

CHURCHES--RESIDENCES/--CEMETERIES

The Gaspe Bay Mission had no church during the incumbency of the Reverend John Suddard. Services were held in homes and sheds. Rev. Suddard began a church in Gaspe Harbour on the hospital property just west of the half-way road. However, it was never completed.

GASPE BASIN

In 1828 the visiting Archdeacon of Quebec-G.J. Mountain, found there was no church in Gaspe and asked the people to help him build one. A small chapel arose where only a few days before was nothing but forest, on the the same grounds, two hundred feet to the rear of the present church. The small chapel stood bare and unpainted until 1837 when the Right Reverend G.J. Mountain, ~~making~~ making his first visit to Gaspe as Bishop, had the chapel painted and the interior decorated. He installed pews and other furnishings and consecrated the divine chapel which became St. Paul's Church-the Mother Church of Gaspe Bay.

The plot of land was donated by Mary Ann Coct, widow of Hugh O'Hara

SECOND CHURCH

St. Paul's, Gaspe Basin's second church was built on the site of the first church during the incumbancy of the Reverend John P. Richmond and opened its doors for divine worship in June 1879.

FIRST MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED

John Carter and Annabella Johnston, July 10th. 1879.

In June 1940 this church was destroyed by fire with the loss of everything.

THIRD CHURCH

St. Paul's-Gaspe Basin's third and present church was built during the incumbency of the Venerable J.W. Wayman, Archdeacon of Gaspe and opened its doors for divine worship in December 1940.

FIRST BURIAL

George Davis, December 26th. 1940.

RESIDENCE

In 1850 St. Paul's Mission, Gaspe, purchased twenty-four acres of land joining the church property from John Wilson, merchant of Gaspe, to build a parsonage.

In 1855 St. Paul's Mission, Gaspe Basin, built its first parsonage on the same grounds to the rear of the present rectory, during the incumbency of the Reverend DeLaMar e. Until this time the incumbent owned his own residence.

In 1904, St. Paul's Mission, Gaspe, built its second rectory during the incumbency of the Reverend J.W. Wayman.

CEMETERIES

There are burial grounds scattered all around the shores of the interior of the Gaspe Bay, some are in use to-day and some have long been abandoned. What is believed to be Gaspe's first burial grounds is located in front of the hospital. It dates back to the 1760's. In 1934 the Road Department was obliged to discontinue taking gravel from the pit in Gaspe Harbour because they had come in contact with the old burial ground. People of all denominations were buried there.

Another burial ground at Gaspe Basin is known as the O'Hara's graveyard. It dates back to the early 1800's and is located near Paul Coulombe's residence to the east.

In 1840, Mary Ann Coct, widow of Hugh O'Hara, donated a plot of land for St. Paul's present cemetery. She made a further donation in 1841 and still another donation in 1843.

St. Paul's Mission includes Gaspé Basin, Gaspé Harbour and L'Anse-Aux-Cousins. The Mission has been self-supporting since 1925.

LITTLE GASPE

St. Peter's--Little Gaspé Church--there have been two churches both built on the same grounds. The first church was built during the incumbency of the Reverend Wm. Arnold, second incumbent of the Mission of Gaspé, and opened its doors for divine worship in 1848.

The second and present church was built during the incumbency of Rev. G. Radley Walters, incumbent of the Mission of Mal Bay, and opened its doors for divine worship in 1888.

CEMETERY

On February 28, 1857, a plot of land at St. George's Cove was donated by Edward Perrie for a cemetery. The church grounds were donated by Thomas Nicholas Kinsela in 1846.

St. Peter's Mission includes--Grand Greve, Indian Cove, St. George's Cove and Little Gaspé.

SANDY BEACH

St. John's, Sandy Beach's first church, was built on the same grounds as the present church during the incumbency of the Reverend Wm. Arnold, second incumbent of the Mission of Gaspé, and opened its doors for divine worship in November 1850.

FIRST MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED

George Thompson and Jane Williamson--December 31, 1850.

SANDY BEACH-cont.

The plot of land for the church, the Mission's residence, and the cemetery was donated by Sarah O'Hara, wife of John Douglas Mc Connell in 1840. Work ~~was~~ began on the church in 1840 but because of the small number of people, it took ten years to complete it. Most of the material was donated.

The second church, which is the present, was built during the incumbency of the Reverend W. De Gruchy and opened its doors for divine worship in October 1914.

FIRST MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED

Clifford Mullin and Beatrice Baker on October 22, 1914.

RESIDENCE

In 1851 St. John's Mission built its first parsonage during the incumbency of the Reverend Frederick Smith, incumbent of the Mission of Mal Bay.

In 1894 St. John's Mission built its second parsonage during the incumbency of the Reverend George P. Harding. In 1952 this parsonage was demolished due to the change in mission attachment.

CEMETERY

The donation for this ^{LAND} has already been mentioned. The first ~~bur~~ Burial was in 1840.

The old Mc Rae graveyard in Haldimand dates back to the 1820's.

St. John's Mission includes Sandy Beach, Haldimand, and Douglastown. Until 1892 it included Peninsula. The Mission has been self-supporting since 1945.

WAKEHAM- cont'd

In 1929 St. James' Mission, Wakeham, purchased a plot of land for the present cemetery from Mildred Blanche Boyle. It is known as the new grave-yard. It ~~lies~~ on the hillside about quarter of a mile to the rear of the present church.

St. James' Mission includes Wakeham and York up to 1895. Since then Wakeham has always been alone. The mission has been self-supporting since 1935.

PENINSULA

St. Matthew's Peninsula first and present church was ^{built} during the incumbency of The Reverend Matthew Kerr, incumbent of the Mission of Sandy Beach, and opened its doors for divine worship in November 1876.

FIRST MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED

George Ascah and Helen M. Miller, November 7th. 1876.

The plot of land for the church and the mission's residence was donated by William Ascah in 1870.

RASIDENCE

In 1893, St. Matthew's Mission, Peninsula, built its present parsonage during the incumbency of The Reverend Henry Arthur Brooks.

CEMETERY

Richard Ascah pionner of Gaspe, donated a plot of land for St. Matthew's cemetery in the 1770's. In the late 1930's the mission purchased from Mrs. Alice Patterson (nee Ascah) a plot of land joining the old cemetery's north side.

St. Matthew's mission includes, Farewell Cove, Rose Bridge and Peninsula. The mission is supported by the Diocese.

YORK

St. Andrew's, York's first church was built in the centre of the cemetery during the incumbency of the Reverend John P. Richmond, incumbent of the Missions of Gaspé Basin and Wakeham, and opened its doors for divine worship in December 1895.

Emily Patterson of Sunny Bank was the first organist.

FIRST BURIAL

Mrs. Robert Miller (nee Jane M. Grant) September 22, 1895.

SECOND CHURCH

York's second church was built during the incumbency of the Reverend George Robins, Rev. Richard Forde, Rev. M.B. Way, and Rev. A.V. McLaren—and opened its doors for divine worship on August 19, 1929.

The church which stands to the south of the cemetery, is believed to be the largest wooden church in the Quebec Diocese.

CEMETERY

The plot of land for St. Andrew's cemetery and first church was donated by Charles Grant in 1893 and was consecrated on July 18, of the same year by the Reverend Andrew H. Dunn, Bishop of Quebec. In 1922 a further donation was made by the Junior Guild, joining the old cemetery at the south side. In 1936 a donation was made by Robert Palmer and Russell Coffin. This strip of land is from the church to the highway on the east side of the brook. In 1956 the Mission purchased from Leslie Miller the fourth plot of land joining the old and new cemeteries.

St. Andrew's Mission includes Sunny Bank, Brassé, and York Centre and has been self-supporting since 1953.

THE MISSIONS' ATTACHMENTS

- I823- St. Paul's Mission included the interior of the Gaspe Bay wrth an incumbent in charge.-Residence in Gaspe.
- I848-I893 St. Peter's Mission, Little Gaspe, attached to St. Peter's Mission, Mal Bay, with an incumbent in charge.Res.-Mal Bay.
- I850-I858 St. John's Mission, Sandy Beach, attached to the missions Little Gaspe and Mal Bay.
- I852-I945 St. James Mission, Wakeham, attached to the Mission of Gaspe Basin.
- I858- Incumbent for the Mission of Sandy Beach.Res. Sandy Beach.
- I872-I873 St. M₂tthew's Mission, Peninsula, attached to the Mission of Little Gaspe and Mal Bay.
- I873-I893 St. Matthew's Mission, Peninsula, attached to the Mission of Sandy Beach.
- I893- Incumbent for the Mission of St. M^atthew's, Peninsula. Residence-Peninsula.
- I893- St. Peter's, Little Gaspe, attached to the Mission of Peninsula.
- I895-I897 St. Andrew's Mission, York, attached to the Mission// of Gaspe Basin and Wakeham.
- I897-I945 St. Andrew's Mission, York, attached to the Mission of Sandy Beach.
- I945- St. John's Mission, Sandy Beach, attached to Gaspe Basin Mission
- I945- St. Andrew's , York, attached to the Mission of Wakeham.

GASPE MISSIONARIES

The Gaspe Missionary covered the whole of the Gaspe Peninsula.

Missionary Incumbents

I819-I826 Rev. J. Knagg (first) Res. New Carlisle
I826-I828 Rev. Wm. Arnold(second) Res. New Carlisle

Incumbents in charge of the Missions of Gaspe Bay I823-I958.

St. Paul's Gaspe Basin

I823-I828 Rev. John Suddard (St. Paul's first)

I794--Born in England--Res. York (Gaspe) Died in Kingston, Ont.

I826- I828 Rev. G.Mountain D.D., Archdeacon of Quebec visited Gaspe.

I828-I839 Rev. Wm. Arnold (St.Paul's second)-Born December 25,

I804 at Black Rock near Dublin, Ireland. Ordained priest
in the church of God by the Lord Bishop of Quebec,

Jacob Mountain, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity

Quebec City.Died Thursday, May 25, I857, at Gaspe Basin

in his 53rd. year and the 31st. of his ministry. Buried
~~in the~~ in the St. James Cemetery, Wakeham.

I829- Rev. A. Norman visited Gaspe.

I839-I84I Rev, Edward Cuisack (St. Paul's third)

I84I-I85I Rev. Wm. Arnold (second incumbency)

St. James' Attached to St. Paul's

I852- I854 Rev.F. DeLaMare-Born in Jersey.(St. Paul's fourth,
St. James' (first).

I854-I855 Rev. Wm. Arnold's (~~second~~ third incumbency),(St. James' second)

I855-I862 Rev.F. DeLaMare (second incumbency)

I862-I867 Rev. Matthew Ker (St. Paul's Fifth, St. James' third)

I867-I902 Rev. John P. Richmond (St Paul's sixth, St. James fourth)
Born in England in I840. Died Wednesday, December IO,I902,

Rev. J.P. Richmond (cont)

at Gaspé Basin in his 63rd. year. Buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Gaspé.

- I902- I903 Rev. David Horner-incumbent of Sandy Beach Mission cared for the vacant missions.
- I903- I904 Rev. Wm. Barton--Born in England.(St. Paul's seventh, St. James' fifth).
- I904- I916 Rev. J.W. Wayman.Born in England in 1873.(St. Paul's eighth, St. James sixth).
- I916-I919-- Appointed Chaplain in the armed forces with the rank of Major. Appointed Archdeacon of Gaspé in 1937.Died Friday, March 2, 1945 at Gaspé in his 73rd. year--and 51st. of his ministry. Buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Gaspé.
- I916- I919 Rev. Henry Montgomery. Born in England. (St. Paul's ninth, St. James seventh).
- I919-I945 Rev. Wm. Wayman's second incumbency.
- I945- March-August-Rev. Reginald Turpin, incumbent of Peninsula Mission cared for the vacant missions.

ST. JOHN'S ATTACHED TO ST. PAUL'S

- I945-I946 Rev. Guy Marston (St. Paul's tenth, St. John's eighteenth)
- I946- I952 Rev. Ernest Reed-Archdeacon of Gaspé.(St.Paul's eleventh, St.John(s nineteenth)
- I952-I957 Rev. T.J. Matthews-Archdeacon of Gaspé. St. Paul's twelfth St. John's twentieth)
- I957-- Rev. John Comfort-Archdeacon of Gaspé (St. Paul's thirteenth, St. John's second incumbency)

ST. JOHN'S SANDY BEACH

- 1850 - 1858 Rev. Frederick Smith (St. John's first)
- 1858 - 1862 Rev. Matthew Ker (St. John's second)
- 1862 - 1867 Rev. Frederick Smith (second incumbency)
- 1867 St. Matthew's ^{peninsula} attached to St. John's.
- 1867 - 1882 Rev. Matthew Ker (second in cumbency, St. Matthew's first)
- 1882 - 1884 Rev, John P. Richmond (St. John's third, St. Matthew's second).
- 1884 - 1886 Rev. William Forsythe (St. John's fourth, St. Matthew's third)
- 1886 - 1887 Rev. James Eames (St. John's fifth, St. Matthew's fourth)
- 1895 - 1897 Rev. John P. Richmond incumbent of the missions of Gaspe and Wakeham was also incumbent of York. (St. Andrew's first)
- 1897 St. Andrew's attached to St. John's
- 1897 - 1898 Rev. George P. Harding (St. John's and St. Matthew's fifth, St. Andrew's second.)
- 1898 - 1910 Rev. David Horner (St. John's seventh, St. Andrew's third)
- 1910 - 1912 Rev. A. R. Warner. Dorn in England (St. Andrew's fourth, St. John's eighth)
- 1912 - 1923 Rev. Wm. De Gruchy. Born in Newfoundland. (St. John's ninth, St. Andrew's fifth)
- 1923 - 1927 Rev. George Robins. Born in Newfoundland. (St. John's tenth, St. Andrew's sixth)
- 1928 - Rev. Richard A. Forde. Born in England. (St. John's eleventh, St. Andrew's seventh)
- 1928 - 1929 Rev. M. B. Way. St. John's twelfth, St. Andrew's eighth). Born in Newfoundland in 1896. Died January 11th. 1929, at Sandy Beach in his thirty third year, and eleventh of his ministry. Buried in St. John's cemetery, Sandy Beach, on the eighteenth of the same month in a seven foot square grave with his wife and infant daughter. Mrs. Way died on the fifteenth and daughter on the fourteenth.
- 1929 - 1935 Rev. A. T. McLaren (St. John's thirteenth, St. Andrew's ninth)
- 1935 - 1936 Rev. W. Lack. Born in England (St. John's fourteenth, St. Andrew's tenth) Res. in Sandy Beach during his incumbency.

Sandy Beach Cont'd.

- 1936 - 1941 Rev. John Comfort. Born in England. (St. John's fifteenth, St. Andrew's eleventh)
- 1941 - Rev. Norman Filcher. Born in England. St. John's sixteenth, St. Andrew's twelfth)
- 1941 - 1942 Rev. Claude Brett-Perring. Born in England. (St. John's seventh, St. Andrew's thirteenth)
- 1942 - 1945 Rev. Guy Harston. Born in Ontario. (St. John's eighteenth, St. Andrew's fourteenth)

WARRHAM

St. Andrew's attached to Lt. James.

- 1945 - 1952 Rev. Sydney Meade. Born at Coaticook, Que. (St. James eighth, St. Andrew's fifteenth)
- 1952 - 1955 Rev. Brian Whitlow. Born in England, (St. James ninth, St. Andrew's sixteenth)
- 1955 - Rev. W. H. M. Church (St. James tenth, St. Andrew's seventh)

ST. MATTHEW'S PENINSULA

and

ST. PETER'S LITTLE GASPE

- 1893 - 1899 Rev. Henry Arthur Brooks. (St. Matthew's sixth)
- 1899-- Rev. Norman M. Boyce, incumbent of the mission of Mal Bay cared for Mission.
- 1899 - Rev. George F. Harding, incumbent of the Mission of Sandy Beach, cared for the mission.
- 1899 - 1904 Rev. Arthur Button (seventh)
- 1904 - 1908 Rev. F. G. Le Gallie (eighth)
- 1908 - 1910 Rev. P. R. Roy (ninth)
- 1910 - 1916 Rev. David Horner (tenth)
- 1916 - 1927 Rev. A. R. Warner (eleventh)
- 1927 - 1930 Rev. Oscar Berry (twelfth)
- 1930 - 1937 Rev. E. Hart (thirteenth)

PENINSULA (cont'd)

1930 - 1932 Rev. F. B. Cooke (fourteenth)
1932 - 1934 Rev. E. C. Ward (fifteenth)
1934 - 1935 Rev. A. R. Warner (second incumbency)
1935 - 1940 Rev. Aubrey E. W. Godwin (sixteenth)
1940 - 1942 Rev. Arthur R. Perkins (seventeenth)
1942 - 1944 Rev. C. S. Brett Perring (eighteenth)
1944 - 1945 Rev. Reginald M. Turpin (nineteenth)
1945 - 1947 Rev. H. S. B. Harper (twentieth)
1947 - 1952 Rev. C. S. Brett Perring ((second-incumbency)
1952 - 1955 Rev. Gerald L. Norris (twenty - first)
1955 - Rev. R. A. Carson (rtwenty - second)