

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

INDENTURE - 1803

AGREEMENT - 1830

Engagement by indenture of Andrew  
McDowall to John Gilker in 1803  
and  
Engagement by agreement of Daniel  
Ramsay to James Sherar in 1830

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ENGAGEMENT OF ANDREW McDOWALL - NOVEMBER 3rd., 1803

THIS INDENTURE made on this day the Third of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and three Before me, Peter Laforce, Public Notary duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada, Between Ann McDowall residing in the Town of Québec, of the first part, Andrew McDowall son of the said Ann McDowall of the second part and John Gilker residing in the County of Richmond, District of Gaspé, and now in the said Town of Québec of the third part,

WITNESSETH, that the said Andrew McDowall doth with the consent and by the direction of the said Ann McDowall, his mother, bind himself as an Engagee or engagé unto the said John Gilker as an engagee - to serve him the said John Gilker in all and every things honest and reasonable the said John Gilker shall order and appoint for the full space and term of six years from henceforth, fully to be completed and ended;

During which said term the said Andrew McDowall shall and will faithfully serve the said John Gilker and do and perform all such service and business as the occasion shall require; and shall and will obey all lawful commands of his said Master or such other person or persons with whom he shall order him to obey in his absence or otherwise, and shall diligently and carefully demean and behave himself towards him and them in all respects. And he shall not willingly suffer to be done by others any hurt, prejudice or damage to the goods and affairs of his said Master, but the same to the utmost of his power shall ~~not~~ hinder them forthwith warn; he shall not absent himself by day or night unlawfully; but in all things as a good and faithful apprentice he shall bear and behave himself towards his said Master during the said Term;

And the said Master his said engagee shall and will take care of him and correct as a father would do; and shall and will find and provide unto and for the said Andrew McDowall sufficient meat, drink, lodging and cloathing, during all the said Term;

And Further it is agreed by the parties if in Case the father of

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the said Andrew McDowall should return back into this Country and should be desiring to get his son with him, the said John Gilker doth bind himself to discharge the said Andrew McDowall of the time remaining to finish the time limited by these presents which shall be considered as void and null, but not otherwise.

THUS DONE AND PASSED the day month and year first above written in the Office of the said subscribing Notary in the presence of James Ewings and Lt. Genest of this Town of Québec. IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF the parties have set their hands to these presents first duly read according to Law, except Andrew McDowall and the said Ann McDowall who have declared that they could not write and the Notary and the Witnesses have signed.

Jas. Ewing  
Lt.Genest      Witnesses

Ann (x) McDowall  
Andrew (x) McDowall  
John Gilker  
P. Laforce, N.P.



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AGREEMENT RAMSAY/SHERAR      13th NOVEMBER, 1830

On the thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, Before us the undersigned Notaries public duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada and residing in the City of Québec in the said Province, personally came and appeared Daniel Ramsay of Québec, Shoemaker, who did and doth hereby oblige and engage himself with Mr. Robert James Sherar of Bonaventure in the District of Gaspé, Trader, hereunto also present and accepting, to proceed forthwith with him, the said Robert James Sherar to New Carlisle in the said District of Gaspé and there to employ himself constantly, actively and honestly, from the time of his the said Daniel Ramsay's arrival thereat until the first day of May next, in making, mending and repairing boots and shoes and other articles of his trade, for the benefit and advantage of the said Robert James Sherar and as he may direct, he, the said Robert James Sherar furnishing all the necessary materials and things for the purposes aforesaid -

The present agreement thus made for and in the consideration of the monthly wages of Three Pounds currency which the said Robert James Sherar doth promise and oblige himself to pay to the said Daniel Ramsay from month to month as the same shall become due, to commence from the time of the said Daniel Ramsay's arrival at New Carlisle aforesaid until the expiration of the present agreement -

And further the said Robert James Sherar doth oblige himself to find and provide the said Daniel Ramsay with board, lodging and washing during the same period and also to defray his expenses down from Québec to Gaspé -

These presents to be executed by the said parties on pain of all Damages resulting from default herein -

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THUS DONE AND PASSED in the said City of Québec, at the Office of Errol Boyd Lindsay, one of us the said Notaries, in the day and year first above written -

IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF the said parties have to these presents, first duly read according to Law, severally set and subscribed their names and signatures in the presence of us the said Notaries also hereunto subscribing.

(SIGNATURES)

Dan'l Ramsay

R.J.Sherar

E.B.Lindsay, N.P.

C.M. De Foy, N.P.