	2	CXXXV
John Foley	#7 P. St. P.	3	CXXXVI
John and Jacob Packwood	#8 P. St. P. + 4+21 Malbay)	265	CXIX
Philip and Francis Janvrin	#10 P. St. P.	100	CLIII
John Gerard	#6+7 Malbay #32 Barachois	400	CXX

<u>CLAIMANT(S)</u>	<u>LOT NO.(S)</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>CODE REF.</u>
William Maloney and John Gerard, brother- in-law.	#8 Malbay Lot at Great Clorydorum	340	CXXI
Samuel Lucas	#9 Malbay Lot at Barachois	326	CXXII
Thomas, William and John Hunt	#10+11+X Malbay	642	
John Tap	#12+22 Malbay #30 Barachois Lot at Great Clorydorum	1160	
Henry Element	#13	134	CXXV
Thomas Element	#16 Belle Anse	200	CXXIX
Jean=Bapt.Chicouane	#18 Malbay	69	CXXX
Joseph Plourde	#20 Malbay	200	CXXXI
Michael Duckley	#25+26(half)	250	CXXXIII
Martin Laflamme	#23	200	CXXXII
Aubin Chicouane	#28 Barachois W.from a Creek dividing said Lot from #27, belonging to representatives of the late Nicholas Cox.	200	CXXXIV
Martha Fox, wife of Thomas Moriarty	#29 Barachois	200	CXXXVII

SOUTH SIDE -BARACHOIS OF MALBAY

Peter Mabey, Sr., for and on behalf of John and Jacob Packwood.	#1+2+9	485	CXXXIX
Peter Mabey, Jr.	#7	175	CXLII
Jeremiah Dailey	#8	100	CXLII

CAPE COVE

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
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ISLAND OF BONAVENTURE

Peter Duval, Nicolas Duval, John LeGreslé, Philip Godfrey	#1 (starting from N.E. extremity of Island, counting from N.W. Point of Monroe's Cove.)	194	CXLIII
John Parrée and John LeRuez	#2	40	CXLIV
Edward Morrissy	#3+4(part) (Opposition fyled by Theophilus Fox, curator to estate of John Lamb, deceased, in life of Island of Bonaventure)	65	CXLV
John Flynn	#4	71	CXLVI
Philip and Francis Janvrin	#5	119	CLIII
John Delacour	#8+11+13 (opposition fyled by Francois Lefevre for a fishing room)	105	CXLIX
Edmund Henesy	# 10	118	CL
Pierce Coady	#12	35	CLI

LITTLE RIVER, NEAR CAP DESPAIR

Daniel Lelievre	#3	300	CLX
John LeGreslé	Unnumbered Lot between #4 and #5	500	CLIX
Isaac Man and Philip Beck	#6	200	CLXIX

CAPE COVE

Jean-Baptiste Paquet	#1	50	CLVI
Charles Bourget	#2	200	CLVII
Antoine Rail	#3	125	CLXV

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
Philip Pinel	#4	130	CLVIII
Josiah Cass, Jr.	#5	50	CLIX
Jean-Baptiste Colin	#7	72	CLX
Silvester Colin	#8	45	CLX
Josiah Cass, Sr and Andrew Cass	#9	45	CLXI
Josiah Lucas	#13	39	CLXII
James Lenfesty and Jacques Todevin and Thomas Todevin.	#15	100	CLXIII
Josiah Cass, Sr. and Andrew Cass	#16+17+18	300	CLXI
Andrew Ferguson	#19	200	CLXIV

ANSE A BEAUFILS

Pierre Couture dit Bellerive	#22	150	CLXVI
Andrew Ferguson	#23	106	CLXVI
Pierre Couture Sr. dit Bellerive and Joseph Couture	#24+25	219	CLXVI
Josiah Cass, Sr.	#27	24	CLXVIII
Jean-Baptiste Pagé	#28	90	CLXVII
Josiah Cass, Sr. and Andrew Cass	#31+Unnumbered Lot	71	CLXVIII

NEAR PERCÉ

Theophilus Fox	2 unnumbered lots adjacent 1200 to lands claimed by Wm. Dunaghee and Croney. Near White Rock and Seal Rock.		CLXX
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PORT DANIEL

William and Philip Fruing and John M'Kenzie	Unnumbered Lot at Cap à l'Enfer	800	CLXXII
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CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE R
Elias de la Perelle and Edward Hardeley	Unnumbered Lot at Anse à la barbe	400	CLXXV
<u>HOPE TOWN</u>			
George Duncan	Unnumbered Lot, E. of Point à la Loup Marin.	200	CLXXVI
David Smith, Sr.	Unnumbered Lot to E. of Isaac Mann at Shigawake Book, and an unnumbered Lot to W. of Lot 12	450	CLXXVIII
David Smith, Jr.	Unnumbered Lot adj. to David Smith, Sr.	200	CLXXVIII
Joseph Walker	Unnumbered Lot adj. to David Smith, Jr.	200	CLXXVIII
Isaac Mann	Unnumbered Lot E. of Shigawake Brook. [Opposition to 100 acres fyled by Philip Mayne]	300	CLXXVIII
Francois Bourrelier	Unnumbered Lot to E. of James Almond	200	CLXXIX
Daniel Perouet	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East.	200	CLXXX
Richard Maguer	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East, adj. to Asa Beebe.	200	CLXXXI
Charles LaRocque	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East, adj. to Widow Thomas Fullam	100	CLXXXII
Frederick Obue	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East, adj. to Abraham Traché.	100	CLXXXIII
Michel Obue, Sr.	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East, adj. to Widow Thomas Fullam.	100	CLXXXIV

CLAIMANT(S)	LOT NO.(S)	ACRES	CODE REF.
Michel Obue, Jr.	Unnumbered Lot on E. side of River Nouvelle East.adj. to Joseph Steber and Michel Courtois.	100	CLXXXIV
Michel Courtois	2 unnumbered Lots	200	CLXXX
James Day	#9(part);#21(half); unnumbered Lot on E. side Point Mackerell{Anse aux Ilets); #13+24(half)+30+67+68 Township of Cox.	900	CLXXXVI
John Dixon	#20+21(half)	200	CLXXXVII
Joseph LaRoque	#19+20 (part)	160	CLXXXVIII
John, Farquhar and Duncan M'Rea	#12(part) By gift from their father, Duncan Sr.	350	CXC
Farquhar M'Rea	Unnumbered Lot on N.side of Bay Nouvelle East.	200	CXC
Peter Leon Roussy	#10(part) Excepting half an acre for burying ground.	50	CXCI
William and John Huntingdon	#6+7	650	CXCIII
CHARLES ROBIN and CO.	Lots # 2+9+24+25 Paspébiac	3000 (aaprox)	CXCIV
Charles, Philip, Philip Jr., John, James, Elizabeth (Widow of John) Robin, Thomas Pipon, Frances Janvrin and John Poigndestre, trading under the firm or style of Charles Robin and Co.[C.R.C.]	# 3+4+5+13+14+18 Hope Unnumbered Lot on N.side of W. Point of River Nouvelle East. #57 Cox Unnumbered Lot, Maria, Gilker's Creek on River Cascapedia.		
Alexander Brotherton	#1 Paspébiac	270	CXCV
George Prevost	#2 Hope (part)		
	#2 Hope (W.half)	200	CXCVI
Francois Dugay	#1 Hope(part)	25	CXCVI
Louis and André Roussy	#1 Hope(part)	116	CXCVII
	Unnumbered Lot, a part		