GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

RECORDS OF REV.JOHN SUDDARD

A glimpse of the early communities of Malbay, Percé, L'Anse-au-Beaufils and Cape Cove from the few surviving records of Rev.John Suddard.

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PREFACE

Previous articles of "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" have referred to the Rev.John Suddard, the first resident Protestant minister in Gaspé. The first such reference was made in No. 3 of the series, "DR.ANTOINE VON IFFLAND IN GASPÉ", published by SPEC in August 1977. In a report Von Iffland noted: "...I visited Gaspé Basin towards the end of May (1821) and found it, in my opinion, the most beautiful and secure harbour in all of North America. The most distinguished citizens who live near the harbour are the O'Hara, the Rev.Suddard and Mr.Stuart, all of whom received me with the most generous hospitality..."

Though the Rev.Suddard had reached Gaspé from his native England, via Quebec, only in October, 1820, a Church building had been erected and was in use as evidenced by the additional comment of Dr.Von Iffland:

"...At the beginning of June, when it was very warm, and the air dry, some persons set fire imprudently in various woodlots so as to clear land, and the most terrible consequences followed...the Protestant Church was burned to the ground four hours after the congregation had met in it for Service..."

The Gaspé Mission of the Rev. John Suddard included the Gaspé Bay settlements and settlements on both sides of Chaleur Bay. Thus, on the occasion of the first visit to Gaspesia by Archdeacon George J. Mountain in 1824, the Rev. Suddard and his wife, Elizabeth, accompanied the Archdeacon from Gaspé Basin along the coast of Bay Chaleur to Nouvelle and the mouth of the Restigouche.

"GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY" has made other reference to the Rev. John Suddard and his family in article #239, "REV.JOHN SUDDARD SELLS GASPÉ PROPERTY".

The present article will serve to recall certain of the lamentably few records of the Rev. Suddard found to date. Beyond the value of such records of the 1820's from an historical and genealogical viewpoint they provide a unique and fascinating glimpse of the early society in the Gaspesian communities that the Rev. Suddard served.

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The People are to be admonished, that it is most convenient, that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays, and other Holy. Days, when the most number of People come together: as well for that the Congregation there present may testily the receiving of them, that be newly baptized, into the number of Christ's Church, as also because in the Baptism of Insants, every man present may be put in remembrance of his own prosession made to God in his Baptism. For which cause also it is expedient, that Baptism be ministered in the walgar Tongue. Nevertheless, (if necessity for require,) Children may be baptized upon any other day.

And note, That there shall be for every Male Child to be baptized, two Godsathers and one Godmothers and for every Female, one Godsather and two Godmothers.

When there are Children to be baptized, the Parents shall give knowledge thereof over night, or in the Morning before the beginning of Morning Prayer, to the Curate. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or else immediately after the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, as the Curate by his discretion shall appoint. And the Priest coming to the Font, (which is then to be filled with pure Water,) and shanding there, shall say,

HATH this Child been al-

If they answer, No: Then shall the Priess proceed as followeth.

Dearly beloved, forassnuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and that our saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be reconcerted and enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to this Child that thing which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a holy Church, and be made a lively member of the same.

Then Mall the Priest Jay,

Let us pray.

A Lmighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didft fave Noah and his family in the ark from perifi-ing by water; and also didit fafely lead the children of If-rael thy people through the Red rael thy people through the Red fea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptim; and by the Baptim of thy well beloved Son Jefus Christ in the river Jordan, didst fanctify Water to the mystical walking away of fin; We befeech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wife mercies that thou wife mercifully look upon this Child; wash him, and fanctify him with the Holy Gholt; that he being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; Publick Baptism of Infants.

Church; and being stedfast in faith, soyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally he may come to the land of exclusive life. to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee world without end, through Jesus Child and Land Christ our Lord. Amen.

LMIGHTY and immortal A LMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee need, the helper of all that flee to thee for fuccour, the life of them that believe, and the refurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for this Infant, that he coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of his sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive him, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that this Infant may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

Then shall the People fland up, and the Priest shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel written by Saint Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thir-teenth Verse.

THEY brought young childento Christ, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me and children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of fuch is the kingdom of God, Werlly I fay unto you, Whofoever half not receive the kingdom of God as a little shild, he shall-not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and bleffed them.

After the Gospel is read, the Minister shall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Gofpel.

B Eloved, ye hear in this Gol-pel the words of our Savi-our Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unfo him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his bands were them. he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and bleffed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earneftly believe, that he will likewile favourably receive this present Infant; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto him the bleffing of eternal life, and make him bartaker of his everlastime him partaker of his everlafting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus perfuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this Infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ; and nothing doubting, but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of our's, in bringing this Infant to his holy Baptism; let us faith-fully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

A Lmighty and everlating God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that

MALBAY ANGLICAN RECORDS

BOND /
PACKWOOD

Married August 20, 1823, Elizabeth Bond, Spinster, and John Packwood, Fisherman, both of Point St.Peter, after publication of banns on three separate Sundays.

Witnesses: Ann McArthur; Elizabeth Suddard; Archibald McArthur.

LAFLAMME/ GERRARD Married July 21,1824, Mary Laflamme, Spinster, and Nicholas Gerrard, Fisherman, both of Malbay. The bride under-age but with permission of her parents.

Witnesses: Martin Laflamme, Father; Joseph Ingrouville; Betsy Ingrouville.

LUCAS / VARDON Married May 14,1824, Elizabeth Lucas, Spinster, and Charles Vardon, Trader, after publication of banns and with the consent of the bride's parents.

PACKWOOD

Baptized George son of Jacob Packwood, Fisherman, and Lucy his wife of Point St.Peter, born Sept.20,1821 and baptized March 1st.,1824.

Godparents: Peter Mabe, Sr.; Michael Buckley; Polly Lamb.

PACKWOOD

Baptized Febe daughter of Jacob Packwood, Fisherman, and Lucy his wife of Point St.Peter, born April 27, 1815 and baptized January 21, 1824.

Godparents: Peter Mabe; Polly Buckley; Hannah Barnes.

PACKWOOD

Baptized Anna daughter of Jacob Packwood, Fisherman, and Lucy his wife of Point St.Peter, born November 18, 1816 and baptized November 21,1824.

Godparents: Anna Mabe; Polly Buckley; Peter Mabe.

PACKWOOD

Baptized Lucy wife of Jacob Paclwood of Point St. Peter, Fisherman, born May 24,1790 and baptized November 21, 1824

Witnesses: Abraham Hayden; Mary Tuzo; Jessie Hunt.

PACKWOOD Baptized Henry son of John Packwood and Elizabeth his wife. HUNT Baptized Caroline daughter of William Hunt, Fisherman and Margaret his wife of Malbay, born December 19,1817 and baptized March 12,1824. Godparents: John Packwood; Anna Mabe; Mary Buckley. HUNT Baptized George son of William Hunt, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of Malbay, born March 17,1819 and baptized March 12,1824. Godparents: Peter Mabe; Thomas Hunt; Jessie Hunt. HUNT Baptized Charles son of William Hunt, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of Malbay, born November 28,1820 and baptized March 12,1824. Godparents: Jacob Packwood: John Hunt: Lucy Packwood. HUNT Baptized Diana daughter of William Hunt, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of Malbay, born August 19,1823 and baptized March 12,1824. Godparents: Philip Mabe; Margaret Lucas; Sarah Cass. HAYDEN Baptized John son of John Hayden and Jessie his wife of Malbay, born October 28,1811 and baptized March 13, 1823. HAYDEN Baptized Mary daughter of John Hayden, Fisherman, and Drusila his wife of Malbay, born May 28,1815 and

baptized March 13,1823.

Godparents: Margaret Lucas; Lucy Packwood; Boyle Lucas.

HAYDEN Baptized Abner son of John Hayden, Fisherman and Drusila his wife of Malbay, born March 1,1820 and baptized March 13, 1824.

Godparents: Jacob Packwood; John Miller; Elizabeth Vardon

HAYDEN

Baptized Eliza Ann daughter of John Hayden, Fisherman, and Drusila his wife of Malbay, born August 16,1822 and baptized September 13, 1823.

Godparents: Charles Vardon; Elizabeth Vardon; Margaret Lucas.

LUCAS /
GERRARD

Married John Gerrard to Martha Lucas by banns with consent of parents.

LUCAS

Baptized Richard son of Boyle Lucas, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of Malbay, born September 11,1824 and baptized March 13,1825.

Godparents: John Packwood; Drusila Hayden; John Suddard.

GERRARD

Baptized Elizabeth daughter of John Gerrard, Fisherman, and Martha his wife of Malbay, born February 10,1825 and baptized March 13, 1825.

Godparents: Hannah Lucas; Elizabeth Vardon; Charles Vardon.

INGROUVILLE

Baptized Daniel son of Daniel Ingrouville and Martha his wife of Malbay, born November 26,1825 and baptized March 13, 1825.

Godparents: Paul Ingrouville; Joseph S. Tuzo; Mary Tuzo.

VARDON

Baptized Philip son of Charles Vardon, Trader, and Elizabeth his wife of Malbay, born September 10,1825 and baptized February 16,1826.

Godparents: John Hunt; Joseph S. Tuzo; Mary Tuzo.

HAYDEN

Baptized Jane daughter of John Hayden, Fisherman, and Drusila his wife of Malbay, born July 10,1825 and baptized February 16,1826.

Godparents: John Hayden; Polly Lucas; Mary Tuzo.

[END OF REV.JOHN SUDDARD'S MALBAY RECORD.]

CAPE COVE AND PERCE RECORDS

BARNES / Married March 4,1824 John Jean, Carpenter, and
JEAN Hannah Barnes, Spinster, both of Percé, by banns
and with consent of parents.

Witnesses: John Le Boutillier: John Baker.

CAMMEL / Married March 6,1824, Elihu Cass, Fisherman, to CASS Elizabeth Cammel, Spinster, both of age.
Witness: Joseph S.Tuzo.

TUZO

Baptized Henry Francis son of Joseph Stowe Tuzo,
Merchant of Percé and Mary Tuzo, born October 5,
1823 and baptized March 7,1824.

Godparents: John Le Boutillier; James Lenfesty;
Ann Tostevin.

MABE

Baptized Philip son of Peter Mabe, Husbandman, and
Ann Mabe his wife of Malbay, born January 6,1800
and baptized March 7,1824.

Godparent: James Lenfesty.

MABE
Baptized Edward son of Peter Mabe, Husbandman, and
Ann Mabe his wife of Malbay, born January 13,1823
and baptized March 7,1824.

Godparents: John Baker; Mercy Cass.

BARNES Baptized Hannah daughter of Stephen Barnes, Fisherman and Sarah his wife of Percé. born July 7,1794 and baptized March 7, 1824.

MAHAN

Baptized Rebecca daughter of Hugh Mahan, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of L'Anse-au-Beaufils, born

March 20,1824 and baptized June 13,1824.

Godparents: William Baker; Hannah Ferguson; Ann Cass.

TILLY Baptized Euphemia daughter of William and Christie Tilly of Cape Cove, born April 13,1824 and baptized June 13,1824.

Godparents: William Ferguson; Jane Lucas; Anne Tostevin.

ROBIN / LE BOUTILLIER	Married November 28, 1824, John Le Boutillier, Agent to the Charles Robin Co. and Elizabeth Robin, Spinster, both of Percé and of age, with publication of banns. Witnesses: Isaac Dechesne; Phillippe De la Perrelle.
CASS	Baptized Elemira daughter of Andrew and Sarah Cass, born March 6,1824 and baptized July 25,1824. Godparents: Joseph S.Tuzo; Mary Tuzo; Margaret Cass.
BECK	Baptized Caroline daughter of John and Ellen Beck, born January 15 and baptized August 1, 1824. Godparents: James Tostevin; Ann Tostevin; Mary Tuzo.
MABE	Baptized Ann Frances daughter of Philip Mabe, Farmer, and Jane his wife of Malbay, born October 12,1823 and baptized August 1,1824. Godparents: Ann Mabe; Ann Cass; Peter Mabe.
WARREN	Baptized George son of John Warren, Fisherman, and Emelia his wife of Cape Cove, born December 26, 1824 and baptized March 21,1825.
	Godparents: Fitzhugh Lucas; William Tilly; Hannah Ferguson.
BAKER	Baptized John son of James Baker, Fisherman, and Mary, March 1,1825
	Godparents: James Ferguson; John Warren; Polly Lucas.
BECK	Baptized Margaret daughter of Philip Beck, Fisherman, and Margaret his wife of Cape Despair, born February

6, 1825 and baptized March 21, 1825.

Godparents: Josiah Cass, Jr.; Anna Cass; Belly Beck.

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Dear Dr. Annett:

In previous correspondence and our conversation at the Gaspesian Channel Island meeting at Paspebiac the subject of the Reverend John Suddard and his affairs with the church came up. I have obtained several documents pertinent to his land transactions as well as correspondence with church officials, the latter from Canon Brazel.

I am now working on the theory that he may have gone to the USA after leaving Gaspe however have not as yet been able to prove anything. I have discovered the Suddard name in the USA, some I know are Thomas' descendants, most are yet unresolved, and require much more research. The older generation name patterns seem the same which as you probably know can often be a clue in genealogy.

I was wondering if in your research you may have come across the names of any of Reverend John's children. I have from father's records the names of two sons, David born 1824 and Edmond Livingstone born 1828. Where he got this information I do not know nor, do I know if is correct as I have been unable to find anything. Should you have any such information it would be most appreciated.

For your information, a group of us former Gaspe Intermediate School students are attempting to put together a school reunion for the summer of 1994, I believe you were a former student as well so as things develop I will keep you informed.

I trust Sir that this finds you and yours enjoying good health and that you continue to do so.

yours truly,

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