

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

A GLEBE
FOR
THE PROTESTANT MINISTER
OF GASPÉ BASIN
1850

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FOREWORD

"GLEBE, n. portion of land attached to a clergyman's benefice." Oxford Dictionary.

The BILL OF SALE below from John Francis Wilson, Esq., Merchant of Gaspé Basin to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Right Reverend George Jehoshaphat Mountain, D.D., "being a Glebe for the Protestant Minister, " takes one back more than one hundred and forty years to a very different community of Gaspé Basin than exists today in 1992.

It will be recalled from the third article of this series, "DR.ANTOINE VON IFFLAND VISITS GASPE", that in June,1821, the first Anglican Church building of Gaspé Basin was burned to the ground in a swift and terrible forest fire. Records of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec show that a replacement Church building was consecrated in 1853. Again in 1884, 1909 and 1944 new buildings of St.Paul's Church were consecrated.

The first resident Anglican Minister at Gaspé was the Rev. John Suddard. Those who followed him at St.Paul's were the Rev. R. Knagg; Rev. E. Cusack; Rev.W.Arnold; Rev. C.Morris; Rev.F.De La Mare; Rev.F.Smith (1864)

St.James' Church, Gaspé Bay South (Wakeham) was,from the outset,part of the Gaspé Parish.

BILL OF SALE
FROM
JOHN FRANCIS WILSON, ESQ. TO THE LORD BISHOP
OF QUEBEC

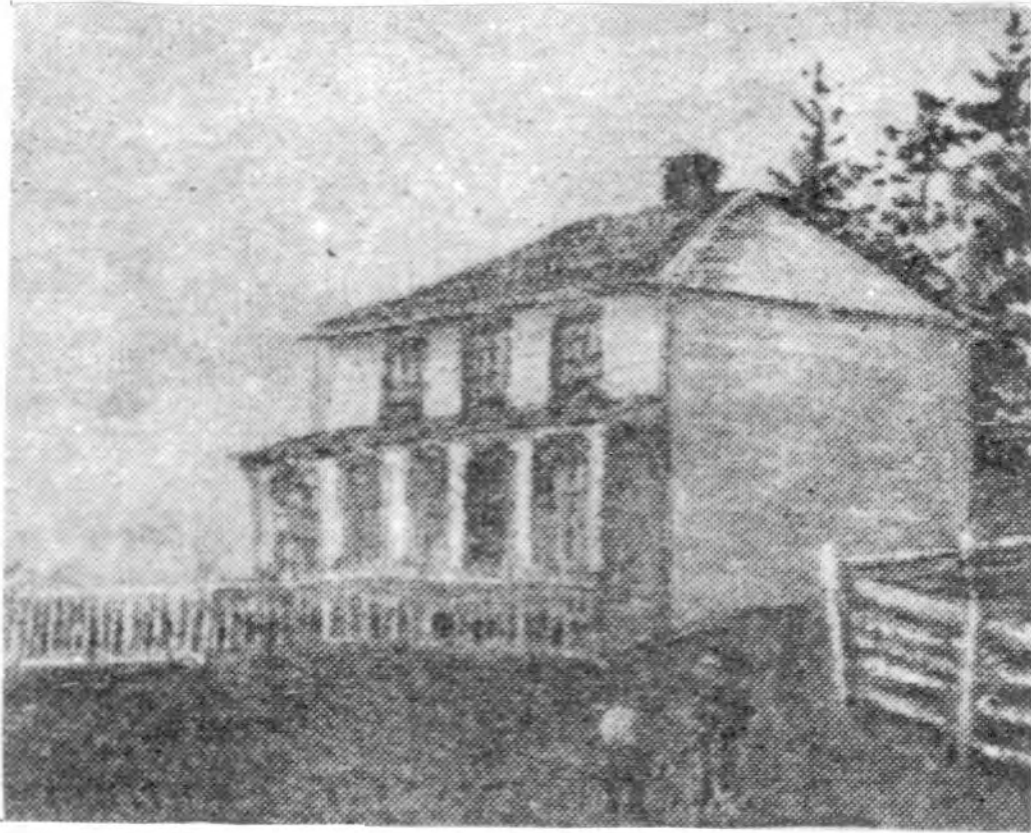
PROVINCE OF CANADA

DISTRICT OF GASPE

This Indenture made at Gaspé Basin in the County and District of Gaspé on the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty before me, John Eden, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Gaspé, and in this case acting in default of Notary Public as by Law provided.

Between John Francis Wilson, Esq., Merchant, of the one part and the Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat, Lord Bishop of Quebec of the other part.

WITNESSETH THAT - For and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of the Province of Canada, with lawful interest of six percent until the Capital of the said sum be fully paid to the said John Francis Wilson, Esq., he, the said John Francis Wilson, for himself, his heirs and assigns agreeing and consenting not to require the above stated sum until such time as the parties purchasing can conveniently pay the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, He, the said John Francis Wilson, Esq., hath granted, bargained, sold and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat, Lord Bishop of Quebec, and successors in office, forever - a certain piece or parcel of land situated at Gaspé Basin, in the County and District of Gaspé aforesaid - Bounded on the North by



FIRST ANGLICAN RECTORY -GASPÉ

From an early painting in the possession of the late Muriel Richmond.

Miss Richmond's father, the Rev. John Pettener Richmond was appointed as the Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church at Gaspé Basin on October 2, 1867.

lands owned by Michael Costello, on the East by lands owned by Nicholas Dumaresq, Esq., on the South by the Church and School lots and partly, in front, by the South West River, on the West by lands owned by the said Michael Costello - containing twenty-four acres more or less, and to the uses and upon the trusts following, that is to say:

Upon trust to hold the same forever hereafter as a Church Glebe for the site of a Parsonage for the Clergyman residing and officiating at Gaspé Basin and vicinity, and his successors for said place, being in full communion according to the Doctrine and Discipline of the United Church of England and Ireland, and for no other purposes but for the aforesaid.

To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land and premises herein before granted, bargained and sold, or intended so to be, unto the Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat, Lord Bishop of Quebec, and successors in office, forever, and for the purposes aforesaid.

Given under our Hands and Seals in the presence of the undersigned witnesses on the Day and Date as within written.

(WITNESSES)

Joseph Eden

Francis Ahier

(SIGNATORIES)

John Francis Wilson

Rev. Frs. De La Mare (acting for
the Lord Bishop of Quebec)

John Eden, J.P.



THE RECTORY OF ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, GASPE BASIN, AS OF 1934. AS OF 1992 THE BUILDING REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. OVER TIME IT HAS BEEN THE GASPÉ HOME OF THE LATE ARCHDEACON ERNEST REID WHO BECAME BISHOP OF OTTAWA AND OF THE LATE ARCHDEACON TIMOTHY MATTHEWS WHO BECAME BISHOP OF QUEBEC. IN RECENT YEARS IT HAS BEEN THE HOME OF ARCHDEACON PETER SPACKMAN AND HIS WIFE THE REV. AILSA SPACKMAN.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN FRANCIS WILSON, ESQ.

PROVINCE OF CANADA

DISTRICT OF GASPE

This is the Last Will and Testament of Mr. John Francis Wilson, late of the Island of Jersey, now being at Gaspé Basin in the County and District of Gaspé in the Province of Canada, Merchant, being in good Health, sound of Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of the time of Death, I dispose of such temporal Estate and property as I may now or hereafter be blessed with and may have at the time of my death, in manner following, that is to say- I give, devise and bequeath all such Real Estate or immoveable property whatsoever or wheresoever the same may be, together with the buildings thereon, and the appurtenances of the same, and specially those situate in the District of Gaspé aforesaid as I may be seized of or entitled to at the time of my decease, and also all my goods, chattles, wares and merchandises; effects, credits, rights, ready money, securities for money, ^hwhether deposited with Bankers or other persons or Bodies Corporate, whatsoever or of whatever nature the same may be and wheresoever they or any part thereof may be, whether in Europe or North America, and also such ship, ships or vessels, and in fine all that I may be possessed of or entitled to at the time of my decease unto Mrs. Esther Huelin, relict of the late John Wilson (My Mother) and Mrs. Esther Wilson (My Sister) wife of Mr. Jean Baptiste Le Loutre, both of the Island of Jersey aforesaid, to be by them taken, possessed and enjoyed in equal proportions of one-half each, for themselves respectively, their Heirs or assigns forever, provided they or either of them survive me.

And also with this express condition that the share hereby bequeathed of the said estate and chattels unto my said sister shall be her sole

private and personal property and that she alone (and no other person) shall have the power to use, manage, enjoy, possess and dispose of the same and every part and parcel thereof, and to be held by her distinct and separate from any property held between her and her said husband, and the same shall not be liable for any debt not contracted by herself personally.

And I desire that "avant partage" all my lawful debts be paid, satisfied and acquitted out of the said chattels and estate, moveable and immoveable by my Executor herein after named, and I nominate and appoint to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament my respected friend, Daniel Janvrin, Esquire, of the Island of Jersey aforesaid, whom I request to do me this last favor - Hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments and all codicils that I may heretofore have made.

In Testimony of all which I, the said John Francis Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal at Gaspé Basin in the aforesaid County and District this twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty one.

(Signature of-)

John F. Wilson

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Francis Wilson, the Testator, as for and to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of James Perchard, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Gaspé, acting in this behalf in the default of Notary Public (being therefore authorized by Law) and the undersigned Witnesses.

In Testimony Whereof we have respectively, in the presence and at the request of the said Testator, hereunto subscribed our names

IN TESTIMONIUM VERITATIS

(Witnesses)

Michel Lesperance

William Hyman

(Signature)

James Perchard

(Fyled the 21st day of November, 1851.)