

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

EARLY BAY CHALEUR BUILT SCHOONERS

LA MARIE..... 1777

THE SALLY..... 1783

Records that serve to recall the shipbuilding activity on the shores of Bay Chaleur prior to the year 1800.

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER "LA MARIE" BY CAPTAIN JEAN BAPTISTE VACHON
TO PIERRE TALON LESPERANCE JR. ESQ.

RECORD OF NOTARY LOUIS P. DESCENEUX OF MAY 7th.,1792. (TRANSLATION)

Present was Captain Jean Baptiste Vachon, Mariner, resident in this City (Québec) who, by these presents, sells and gives up, now and forever, with guaranteed promise from any eviction, repossession, or other trouble, to Pierre Talon dit Lesperance, Junior, Esq., resident in the Parish of St.Thomas, Rivière du Sud (Montmagny), present and accepting as purchaser for himself and his heirs, the little Schooner, "LA MARIE", of Québec of approximately twenty-four tons according to the transcript of her registration which follows as made in conformity with the relevant Act of Parliament.

That this schooner belonged to Captain Vachon who bought her by private treaty on July 11th.,1789 from Jacques Perrault,Esq., whereof quittance is given to the purchaser, the said Pierre Talon and duly acknowledged.

This sale by Captain Vachon to Pierre Talon Esq. includes all rigging, equipment, three anchors, a boat, sails and all other dependencies whatsoever which the purchaser states that he has seen and inspected. He declares that he is satisfied with the said Schooner and her equipment as she lies alongside the wharf of M. Dunière at L'Anse des Meres.

This present sale is thus made for the price or sum of Ninety Pounds (£ 90) Halifax currency which the said Pierre Talon Lesperance promises and obliges himself to pay to the said Captain Jean Baptiste Vachon, namely, Forty five Pounds in the course of the month of October next, without interest. The current Forty five Pounds in partial payment in the course of the month of October and for next year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Three also without interest. For security of which sum of Ninety Pounds (£ 90) the said Pierre Talon Lesperance pledges by mortgage all his possessions, moveable and immoveable, and more particularly, by privilege, the lot situated in the Parish of St.Thomas with an area of approximately an arpent, bordered in front by the King's Highway, to the rear by the river, to the West by M.Dubergis and on the other side by the Mill Lot belonging to M.Talon by purchase

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from M.Dubergis with Deed of Sale in good and due form, together with house, barn and other dependencies which the said M.Talon had built on the said land since he acquired it.

M.Pierre Talon acknowledges to have received from the said Capt. Jean Baptiste Vachon the record or register of the said Schooner of which the following is a true copy:

No.59 - 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 effectual 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, Louise Charlotte Boucherville, the widow Perrault, of Québec, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by the said Acts and having sworn that herself, together with heirs of Joseph Color / at present not known/ sole owners of the ship or vessel called LA MARIE of Québec whereof Jean Provencal is at present Master, and that the said ship or vessel was built in Chaleur Bay in the Province of Québec year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, and not before registered / and James Frost, surveying officer, having certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built of keel, has one deck and two masts, that her length is thirty nine feet, her breadth at the broadest part above the main wales eleven feet two inches, her height between decks, none, length of quarter deck twelve feet and admeasures twenty three, two thirds tons, that she is a square-sterned schooner and a (? Billet ?) head -

And the said Louise Charlotte Boucherville, the widow Perrault, 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, LA MARIE, has been duly registered at the Port of Quebec.

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Given under our hands and seals of office at the Custom House
in the said Port of Quebec this twenty seventh Day of September
in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight.

Recorded at the Custom House, Quebec.

Recorded at the Naval Office, Quebec

13 August 1789 - Port of Quebec. These certify that proof has
been made to us on the Oath of Jean Baptiste Vachon, Mariner,
that he is now become sole owner of the within mentioned schooner,
LA MARIE, in the room of Louise Charlotte Boucherville, the widow
Perrault, late owner, and by deed of sale dated 11 July 1789
Signed - Tho.Scott, Comp'r.

These certify that Jean Baptiste Vachon is now become Master of
the within mentioned schooner, LA MARIE, in the room of Jean
Provencal, late Master. Tho.Scott, Comp'r.

7 May 1791 - Custom House, Quebec. These certify that Pierre Matte
is now become Master of the within mentioned schooner, LA MARIE, in
the room of Jean Baptiste Vachon, late Master. Cha Stewart, Dep.Coll'r.

By means of all the above Captain Vachon wishes to establish that the
said M.Pierre Talon Lesperance has, enjoys and disposes of the said
schooner in full ownership.

Thus Bound, Sworn and Done at Quebec before Maitre Descheneaux, one
of the undersigned notaries in the year one thousand seven hundred
and ninety two on the afternoon of May 7th., in the presence of
M.Charles Dubois, who with the said parties and the notaries signed
after due reading.

(Signatures)

J-B Vachon

Pierre Lesperance

Charles Dubois

L.P. Descheneaux, N.P.

B. Plante, N.P.

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SALE OF THE SCHOONER, "THE SALLY", BY CAPTAIN LOUIS DUBORD
TO PILOTS JOSEPH LANGLOIS, JEAN BAPTISTE TIVIERGE AND BARTHELLEMI
LACHANCE.

RECORD OF CHARLES STEWART, N.P. APRIL 17, 1793

Before the undersigned Notaries Public of the Province of Lower Canada, residing at Quebec, came Captain Louis Dubord, Mariner, presently residing in this City of Quebec, who, by these presents, recognized and confirmed to have sold, granted, given up, handed over, and abandoned from this time and forever, with promise of guarantee from all trouble, eviction, alienation, substitution or any other impediment generally whatsoever -

To Pilot Joseph Langlois, resident in the Parish of Rimousky (sic) presently in this City of Quebec; Jean Baptiste Tivierge, resident Island of Orleans and Barthellemi Lachance, resident Island of Orleans, presently in this City, the said Messrs Langlois, Tivierge and Lachance, all Pilots, present and accepting for themselves and their heirs, so as to have full possession in future of -

A schooner named, THE SALLY, built at Bonaventure, thirty eight feet in length by thirteen feet in breadth and of the burthen of twenty-five (25) tons approximately, with all her rigging and equipment - masts, bowsprit, anchors, cables, sails and in general all gear belonging to the said schooner without reserve or exception whatsoever. The said purchasers declare themselves content and satisfied after having seen and visited the said schooner.

The said schooner sold by these presents belonged to Captain Louis Dubord in accordance with the record or Register of the said schooner handed over herewith by the said Captain Dubord, the vendor, to Joseph Langlois, , Jean Baptiste Tivierge and Barthellemi Lachance, the purchasers, who hereby acknowledge receipt and give quittance for this document. Which registration was obtained by the said vendor at the Port of New Carlisle in accordance with an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain enacted in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of His Majesty George III and which requires that in the sale of a ship or vessel a copy of the relevant registration made in conformity with this Act be copied in the Deed of Sale, as follows:

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No.98 - 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, Louis Dubord of Quebec, Canada, Mariner, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act and having sworn that he is sole owner of the ship or vessel called THE SALLY of Bonaventure whereof the said Louis Dubord is at present Master, and that the said ship or vessel was formerly called the ELIZABETH and built at Bonaventure in this Province in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three as appears by Certificate of Registry granted at Quebec on the tenth day of May, 1788, here delivered up on a Transfer of Property at this Port. The said vessel has been rebuilt this present year at Bonaventure and Benjamin Betts, Carpenter, 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 thirty eight feet, her breadth at the broadest part above the main wales thirteen feet; length of keel thirty four feet; her heighth between Decks, none; depth of Hold five feet four inches and admeasures twenty-five, sixteen ninety fourths 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 has been duly registered at the Port of New Carlisle, Province of Quebec.

Given under our hands and seals of office at the Custom House in the said Port of New Carlisle this nineteenth Day of June in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine.

Recorded at the Custom House 19th June 1789.

CERTIFICATE OF BRITISH PLANTATION REGISTRY.

This present sale is thus made for the price or sum of Thirty Louis d'Or or Pounds Sterling of money current in this Province, which the said vendor acknowledges and affirms to have received from the said purchasers, who, in the presence of the undersigned

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Notaries counted out and delivered to him, to his satisfaction, the said sum in Louis d'Or and silver coin of currency legal in this Province.

Thus quittance in favour of the said purchasers was granted and the said Captain Dubord, the vendor, thereby conveyed all his right of ownership in the said schooner, with all her rigging and equipment, to the said purchasers, for their enjoyment and disposition forever.

Thus Promised, Sworn, Done and Passed at Quebec in the Office of Charles Stewart, one of the subscribing Notaries in the year One Thousand seven hundred and ninety three, the seventeenth Day of April.

And whereas the said purchasers declared that they were unable to write and sign their names, with the exception of Captain Louis Dubord, he and the undersigned Notaries signed after due reading according to Law.

(Signatures)

Louis Dubord

Cha Stewart, N.P.

A. Dumas, N.P.