

Acknowledgements

My earliest recollection of interest in history is sitting on my great uncle's knee listening to his stories of the past. My father was raised by his Aunt Emily (Patterson) and Uncle Henry Falle, and we continued to live with them until they passed away. My mother, Bessie (Miller) Patterson, also spent many hours telling me stories of the past. In fact, I still marvel at her amazing memory when we discuss days gone by.

Elderly people have always impressed me with their memories and wisdom built upon years of experience. I can remember visiting my grandparents in Montreal and having stories told to me, especially about their life in Gaspé.

At about the age of 12 my true interest in genealogy emerged. As Paulette Eden will recall, I spent many hours sifting through the manuscript left by Raymond Patterson, her uncle. His work was never published, and according to some historians, has numerous errors, but he has won my greatest respect for the work he did during his stay in the Ross Sanatorium in the 1950's. He spent seven years collecting all the information he could about Gaspé's past and recording it. He was not a well

educated man, and depended on whatever facts were related to him over the telephone, and during his frequent visits to local elders. His book provided a framework for me, though I have added considerably, and made every possible effort to correct dates and verify the history of Sunny Bank with other documentation.

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