

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

THE SCHOONER "AURORE"

The transfer, sale and assignment of the schooner AURORE to Messrs Philip Robin and Company by Messrs Pierre Poirier, Sr., and Charles Poirier of Bonaventure.

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THE SCHOONER "AURORE"FOREWORD

For the reader who may wish to put in perspective the firm of Messrs Philip Robin and Company of Arichat, Merchants, a reading of David Lee's fine book, THE ROBINS IN GASPE.1766 to 1825 is recommended. In particular APPENDIX I of that volume which presents a genealogical chart of the complex Robin family will prove helpful. By the time of this Deed in 1832 Charles Robin had been dead for some eight years and it was a new generation that carried on the fishery that he had so ably developed and managed.

As for the Acadian family of Poirier the reader is referred to the GASPE OF YESTERDAY article, BONAVENTURE, (SPEC 20-01-82) and in particular to the official return of April,1789 certifying to the family names of inhabitants that had been occupying lands at Bonaventure since the year 1762. The Poiriers were Bonaventure pioneers.

MARTIN SHEPPARD

No.384 1st June 1832 Transfer, Sale and Assignment.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That on this First day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, Before us the Under-signed Martin Sheppard, Notary Public by Royal authority, duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada, and in the presence of the Witnesses whose names are herein often mentioned and hereunto subscribed, all residing and being at New Carlisle in the County of Bonaventure in the District of Gaspé and Province aforesaid, personally came Messieurs Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier of Bonaventure in the County of Bonaventure, in the District and Province aforesaid, Merchants and Ship Owners, proprietors each of thirty-two parts or shares in and to the ship or vessel (Schooner rigged) called the AURORE of Bonaventure aforesaid, now lying at Paspébiac near New Carlisle aforesaid, of the burthen of Seventy two Tons and sixty ninety fourths parts of a Ton register measure as hereinafter recited in the Register of

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the said Vessel, of the one Part; and Mr. John Hardeley of Paspébiac in the County, District and Province aforesaid, Gentleman, acting in this behalf for and in the name and as the Agent or Factor or legal representative of Messieurs Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Spinster, principal heiress and the other heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Widow of the late John Robin, both deceased, and Clement Hemery, all of the Island of Jersey in the British Channel and John Robin of Liverpool in the County Palatine of Lancaster in that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, all now absent from this said District, Merchants and Copartners in trade and commerce at the place called Arichat in the Island of Cape Breton within the Province of Nova Scotia and British North America under the name, style and firm of Philip Robin and Company, the said John Hardeley in his said ability being hereunto present, as aforesaid, and accepting hereof for and in the names of the said firm, of the other Part -

Which said parties, represented as aforesaid, for the consideration herein after mentioned, in the presence of Us, the said Notary and Witnesses hereunto subscribing, did and by these presents do covenant, conclude, declare, stipulate and agree to and with the other of them, in manner following, that is to say --

Whereas the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier are the Owners and proprietors of a certain ship or vessel called the AURORE of Bonaventure of the burthen of Seventy-two Tons and sixty ninety fourth parts of a Ton Register Measure, as will more fully appear in and by the Register of the said vessel, herein after transcribed -

And whereas the said Ship or Vessel hath been duly registered pursuant to Acts of Parliament at the Port of Quebec and the Certificate of Registry is herein after recited in the words and figures following, (that is to say) -

Certificate of British Registry

Number Forty four

This is to Certify that in pursuance of an Act passed in the Fourth year of the Reign of King George the Fourth intituled, "An Act for the Registering of Vessels", Pierre Poirier of Chaleur Bay in the Province of Lower Canada, Mariner, having taken and subscribed the Oath required

by the said Act, and having sworn that he, together with Charles Poirier of Chaleur Bay aforesaid, Mariner, are sole Owners (in the proportions specified on the back hereof) of the Ship or Vessel called the AURORE of Bonaventure Which is of the burthen of seventy-two Tons and 60/94 Tons, and whereof Charles Poirier is Master, and that the said ship or vessel was built at Chaleur Bay aforesaid in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight which appears by certificate of Pierre Poirier, the builder, dated the 19th Instant - And Charles G. Stewart, Surveying Officer, having certified to us that the said ship or vessel 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 aft is Fifty six feet three inches, her breadth at the broadest part taken above the main wales is seventeen feet nine inches, her depth of hold is nine feet nine inches, that she is Schooner rigged with a standing Bowsprit; is square sterned Carval built; has no Galleries and a Billet Head; and the said subscribing Owners having consented and agreed to the above description and having caused sufficient security to be given as is required by the said Act, the said Ship or Vessel called the AURORE has been duly registered at the Port of Quebec.

Certified under our Hands at the Custom House in the said Port of Quebec this Twentieth Day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

(Signed) M.H.Perceval, Collector
 G.A.Gore Controller

Names of the several persons within mentioned	Number of sixty fourth shares held by Each
Pierre Poirier	Thirty two.....32
Charles Poirier	Thirty two..... <u>32</u> 64

And Whereas the said John Hardeley as the Agent or Factor of the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Spinster, Principal and the other Heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Widow as aforesaid, deceased, Clement Hemery and John Robin, trading and carrying on business as aforesaid under the name, style and firm of Philip Robin and Company, Hath contracted and agreed with the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier for the absolute purchase of the said ship or vessel called the AURORE, with the

appurtenances thereunto belonging, at or for the price or sum of Three Hundred and Fifty pounds, current Money of this said Province of Lower Canada. now therefore these Presents Witness that in pursuance of the said Agreement and also for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty pounds said Current Money to the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier in hand well and truly paid by the said John Hardeley, in his said quality, at or immediately before the sealing and execution of these presents, the receipt whereof they, the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier do hereby acknowledge and of and from the same and every part thereof do hereby acquit, release, exonerate and forever discharge the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Spinster, Principal and the other Heiress of Elizabeth Robin, Widow, deceased and Clement Hemery and John Robin rising (?) trade and commerce as aforesaid, their and each of their Executors and Administrators and also the said ship or vessel, as well by these presents as by the receipt or acknowledgment for the same sum at foot of these presents-

They the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Principal and the other Heiress of Elizabeth Robin, Widow, deceased, Clement Hemery and John Robin, rising trade and commerce aforesaid, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all that good ship or vessel called the AURORE of the burthen of Seventy-two Tons and Sixty Ninety fourth parts of a Ton, register measure, now lying at Paspebiac aforesaid and whereof the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier are declared to be the Owners, as aforesaid, together with all and singular the masts, sails, sailyards, anchors, cables, standing and running rigging, ropes, cord, cannon and fire arms, gunpowder, shot, ammunition, provisions, tackle, boats, oars, furniture, materials, appendages and appurtenances whatsoever to the said ship or vessel belonging or in any wise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, trust, possession, property, claim and demand whatsoever, both at Law and in Equity

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of them the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier of, in or to the said ship or vessel hereby assigned or mentioned or intended so to be; To Have and To Hold the said ship or vessel called the AURORE and all and singular other the premises hereby assigned or mentioned or intended so to be with their and every of their appurtenances and by the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Principal and other Heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Widow, deceased, Clement Hemery and John Robin, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns and absolutely to and for their own proper use and benefits. And the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier for themselves, their heirs. Executors and Administrators, do hereby covenant, declare and agree to and with the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin and other Heiress of the said late Elizabeth Robin, Clement Hemery and John Robin, purchasers, represented as aforesaid, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, in manner following, that is to say -

That for and notwithstanding any Act, Deed, Matter or thing whatsoever made, done, occasioned or knowingly suffered by them the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier to the contrary, they the said vendors, at the time of the sealing, delivery and execution of these presents are the true and lawful Owners, possessors and proprietors of the said ship or vessel and premises hereby assigned or mentioned or intended so to be; And that they the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier, vendors, now have in themselves full power and lawful and absolute right, title and authority to grant, bargain and sell and assure the same unto the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin and other Heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Clement Hemery and John Robin, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns in the manner aforesaid and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents - And that they the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin and other Heiress of the said late Elizabeth Robin, Widow, deceased, Clement Hemery and John Robin, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns shall and may immediately upon the sealing and execution of these presents, and at all times forever thereafter, peaceably and quietly have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the said

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ship or vessel and all and singular other the premises hereby assigned or mentioned or intended so to be to and for their own use and benefit, without any manner of hindrance, interruption, molestation, claim and demand whatsoever of, from or by the said Pierre Poirier and Charles Poirier, or either of them, or any person or persons now or hereafter rightfully claiming or possessing any estate, right, title, charge or interest, at Law or in Equity, in, to and upon the said ship or vessel and premises, or any part thereof, from, under and in trust for them or any of them, and free and clear and clearly and absolutely discharged and exonerated or otherwise by and at the expense of the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier, their Executors or Administrators, of and from all and all manner of former and other bargains, sales, gifts, grants, seizures, debt, judgments, conditions, executions, bottomeries, titles, charges and incumbrances whatsoever, had, made, done, suffered or occasioned by them the said Pierre Poirier the Elder or Charles Poirier or any person or persons claiming or entitled by, from, under, or in trust for them, the said Pierre Poirier the Elder and Charles Poirier, their Executors or Administrators.

And for further strengthening and confirming these presents the said Pierre Poirier and Charles Poirier and the said John Hardeley as the Agent or Factor of the said Philip Robin, James Robin, Elizabeth Robin, Principal Heiress and the other Heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Widow, deceased, Clement Henery and John Robin, rising trade and commerce at Arichat aforesaid under the name, style and firm of Philip Robin and Company do hereby reciprocally accept of these presents.

THUS DONE AND PASSED at New Carlisle aforesaid in the County of Bonaventure, in the District of Gaspé and Province of Lower Canada (where no stamps are used) on the day and in the month and year herein first above written - IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF the said Pierre Poirier the Elder hath hereunto set and subscribed his name and signature and affixed his seal and the said Charles Poirier having declared not to know how to write or sign (demand thereof by us duly made) hath made his ordinary, being a cross and affixed his seal. And the said John Hardeley as the Agent or Factor of the said firm of Philip Robin and Company and all each and every the

