

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

MORE GASPESIAN SCHOONERS

Recall of an additional ten ships
of Gaspesia and some of the men who
owned and sailed them.

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FOREWORD

With this article, MORE GASPESIAN SCHOONERS, the GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY series has reached a significant milestone - ISSUE NUMBER TWO HUNDRED : And what more appropriate topic for this landmark issue than that era of wooden ships and iron men that was such a memorable and important part of our Gaspesian heritage.

The lure and fascination of ships of old has seldom been expressed more poignantly than by the British poet, James Elroy Flecker, in THE OLD SHIPS -

"... But I have seen,
 Pointing her shapely shadows from the dawn
 And image tumbled on a rose-swept bay,
 A drowsy ship of some yet older day;
 And, wonder's breath indrawn,
 Thought I - who knows- who knows - but in that same
 (Fished up beyond AEaea, patched up new
 -Stern painted brighter blue -)
 That talkative, bald-headed seaman came
 (Twelve patient comrades sweating at the oar)
 From Troy's doom-crimson shore,
 And with great lies about his wooden horse
 Set the crew laughing and forgot his course.
 It was so old a ship - who knows, who knows ?
 -And yet so beautiful, I watched in vain
 To see the mast burst open with a rose,
 And the whole deck put on its leaves again."

Gone, but not forgotten are the countless wooden ships that Gaspesians built, launched and sailed to ports both near and far. Much of their story has been lost but what remains must be recorded and preserved as an inspiration to all those who share the heritage of Gaspesia.

MORE GASPESIAN SCHOONERS

- . The MARIA.
- . Built at New Carlisle, Bay Chaleurs, in 1806
- . Owner and Master at Registration - Daniel Starnes.
- . Certified by James Day of New Carlisle.
- . Admeasured 80 and 35/94 Tons.
- . Length 57 feet 10 inches; Breadth 18 feet 10 inches; Depth of Hold 8 feet 5 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner with no gallery and no head
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry No.5 issued May 1806
- . Reference - Deed 1555 of A.M.Campbell, N.P.

- . The BETSEY
- . Built "in Chaleur Bay in the County of Gaspee" (possibly at Maria.)
- . Owner and Master at Registration - Richard Nevison.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 29 and 86/94 Tons.
- . Length 41 feet; Breadth 12 feet 6 inches; Depth of Hold 5 feet, 8 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner - no head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry No.37 issued October 1803
- . Reference - Deed 971 of Pierre Laforce, N.P.

2.

- . The PROVIDENCE
- . Built at Carleton in "the County of Gaspee" in 1799.
- . Owners at Registration - Charles Dugas and Hilarion Dugas
- . Certified by James Durward.
- . Admeasured 47 Tons.
- . Length 52 feet; Breadth 14 feet 6 inches; Height between decks, none.
- . A square-sterned schooner with no Gallery and no head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry issued August, 1799
- . References - Deed of John Jones, N.P. dated 13 July 1803
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- . The SOPHIE AND CHARLOTTE.
- . Built at Berthier in the District of Québec in 1808.
- . Owners at Registration - John McPherson (son of Daniel McPherson of Point St. Peter) and Henry Johnston of Douglstown.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 29 and 23/94 Tons.
- . Length 41 feet 6 inches; Breadth 13 feet 6 inches; Depth of Hold 6 feet 4 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner with flush deck, no Gallery and no Head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry issued May, 1809. #3.
- . Reference - Deed No. 61 of Jas. Voyer dated May 16, 1809

3.

- . The GASPE.
- . Built at Gaspé in the province of Lower Canada in 1820.
- . Owner at Registration - John Saxton Campbell. The Master of the GASPE at registration was Frederick Coffin. The vessel had a former Certificate, #37, granted at the Port of Cork in Ireland dated 11 September, 1826. Re-registered at Québec in June, 1827.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 146 and 67/94 Tons.
- . Length 71 feet 6 inches; Breadth 22 feet 3 inches; Depth of Hold 12 feet 3 inches.
- . Brigantine rigged with a standing Bowsprit - square-sterned Carval built - no Galleries and a Billet Head.
- . Certificate of British Registry, # 16, issued June, 1827.

- . The ANGELIQUE
- . Built at Carleton in 1817.
- . Owners at Registration - Pierre Gagné and Simon Gagné of Carleton. The Master was Pierre Gagné.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 49 and 53/94 Tons.
- . Length 50 feet; Breadth 16 feet; Depth of Hold 7 feet 10 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner with no Gallery and no Head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry, #34, issued September, 1817.
- . Reference - Deed No. 2389 of Arch. Campbell, N.P.

4.

. The VICTOIRE

- . Built at Nouvelle in Chaleur Bay in 1818.
- . Owners at Registration - Bellony Bernard and Fabien Fougere, both of Chaleur Bay.
The Master was Bellony Bernard.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 33 and 38/94 Tons.
- . Length 42 feet 6 inches; Breadth 14 feet 2 inches; Depth of Hold 6 feet 2 inches.
- . A Pink-Sterned Shallop. No Gallery and no Head.
- . Certificate of Registry issued September, 1818.
- . Reference - Deed 3008 of Arch. Campbell, N.P. 11 July 1826.

. The EMELIE

- . Built at Carleton in the Province of Lower Canada in 1819.
- . Owners at Registration - Joseph Nadeau and Zacherie Nadeau, both of Carleton. The Master was Joseph Nadeau.
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 44 Tons.
- . Length 47 feet 3 inches; Breadth 15 feet 6 inches; Depth of Hold 6 feet 9 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner. No Gallery and no Head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry issued November, 1819.
- . Reference- Deed No.2614 of Arch. Campbell. April, 1820.

5.

- . The ACTIVE
- . Built at Restigouche in the Bay of Chaleur in 1790
- . Owners at Registration - Michel Patrix and Pierre Valliere.
The Master was Michel Patrix. The schooner had been originally registered at New Carlisle on October 13, 1790 with Certificate No.38
- . Certified by James Frost, Surveying Officer.
- . Admeasured 46 and 89/94 Tons.
- . Length 49 feet; Breadth 14 feet, 2 inches; Depth of Hold, 6 feet 11 inches.
- . A square-sterned schooner. No Gallery and a Knee Head.
- . Certificate of British Plantation Registry No.1 issued at the Port of Québec April 14, 1801
- . Reference - Deed No 1403 of P.Laforce, N.P. dated 28 July 1808.

- . The FRANCIS
- . Built at Gaspé in 1828.
- . Owners at Registration - Captains John Baker and Peter Mabe
- . Certified by Charles Gray Stewart.
- . Admeasured 83 and 71/94 Tons.
- . Length 57 feet 10 inches; Breadth 18 feet; Depth of Hold 10 feet.
- . Brigantine rigged with a standing Bowsprit. Square-sterned, carval built. No Galleries and a billet Head.
- . Certificate of British Registry, No. 60, issued August 9, 1828
- . References: Deed No 3633 of Arch Campbell, N.P. of June 20, 1829
GASPE OF YESTERDAY-#132 - CHARTER OF THE BRIGANTINE
"FRANCIS".