

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

## THE SLOOP "ASSOCIATION"

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KEN ANNETT

THE SLOOP "ASSOCIATION"FOREWORD

It is not unusual for the visitor to the wharves of Gaspesian fishing ports along Bay Chaleur to note fishing craft tied up in those havens with the name of their home port, CARAQUET, inscribed at the stern. It is a reminder that, even now, as down through centuries, the demands of the fishery in Bay Chaleur have tended to transcend provincial boundaries. It will be recalled that Charles Robin, founder of the Charles Robin Co., knew the fishing rooms of Miscou, Shippegan and Caraquet as well as those along the Gaspesian shore of Bay Chaleur.

As the sloop, "ASSOCIATION", the subject of this issue of "GASPE OF YESTERDAY" was built at "Carequette", it seems appropriate to recall briefly that New Brunswick community on the shores of Bay Chaleur.

The Bay Chaleur forms the principal northern boundary of New Brunswick. From the seaward shores of Miscou Island the mountains of Gaspesia loom blue and distant on a clear day. At the eastern end of Bay Chaleur, on the south side, near where the mainland breaks up into the group of islands, of which Miscou is one, lies Caraquet. There the Caraquet River broadens out as it meets the sea into an extensive shallow basin which is continuous with a narrower but deeper harbour to the eastward, inside of Caraquet Island. Along the southern shore of this great, double harbour lies the settlement of Caraquet. Before it lie the rich fishing grounds of Bay Chaleur. It is not only a great fishing center, possessing the best harbour near the fishing grounds, but has long been a center of boatbuilding, outfitting and trade.

The name, CARAQUET, is of Micmac Indian origin - the Micmacs having had a campground there at Brideau's Point - the site of the Robin fishery in later times. During the French Regime Nicolas Denys was familiar with Caraquet and left a map of the area.

[ For Nicolas Denys refer to "GASPE OF YESTERDAY" #39 "THE DENYS FAMILY IN GASPEZIA"

The settlement of Caraquet by people of European descent

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was one of successive stages - marked by the arrival of settlers from Old France, New France, Acadia, Jersey and the British Isles. An interesting account of the origins of the Caraquet population is to be found in "THE HISTORY OF CARAQUET" by the late Dr. W.F. Ganong, published in "ACADIENSIS" - VOL.VII. NO.2.

SALE - J.Bte. MORENCY FAVOR JACQUES GIRAR. 3rd.JUNE, 1799.

Before the Notaries Public subscribing, personally came and appeared Jean Baptiste Morency of the City of Quebec, Mariner, and Jacques Girar of the parish of Beaumont, Miller, at present in the City of Quebec -

Which said Jean Baptiste Morency Did and hereby Doth declare that for and in Consideration of the sum of Fifty pounds Current money of this Province, to be well and truly paid to him by the said Jacques Girar on or before the first day of November next ensuing -

Has Granted, Sold, Assigned and set over and by these presents Doth fully, clearly and absolutely Grant, Sell, Assign and set over all that certain Sloop called "ASSOCIATION" of the burthen of Nineteen Tons, with her Hull, Mast, Sails, Anchors, Cables, Ropes and all and singular her appurtenances, unto him the said Jacques Girar.

To Have and to Hold the said Sloop "ASSOCIATION" with her hull and all her appurtenances hereby Bargained, Sold and Conveyed, or intended so to be unto him the said Jacques Girar, His Heirs and Assigns to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Jacques Girar, his Heirs and Assigns, from henceforth forever, free and freely and clearly acquitted and discharged of and from all former sales, Mortgages, Gifts, Debts, Demands and Incumbrances whatsoever.

Which said Sloop obtained a Register in the Port of Carleton in the County of Gaspé the sixth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety four and which is here inserted as by Law required:

No.4 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

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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, Francis Merchant of Carleton in the Province of Lower Canada and County of Gaspé, appointed by Frederick Muller, Charles Henry Remphoff and Henry Gaspard Remphoff, who are all under age, having taken the oath required by the said Acts and having sworn that the said Frederick Muller, Charles Henry Remphoff and Henry Gaspard Remphoff, all of the Province above said are sole owners of the Ship or Vessel called ASSOCIATION of Carleton whereof Paul Babino is at present Master, and that the said Ship or Vessel was built at Carrequette in the South side of the Bay Chaleur in the Winter of the year 1794, since seized for navigating Contrary to Law and Condemned and Sold by order of His Majesty's Court of General Sessions at New Carlisle per Judgment of the said Court dated the 29th day of July, 1794 -

And James Durward having Certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one Deck and one Mast, that her length from the fore-part of the Main stem to the after part of the Stern post aloft is thirty two feet three inches, her breadth at the broadest part whether above or below the Main Wales eleven feet two inches, depth of Hold five feet and admeasures Nineteen Tons. That she is a square-sterned Sloop, has no Gallery and no head - and the said Francis Merchant having consented and agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given, as required by the said Act, the said Sloop has been duly registered at the Port of Carleton in the County of Gaspé.

Given under my hand and seal of office at the Custom House in the said Port of Carleton this sixth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

Endorsed by Richard Nevison of Carleton, in the District of Gaspé, Attorney for Henry Remphoff of said Carleton and District aforesaid, and do hereby in behalf of him the said Henry Remphoff assign and make over all his right and title to the within named Sloop ASSOCIATION to Jean Baptiste Morency of the City of Quebec, Mariner, as Witness my hand this twenty fifth day of April, 1799

(Signed) Richard Nevison

This is to Certify that Jean Baptiste Morency is now become Master of the within named vessel the ASSOCIATION in the room of Paul Babino, late Master.

Endorsed at the Custom House, Carleton, the twenty fifth day of April 1799.

Signed - Cliver O'Hara, D.Coll.

Which said sale he the said Jacques Girar Did and hereby Doth accept.

Thus Done and Passed at Quebec this third day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, this Minute having been first read and explained to the parties in the French Language.

(Signatures) Jean Baptiste Morency  
Jacques Girar  
Cha Stewart, N.P.  
A. Dumas, N.P.

