

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..."

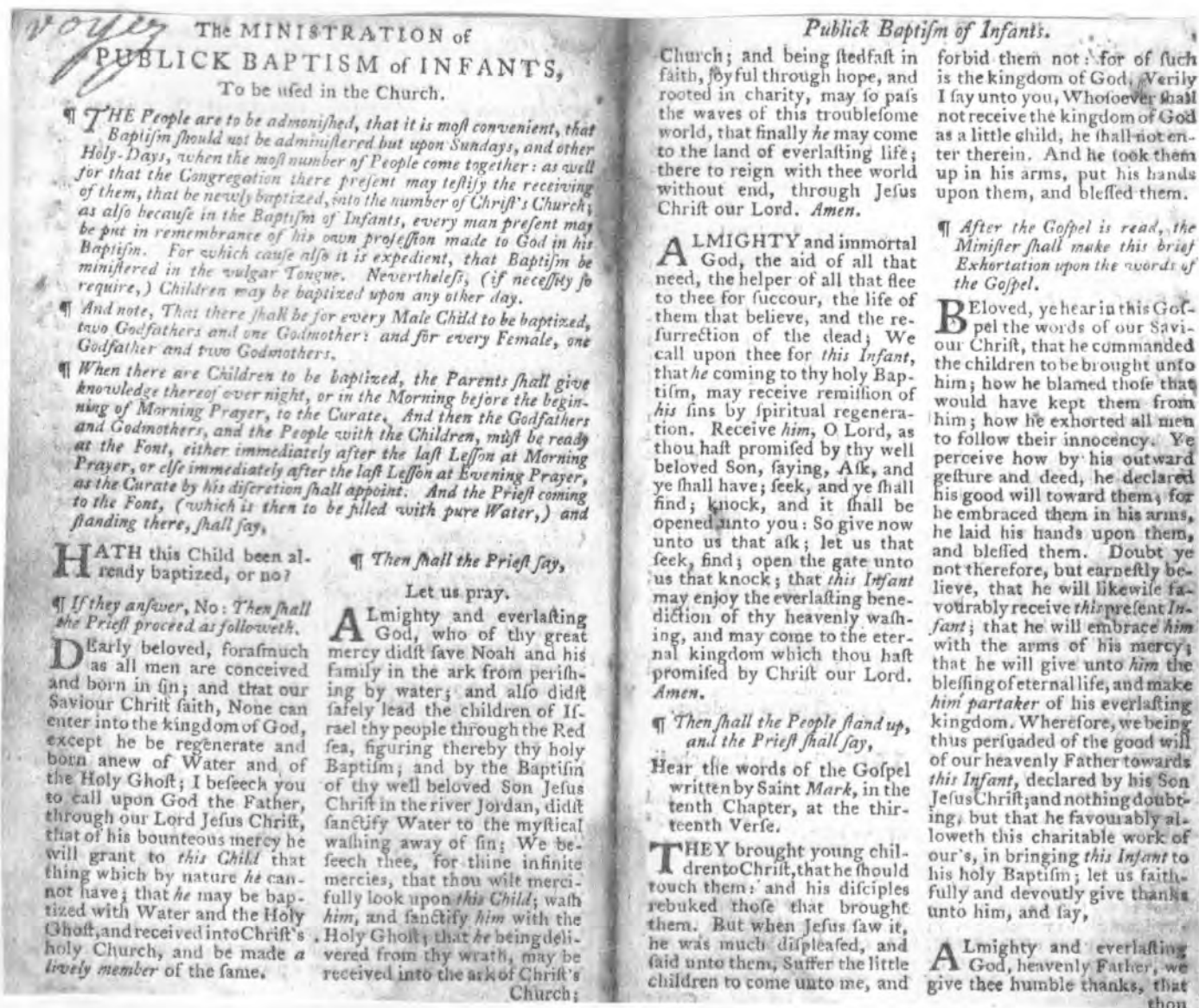
Though the Rev. Suddard had reached Gaspé from his native England, via Quebec, only in October, 1820, a Church building had been erected and was in use as evidenced by the additional comment of Dr. Von Iffland:

"...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.



MALBAY ANGLICAN RECORDS

- BOND /
PACKWOOD Married August 26, 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.
- LAFHAMME/
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 /
JEAN Married March 4,1824 John Jean, Carpenter, and
Hannah Barnes, Spinster, both of Percé, by banns
and with consent of parents.
Witnesses: John Le Boutillier; John Baker.
- CAMMEL /
CASS Married March 6,1824, Elihu Cass, Fisherman, to
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 Paspébiac 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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