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NEW RICHMOND BUILT

Recalling two vessels, the schooner "LARK" and the brig "RICHMOND", built at New Richmond prior to 1800.

Ken Annett

SALE OF THE SCHOONER "LARK", 16 MAY 1793

Before the Public Notaries for the City of Québec and Province of Lower Canada hereunto subscribing, residing in said City, Personally came and appeared Mr. Louis Dubord of Bonaventure in the Province of Québec, Mariner, at present of the said City of Québec and Mr. John Walter, also of the said City of Québec, Merchant, when the said Louis Dubord of his own free will acknowledged and declared that for and in consideration of the sum of money herein after mentioned, to have bargained, sold, transferred and made over and by these Presents doth hereby for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, bargain, sell, transfer and make over unto the said Mr. John Walker, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from henceforth and for ever and free from claims, demands and pretentions whatsoever of any Person or Persons, all that Schooner or Vessel called the LARK, of the Burthen of Fifty three Tons and one half Ton, Together with all and singular her masts, yards, sails, anchors, cables, ropes, rigging, tackle, furniture and all and every appurtenances under whatever name or designation the same may be known or called, belonging and appertaining unto the said Schooner called the LARK as she now lies in this Port of Québec, being satisfied with her as she now stands and is delivered.

To Have and To Hold the said schooner or vessel, the LARK, with all and sundry her masts, yards, sails, anchors, cables, ropes, rigging, furniture and every part and parcel of the same unto the said Mr.John Walter, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and as and for his and their proper use, benefit and advantage from henceforth and for ever, the said Louis Dubord, for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators or Curators hereby covenanting, promising and agreeing to warrant and defend the bargained and transferred Premises from all claims and demands whatsoever -

Which said vessel or schooner, the LARK, agreeable to the Act of Parliament made in the Twenty sixth year of the Reign of His Present Majesty, George the Third obtained a Register at the Port of New Carlisle in the Province of Lower Canada, of which the following, agreeable to the said Statute in Case of Transfer is a true copy -

"In pursuance of an Act passed in the Twenty sixth year of the Reign of King George the Third, intiteled, Am Act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and navigation, Louis Dubord

of Bonaventure in the Province of Québec, Mariner, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act, and having sworn that he is the sole owner of the ship or vessel called the LARK of Bonaventure, District of Gaspee, whereof Louis Dubord is at present Master, and that the said ship or vessel was built at New Richmond in the Province of Québec and District of Gaspee in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety as appears by a Certificate of Registry granted at this Port of New Carlisle the twenty ninth day of October, 1790, here delivered up and cancelled on account of a transfer of property at this Port, and Richard Nevison having certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and two masts, that her length from the forepart of the main stem to the afterpart of the stern post aloft is Fifty one and a half feet, her breadth at the broadest part, whether above or below the main wales fifteen feet Ten inches, Depth of Hold seven feet seven inches and admeasure Fifty three and one half tons. That she is a square sterned schooner, has no Gallery and no Head, and the said subscribing owner having consented and agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given as required by the said Act, the said schooner, LARK, has been duely Registered at the Port of New Carlisle, District of Gaspee -

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at the Custon House in the said Port of New Carlisle this Thirtieth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

(Signed) Oliver O'Hara
Deputy Collector

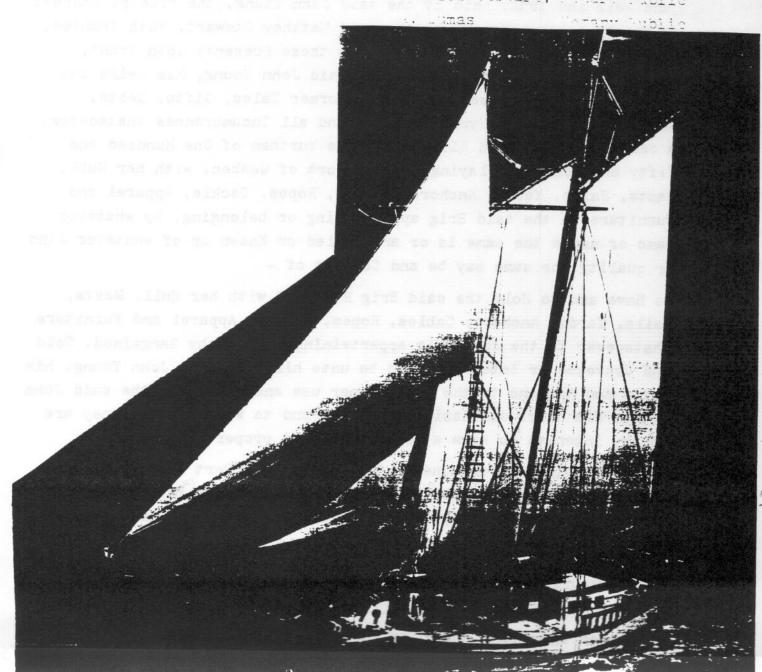
In Consideration of which foresaid hereby bargained vessel or schooner the said Mr.John Walter had covenanted, promised and agreed to pay unto him, the said Louis Dubord, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Halifax Currency, the Receipt of which said sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds satisfied unto him, the said Louis Dubord, is hereby acknowledged and the said John Walter discharged therefrom.

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SALE OF THE ERIG. "RICHMOND", 10 AUGUST.1798

Before the Notaries Public subscribing personally came Mr. Matthew Stewart of Nouvelle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada, Merchant, at present in the City of Québec, as well in his own name as in the name and on the behalf of his two Brothers, Dugal and James Stewart, of the one part, and John Moung, Esq., of Québec, Merchant, of the other part.

Chich said Matthew Stewart did and doth declare that for and in Consideration of the sum of One thousand and fifty Founds to him in hand well and truly paid by the said John Young, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. He, the said Matthew Stewart. Hath Granted. Cold, released and Confirmed, and by these Presents doth Grant, sell, release and Confirm unto the said John Young, His Heirs and Assigns with Guarantee against all former Sales, Gifts, Debts, Demands, Evictions, Hypothications and all Incumbrances whatsoever, a certain Brig called RICHMOND of the burthen of One Hundred and fifty one Tons, now laying in this Port of Québec, with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture to the said Brig appertaining or belonging, by whatever name or names the same is or are Called or Known or of whatever kind or quality the same may be and Consist of -

To Have and to Hold the said Brig RICHMOND with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture whatsoever to the said Brig appertaining and hereby Bargained, Sold and Conveyed or Intended so to be unto him, the said John Young, his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behoff of the said John Young, His Heirs and Assigns for over and to which He and they are hereby intended to have a legal right and property.

Which said Brig obtained a Register in the Port of Carleton and District of Gaspee in the Province of Lower Canada the eleventh day of June, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and which is here inserted as by Law required.-

In pursuance of an Act passed in the twenty sixth year of the reign of King George the Third, Intitled, An Act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and Navigation, Matthew Stewart and Dugald Stewart of Nouvelle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada, Merchants, having taken and subscribed the oath required by this Act and having sworn that they together with James Stewart of Bonaventure Island in the District and Province aforesaid. are sole owners of the ship or vessel called RICHMOND of Chaleur Bay whereof Benjamin Robinson is at present Master and that the said ship or vessel was built at New Richmond on the North side of the Bay Chaleurs in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada this present year, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and James Durward having Certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and two masts, that her length from the fore part of the main stem to the after part of the stern post aloft is seventy six feet, her breadth at the broadest part, whether above or below the main wales, twenty one feet five inches, and admeasures one hundred and fifty one tons. That she is a square sterned Brig, has no Gallery and no Head, and the said subscribing owners having Consented and Agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given as is required by the Act, the said Brigantine RICHMOND has been duly registered at the Port of Carleton, District of Gaspee.

Given under our Hands and Seals of Office at the Custom House in the said Port of Carleton this eleventh day of June in the year One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

Which said Grant, Bargain, Sale and Conveyance, he, the said John Young, in the presence of us, the said Notaries, did and doth hereby accept.

This Done and Passed at Québec this tenth day of August, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, this Minute having been duly read to and subscribed by the parties in the presence of us the said Notaries and deposited in the office of Charles Stewart, one of us, there to remain of record. (Signed) Matthew Stewart

John Young
Charles Stewart, Notary Public
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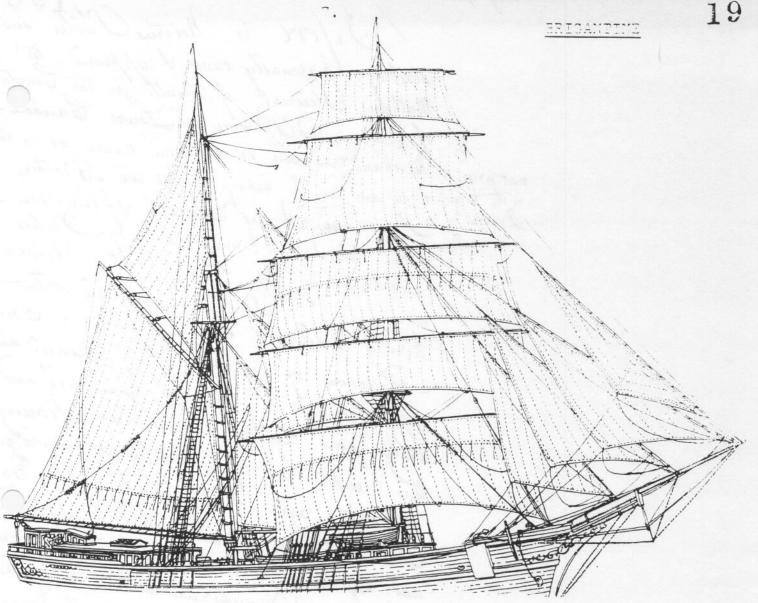
EPITOME

This recall of the New Richmond built schooner, LARK (1790) and the brigantine, RICHMOND (1798) may serve to supplement the interesting references to shipbuilding in the volume, CASCAPEDIA BAY HERITAGE - A HISTORY OF NEW RICHMOND AND ENVIRONS, that was published in 1980. A comprehensive history of shipbuilding in Bay Chaleur poses a major challenge - one that it is hoped will be taken up by Gaspesians interested in this important aspect of their heritage.

Of the individuals mentioned above, the Stewart brothers, Matthew, Dugald and James have been referred to in other GASPE OF YESTERDAY issues -e.g. THE SHOOLBRED SEIGNIORY; ROBERT AND ANNABELLA STEWART AND FAMILY; GASPESIANS OF 150 YEARS AGO. Oliver O'Hara, the Deputy Collector of Customs who registered the LARK in 1791 was a son of the Gaspé Basin pioneer settler, Felix O'Hara. Oliver's wife, Annabella, was a sister of the Stewart brothers above. The wife of James Stewart was Bridget O'Hara, a sister of Oliver.

The lives and times of others referred to - Richard Nevison, Captain Louis Dubord and Captain Benjamin Robinson, remain to be more fully documented and recorded.

The Notary, Charles Stewart, had many Gaspesians of the late 18th century and early 19th century among his clients and his records are rich in references to the District of Gaspé. His fellow Notary, Alexandre Dumas, who signed the above Minutes, was one of three Dumas brothers of Huguenot descent whose background has been recorded in the volume, HUGUENOT INFLUENCE IN QUEBEC.



THE BUILDING OF THE SHIP

"...Day by day the vessel grew, With timbers fashioned strong and true, Stemson and Keelson and sternson-knee, Till, framed with perfect symmetry, A skelton ship rose up to view: And around the bows and along the side The heavy hammers and mallets plied, Till after many a week, at length, Wonderful for form and strength, Sublime in its enormous bulk, Loomed aloft the shadowy hulk ... "

> Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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