

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

GASPÉ MILITIA OFFICERS  
FOR  
1821 AND 1832

KEN ANNETT



HIGH GUARD.



MILITIA OF GASPE



LOW GUARD.

GASPE MILITIA OFFICERS FOR 1821 AND 1832FOREWORD

A previous issue of this series, GASPE OF YESTERDAY, has recalled "GASPESIAN MILITIA OFFICERS OF 125 YEARS AGO". This subsequent issue delves still deeper into time past to recall "GASPE MILITIA OFFICERS FOR 1821 AND 1832. As the 1821 roll, in particular, includes a number of men of the first generation of the pioneer Gaspé settlers, it will serve as evidence of the long and deep tradition of military service in those Gaspé families.

Lieut.-Colonel Henry B. Johnston, J.P., Commanding Officer of the Gaspé Division of Militia for 1821, was one of Gaspé's most widely known citizens. Through his marriage with Charlotte McPherson he was not only the son-in-law but the successor in business to Daniel McPherson, acknowledged by Charles Robin to have been his only successful competitor in the Fishery of Gaspé. By 1821 Daniel McPherson was resident at the Ile-aux-Grues Seigniorly that he had purchased in 1802 and his business at Point St. Peter was in the capable hands of Henry Johnston.

Lieut.-Colonel Henry O'Hara of Gaspé Basin was one of the sons of Felix O'Hara who had settled at the Basin in 1764. Henry inherited the property of his father when Felix O'Hara died in 1805 and was widely known as one of the leading citizens of Gaspesia. Major John Douglas McConnell was linked to the O'Hara family through his marriage with Jane Baird O'Hara, daughter of Henry O'Hara's brother, Hugh O'Hara.

These Militia Rolls will serve to remind the reader of the persistence of certain family names in Gaspé

LIST OF GENTLEMEN RECOMMENDED TO BE OFFICERS IN THE 1st DIVISION  
OF THE GASPÉ MILITIA. 1821

NAME	RANK	AGE	REMARKS
JOHNSTON, Henry	Lieut.-Col		
DE LA FONTAINE, F.B.	Major	76	
BOYLE, George	Capt.	40	A Freeholder. Whaler, with little or no learning.
RAY, Samuel	Lieut.	30	A Freeholder and of sufficient education.
JOHNSTON, Windham J.	Ensign	16	A youth, the son of the Lt.Col. well educated.
ANNETT, George	Capt.	40	A Freeholder and Whaler and respectable Inhabitant, of moderate learning.
LANGLOIS, Philip	Lieut.	52	A Freeholder and Merchant of respectability, native of Jersey residing here.
ASCAH, William	Ensign	36	A Freeholder and respectable native born, can read.
BOYLE, John	Capt.	45	A Freeholder and Whaler, of no education but with a Lieut's Commission.
STEWART, Peter	Lieut.	31	A man apparently qualified as to education but has been absent for the past four years. Has an Ensign's Commission.
COFFIN, Benjamin	Ensign	45	A Freeholder, can read a little.
JOHNSTON, Thomas D.	Capt.	21	A stout, robust young man, of education, eldest son of the Commandant.
JOHNSTON, John	Lieut.	19	A young man, son of the Lt.Col, well educated.
KENNEDY, Isaac	Ensign	41	A Freeholder of consideration in the Township and sufficient education

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ADDITIONAL NAMES LISTED BUT WITH LESS PERSONAL INFORMATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
CALBECK, Ph.	MAJOR	Located on Isle Magdeleine (sic) [ Of the noted CALLBECK family of P.E.I.]
HUNT, Thomas	Capt.	Point St.Peter
DESCHESNE, Isaac	"	Percé
BECK, John	"	Grand River
McRAE, John	"	Douglas Town
BAKER, William	"	
CORMIER, Jos.	"	
PATERSON, John	Lieut.	
MILLER, Thomas	Ensign	
PACKWOOD, Jacob	"	

ORGANIZATION OF THE GASPÉ DIVISION INTO COMPANIES

Point St. Peter and Mal Bay COMPANY	Haldimand and Douglas Town COMPANY	Gaspé -South West Arm and Sandy Beach COMPANY	North Side of Gaspé Bay COMPANY	Cap des Rosiers and L'Ance aux Griffons COMPANY
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## MILITIA LIST - LOWER CANADA

1832

ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

F. Vassal de Monviel

20 January 1832

GASPÉ COUNTY

Lieut. Col. Henry O'Hara

Major John Douglas McConnel

Capt. Joseph Stowe Tuzo

" Philip Langlois

" John Philip Johnston

" Benjamin Coffin

" Felix Stewart

" James Rooney

" Francis Ahier

Lieut. Philip Bechervaise (Adjutant)

" William Ascah

" Isaac Kennedy

" James Boyle

" Charles Vardon

" Peter LeMesurier

" Jacob Packwood

" Josiah Cass

" Peter Maby (Mabe)

" Edmund Flynn

" Anselme Thibodeau

Ensign Lauchlin Thomas Paterson

" Peter Simon

" John Beck

" John Buckley

" James Todvin

" Baptiste Couture

" Michel Furlong

[ No return given in the official publication for Bonaventure  
County for 1832.]