

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARTER

Inventory and disposition of estate
of the late William Carter, J.P.,
Port Daniel landholder and merchant.

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ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARTERFOREWORD

William Carter of Port Daniel has been mentioned in previous issues of "GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY". The following reference occurs in the article "MEET SOME GASPESIANS OF 150 YEARS AGO" (#067) recounting the visit of Lieutenant Frederick Henry Baddeley, Royal Engineers, to the Gaspé Coast:

" WILLIAM CARTER - Like William Cuthbert of New Richmond, William Carter of Port Daniel was ever ready to extend hospitality to the traveller along Bay Chaleur. He had settled at Port Daniel in 1824 when he purchased the unsettled tract of 550 acres of land from the family of Neil McKinnon, a Scot and veteran soldier. Carter was active as a farmer, merchant and lumber dealer. Baddeley noted that Carter obtained some 30 tons of Wild hay each year from the marshes that were part of his property. "

Other references to William Carter are to be found in the DIARIES of the Rev. George Milne, Rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Parish of New Carlisle and Rural Dean of Gaspesia. Milne knew Carter as a pillar of the Church, a Justice of the Peace, and an unfailing host to the traveller along the primitive Coast roads of that early time.

Reference to William Carter may be found also in the book, "TREASURE TROVE IN GASPE AND THE BAIE DES CHALEURS" by the New Richmond author, Margaret G. MacWhirter. Recounting the tragic wreck of the

Barque "COLBOURNE" near Port Daniel in October, 1838, Mrs. MacWhirter wrote, in part: "...Some of the crew were found in the rigging, dead. The body of Captain Hudson (British Army) was fished up from the wreck with a boat-hook, also those of two children and Mr. Walker (Royal Navy). From the tangled rigging were taken other bodies, among them being those of Captain Kent (Master of COLBOURNE) and a couple of other sailors. These bodies were taken ashore at Port Daniel to the store of Mr. William Carter, where an inquest was held.

The inventory and disposition of the estate of the late William Carter was made in accordance with his LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT made in October, 1859 and a final codicil to that WILL signed in 1862. Appraisal of the items comprising the estate was done by Messrs James Enright, Merchant, and John Walsh, Trader, both of Port Daniel. The inventory process was initiated by Mr. George Romeril, Chief Agent of Messrs Charles Robin and Co. at Paspebiac, acting as attorney of the son and daughter of William Carter, John Carter and Ann Carter Buck, both of England. The Deed was drawn up by the Notary Public, J-G. Le Bel.

The first half of the estate went to John Carter, Cabinet Maker, of London, England, and to his sister, Ann Carter, wife of James Buck, Durham County, England.

The second half of the estate, divided into four shares, went to:

1. The Widow Catherine Lauder of Port Daniel.
2. Miss Anna Lauder, Spinster, of Port Daniel.
3. Edwin E. Lawrence, son of the late Grace Lauder Lawrence.
4. Two sons and the daughter of Isabel Lauder Walker - William Allen; Robert Lauder and Isabel Mary.

Here follows the said Inventory of the moveable property and effects of the Estate and Succession of the said late William Carter.

Three cows appraised at twenty dollars each	60	00
Three ditto " eighteen dollars each	54	00
Three ditto " fourteen dollars each	42	00
One Heifer " eight dollars	8	00
One Bull " twenty two dollars	22	00
One Yearly Bull ten dollars	10	00
One Spring Calf three dollars	3	00
One old Horse " forty dollars	40	00
One Mare " sixty dollars	60	00
One Colt " ten dollars	10	00
One Mare, 6 years old One hundred dollars	100	00
Four pigs at eight dollars each	32	00
Three tons Marsh Hay at six dollars the ton	18	00
Sixteen sheep at three dollars each	48	00
Fifteen Spring lambs at one dollar fifty cents each	22	50
Three geese and seven goslings - two dollars	2	00
Sixteen hens at ten cents each	1	60
One wood plough - four dollars	4	00
Two old ditto - two dollars	2	00
Two old Harrows - one dollar	1	00
One portage sleigh - two dollars	2	00
One sleigh - three dollars	3	00
One lot of old wheels and frame of an old waggon - appraised five dollars.	5	00
One lot of old Harness, chains, traces etc - appraised four dollars.	4	00

Five old forks. One dollar	1	00
Two old strings of Bells. Fifty cents		50
One Hay Cart. Six dollars	6	00
One potato plough appraised one dollar	1	00
One pair (...?..) " two dollars	2	00
One Box Cart and wheels eight dollars	8	00
One Hand Fan twenty five cents		25
One lot of old hoes fifty cents		50
Two scythe handles fifty cents		50
Four old pots fifty cents		50
One cut cross saw one dollar	1	00
Two grindstones fifty cents		50
Thirty-two milk dishes and two crocks. two dollars +50	2	50
Two churns fifty cents		50
Four buckets at twenty five cents each	1	00
One strainer twenty five cents		25
The contents of an old store containing old iron, etc.	2	00
One coffee mill one dollar	1	00
Two old sleighs fifty cents		50

IN THE KITCHEN

Five washing tubs. One dollar and 25 cents.	1	25
Four oil lamps. One dollar	1	00
Four candle stands - two dollars	2	00
Nine tin cover dishes. Forty cents		40
Four smoothing irons. Eighty cents		80
Six chairs at ten cents each		60
One table. Fifty cents.		50
One cooking stove. Fifteen dollars	15	00

DINING ROOM

Ten common chairs appraised at thirteen cents each	1	30
Two arm chairs at twenty-five cents each		50
One (...?..) clock - fifty cents		50
One dining table appraised five dollars.	5	00
One single stove and pipes - two dollars 50 cents	2	50
One old carpet and mats - one dollar 50 cents	1	50
Four tea trays - eighty cents		80
Three pictures and frames - fifty cents		50
One table - fifty cents		50
Three side tables - five dollars	5	00

IN THE EAST ROOM

Three sets of window blinds appraised twenty five cents each		75
Six chairs and cushions. Four dollars	4	00
One arm chair. One dollar	1	00
One Rocking chair sixty cents		60
One center table Four dollars	4	00
One sofa. Four dollars	4	00
Two side tables. Five dollars	5	00
Three table covers. One dollar	1	00
One looking glass. Four dollars	4	00
One single stove and pipes. Six dollars	6	00
One floor carpet. Six dollars	6	00

EAST BED ROOM

One Bed Stand, appraised two dollars	2	00
One Bed and Bedding - twelve dollars	12	00
One Wash Stand - one dollar 50 cents	1	50
One Chamber Set- eighty cents		80

One looking glass (broken) appraised	fifty cents		50
One old table cover	fifty cents		50
One set of blinds	fifty cents		50
One floor carpet	one dollar	1	00

WEST BED ROOM

One bedstead appraised	one dollar	1	00
One bed and bedding	ten dollaws	10	00
One wash stand	seventy five cents		75
One looking glass	twenty five cents		25
One set of blinds	fifty cents		50
One deal table and cover	fifty cents		50
One chamber set	fifty cents		50

IN THE ROOMS UPSTAIRS

IN THE SERVANTS ROOM

One bed stead appraised	fifty cents		50
One bed and bedding	eight dollars	8	00
One looking glass	sixty cents		60
One chair	twenty cents		20
One table	twenty five cents		25
One washing stand	one dollar	1	00

IN THE EAST BED ROOM

One chest of drawers appraised	one dollar 50 cents	1	50
Three (...?) covers	one dollar 50 cents	1	50
One cloak	fifty cents		50
One counter weights and scales	twenty cents		20

IN THE HALL

One lot of old books