

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER "PROVIDENCE"

George Annett of Peninsula, Gaspé Bay,
purchases the schooner, "PROVIDENCE",
built at Carleton, Chaleur Bay, in
1799.

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER "PROVIDENCE"FOREWORD

George Annett of Peninsula in Gaspé Bay, the purchaser in 1809 of the schooner, "PROVIDENCE", was the youngest of the four sons of William and Elizabeth Siddon Annett, early Peninsula settlers. The petition of William Annett for land at Peninsula was recommended by Felix O'Hara as follows -

"...a native of Old England, has resided in this Country near twenty years, raised a large family, and always behaved inoffensively and very industrious, and certainly has merit to deserve. "

The petition was entered on the Minutes of the Land Committee in March, 1793 but may have been drawn up some time previously.

Born in 1786, George Annett, while still in his teens, was engaged in shipbuilding in Gaspé Bay along with his brothers, William, Richard and John. His name appears in early records of such schooners as the TRIAL; FOUR BROTHERS; ELIZA; CHARLOTTE; ROSE OF GASPE; WOLVERINE.

In 1814 George Annett married Mary, daughter of John and Christiana Chisholm, pioneer Loyalist settlers at New Carlisle. Their family of two sons and three daughters would extend the links between the Annett, Ascah and Miller families of Gaspé Bay.

In the summer of 1819 George Annett met the Gaspé Land Claims Commission, then in session at Douglstown, to claim LOT # 7 of 200 superficial acres at Peninsula. His claim was confirmed in October, 1821.

As record of Gaspesians of the generation of George Annett is not common, documents such as the following, bearing signatures inscribed some 175 years ago, are significant. Such Deeds help to dispel and correct some of the myths and balderdash about early Gaspesians that is appearing today as historical fact. At age 23 George Annett was established and could buy the schooner "PROVIDENCE" for £ 250

DEED OF SALE. Geo. Symes and John Jones to Geo. Ennet (sic)
27 September, 1809

Before the undersigned Public Notaries residing in the City of Quebec personally came and appeared George Symes and John Jones, Esquires, both of Quebec, Merchants, which said persons do acknowledge and confess that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds current money of this Province, to be paid in all the month of August next unto the said John Jones and George Symes or order, to have sold, released and conveyed unto George Ennet, his executors, administrators and assigns, a certain vessel or schooner, registered by the name of PROVIDENCE, now lying in the Port of Quebec, with all her dependencies and appartenances. Which vessel has obtained a Certificate of Registry, copy whereof is as follows:

In pursuance of an Act passed in the twenty sixth year of the Reign of King George the Third, entitled an Act for the further increase and encouragement of shipping and navigation, John Crawford of the City of Quebec, Province of Lower Canada, Merchant, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act and having sworn that himself, together with Matthew Lymburner of the City of Quebec, Merchant, who is now upwards of twenty miles distance from this Port but has not absented himself to avoid taking the said Oath, sole owners of the ship or vessel called PROVIDENCE of Quebec, whereof John Power is at present Master, and that the the said ship or vessel was built at Carleton in Chaleurs Bay in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine as appears by a former Register No.4 granted at Carleton, Chaleurs Bay, dated the fourteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, now delivered up and cancelled

And Charles Gray Stewart, acting Surveyor for the Act of Navigation, having certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and two masts, and her length from the forepart of the main stem to the afterpart of the stern post aloft is forty nine feet, her breadth at the broadest part above the main wales is fourteen feet, six inches, her depth of hold is seven and a half feet and admeasures Forty-seven tons.

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That she is a square sterned schooner, has no gallery and no head,

And the subscribing owner having consented and agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given as is required by the said Act, the said Schooner, PROVIDENCE, has been duly registered at the Port of Quebec.

Given under our hands and Seals of Office at the Custom House in the Port of Quebec this second day of August in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Recorded at the Custom House

Recorded in the Naval Office

Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

INDORSED

These are to certify that we have sold and transferred all our right, title, claim, interest and demand of, in, to or out of the within named schooner, PROVIDENCE, to Charles Duhamel of the City of Quebec, Mariner by notarial Deed of Sale and transfer.

Quebec, 1 May, 1804

(signed) W. Lymburner

J.W.Woolsey, Curator to the estate of
the late John Crawford

With the other certificates one particularly purporting that John Jones and George Symes have become proprietors of the said Schooner, the PROVIDENCE, bearing date at Quebec the 5 June, 1806

And the said George Symes and John Jones in the presence of the said Notaries did and by these presents do for themselves, their

heirs and executors, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said George Ennett, his heirs, executors and administrators. that the said schooner, PROVIDENCE and premises is and now are and shall remain unto the said George Ennett free and clear of all debts, estates, charges whatsoever made by the said George Symes and John Jones or any other persons.

This done and passed at Quebec in the office of Thomas Lee, Notary, this twenty seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

(Signatures of) George Annett
 John Jones
 Th. Lee, N.P.
 Chas. Laforce, N.P.

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1806 -

G. A.
G. S.
[Signature]

And the said George Symes in the presence
of the said Notaries, did and by these words
doth, witness, affirm and execute

