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OF

SCHOONER "CALDWELL" *********

James and Andrew Caldwell, sons of Loyalist Robert and Sarah Todd Caldwell of New Carlisle sell one of the many fine schooners built snd sailed by the Caldwell family.

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FOREWORD

In one of the very first articles of the GASPE OF YESTERDAY series published by SPEC, an account of a visit to CALDWELL MANOR by James McPherson Lemoine (SPEC-03-10-77), there was reference to the Loyalist Caldwell family of New Carlisle. A subsequent article of the series, CLAIMS OF THE LOYALISTS OF BAY CHALEUR- PART I.(SPEC-27-01-82), published the claim made by Robert Caldwell, "late of White Creek, New York Province" before the Board of Loyalist Commissioners for the substantial losses he and his family had suffered as a result of the American Revolution. As this article concerns the sons of Robert and Sarah Todd Caldwell the following note on Caldwell family background, from a 1908 letter of A.B.Caldwell, is of interest.

CALDWELL FAMILY

According to tradition the Caldwell Family originally came from France and dates back to the reign of King Clovis in the third century, when, after a hard-fought battle when one of them had acquitted himself bravely in behalf of the King, the King had the head of a roebuck carved upon his shield in recognition of his service and some branches of the family still have the head of the roebuck on their coat-of-arms. The family consisting of three brothers and their families, being Huguenots, were driven from France and went to Scotland where they settled at Solway Firth and were given a grant of land by the King with the understanding that they would produce a certain number of sons to defend the Crown. Located on this land was a very cold well from whence the name was derived. The original Scotch spelling was CAULDWELL but in time the "U" was dropped. The family grew and multiplied, part of them moving to Nottinghamshire, England. In the Anglican Church in Nottingham is a marble statue of Lord Caldwell of Caldwell Hall, who left a legacy to the Church of the price of a cow to be paid yearly to the Church, which is still kept up to the present time. A part of the family remained in Scotland and another part went to North Ireland with Oliver Cromwell, a relative of theirs (his mother being Ann Caldwell). One of the Caldwells was knighted in Ireland (Sir William Caldwell) and built Caldwell Castle in Antrim County, the ruins of which are still in existence. It was members of the Caldwell family who instigated the manufacture of the Irish Beleek China. The family gained prominence

under the rule of Queen Elizabeth and served in her Court. Some of the members of the family still possess heirlooms given them by Queen Elizabeth. The family motto of the Scotch Clan was "DARE TO BE WISE". The Scotch Coat-of-Arms was three wells and a raised hand. The Crest was a ducal hand holding a cross thrust through a crown. The American branch of the family settled in Massachussetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, being three brothers from the family of Sir William Caldwell. The family is now settled in many parts of the United States and Canada. (From the Papers of the late Miss F. Cooke)

Robert Caldwell and his wife, Sarah Todd, married in Northern Ireland and emigrated to the Colony of New York Province c.1761 settling at WHITE CREEK (NEW PERTH). As Loyalists they lost all their property and presessions during the American Revolution. Robert and his sons joined the British Forces of General Burgoyne. Robert was captured and imprisoned. His son, John, escaped to join Major Jessop's Corps in Canada. By 1783 the Caldwells were at St. Johns, Québec and came to New Carlisle, Bay Chaleur in 1785. Of the four sons and one daughter of Robert and Sarah Todd Caldwell Robert Jr. married Agnes Chisholm (1798) daughter of John and Christianna Ferguson Chisholm; Andrew Todd married Sarah Beebe,(1816) daughter of Joshua and Mary Secord Beebe; James married Jane Chisholm (1794); John married Mary Lane (1788) daughter of John Lane and Elizabeth became the wife of Secord Beebe (1787) son of Joshua and Mary Secord Beebe.

25 OCTOBER, 1797 SALE - JAMES AND ANDREW CALDWELL FAVOR J-B MORENCY.

Before the Notaries Public Subscribing, personally came and appeared James Caldwell and Andrew Caldwell of the District of Gaspee in the Province of Lower Canada, Mariners, at present in the City of Quebec, as well for themselves and in their own name as in the name and on the behalf of John and Robert Caldwell, their absent Brothers, of the one part and Jean Baptiste Morency of the City of Quebec, Mariner, of the other part -

Which said James and Andrew Caldwell did and do hereby declare that

for and in Consideration of the sum of One Hundred and twenty five pounds Current money of the Province of Lower Canada to them, or one of them, well and truly paid by the said Jean Baptiste Morency, the receipt whereof they did and do hereby acknowledge, and of and from the same and every part thereof did and hereby do, acquit and discharge the said Jean Baptiste Morency, his Heirs and Assigns forever, They the said James and Andrew Caldwell Have Granted Bargained, Sold, Assigned and Set Over and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, sell assign and set over, with Guarantee from all debts and demands, Hypothecutions, Evictions and Generally from all Incumbrances whatsoever a certain Schooner called THE CALDWELL of New Carlisle as she at present lies in this port of Quebec, together with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel and furniture whatsoever to the said Schooner 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 Schooner with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Ropes and all and singular her appurtenances whatsoever hereby Bargained, Sold and Conveyed, or intended so to be, unto the said Jean Baptiste Morency, his Heirs and Assigns, to the only proper use and behalf of the said Jean Baptiste Morency, His Heirs and Assigns for ever and to which He and they are hereby meant to have a Legal right and property.

Which said Schooner obtained a Register in the Port of New Carlisle in the District of Gaspee the twenty fifth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and which is here inserted according to Act of Parliament.

No. 45.

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 Caldwell, James Caldwell, Robert and Andrew Caldwell residing at New Carlisle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Quebec, Mariners, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act and having sworn that they are sole Owners of the Ship or Vessel called the CALDWELL of New Carlisle, whereof John Caldwell is at present, Master

and that the said Ship or Vessel was built at New Carlisle this present year, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and Felix O'Hara, Prevt Officer 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 forty eight feet six inches, her breadth at the broadest part, whether above or below the main wales, thirteen feet, her height between Decks - and admeasures thirty four and six tenth Tons, that she is a square sterned Schooner, has no Gallery and no head - and the 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 said Act, the Schooner CALDWELL has been duly registered at the Port of New Carlisle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Quebec aforesaid.-

Given under our hands and seals of office at the Custom House in the said Port of New Carlisle this twenty fifth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Recorded at the Custom House of New Carlisle the twenty fifth day of July, 1791 (Signed) Oliver O'Hara

Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

Indorsed - Port of Chaleur Bay.

These are to Certify all whom it may concern that James Caldwell is now become Master of the within named Vessel, the CALDWELL, in the room of John Caldwell, late Master. Endorsed at the Custom House in the Port of Carleton the 13th day of May. 1791 (Signed) Oliver O'Hara, Deputy Collector.

Port of Carleton, Chaleur Bay. These are to Certify all whom it may concern that Andrew Caldwell is become Master of the Schooner CALDWELL in the room of James Caldwell, late Master. Entered at the Custom House at Carleton this 9th day of August 1797.

(Signed) Ronald McDonald, Acting for Oliver O'Hara, Deputy Collector.

Which said Sale, Grant, Bargain and Conveyance He, the said Jean Baptiste Morency, in the presence of us, the said Notaries. did and doth hereby accept and is therewith satisfied and content.

Thus done and passed at Quebec in the Office of Charles Stewart, one of the subscribing Notaries, this twenty fifth day of October One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, this Minute being first read in hearing of the parties and deposited in the Office of the said Charles Stewart there to remain of record.

(Signatures)

James Caldwell
Andrew Caldwell
J.Bte. Morency
Chas. Stewart, N.P.
R. Russel
Jos. Migneron

Received Quebec 25 October, 1797 from M. Jean Baptiste Morency of Quebec, Mariner, the sum of One hundred and twenty five pounds Current money of the Province of Lower Canada being the Consideration maney mentioned to be paid by him to us for the within Bargained Schooner CALDWELL.

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It is refreshing to recall in these times of unemployment. social welfare and make-work projects of government that Robert Caldwell and his sons, dispossessed and exiled by Revolution, displayed such courage, initiative and creative work in their new Gaspesian homeland. For the Caldwells built a dozen or more schooners on the New Carlisle shore - vessels that bore such names as CALDWELL; HOPE; SPARTAN; MARTHA; EFFORT; FAME; MINERVA; HIBERNIA; BELINDA; ENDEAVOUR; ALBION; and BACKELOR. In an era before the advent of power tools and powered transport, the sheer work involved in the building of a vessel was formidable. The selection of trees to be cut, the cutting and transport of logs to the shipyard, the hewing of timber and the hand-sawing of planking, the ship-building proper and the rigging of the schooner was a challenging task. Nor did the efforts of the Caldwell brothers cease with the launching of their vessels for, as this Deed shows. they were Mariners who were Masters of the schooners they built .

In their day and generation the Caldwell brothers may have thought that their efforts were no more than the norm, as along the Bay Chaleur and on the shores of Gaspé Bay other pioneer shipbuilders were similiarly engaged. Such men would have been amazed to hear of unemployment or to think that a time would come when their descendants would have to leave the lovely District of Gaspé to seek work.

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