

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

THE SCHOONERS "MENTOR" AND "MARIA"  
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A recall, through Assignment and Sale, of  
two Gaspé built schooners that sailed the  
Gulf and River St. Lawrence in the 1800's

KEN ANNETT

## THE SCHOONERS "MENTOR" AND "MARIA"

## MENTOR

CERTIFICATE OF BRITISH REGISTRY  
NO. 3 1835

This is to certify that in pursuance of an Act passed in the third and fourth years of the Reign of King William the Fourth intituled an "Act for the Registering of British Vessels", Thomas Coulombe of St. Thomas in the Province of Lower Canada, Seaman, having made and subscribed the declaration required by Law, and having declared that he is the sole owner of the ship or vessel called the MENTOR of Quebec which is of the burthen of twenty five and 28/94 tons and whereof the said Thomas Coulombe is Master; and that the said ship or vessel was built at Gaspé in this Province in the year eighteen hundred and eighteen which appears by a former certificate of Registry No. 8 granted at this Port the 29 April 1834, now delivered up and cancelled upon transfer of property and Charles Secretan, Act./ Surveying Officer having certified to us that the said ship or vessel has one deck

## MARIA

CERTIFICATE OF BRITISH REGISTRY  
No. 2 1844

This is to certify that in pursuance of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the registering of British vessels, William Corbet and John Clark of Quebec in the Province of Canada, Merchants, having made and subscribed the declaration required by the said Act, and having declared that they are sole owners of the ship or vessel called the MARIA of Quebec which is of the burthen of forty four and 3116/3500 tons and whereof Felix Blais is Master, and that the said ship or vessel was built at Gaspé in the Province of Canada in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty six which appears by her last certificate of Registry No. 50 granted at this Port the 10th November, 1836 now delivered up to be cancelled and Charles Secretan, Surveying Officer having certified to us that the said ship or vessel has one deck, that her length from the forepart of the main stem to the after part of the stern post aloft is fifty

MENTORDEED OF ASSIGNMENT. 15 February 1844

On the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, at the City of Quebec in the Province of Canada, Before the undersigned Notaries duly commissioned and sworn and residing in the said City of Quebec, personally came and appeared Jean Paré of the Parish of St. Thomas in the County of L'Islet, Navigator, of the one part, and Abraham Lenfesty of the said City of Quebec, Grocer, of the other part -

WHEREAS the said Jean Paré is the owner of the ship or vessel called the MENTOR, herein more particularly described and intended to be hereby assigned;

And WHEREAS the said Jean Paré is indebted unto the said Abraham Lenfesty in the sum of fifty pounds lawful current money of the said Province, with interest upon the said sum from the twenty sixth day of May now last past, and being unable to pay the same, hath proposed to give such security for the same as is hereinafter mentioned for the payment thereof, which he hath consented and agreed to take -

Now these presents and we the said Notaries witness that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the said sum of fifty pounds with interest as aforesaid so due and owing by the said Jean Paré to the

MARIABILL OF SALE. 23 June 1846

On the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six at the City of Quebec in the Province of Canada, Before the undersigned Notaries duly commissioned and sworn in and for that part of the said Province called Lower Canada, and residing in the said City of Quebec, personally came and appeared:- William Kidd Baird of the said City of Quebec, Merchant, and Duncan MacPherson of the said City of Quebec, Merchant, joint owners of the schooner or vessel herein mentioned in equal parts, of the one part and Narcisse L'Espérance of the Parish of St. Thomas, Navigator, of the other part; which said William Kidd Baird and Duncan MacPherson did declare to have granted, bargained, sold, assigned and set over unto the said Narcisse L'Espérance, his heirs, executors and administrator thirty two sixty fourth shares and thirty two sixty fourth shares making together sixty four sixty fourth shares, the said shares held respectively by the said William Kidd Baird and Duncan MacPherson in all that good schooner or vessel called the "MARIA", in the Certificate of Registry herein introduced more particularly described.

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<p>and two masts, that her length from the fore part of the main stem to the after part of the stern post aloft is forty one feet six inches, her breadth in the broadest part taken above the main wales is twelve feet eight inches, her depth of hold is five feet seven inches, that she is schooner rigged with a standing bowsprit, is square-sterned carvel built, has no galleries and a billet head, and the said subscribing owner 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 MENTOR has been duly registered at the Port of Quebec.</p> <p>Certified under our hands at the Custom House in the said Port of Quebec this twelfth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hy Jessopp Collector</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chas.G.Stewart Actg Comptroller</p> <p>Thomas Coulombe...64 shares</p>	<p>one two tenths, her breadth in midships is fourteen feet two tenths, her depth in hold at midships is eight feet four tenths, that she is schooner rigged with standing bowsprit, is square sterned carvel built; has no galleries and no figure-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 MARIA has been duly registered at the Port of Quebec.</p> <p>Certified under my hand at the Custom House in the said Port of Quebec this twenty fifth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. Jessopp Collector</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">William Corbet</td> <td style="text-align: right;">32 shares</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Clark</td> <td style="text-align: right;">32 shares</td> </tr> </table>	William Corbet	32 shares	John Clark	32 shares
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MENTOR

said Abraham Lenfesty as herein before mentioned and in consideration of the sum of ten shillings to him the said Jean Paré well and truly paid by the said Abraham Lenfesty at or before the execution of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Jean Paré hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Abraham Lenfesty, his executors, administrators and assigns, all those sixty four undivided sixty fourth parts or shares (being the entirety) of and in all that the said ship or vessel called the MENTOR...now lying on the beach in the said Parish of St.Thomas, of which the said Jean Paré is Master...

SIGNATURES

Jean Paré  
A. Lenfesty  
J.Greaves Clapham, N.P.  
R.A.Young, N.P.

Recorded in the Book of Registry  
of the Custom House, Quebec.  
16th February, 1844

H.Jessopp  
Collector.

MARIA

The present sale and assignment is made and granted for and in consideration of the price or sum of one hundred and twenty seven pounds ten shillings.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

£ 30 on signing the Deed.  
£ 25 on November 1st., 1846  
£ 72 s.10 on November 1st., 1847

INSURANCE PROVISION

Within four days of the signing of the Deed the schooner "MARIA" to be insured by Captain Narcisse L'Espérance in favour of the vendors in the amount of £ 150

SIGNATURES

Narcisse X L'Espérance  
W.K.Baird  
Duncan MacPherson  
J.Greaves Clapham, N.P.  
J.S.Hopsack, N.P.