

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER "ANN" OF GASPÉ  
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Schooner "ANN", built Gaspé, 1816.  
Registered Québec November 9, 1816.  
Owners John Patterson, Richard Patterson  
and William Annett, Mariners, of Gaspé.  
Square-sterned schooner, 75 and 34/94  
tons.

Reregistered 1825. Transfer of all  
rights by Richard Patterson for himself  
and as heir of John Patterson, deceased,  
and William Annett, Mariners, of Gaspé  
to Charles W. Ross of Québec, Merchant.

KEN ANNETT

SALE OF THE SCHOONER, "ANN", OF GASPÉFOREWORD

The official record of the sale of the schooner, "ANN" of Gaspé provides an interesting supplement to the family history of two of the pioneer families of Gaspé, THE ANCESTRAL RECORD OF ANDREW BOYD PATTERSON, published by Andrew Patterson in 1976 and THE ANNETT FAMILY OF GASPE, published by Ken Annett in 1978. For the vendors, Richard Patterson and William Annett were not only fellow Mariners and Whalers of Gaspé but were brothers-in-law. The purchaser, Charles W. Ross, was no stranger as he had lived in Gaspé in season and was involved in shipbuilding, the lumber trade and general commerce. Known personally to these men was L.T. MacPherson, N.P., who had grown up in Gaspesia and whose sister, Margaret MacPherson, had married John Patterson.

The Deed of Sale is of particular interest as it includes letters of William Annett and Richard Patterson to Charles Ross - letters written from Gaspé one hundred and sixty years ago.

LETTER OF WILLIAM ANNETT

Mr. Chas. W. Ross

Gaspe, 14 March, 1825

Dear Sir,

Your proposal to us in regard to the purchase of our Schooner, ANN, we have agreed to. The price agreed upon between us and Mr. Bechervaise is Two Hundred Pounds, but we feel persuaded it is less than her value. We are well aware that her necessary outfits will be attended with considerable expense, but the vessel we built for our own use, took much pains to get the best timber the country produces to build her with, and the builder spared no pains in fitting the work well and strongly together, and she cannot be said to be an old vessel from her years, therefore under these considerations we hope that you will feel yourself disposed to allow us a few Pounds more than the Two Hundred already agreed upon, but if not the bargain shall be considered as good and valid. The Whaling gear belongs to us, the stove in the cabin, the cooking utensils and the tools you will transmit to us in the Spring as they are not connected with the vessel.

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LETTER OF WILLIAM ANNETT (CTD)

In pursuance to this bargain we wish you to pay Messrs James McCallum Twenty Five Pounds on the balance due them from us. In the Spring we shall furnish you with their Accts and Letters to us and empower you to settle our business with them. We request you also to look into our amount with Mr.McNider and to liquidate it if every thing seems fair and correct on his books. We were not aware that the balance amounted to so much and fear that he has not given us credit to the full amount of our remittances. You will likewise settle our difference with Mr.J.Hunt, Sail Maker, the balance due him is about Twenty Five Pounds. You will write us in the Spring what you have done and how you succeeded with Messrs Boyle respecting our share of the wreck business.

We wish you to forward us in the Spring, by the first good conveyance, the following articles, viz -

- 20 lbs Candles
- 20 lbs Sope (sic)
- 2 Bags Shot - No.1 and No.2
- 64 lbs good salmon twine
- 2 Bushels Oats and Bags
- 1/2 Quintal small Ratling, say 9 threads.
- 1 piece Shirting, white.
- 1 piece Dark Printed Cotton.
- 1 Gross ..... Shirts.
- 1/4 lb Black Sewing Silk
- 6 Bushels good seed Potatoes
- 1 yard .....Muslin
- 1/4 lb Indigo
- 1 lb.Turnip Seed - 1/2 Globe and 1/2 Round Yellow Turnip
- 3 strong English or Canadian Hoes
- 3 Quires Paper

and much oblige, Sir, your Obd. and Hble Serv't

(Signed) William Annett and Co.

3.

POSTSCRIPT TO LETTER OF WILLIAM ANNETT

For Mr. Benj. Paterson, omitted in his letter -

3 Bushels of good seed Poland Oats.

For Chas. Davis

2 Barrels Flour

3 and 1/2 yds good yellow Flannel

2 lbs Tea

He expects to be able to send you a Bill or some fish in the early part of the season.

We wish you to inquire of Messrs McCallum what has become of the article we left with them from the wreck of the EARL FITZ WILLIAM. We do not know what name to give it, but it belongs to the windlass, a broad piece of iron into which the dog or pall plays. And if he has not sold it we wish you to take it and dispose of it in the best manner you can.

W.A. and Co.

LETTER OF RICHARD PATTERSON

Gaspe Bay, March 14, 1825

Mr. L.T. McPherson,

Sir,

With the consent of my Brother-in-Law, Mr. W. Annett, I beg leave to enclose you our power of Attorney - we have taken the liberty to nominate you as the fittest person to treat with Mr. Charles Ross respecting the sale of our schooner, ANN, now lying at Quebec. Mr. Ross has made us an offer through his Agent, Mr. P. Bechervaise, for the said schooner, which offer we have duly accepted with the exception of the Cabin Stove and all the Whaling gear (sic) belonging to the said vessel, the reservation of which you will please to remark in the marginal Note of the enclosed power.

Mr. Ross is fully instructed of the terms of sale. We have to beg of you to ratify the sale, consign transfer and deliver up the vessel, reserving these articles above mentioned for our use.



LETTER OF RICHARD PATTERSON (CTD)

Mr. Ross will have the goodness to liquidate you for what expense and trouble may be incurred on our part of this agreement, referring you to our letter to Mr. Ross for any further instructions.

I remain, Sir

Your very Obd. Serv't,

(Signed) Richard Patterson

POWER OF ATTORNEY

RICHARD PATTERSON AND WILLIAM ANNETT TO L.T. McPHERSON, N.P.

Know all Men by these Presents

That we, Richard Paterson and William Annett, both of Gaspé in the Province of Lower Canada, Mariners, the said Richard Paterson representing the late John Paterson, his brother, deceased, and as only and sole heir to the Estate of the said late John Paterson, have, and each of us hath made, named, ordained, authorised, constituted, nominated and appointed, and by these Presents do make, name, ordain, authorise, constitute, nominate and appoint Laughlin Thomas McPherson, Esq. of the City of Quebec, Notary Public, our and each of our Attorney, for us in our name and on our behalf to enter into and take possession of the Schooner or Vessel called the ANN (to us belonging) of the burthen of seventy five, thirty four ninety fourths Tons register measure, now lying in the Port of Quebec, and to sell, alien, assign, transfer and set over the said vessel with all her tackle, apparel, furniture, sails, anchors, cables, hawser, ropes, boat and everything thereunto belonging, the implements for the whale fishery and cabin stove excepted, unto Mr. Charles William Ross of the City of Quebec, Merchant, for such price and upon such terms and conditions as to our said Attorney shall appear best and according to our Letter of Instructions in that behalf transmitted herewith to our said Attorney.

And for the full effect of such sale and Assignment to make, grant, sign, execute and deliver to the said Charles William Ross a good and

POWER OF ATTORNEY (CTD)

and sufficient Bill of Sale or Assignment of the said Vessel and appurtenances or other Deeds or Instruments in writing, good and valid in the Law, necessary or requisite. And all such other necessary acts, matters and things for effecting the ends, intents and purposes hereof to do, execute and perform, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as we ourselves might or could do, if personally present. hereby ratifying, allowing and confirming and agreeing to ratify, allow and confirm all and whatsoever our said Attorney shal lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these Presents.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set Our Hands and affixed Our Seals at Gaspé aforesaid this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of

(Signatures)

Richard Patterson  
William Annett  
Philip Bechervaise  
Henry O'Hara

DEED OF SALE OF SCHOONER, "ANN".

*N. 255*

*7 April 1835*

*Vente*

*L. J. McPherson*

*es non quilibet*

*G. W. Profs*



*On the Sevenths day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five. Before us the undersigned Notary Public duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada, and residing in the city of Quebec in the said province personally came appeared and were present Richard Patterson and William Annett*

both of Gaspe in the Province of Lower Canada  
 Manners, the said Richard Paterson,  
 acting as well in his own private and  
 individual name as representing the late  
 John Paterson his brother deceased and  
 as only and sole heir to the estate of  
 the said late John Paterson and the  
 said Richard Paterson and William  
 Annett both represented hereto by Law-  
 son Thomas Macpherson of the city of  
 Quebec a Notary Public also hereunto  
 present, their attorney duly authorized  
 constituted and appointed for the ends  
 hereof in and by the Letter of Attorney or  
 Procurator remaining annexed to the  
 original of these presents of the one part  
 and Charles William Ross of the city of  
 Quebec Merchant of the other part  
 which said parties did promise covenant  
 and agree to and with the other of them  
 in manner following, that is to say  
 the said Richard Paterson and William  
 Annett, by and through the said Law-



Sen Thomas Macpherson for and in con-  
 sideration of the sum of two hundred  
 pounds Halifax Coinage to be paid  
 as herein after mentioned did declare  
 to have granted bargained sold assign  
 transferred and set over and by this  
 presents the said Richard Paterson and  
 William Annett do fully clearly and  
 absolutely grant bargain sell assign tran-  
 fer and set over unto the said Charles William  
 Ross hereunto present and accepting  
 thereof for himself his heirs and assigns  
 as follows that is to say the Schooner or  
 vessel called the Ann of Gaspe of the  
 burthen of seventy five and  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons  
 owned by the said Richard Paterson and  
 William Annett and now lying in the  
 Cul de Sac of the Port of Quebec with  
 and singular her masts sails standing  
 and running rigging anchors cables ropes  
 stores tackle apparel furniture and appurten-  
 ces to the said Schooner or vessel belonging



or in any wise appertaining, and all the right title ~~and~~ interest property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Richard Patterson and William Annett of in to and out of the same and every part and parcel thereof and as the whole now is without any exception or reserve save and except only the implements for the whale fishery ~~and~~ the whaling gear and the cabin stove and stores belonging to the said vessel and with all which the said Charles William Ross doth declare to have a perfect knowledge and is content and satisfied thereunto which said vessel hath been duly registered a copy of the certificate of which registry is as follows vizt.

Number Forty nine

In pursuance of an act passed in the twenty sixth year of the reign of King George the Third intituled, "an act for the further increase and encouragement of shipping and Navigation" John Paterson of Gaspe in the Province of Lower Canada Mariner having taken an

Subscribed

No 19  
1816

*[Signature]*

John Paterson

Gaspe  
British  
Registry

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Subscribed the oath required by this act  
and having sworn that himself together  
with Richard Paterson and William Am  
both of Gaspe' aforesaid Mariners who are  
now upwards of twenty miles distant from  
this port but have not absented themselves  
to avoid taking the said oath are full crew  
of the ship or vessel called the Arrow  
of Gaspe' whereof John Paterson is at present  
master and that the said ship or vessel  
was built at Gaspe' aforesaid this year  
one thousand eight hundred and se-  
-teen which appears by a certificate of the  
Builder to us produced bearing date the  
20<sup>th</sup> July last, and Charles G. Stewart Esq.

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sworn for the navigation act having certifi-  
-ed 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  
her breadth at Stern Post aloft is Fifty seven feet six;  
the broadest part in the hold eight feet and  
above the main beam measures seventy five and  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons; the

walls seventeen  
feet eight  
inches.



Deck: East  
islands

She is a square steined Schooner with a  
Deck has no Gallies and a Billet head  
and the said subscribing owner having con-  
sented and agreed to the above Description  
and admeasurement and having caused suf-  
ficient security to be given, as is required by the  
said act the said schooner Ann has been  
duly registered at the Port of Zuebe.

Given under our hands and seals of  
office at the Custom house in the said  
Port of Zuebe this ninth Day of Novem.  
in the year one thousand eight hundred  
and sixteen.

Recorded at the Custom House Zuebe.

Recorded at the Naval office

Chas. Pol.  
W.S. Comp.

J. E.

N. A.

Certificate of British Plantation Registry

To have and to hold the aforesaid  
vessel with all and every her tackle, ap-  
pel and furniture and all and sing.



The premises herein before mentioned  
and hereby and intended to be hereby ha-  
ve gained sold and assigned with their  
and every of their appurtenances unto  
the said Charles William Ross his ~~executors~~  
administrators and assigns to his own  
proper use and uses and as his own proper  
goods and chattels from henceforth for ever

The Present sale and assignment  
is thus made and granted for and in con-  
sideration of the said sum of Two hundred  
pounds Halifax Currency and which  
the said Charles William Ross doth hereby  
bind and oblige himself to pay and account  
for to the said Richard Paterson and William  
Annett their heirs ~~and~~ assigns in the manner  
and way aforesaid upon respecting the same  
at Gaspe aforesaid between the said  
Richard Paterson and William Annett <sup>on the one part</sup> and  
Philip Bechervaise for the said Charles William  
Ross on the other part and also as mentioned  
expressed and set forth in the letters, the

said Richard Paterson ~~and~~ addressed both  
 said Laughlan Thomas Macpherson and  
 in the letter of the said William Arnott  
 addressed to the said Charles William Ross  
 both of which letters remain annexed to the  
 original of these presents for recourse thereto  
 when occasion may require.

and the said Laughlan Thomas  
 Macpherson doth hereby in his said quality  
 of Attorney and as far as he lawfully can  
 promise, covenant and agree to and with the  
 said Charles William Ross his executors Adm-  
 nistrators and assigns in manner following that  
 is to say that at the time of the sale and  
 delivery of the said premises as aforesaid they  
 the said Richard Paterson and William Arnott  
 had in themselves good, rightful power and  
 lawful and absolute authority to grant  
 bargain, sell, assign and set over the said  
 hereby bargained premises with their appur-  
 tenances and very part and parcel thereof  
 unto the said Charles William Ross his

executor Administrator and assigns in  
 manner aforesaid - And that the said  
 vessel and appurtenances now are and  
 from henceforth shall be, remain and  
 continue unto the said Charles William  
 Kof his executors Administrators and  
 assigns, free and clear and freely and  
 acquitted, exonerated and discharged of  
 from all and every former bargain, or  
 gifts, grants, titles, debts, charges and inci-  
 =brances whatsoever. It being understood  
 and agreed that the said Laughton Thom.  
 Macpherson is in no manner bound or  
 obliged in his own private and individual  
 name under and by virtue of these presents  
 he having acted therein in order to serve  
 the parties interested <sup>and</sup> without fee or reward  
 and that all the obligations by him here  
 contracted is merely as the attorney of the  
 said Richard Paterson and William  
 Annett and for which he shall not at an

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 E. S.  
 J. P.



time hereafter be molested or troubled  
by the said Charles William Redbach

Thus done and passed in the  
said City of Lubec at the office of Edw  
Jachemeyer one of us the said Notaries on  
the day and year just above written. In  
Faith and Testimony, whereof the said  
parties have to these presents first de-  
read set and subscribed their names  
signatures ~~and affixed their seals~~ in the  
presence of us the said Notaries also here  
subscribing.

Given under my hand and seal  
two Marginalis of the papers

Chas. M. Ross  
Wm. Kindley, Jr.  
Ed. Jachemeyer

Custom house Lubec  
12<sup>th</sup> April 1825

Richard Laterson for  
himself and acting for John  
Laterson deceased, and William,  
Annets all of Gaspi Mariners  
have transferred by Bill of Sale  
dated the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> sixty four  
64<sup>th</sup> parts or Shares of the within  
mentioned Ship unto Charles  
William Ross of the city of Lubec  
Merchant,

John Briney  
G. Ross