

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

THE SALE OF THE SCHOONER, "FAVOURITE POLLY"

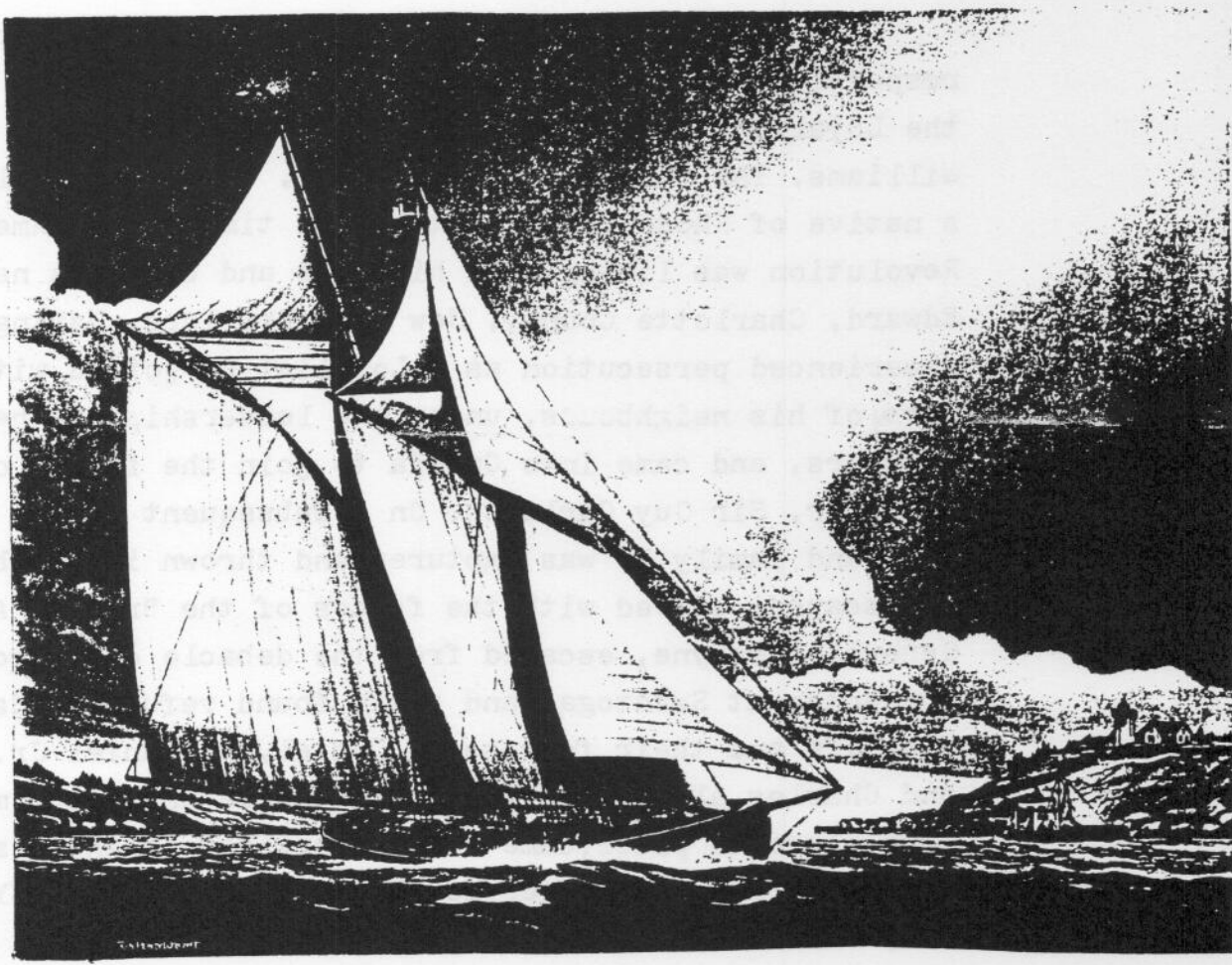
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BY HER OWNERS, ANDREW AND CHARLES STARNES.

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER "FAVORITE" POLLY

FORWARD

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[for 1825 sold by Starnes family]

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FOREWORD

The schooner, FAVOURITE POLLY, built at Bay Chaleur in the year 1803, was sold by her owners, Charles and Andrew Starnes in 1811. As the family of Starnes had arrived in the District of Gaspé in 1785, a brief resumé, drawn from the family history as compiled by Mr.W.W. Rogers Jr.,New Kensington, Pennsylvania, USA, is relevant to this Deed of Sale.

Andrew (b.1771) and Charles (b.1772) were respectively the third and fourth of the four sons of the Loyalist, Nathaniel Starnes,Sr., and his wife, Jane Williams. The father, Nathaniel Sr., (b. circa 1741) was a native of Rhode Island but at the time of the American Revolution was living with his wife and children near Fort Edward, Charlotte County, New York Province. Having experienced persecution as a Loyalist he joined with a party of his neighbours, under the leadership of the Jessup brothers, and came into Canada to join the forces of the Governor, Sir Guy Carleton. On a subsequent return to his home and family he was captured and thrown into Albany Gaol. He escaped, served with the forces of the British Army under General Burgoyne, escaped from the debacle of Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga, and again found refuge in Canada. His wife and their four sons, Daniel, Nathaniel Jr., Andrew and Charles also found refuge in Canada and,after moving from place to place,came to New Carlisle in the District of Gaspé in 1785-86. [Refer to NEW CARLISLE IN INFANCY - THE 1785 PLANS OF WILLIAM VONDENVELDEN - SPEC. 23 NOV. 1982 - for LOTS held by Starnes family]

In common with a number of the Loyalist settlers at New Carlisle, members of the Starnes family became dissatisfied with farming possibilities and were granted lands at Hemmingford. Mr Rogers notes - "... It appears that Daniel stayed at New Carlisle; Nathaniel Jr. at Montreal; Andrew at LaPrairie and Hemmingford; and Charles at LaPrairie. Presumably Nathaniel Sr. lived the latter part of his life with or near one of his sons..."

FOREWORD (CTD)

Like his older brother, Daniel, Andrew Starnes was a Mariner and Master of vessels plying the Gulf and River St. Lawrence. On leaving New Carlisle he was granted land at Hemmingford where he lived for a time with his wife and family. However it was at LaPrairie that he lived for some thirty years and served for some two decades as a Forwarding Agent for the British Government.

As this Deed of Sale attests, Charles Starnes was also a Mariner. Though he held lands at Hemmingford he did not spend much time there apparently. The family of Charles and his wife, Suzanne Bauzet is associated with the Parish of LaPrairie.

Finally, it is of interest to note that the Naval Officer whose signature appears on this Deed of Sale, Thomas Faunce, was the son-in-law of Lieut.-Gov. Nicholas Cox and is shown as a Lot Holder in Vondenvelden's 1785 Town Plan of New Carlisle.

SALE BY CHARLES STARNES TO JOSEPH BELLISLE AND JAMES BURNS

SCHOONER, "FAVOURITE POLLY"

10 APRIL, 1810

There appeared Mr. Charles Starnes, Mariner, residing in the Parish of La Prairie, District of Montreal, acting both in his own name and in the name of his brother, Andrew Starnes, co-proprietor with him of an equal share in the Schooner mentioned below, for whom he is acting and undertakes to have him ratify these presents in good and due form within two months, who recognizes to have sold, ceded, quitted and handed over, for now and forever, both in his own name and in that of whom he is acting for, and hereby promises and guarantees from all trouble or other hindrance whatsoever, to Joseph Bellisle, Mariner, and James Burne, Co-signer, being present and accepting these presents, each for a half, for themselves, their administrators, executors and assigns -

That is to say, the Schooner named the FAVOURITE POLLY of seventy two and 76/74 tons, together with all her anchors, cables, sails, rigging and equipment, and her ship's boat (chaloupe), such as she lies presently in the CUL DE SAC of this Port of Quebec. The said buyers declare to have examined her to their satisfaction and accept that the vessel was built by the vendors in the Baie des Chaleurs and registered by Customs at the Port of Quebec in conformity with the dispositions of the relevant Act of Parliament, of which the following is registration record:

Number Eight

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, Andrew Starnes and Charles Starnes, residing at Sorrel in the Province of Lower Canada, Mariners, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act and having Sworn that themselves are Sole Owners of the Ship or Vessel called FAVORITE POLLY of Quebec whereof John Bruce is at present Master, and that the said Ship or Vessel was Built at the Bay Chaleur, County of Gaspee

in the District of Quebec, Province of Lower Canada
in the year One thousand eight hundred and three
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, that her length from the Fore
part of the Main Stem to the after part of the Stern
Post aloft is Fifty seven feet, five inches, her
Breadth, at the broadest part above the main wales,
is eighteen feet, her depth in the Hold is eight
feet, six inches and admeasures seventy two and
76/94 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 is required by the said Act, the said schooner,
FAVORITE POLLY, has been duly registered at the Port
of Quebec.

Given under Our Hands and Seals of Office at the
Custom House in the said Port of Quebec, this seven-
teenth day of May in the year One thousand eight
hundred and four.

Recorded at the Custom House, Quebec. Chas Stewart, Comp.

Recorded at the Naval Office, Quebec. Thomas Faunce, N.O.

Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

Chas. Faunce, N.O.

This Sale is made thus for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred pounds currency in use in this Province, which the said Charles Starnes presently acknowledges and confesses to have received in full from the said purchasers, that is to say: Four Hundred pounds of the said amount, paid to him in the presence of us, the said Notaries, and Two Hundred and Fifty pounds in the form of a Bill of Exchange on London, payable to the said Charles Starnes, or his order, by June 2nd., 1811, by the said purchasers or their heirs. Which Bill of Exchange was drawn up in the presence of us, the said Notaries.

Whereof the said Charles Starnes is satisfied and content and holds the said purchasers to be free and discharged of the price of the present Sale. Therefore the said Charles Starnes in his own name and in that of the aforesaid mentioned (Andrew Starnes) transfers to the purchasers all rights and ownership that he held, with his brother, in the said Schooner, together with all her rigging and equipment and awards them immediate possession.

Thus Done and Passed at Quebec in the Office of M. Jacques Voyer, one of the undersigned Notaries, the tenth of the Month of April in the Year One Thousand Eight hundred and ten, in the fore noon. And the following have signed with us, the Notaries, after due reading of this text.

(Signatures)

Charles Starnes

Joseph Belisle

James Burns

Jas. Voyer, N.P.

Chas. Lagorce, N.P.