

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

THE SLOOP "HECTOR" AND Schooner "HARRIET"

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INTRODUCTION

Time-yellowed documents written in the formal notarial style and language of an age long past are windows that provide interesting glimpses of people and events of distant times in Gaspesia.

Two such documents are combined in this issue of GASPE OF YESTERDAY to recall two men of early New Carlisle whose activity made them widely known in the early 1800's.

The following brief notes on James Sherar and on Amos Hall, Sr., are relevant to the Deeds concerning them that follow.

JAMES SHERAR. 1770-1846

1770. Born in Scotland, son of Thomas and Jeanne Melvin Sherar.

1774. Came out to America with parents to new home in New York Province.

1775. His father, Thomas, a Loyalist soldier in the LOYAL RANGERS. Family fled for refuge to Canada.

1784. Thomas Sherar, his wife, son and three daughters came to Gaspesia with other Loyalists on the Brig, "ST.PETER" and settled at New Carlisle.

1795. James Sherar and Margaret McVey married at St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church, City of Quebec, 29 October, 1895.  
The couple would be parents to five sons and three daughters.

As a merchant-trader, ship-owner, community leader and Justice of the Peace, James Sherar was widely known in Gaspesia and beyond.

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AMOS HALL, Sr. c.1760-1825

c.1760 Estimate of date of birth, based on the confirmed birth date of his son, Amos Hall, Jr. in 1784.

[ Record of Baptism by the Rev. John Young.

Amos Hall, aged 28 years, son to Amos Hall of New Carlisle, Farmer, and Nancy Greenman his wife, baptised 26 May, 1812.

Witnesses: Amasa Beebe. Joshua Beebe. ]

c.1784 Estimate of date of marriage to Nancy Greenman. The couple would be parents to two sons and three daughters.

1787 Date of first accurate record of land purchase in New Carlisle by James Hall, the father of Amos Hall, Sr.

[ Hall family historians believe that their New Carlisle ancestors left New York during or after the American Revolution, went to New Brunswick via the Bay of Fundy route and from there moved on to New Carlisle.]

Amos Hall, Sr. appears in documents of his time as shipbuilder, trader and dealer in fish. His trading and maritime ventures may have included voyages to Barbados. Over the years he acquired much property in New Carlisle.

1811 Amos Hall, Sr. sold lands south-west of St. Andrew's Anglican Church to his son, Amos Hall, Jr.

1825 Amos Hall, Sr. died.

THE SLOOP "HECTOR" SOLD TO JAMES SHERAR

5th Aug. 1796.

Before the underwritten Notaries for the City of Quebec and Province of Lower Canada personally appeared M. Joseph Fellerin of the said City of Quebec, Mariner, on the one part and Mr. James Sherar of the Bay of Chaleurs, Trader, at present at Quebec, on the other part, which said Joseph Fellerin did and hereby doth declare that for and in Consideration of the sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds lawful money of the Province of Lower Canada to him in hand well and truly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, sold and confirmed and hereby does grant, sell and confirm unto the said James Sherar with Guarantee from all troubles, mortgages, debts, demands and generally from all incumbrances whatsoever, by and with the advice and consent of Messrs Lester and Morrogh of the said City of Quebec, Merchants and Copartners, testified by their being Parties hereto and subscribing these presents, all that certain Sloop or Vessel called the HECTOR of the burthen of Eighty nine tons together with her Hull, Mast., Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, tackle, apparel and furniture whatsoever to the said Sloop 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 Sloop or vessel called the HECTOR and all and singular her Hull, masts, sails, yards, anchors, cables, ropes, tackle, apparel, and furniture whatsoever hereby bargained and sold or leant or intended so to be, and to which the said James Sherar is designed to have a legal right and property.

Which said Sloop or vessel obtained a Register at this Port of Quebec the ninth day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine and which is here inserted according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

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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, also of an Act passed in the Twenty seventh year of the reign of King George the Third intituled An Act to enforce and render more efficient several Acts passed in the twelfth year of the reign of King Charles the Second and other acts made for the increase and encouragement of shipping and navigation, Robert Lester and Robert Morrogh of the City and Province of Quebec, Merchants, and Joseph Pellerin of the said City and Province, Mariner, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by the said Acts and having sworn that themselves are sole owners of the ship or vessel called the HECTOR of Quebec, whereof Joseph Pellerin is at present Master and that the said ship or vessel was built in this Province this present year and James Frost, Surveying Officer, having Certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and one mast, that her length of keel is forty nine feet, her breadth at the broadest part above the Main Wales eighteen feet six inches, her height between decks none, length of Quarter Deck twenty three feet ten inches and admeasures eighty nine tons, that she is a square sterned sloop, has no Gallery and no head, and the said Robert Lester 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 sloop HECTOR 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 ninth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

Recorded at the Custom House, Quebec.

Recorded at the Naval Office, Quebec.

Certificate of British Plantation Register.

Which said sale and Conveyance he, the said James Sherar, did and hereby doth accept and is therewith satisfied and content,

Thus Done and Passed at Quebec this fifth day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety six in the Office of Charles Stewart, this Minute being read in hearing of the Parties, approved and deposited in the Office of the said Charles Stewart.

(Signatures) Joseph Pellerin  
James Sherar

Robert Morrogh  
Charles Stewart

Marché et Vente par Amos Hall à James Lamprier Marett - 31 Août, 1810

On the thirty first day of August in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten, Before us, the undersigned Notaries Public duly commissioned and admitted for the Province of Lower Canada, dwelling in the City of Quebec in the said Province, personally came and appeared Amos Hall of New Carlisle in the District and County of Gaspé, Trader and Dealer in Fish, of the one part, and James Lamprier Marett of the City of Quebec, Merchant, of the other part - Which said parties to these presents, in the presence of us, the said Notaries, respectively acknowledged to have stipulated, covenanted and agreed to and with each other in manner and form following, that is to say.-

The said Amos Hall for and in the consideration hereinafter mentioned did and doth hereby agree to sell unto the said James Lamprier Marett the Hull or Body of a certain Schooner or vessel by the said Amos Hall lately built and being now on the Stocks at the aforesaid Town of New Carlisle, computed to be of the dimensions following, that is to say. Her Keel being fifty eight feet long, Her Beam twenty feet and her depth of hold from ten to ten and a half feet; and to admeasure one hundred and twenty Tons, be the same more or less.

And the said Amos Hall for himself, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns doth covenant, promise and agree to and with the said James Lamprier Marett his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, that he, the said Amos Hall, his Executors and Administrators, workmen, servants or assigns shall and will, at his and their own proper costs and charges, in substantial and workmanlike manner, do and perform the several works hereinafter mentioned in and about the Hull of the said Schooner or vessel, that is to say,-

Shall and will completely finish the Hull of the said vessel and make her Quarter deck as high as the main deck Rails of the sail vessel and shall and will also find and provide a complete Suit of Masts, Yards and cut and fit Sails for the said Schooner and will likewise do and perform all joiners work outside of the said vessel, and not that of the Cabin, and all the Iron work for the rudder of the said vessel and that in the inside of the said vessel, the said James

Lamprier Marett hereby agreeing and engaging to make or cause to be made, at his own costs and charges, all the other Iron work which shall or may be necessary to be done in and about the said vessel to complete the same in manner aforesaid -

And that the said Amos Hall shall do and perform all other works for the complete finishing the Hull or Body of the said Schooner according to the custom of Ship Wrights of this City of Quebec, and shall and will launch her and deliver her safe in the aforesaid place of Carlisle unto the said James Lamprier Marett, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, on or before the thirty first of August in the ensuing year.

In Consideration whereof and for the purchase price or consideration money of the said Hull or Body of the said Schooner or vessel, and of the several works and things to be done and performed as aforesaid, the said James Lamprier Marett for himself, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns doth covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Amos Hall, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns by these presents, That he shall and will well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Amos Hall, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns at and after the rate of Six pounds current money of the said Province of Lower Canada per Ton for every Ton, and proportionally for a lesser quantity than a Ton the said Schooner or vessel shall amount unto upon admeasurement thereof according to the Rule and Custom of the Surveying Officer of Vessels in this said Port, in manner following, that is to say -

One hundred pounds cash which the said Amos Hall acknowledges to have received previous to the Execution of these presents, two hundred pounds payable unto him, the said Amos Hall or his order or assigns in Quebec in all the month of August in the ensuing year and the rest, residue and remainder thereof in the month of August which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

And for the true performance of all and every the covenants and stipulations aforesaid the said Amos Hall and James Lamprier Marett did and hereby do bind themselves, each unto the other, in the penal sum of Eight Hundred pounds current money of the said Province, to be well and truly paid by the party failing to the party performing or willing to perform and execute these presents according to the

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true intent and meaning thereof. Which said penalty is not by them intended to be comminatory but a real obligation to be recovered against the party failing as above said.

Thus done and passed at Quebec in the Office of James Voyer, one of the said Notaries, the day, month and year first above written.

In Witness whereof the said Amos Hall and James Lamprier Marett have to these presents ( first duly read to them according to Law) set and subscribed their names in the presence of us, the said Notaries, who have also to them set and subscribed our names In Faith and Testimony of the premises.

(Signatures) Amos Hall  
Ja. Lr. Marett  
Jas. Voyer, N.P.  
B. Faribault, N.P.

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