

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

AN EXCHANGE OF LOTS

IN 1833 THE CHARLES ROBIN COMPANY
EXCHANGED LOTS WITH HIS MAJESTY'S
GOVERNMENT.

THE REMARKABLE GROUP OF PERSONS
INVOLVED IN GASPESIA AND JERSEY.

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Though the term, "dramatis personae" is correctly defined as "a list of characters in a play", it might well be extended to the remarkable group of persons whose names appear in Act Number 425 of Martin Sheppard, N.P., dated June 20th., 1833 and entitled : "RECORD, SURRENDER, AND RELINQUISHMENT BY CHARLES ROBIN AND COMPANY TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT". (His Majesty of 1833 was King William IV who reigned from 1830 to 1837 and was succeeded on the British throne by Queen Victoria)

Basically, the Notarial Act above recorded the exchange of a property at Maria that had been acquired by the Charles Robin Company (C.R.C.) in 1787 for an equivalent lot of land near Paspébiac. However, this procedure was no casual matter in 1833, as evidenced by some twelve manuscript pages of notarial documents including various Power of Attorney and Affidavits prepared, signed and witnessed far across the Atlantic in the Island of Jersey. Indeed, this Act Number 425 provides an informative and fascinating glimpse into the power structure of business and public administration of that distant time in the District of Gaspé.

PERSONSWHOSENAMESAPPEAR

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| * <u>JOHN HARDELEY.</u> | Native of Jersey and Gaspesian Agent for the C.R.C. with Power of Attorney to act on the C.R.C's behalf. |
| * <u>JOHN FAUVEL.</u> | Native of Jersey and Gaspesian Agent for the C.R.C. |
| * JOHN ROBIN
PHILIP ROBIN
JAMES ROBIN | Natives of Jersey, brothers and only sons of the late Philip Robin. Partners in the C.R.C. |
| * ELIZABETH ROBIN | Of the Island of Jersey. Heiress of the late Elizabeth Robin, Widow of John Robin. A C.R.C. partner. |

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- * PHILIP LE GALLAIS Of Jersey. Administrator of the estate (and interests in C.R.C.) of Thomas Pipon of Jersey.
- and
- Attorney for Philip Raoul Lempriere a holder of interest in C.R.C. by right of purchase from John Poingdestre of Jersey.
- * JOHN COLLINS Surveyor-General of the Province of Lower Canada who had issued the Location Ticket for land at Maria to the C.R.C. in May, 1787. (Reference in various articles of "Gaspé of Yesterday".
- * ALEXANDER McNEIL Gaspesian Land Surveyor. Made the official survey in September, 1827 of land received in exchange by the C.R.C.
- * JAMES CRAWFORD Government Agent for settlement on Crown Lands in the Bay Chaleur. Had authorized survey by McNeil above.
- * WILLIAM FRUING Native of Jersey. Rose from Clerk to Agent with C.R.C. Later established his own Gaspesian Fishery.
- * ISAAC HILGROVE
GOSSET From native Jersey to Gaspesia with C.R.C. A nephew of Philip Robin. Witness to a Power of Attorney in this Deed.
- * THOMAS MALLET A Notary Public of the Island of Jersey. A Witness to an Affidavit of Isaac Hilgrove Gosset above.
- * NICHOLAS LE QUESNE A Magistrate of the Royal Court of Jersey.
- * MAJOR-GENERAL
WILLIAM THORNTON Lieutenant-Governor and Commander of the Forces in the Island of Jersey.

- PERSONS * HIS EXCELLENCY Governor-in-Chief of British North
WHOSE LORD AYLMER America. Signed Letters Patent for
NAMES C.R.C. land. For his visit to Gaspesia
APPEAR see GASPE' OF YESTERDAY No. 4 "BONNYCASTLE
(ctd) ON GASPE."
- * DUNCAN HAY New Carlisle merchant. Had come to Canada
from Scotland to manage the McNider
Seigniory at Metis. Witness to signature
of John Hardeley.
- * HENRY O'HARA Son of Gaspé Basin pioneer, Felix O'Hara.
Custom Officer at New Carlisle. With Duncan
Hay a witness to signature of John Hardeley.
- * THOMAS HARDY Chain Bearer for survey by Alexander McNeil.
- * WILLIAM POWERS Chain Bearer for survey by Alexander McNeil.
- * MARTIN SHEPPARD Notary Public resident at New Carlisle.

THE LOT " A Lot of land in the Township of Maria beginning at a
IN MARIA cedar squared post near the N.W. bank of the Great River
Cascapedia and its entrance opposite Gilker's Creek,
thence running N.54 degrees W.six thousand nine hundred
and fifty two feet to another such cedar post as above
described, thence N.46 degrees E.six thousand two hundred
and fifty seven feet to a third cedar post thence South
54 degrees East six thousand nine hundred and fifty two
feet to a fourth cedar post as above described and thence
along the Great River Cascapedia to the place of beginning,
forming a parallelogram containing one thousand superficial
acres of land, acquired by Certificate dated 21 May,1787
and signed by John Collins, S.G. Described as above in the
Register of Gaspé Land Claims folio number one hundred and
ninety four (No.194)

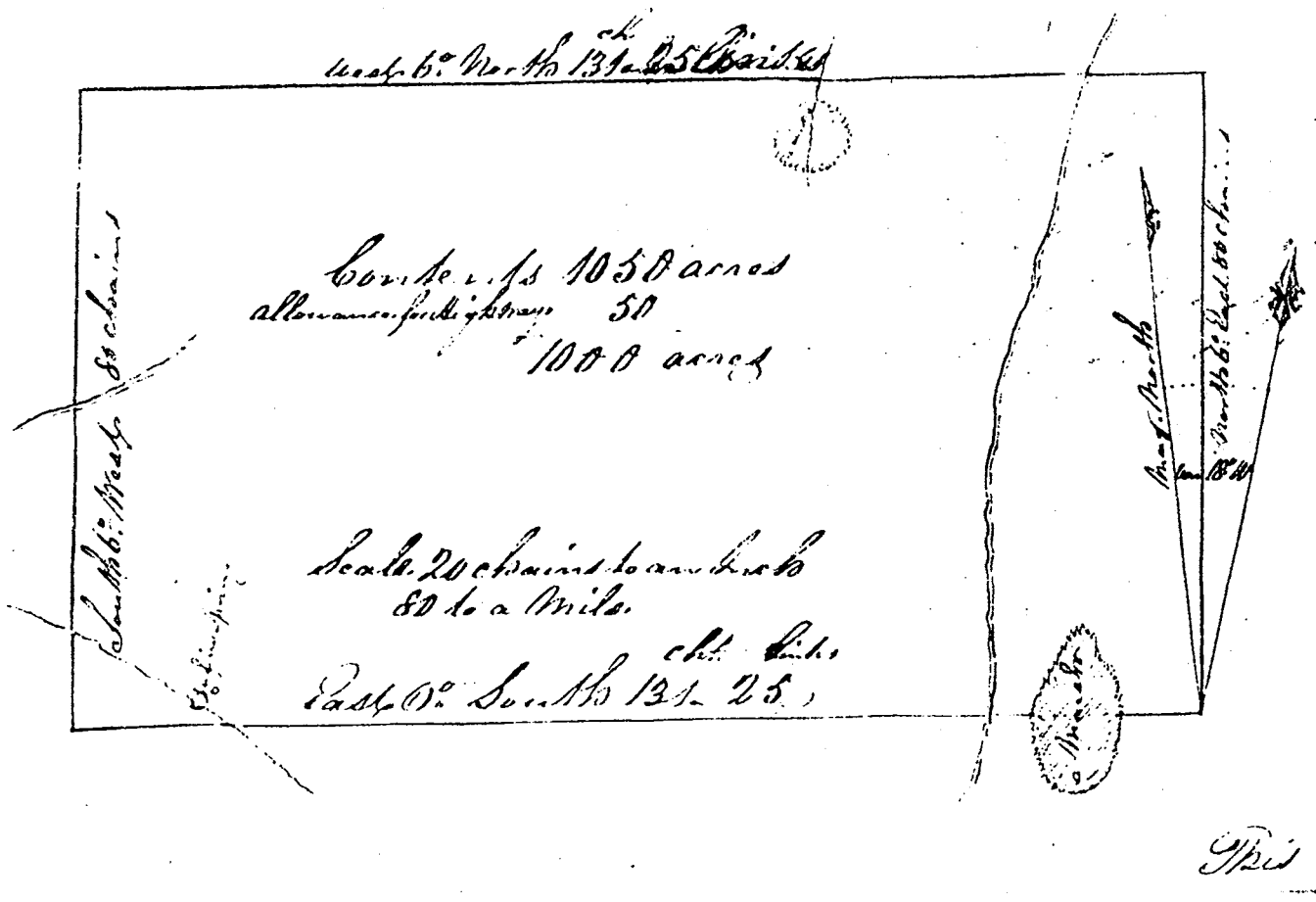
THE EXCHANGE
LOT AT PASPEBIAC

I, Alexander McNeil, Deputy Surveyor of Lands for the Province of Lower Canada, residing in the Township of Port Daniel in the aforesaid District (of Gaspé) have surveyed and laid out by actual measurement a Lot or tract of land situated and lying at the distance of Two hundred and forty chains, or three miles, North of the River of East Nouvelle in rear of the village of Paspebiac - the said distance being taken from the centre or middle of the front line of said lot or tract of land, and running South six degrees West to the said River, where it meets the prolongation of the Lateral line between Lots No. 22 and 23 in the front range of lots in Paspebiac aforesaid.

The Northern boundary of the said lot of land beginning at a square Birch tree marked and inscribed with the name CHARLES ROBIN AND CO. and running thence West six degrees North one hundred and thirty one chains and twenty-five links to a Cedar tree marked and inscribed with the name as above said, which said line is intersected at 15 chains from the first Boundary by a Brook, commonly called Ruisseau Castor, running in a South Westerly direction, and by a small Stream or Brook running in a Southerly direction into a small Lake about 4 chains South of the line, at 40 chains from the said Boundary and from the said Cedar Tree South 10 degrees West Eight chains. Which line is intersected is intersected by a Brook running in a Westerly direction at 60 chains from the said Boundary thence East six degrees South one hundred and thirty one chains and twenty five links to another Cedar tree marked and inscribed as aforesaid. This line is intersected by the said Ruisseau Castor one hundred and seven chains from the South West boundary, or twenty four chains West from the last mentioned Cedar tree and at about 15 chains from the said Cedar tree by a low marsh, about two acres

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in front along the line, thence North 6 degrees East eighty chains to the first mentioned station or Birch tree, forming a parallelogram of One Thousand superficial acres, with the usual allowance of Five per cent for highways. The above described lines being magnetical and the variation ascertained 18 degrees West, making the true bearing of the last mentioned line North 12 degrees West. The said lot of land being situated as aforesaid and bounded on the South, in front, on the North, in rear, and on the East and West by unappropriated lands of the Crown - the whole as per plan hereunto annexed...



before a Jury. And this day in the presence of William H. Murray Esq. and John Bartolomeo of Pasco and Merchants, and of Thomas Standley and William Powers who were my favor John Standley on the occasion. The above tract of land being claimed by survey of the said James Robin, Philip Robin, John Robin, Elizabeth Robin Widow of James Robin, Thomas Rippon, Francis Parvins and Philip Raouldey in the name of Eschangers for the like quantities of land being a tract belonging to them the said Claimants in the County of Clark and State of North Carolina of the River of the 'Catawba' and its Entrance of said State at the said Creek, and to be by them sold and conveyed to the said

In testimony whereof I have granted this my Process Verbal at Pasco as aforesaid this day and year above written.

Witness my hand and seal of Pasco this 20th day of June 1833.

John Standley
 Thomas Standley
 William Powers
 John Standley
 Thomas Standley
 William Powers

This is the Process Verbal and figurative plan thereto annexed of the tract or parcel of land at Pasco as aforesaid, mentioned and referred to in the deed of Surrender and Relinquishment which preceded - New Castle 20th June 1833 -

J. C. M. H. John Standley
 Wm. H. M. Sheppard