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THE BEEBE FAMILY

Recall of the history of a family
of Huguenot and Loyalist descent-
prominent in Gaspesia since 1784.

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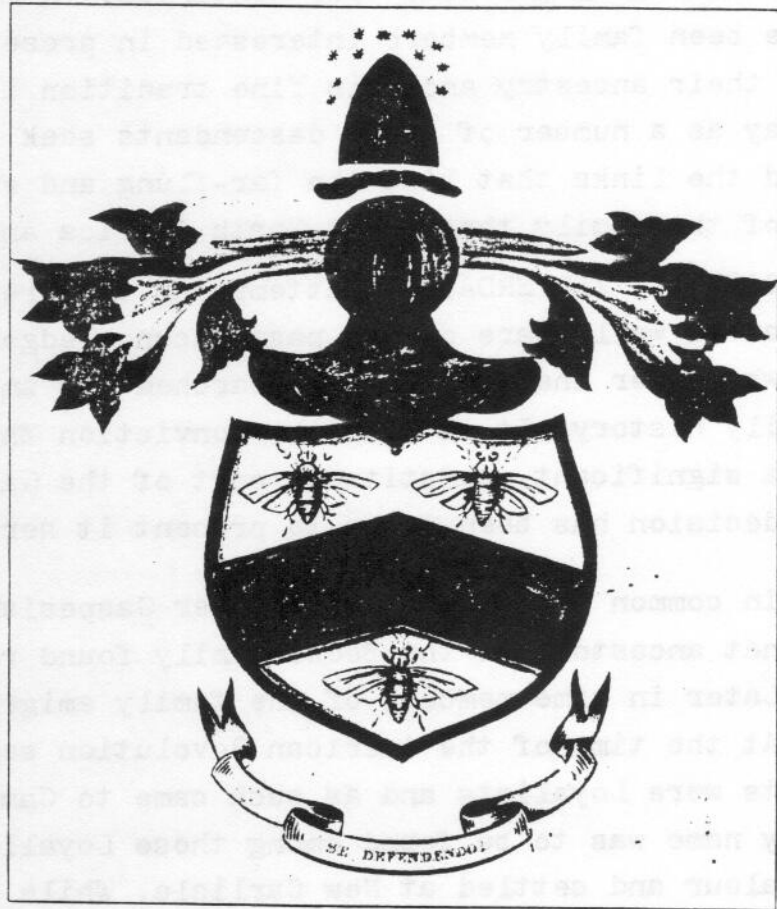
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FOREWORD

The family name of Beebe has been widely and well known in Gaspesia for the past two hundred years. Huguenot in origin and Loyalist by experience the family traces its past back to New England, England and France. It is remarkable that lines of descent are known for some four centuries. In each generation there have been family members interested in preserving the record of their ancestry and this fine tradition is very much alive today as a number of Beebe descendants seek to establish and record the links that bind the far-flung and ever expanding branches of the family throughout North America and beyond.

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY, in attempting this recall of a family that is well aware of its past, acknowledges its debt to those who, over the years, have searched out and recorded Beebe family history. It is with the conviction that their family story is a significant, constituent part of the Gaspesian heritage that the decision has been taken to present it here.

In common with a number of other Gaspesian families the Huguenot ancestors of the Beebe family found refuge in England. Later in time members of the family emigrated to New England. At the time of the American Revolution some Beebe descendants were Loyalists and as such came to Canada. In 1784 the family name was to be found among those Loyalists who came to Bay Chaleur and settled at New Carlisle. While the focus of this recall will be on the Gaspesian branch of the family, the background of the Beebe story takes one back to 16th century England to start with the life of Alexander Beebe, descendant of one of two Huguenot émigrés from France, Richard and Guillaume Beby (Beebe)



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Granted to " SIR JOHN BEEEEE " by
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BEEBE FAMILY - CHART II

JOHN BEEBE (I) — M — ALICE
(Son of Alexander)

b.
d. 1638

ALEXANDER JOHN (II) JAMES WILLIAM

b.
d. 1650

M

REBEKAH
LADD

CHART
III

NOTES ON CHART II.....

- * John Beebe (I), son of Alexander and Alice, a "yeoman", was named in the Will of his father in 1624 and was executor for the Will of his mother in 1634.
- * An inventory of the estate of John Beebe (I) by Thomas Cox, Clerk, and Thomas Bletsoe, on probate of his Will in September, 1638, set its value in excess of £ 280.
- * It was John Beebe (II), son of John Beebe (I) and Alice that left England for New England in America in 1650.

CHART III

JOHN BEEBE (II) - M - REBEKAH LADD

d.1650 c.1627 d.1650

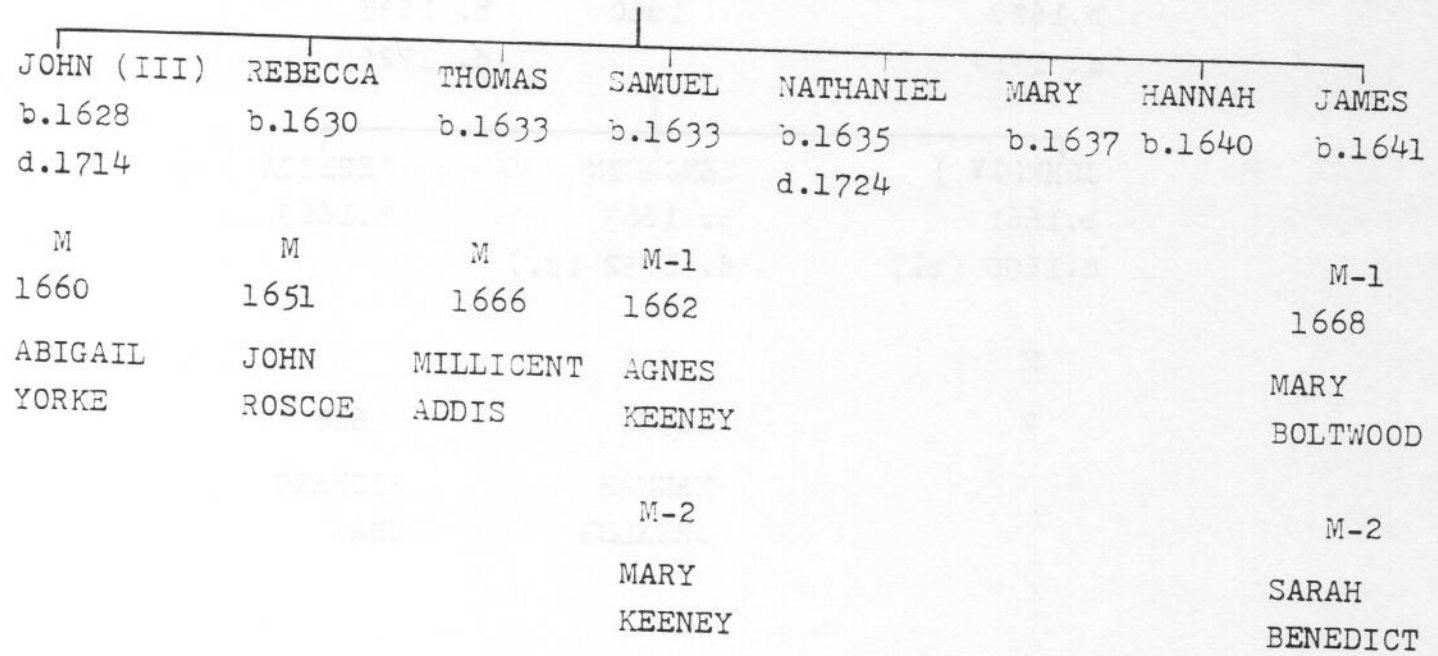
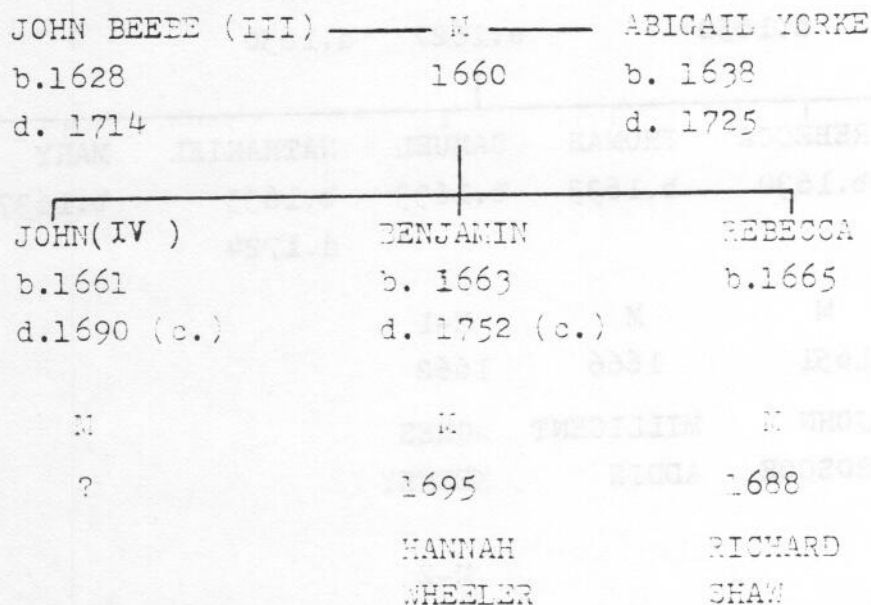


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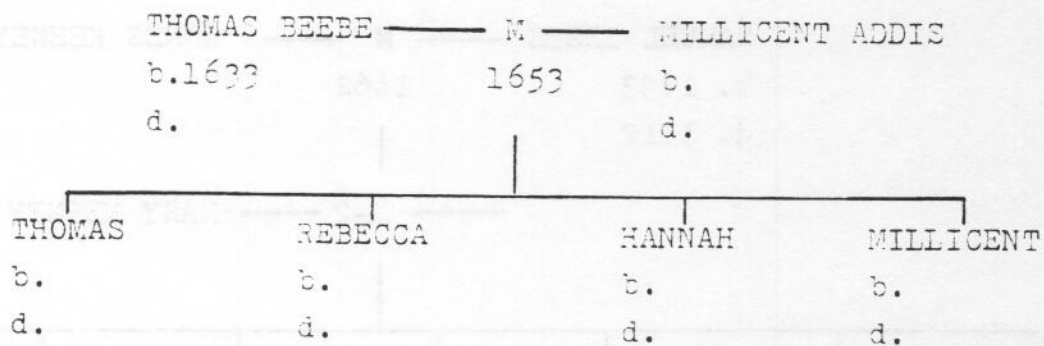
NOTES ON CHART III.....

- * John Beebe (II) was the son of John Beebe (I) and Alice.
- * Rebekah Ladd was a daughter of Robert Ladd of Broughton, England.
- * Records of John Beebe (II) and his family exist in the Church Registers of Broughton, Northamptonshire, England.
- * John Beebe (II) supported Cromwell in the Parliamentary Wars. On the restoration of the Monarchy, fearing for his life, he moved to Yorkshire, whence, in the Spring of 1650 he sailed for New England in America. His sons John and Samuel preceded their father in emigration to America by some five months.
- * John Beebe (II) died during the voyage to America. His Will, made on shipboard, was probated in Hartford, Conn. U.S.A. His wife, Rebekah Ladd Beebe, appears to have died before the family left England. Daughter Hannah probably remained in England.
- * Thomas and Samuel Beebe were twin brothers.

BEEBE FAMILY - CHART IV

NOTES ON CHART IV.....

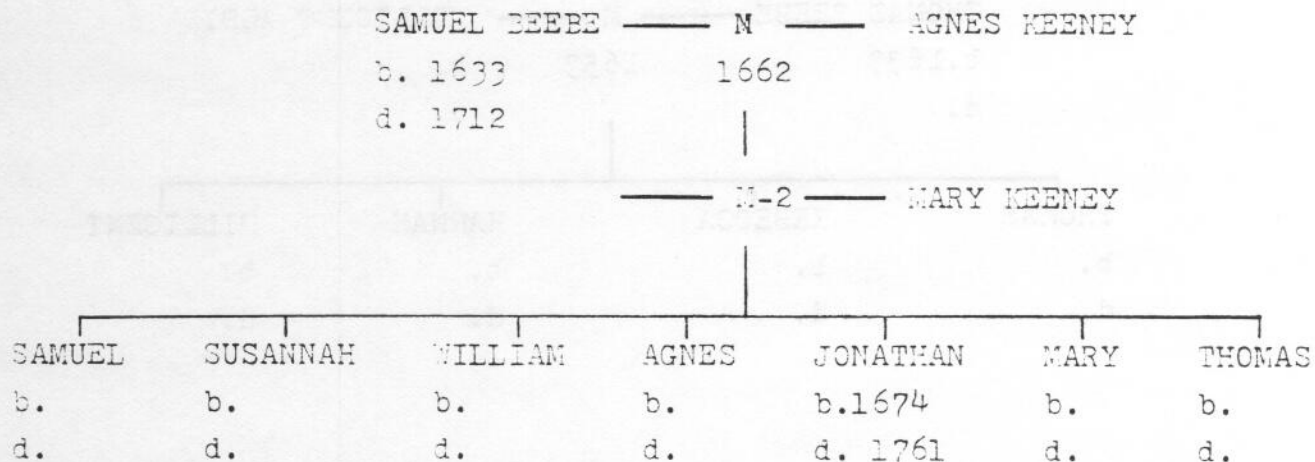
- * John Beebe (III) was the son of John Beebe (II) and Rebekah Ladd
- * With his brother, Samuel, John Beebe (III) came to New England from England at the beginning of the year 1650. Their father and other family members sailed from England in the Spring of 1650.
- * John Beebe (III) settled in New London, Connecticut, where he married Abigail Yorke in 1660.
- * John Beebe (III) was New London's Train Band Sergeant for 20 years. In 1675 he was enlisted as Ensign in Captain George Dennison's Company in the Indian War and in 1690 was made Lieutenant.
- * As one of the recognized Town Fathers of New London, John Beebe (III) became a great land-owner.
- * The possible marriage of John, son of John Beebe (III) and Abigail Yorke remains to be established. One report holds that he did marry and have four children.

BEEBE FAMILY - CHART V

NOTES ON CHART V.....

- * Thomas, son of John Beebe (II) and Rebekah Ladd, was the twin brother of Samuel.
- * Thomas settled in New London, Connecticut in 1651 and two years later he married Millicent, daughter of William Addis of New London.
- * In 1666 Thomas was made a Freeman.
- * Thomas was a member of the Committee of Seven to fortify New England against invasion in 1675
- * Thomas succeeded his brother John as Sergeant in the Indian War.

BEEBE FAMILY - CHART VI



M
ELIZABETH
ROGERS

M
BRIDGITT
BROCKWAY

M-2
1799
ELIZABETH
STAPLES
CHART VIII

NOTES ON CHART VI.....

- * Samuel Beebe was the son of John Beebe (II) and Rebekah Ladd. He was the twin brother of Thomas.
- * Agnes and Mary Keeney, the respective wives of Samuel Beebe were the daughters of William Keeney.
- * Samuel settled in New London, Connecticut. In later life he moved to Plum Island where he died early in 1712.
- * In 1716, Mary Keeney, relict of the late Samuel Beebe was resident at Colchester.

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BEEBE FAMILY - CHART IX

JOSHUA BEEBE (I) — M — HANNAH BROCKWAY
b.1713

JOSHUA (II)	BROCKWAY	GIDEON
b.1736	b.1737	b.1738

M

M

WIDOW MARY
SECORD KROOKSTON

BETTY
SHERWOOD

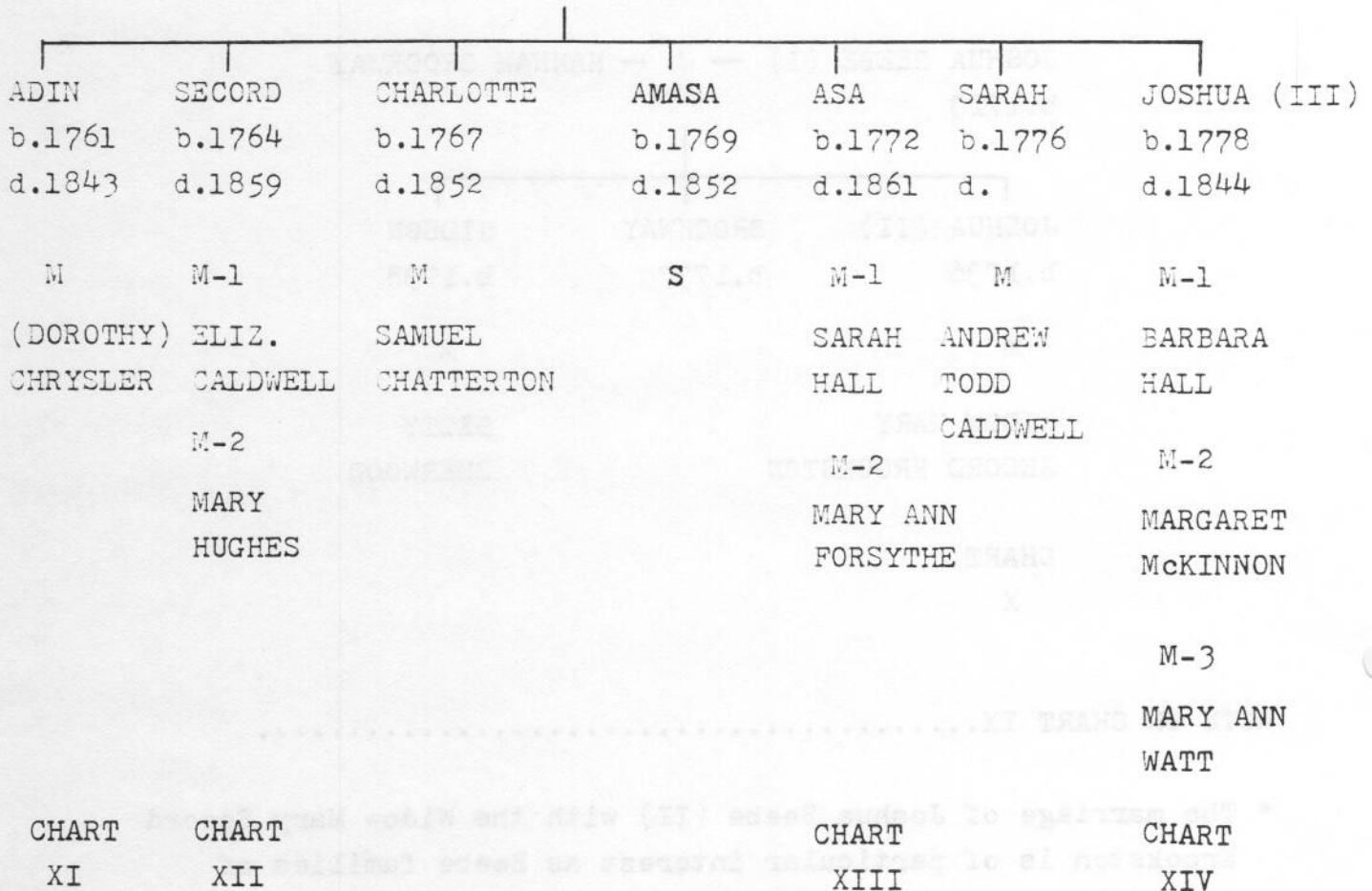
CHART
X

NOTE ON CHART IX.....

* The marriage of Joshua Beebe (II) with the Widow Mary Secord Krookston is of particular interest as Beebe families of Canada descend from this union.

BEEBE FAMILY - CHART X

JOSHUA BEEBE (II) M WIDOW MARY SECORD KROOKSTON
 b.1736 c.1760 b. (c) 1736



NOTES ON CHART X.....

- * Joshua Beebe (II) was born at East Haddam, Connecticut but his life was to be one of many moves - to Tobyston; Ashford, Pennsylvania; York and the Susquehanna River Valley.
 In the War of the American Revolution Joshua and his eldest son, Adin, joined Butler's Rangers in the British cause. Having successfully delivered important dispatches to the British Army, beseiged in New York by the Americans, Joshua contracted smallpox and died in New York.
- * Mary Secord was a daughter of Daniel Secord and a great-grand-daughter of the Huguenot, Ambroise Secord (Secor/Sicard) originally of Mornac, France. Her Secord ancestors fled from persecution in France to England and emigrated to the Huguenot settlement of New Rochelle in America.

NOTES ON CHART X (CTD).....

- * The first husband of Mary Secord, Captain Krockston, lost his life during the Indian Wars.
- * James, brother of Mary Secord, had a son, James Secord Jr. who married Laura Ingersoll. She was the Laura Secord who won a place in Canadian history for her heroic action in warning the British defenders of the Niagara District of American attack.
- * The children of Joshua and Mary Beebe shown in CHART X had the following birthplaces:
 - Adin, Charlotte and Secord.....Ashford, Penn.
 - Amasa and Asa.....York, Penn.
 - Sarah and Joshua III.....Susquehanna River Valley.
- * As the American Revolutionary War deepened, Mary Secord Beebe and her children sought safety at St.Catharines in the Niagara District of Canada. From there the Widow Beebe and her family, with the exception of the eldest son, Adin, moved to the Loyalist refugee camp at Machiche on the St.Lawrence near Three Rivers.
- * Among the Loyalists at Camp Machiche was the widower, Christopher Pearson (Pierson) and his two daughters. A skilled leather worker, Pearson is described in various records and deeds as a glove maker and breeches maker. At Camp Machiche he had responsibility for the distribution of the rations provided by the Government to the Loyalist refugees. He and the Widow Mary Secord Beebe were married and were among the pioneer Loyalist settlers of New Carlisle. The record of the drawing of Lots at Paspebiac on August 3, 1784 shows:

Christopher Pearson	Breeches-maker	Wife, Mary Secord Beebe
600 acres.		Beebe sons - 6, 12,14
		Beebe dtrs - 10, 17
		Pearson " - 11, 18

[Note - The list above does not include two Beebe sons - Adin who remained in the Niagara District and Secord who was entitled to draw 100 acres of land in his own name.]

NOTES ON CHART X (CTD).....

- * The 1785 PLAN OF TOWN LOTS, NEW CARLISLE, prepared by the surveyor, William Vondenvelden, shows Christopher Pearson as holding Town Lots Nos. 23; 29; 30; 31 and 32. An immediate neighbour was Charles Dobson.
- * It is of interest to note that a daughter of Christopher Pearson by his first marriage became the wife of Richard Billingsley and the mother of a family of four sons and five daughters who, through marriage, established links with the families of Smith; Sawyer; Starnes; Forbes; McPherson; Remy and LeGalie.
- * Mary Secord lived on after the death of her third husband, Christopher Pearson, the matriarch of an active and influential family. Were her life story, spanning 100 eventful years, to be written it would be an historic and invaluable biography.

TO BE CONTINUED

The story of the Beebe family will be continued in Part II with a recall of the descendants of Joshua Beebe II and his wife, Mary Secord.

August 3, 1984 shows:
 Christopher Pearson, 600 acres.
 Beebe sons - 6, 11, 14
 Beebe step - 10, 17
 Pearson - 11, 18

(Note - The list above does not include two Beebe sons -
 Adam who remained in the Niagara District and
 Secord who was entitled to draw 100 acres of land
 in his own name.)

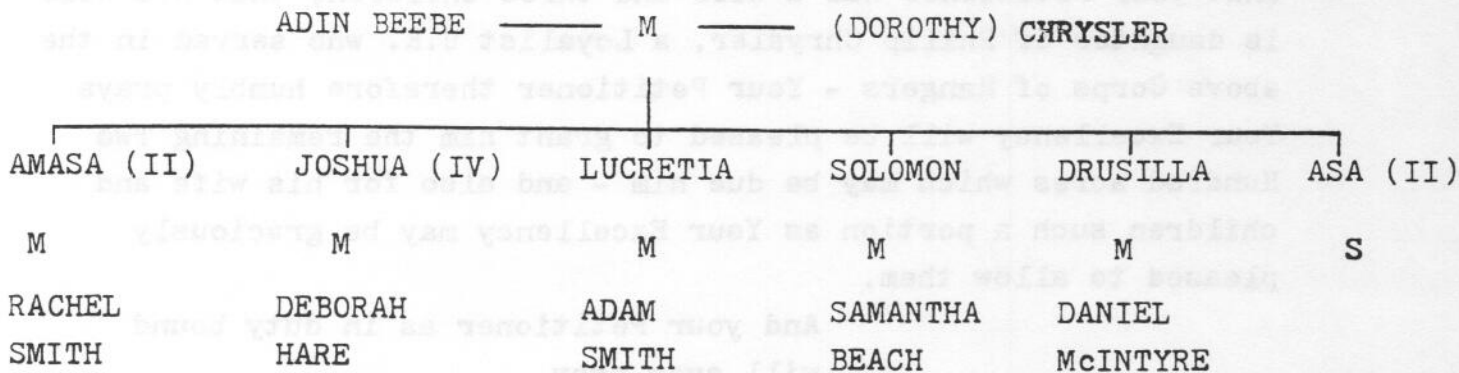
THE BEEBE FAMILY
PART II

FOREWORD

The text and ten charts of Part I of the Beebe family attempted to outline the descent and migration of members of this Huguenot and Loyalist family from France to England, New England and New Carlisle in Lower Canada. Chart X listed the sons of Joshua Beebe II and his wife, Mary Secord - Adin; Secord; Amasa; Asa; Joshua III, and daughters, Charlotte and Sarah.

The family story continues in Part II, starting with Chart XI relative to the eldest son, Adin Beebe.

CHART XI



NOTES ON CHART XI.....

- * Adin Beebe, eldest son of Joshua Beebe II and his wife, Mary Secord Krookston Beebe, was born at the frontier settlement of Ashford, Pennsylvania in 1761.
- * During the War of the American Revolution Joshua Beebe II and his son, Adin, served the British cause as members of Butler's Rangers, Military service is reflected in the following **PETITIONS**

NOTES ON CHART XI (CTD).....

* Petition of 29 July 1795

To His Excellency, John Graves Simcoe, Esq.,
Lieut.-Governor and Commander in Chief of the
Province of Upper Canada - Major-General of
His Majesty's Forces, etc., etc., etc.

IN COUNCIL

The Petition of Edin Beebe of the Township of Louth
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner served His Majesty in Col. Butler's Corps
of Rangers during the American War as a non-commissioned officer
and received Three Hundred acres of Land in the Township of Louth,
which he has improved.

That your Petitioner has a wife and three children, that his wife
is daughter of Philip Chrysler, a Loyalist U.E. who served in the
above Corps of Rangers - Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays
Your Excellency will be pleased to grant him the remaining Two
Hundred acres which may be due him - and also for his wife and
children such a portion as Your Excellency may be graciously
pleased to allow them.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray

Newark. 29 July 1795

(Signed) Edin Beebe

Your Petitioner further begs leave to represent to Your Excellency
that his Father, Joshua Beebe, served His Majesty in the above
mentioned Corps of Rangers, and being sent Express to New York,
died there - that Your Petitioner, being his Heir at Law,
respectfully begs Your Excellency will be pleased to allow him
such land as his Father may have been entitled to had he lived.

NOTES ON CHART XI (CTD).....

* Subsequent Petition of Adin Beebe

To His Honor, Peter Russell, Esq.,
President, etc., etc., IN COUNCIL

The Petition of Edin Beebe
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner served last War in Col. Butler's Rangers
as Sergeant, and as such was reduced at the reduction.

That your Petitioner received 500 acres as a Sergeant and 200
acres for his wife, she being the daughter of an old Ranger, and
enrolled on the U.E. list of Loyalists.

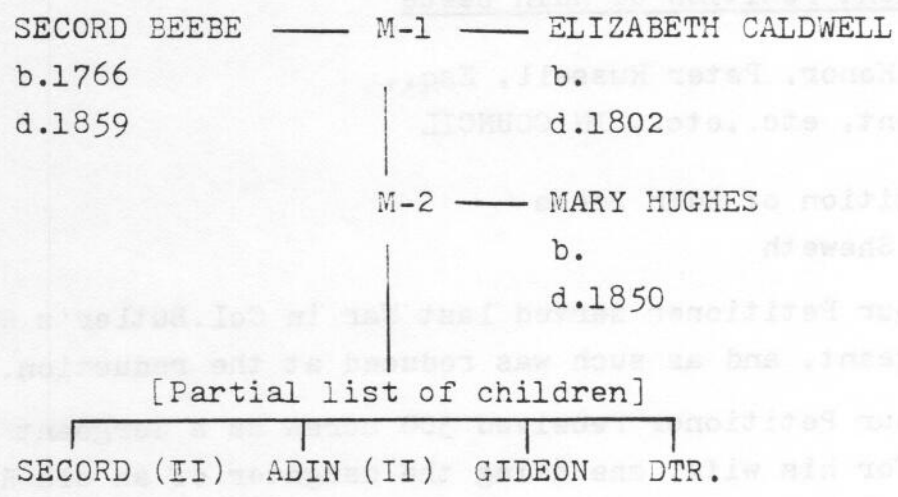
That your Petitioner has four children, two of whom were born
previous to the year 1789, and for whom he has never drawn any
Lands.

That your Petitioner therefore humbly prays Your Honor would be
pleased to allow him such quantity of Lands for his family as
Your Honor in his wisdom may think meet, and your Petitioner as
in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) Adin Beebe

- * The home farm of Adin Beebe in Louth Township fronted on Lake Ontario.
- * Amasa, eldest son of Adin Beebe, farmed at Oakland, near London, Ont. His wife, Rachel (1792-1852) was a daughter of Silas and Esther Smith.
- * Joshua (IV) and his wife, Deborah Hare, farmed on Rainbow Road near Dunnville, Ont.
- * Asa (II) did not marry. He died Aug. 18, 1834.
- * Solomon, youngest son of Adin and Rachel, and his wife Samantha Beach, inherited the home farm at Louth upon the death of Adin in 1843. Their family included Marshall, Evelina and Elizabeth Beebe.
- * Lucretia Beebe became the wife of Adam Smith of Saltfleet, Ont.
- * Drusilla Beebe married Daniel McIntyre of Grimsby, Ont. Their family included Solomon (II) and Amanda.

CHART XII



NOTES ON CHART XII.....

- * Secord, second son of Joshua Beebe (II) and Mary Secord Beebe was born at Ashford, Pennsylvania in 1766. He came to New Carlisle with the Loyalists in 1784 and drew 100 acres of land in his own right, being 18 years of age.
- * Secord's first wife, Elizabeth Caldwell, was the daughter of the prominent Loyalist, Robert Caldwell and his wife, Sarah Todd. Elizabeth died in 1802.
- * Circa 1793 Secord received a grant of land in Nova Scotia on the East Branch of the Ramshag River, Wentworth, Cumberland County. This was reflected in the following Petition of 1808 held by the Nova Scotia Public Archives.

To His Honor, Alex. Croke, L.L.D.
 President and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's
 Province of Nova Scotia, etc., etc., etc.

The Petition of Secord Beebe of the
 County of Cumberland, Farmer
 Humbly Sheweth

That he was born in the United States and has
 resided in this Province the last sixteen years. He is a subject
 of His Majesty the King of Great Britain and is willing to take
 the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy when he shall be required.

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* (Petition of Secord Beebe ctd)

His family consists of a wife and ten children, nine of them are now living with him, his eldest daughter being married.

That about fifteen years ago he received a grant of five hundred acres of land in Cumberland which he has lived on ever since and has greatly improved and cultivated.

Having a very large family and several of his sons being of sufficient age to settle and improve farms of their own, he is desirous to obtain a grant of land, either in his own name or in the name of his eldest son, whichever may be thought fit and proper. There is a piece of land containing two hundred and fifty acres situated in the said County of Cumberland on the East Branch of the Ramsheg River and bounding on lands in the possession of John Tuttle and Walwood Waugh which has never been granted and is at present vacant and unsettled. If your Petitioner could obtain a grant of the same, either to himself or his eldest son, he will immediately have it settled and cultivated.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays
that Your Honor would take his petition
into your consideration and that you will
be pleased to grant the said piece of land
either to him or his son. And your petitioner
will as in duty bound for ever pray

(Signed) Secord Beebe

Personally came before me, Geo. Deschamps, Esq., one of His Majesty's Justices for the County of Halifax, Secord Beebe, Subscriber to the within Petition and made Oath that the facts therein set forth are all just and true.

Halifax. Dec.19th.,1808

(Signed) George Deschamps, J.P.

[Appended to Petition - "A Plan of 250 acres of Land on the East Branch of Ramshag River laid out for Secord Beebe by a Warrant of Survey, Dec.12,1807]

NOTES ON CHART XII -CTD.....

- * Secord Beebe (II), son of Secord, was born in 1803. He was twice married and his children included sons, Asa Secord, Albert, Edward, Rupert and daughters Harriett and Anna. He died in 1883. The family name of his first wife was Drew and of the second, Potter.
- * Adin Beebe (III) son of Secord, is shown in family records as having "married a woman from Baie Chaleur". It would appear from records of the Caldwell family that his wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Todd Caldwell and Sarah Beebe. The property of Adin III at the junction of the East Wentworth and Wentworth Roads in Cumberland County, N.S. was known as Beebe's Corner. Children of the family included James, Robert Henry, Almira Montgomery and Sarah Ann.
- * Gideon, son of Secord, lived on the East Wentworth Road in Cumberland County. His family, including many daughters, is recorded in the local history of Wentworth families.
- * The eldest daughter of Secord, referred to in his Petition above, married a Mr. Embree

CHARLOTTE BEEBE (1767-1852)

Like her elder brothers, Adin and Secord, Charlotte Beebe was born at Ashford, Pennsylvania. She experienced the migration of her family to the Niagara District and subsequent privation of the refugee Camp Machiche. At the time of the Loyalist settlement at New Carlisle she was seventeen years of age and on November 16th of the following year, 1785, she became the wife of Samuel Chatterton. Tradition holds that the marriage was performed by the Lieut.-Governor of the District of Gaspé, Nicholas Cox, in the absence of clergy in Gaspesia.

Samuel Chatterton (1767-1845), son of the Loyalist, John Chatterton, was a veteran of the 31st Regiment. He reached New Carlisle in 1784 on the Snow LIBERTY and drew Lot 168 of 100 acres in August of that year. His father, John, who had lost an arm in the fighting of the American Revolutionary War, had settled, temporarily, in the Wentworth district

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CHARLOTTE BEEBE (CTD)

of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia and Samuel joined him there for a time. However, on the removal of John Chatterton to Upper Canada, Samuel returned to New Carlisle.

The children of Samuel and Charlotte Beebe Chatterton included James, Asa, Amos, Samuel, Sarah, Mary and Charlotte. The Chatterton family history is an integral part of the story of New Carlisle and the District of Gaspé.

AMASA BEEBE (1769-1852)

Born at York, Pennsylvania, son of Joshua and Mary Secord Beebe, Amasa was a youth of fifteen years when the Loyalists came to settle at New Carlisle. He was the only one of his brothers and sisters that did not marry. He was active and prominent in the public service of the District of Gaspe and it is hoped that his career will be more fully recalled in subsequent issues of this GASPE OF YESTERDAY series. Amasa died and was buried at New Carlisle in July, 1852.

NOTES ON CHART XIII -CTD.

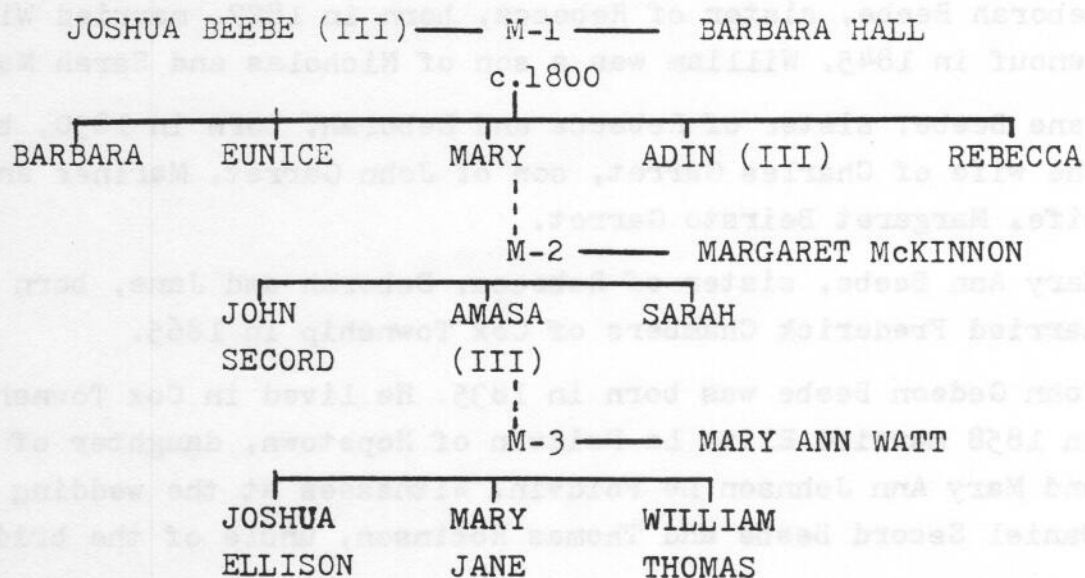
- * Joshua Beebe (V) also settled at Port Daniel where, in 1844, he married Ann Dow, a sister of James Dow above.
- * James Beebe, born 1819, married Harriet Gallon, daughter of John and Ann Forsyth Gallon. Their family comprised Sarah, Mary Ann, Isabella, John Clarence, James Asa, Emma, Secord, Laura, Melvin and Lizzie.
- * Daniel Secord Beebe settled in Hopetown. He married Jane Thompson in 1858. The bride's brother, John James Thompson was a witness at his sister's marriage, as was Daniel Ross.
- * Rebecca Beebe became the wife of William Mann of Port Daniel. Born in 1824, Rebecca was sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage in 1840.
- * Deborah Beebe, sister of Rebecca, born in 1827, married William Renouf in 1845. William was a son of Nicholas and Sarah Mann Renouf.
- * Jane Beebe, sister of Rebecca and Deborah, born in 1830, became the wife of Charles Garret, son of John Garret, Mariner and his wife, Margaret Beirsto Garret.
- * Mary Ann Beebe, sister of Rebecca, Deborah and Jane, born in 1832, married Frederick Chambers of Cox Township in 1865.
- * John Gedeon Beebe was born in 1835. He lived in Cox Township and in 1858 married Eliza Le Poidvin of Hopetown, daughter of William and Mary Ann Johnson Le Poidvin. Witnesses at the wedding were Daniel Secord Beebe and Thomas Robinson, uncle of the bride.
- * Elizabeth Beebe, youngest daughter of Asa and Mary Ann Forsyth Beebe, was born c.1837. She became the wife of Charles De St.Croix in 1864. Charles was a son of the late Thomas Dumaresq De St.Croix and his wife, Jane Isabelle Turnbull. It is of interest to note that Joshua Beebe (V) was present at the wedding of his cousin, Elizabeth.
- * William Beebe died in 1866 at the early age of twenty-eight years.

SARAH BEEBE. (1776-1823)

Sarah, the younger daughter of Joshua and Mary Secord Beebe, was born at Susquehanna River, Pennsylvania in 1776. She came to New Carlisle in 1784 as a child of eight years.

Sarah married Andrew Tod Caldwell, one of the four sons of the prominent Loyalist Robert Caldwell and his wife, Sarah Todd. Their children included - John Adin, James Amasa, Robert Henry, Robert Joshua and Elizabeth. It was this Elizabeth Caldwell that married Adin Beebe (II) son of Secord Beebe of Wentworth, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia.

The death of Sarah Beebe Caldwell occurred at New Carlisle in 1823.

CHART XIV

NOTES ON CHART XIV.....

- * Joshua Beebe (III), the youngest son of Joshua and Mary Secord Beebe, was born at Susquehanna River, Pennsylvania in 1778 and was a lad of six years when he reached New Carlisle with the Loyalist settlers. He may well have been a pupil at the pioneer school of Benjamin Hobson together with other children of the Loyalists.
- * Joshua III and Barbara Hall married circa 1800 and in the decade following their children, Barbara, Eunice, Mary, Adin (III) and Rebecca were born.

NOTES ON CHART XIV -CTD.

- * Barbara Hall Beebe died circa 1810 and in 1812 the widower, Joshua (III) remarried with Margaret McKinnon, daughter of Neil McKinnon, Sr. and his wife, Margaret Sheddon. From this union the following children joined the family - John Secord, Amasa (III) and Rebecca.
- * Following upon the death of Margaret McKinnon Beebe the twice widowed Joshua remarried, in 1834, with Mary Ann Watt, daughter of the late William and Sarah Ellison Watt. Their children were - Joshua Ellison, Mary Jane and William Thomas.
- * Joshua Beebe (III) died May 15, 1844, aged 66 years. Witnesses to his burial were his brother, Amasa and his son, John Secord Beebe.
- * Barbara Beebe became the wife of William Mann in 1830.
- * Eunice Beebe, sister of Barbara, married James Caldwell, son of John and Mary Lane Caldwell.
- * Mary Beebe, sister of Barbara and Eunice, became the wife of Timothy Le Furgy of Restigouche.
- * Adin Beebe (III), born circa 1801, died Feb. 10, 1870.
- * Rebecca, sister of Barbara, Eunice and Mary, married, in 1828, James Caldwell, son of Captain James and Jane Chisholm Caldwell.
- * John Secord Beebe did not marry. For a time he lived in Port Daniel on Lot #2, given to him by his father, Joshua, but later returned to live at New Carlisle. He died in 1872.
- * Amasa Beebe (III) married Mary Cook, daughter of William and Lucinda Power Cook, in 1840. Their large family of sons and daughters comprised - Sarah Ann, Charles Edward, Emily, Ellen, Joshua, Alfred, Lucinda, Amasa, George, William Thomas, Mary, and Herbert Reginald.
- * The Beebe-Caldwell connection was extended by the marriage of George Milne Beebe, son of Joshua Ellison, to Adelaide Jane Caldwell, daughter of Captain James and Jane Chisholm Caldwell in 1858.