

ARNOLD'SARNOLD'S NATIONALITY- IRISH

However their ancestors came from Germany and their original name was "ARNOTT"

The first members of the Arnold family to settle in Canada was Rev. William Arnold, his parents, his sisters and ~~his~~ brothers; all came from Ireland. The date of their arrival in Canada is not known. All the family except Rev. Arnold, who went to Quebec City, settled in Upper Canada; his parents and his sisters in a place called Wellington Square near Hamilton, a brother Richard in Toronto and a brother Thomas in St Catherine who later went to Australia.

Rev. Arnold arrived in Gaspé Basin in 1828, upon his arrival the Government granted him a lot of land, from what is known to-day as Whillet Street, to the midway mark in the property of the Missionary Sisters order of the Oblates of Marie. He later brought the remainder of the point, it was in his honour that the point was named Arnold's Bluff.

Rev. Arnold was the only clergymen in charge of a mission in Gaspé ever to build and own his home. His home was very large and modern, built of stone, the only one of its kind in Gaspé at that time.

He received his salary from a Gosple Socceity in London , England, his wife received a penison, also his children until they were twenty-one, from the same source.

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His mission was a hard one and very large. It covered all the territory from Gaspé Basin to Grande Greve on the north, and from Gaspé Basin to Barachois on the south. To-day the same mission is divided into nine Parishes, with a Archdeacon, a Canon and two Minsters in charge.

Rev. Arnold traveled his mission by boat, on horse-back and foot in summer, and mostly by foot on snow-shoes in winter.

In the spring of 1857 after returning from a long hard journey, he developed a heavy cold and died five weeks later. During his short illness, people from all over his mission came to visit him, even the Indians came and camped on his grounds to pay tribute to one they all loved.

After Rev. Arnold's Death his property was sold to the Short's, later it changed hands to Dr. Peabody of U.S.A and again later it changed hands to the Joplings; while the property was in hands of the Joplings, Rev. Arnold's old home, that was cherished greatly, was destroyed by fire. The Joplings rebuilt the home on the same site. To-day the property is occupied by the Missionary Sisters order of Oblates of Marie; two years ago the old home was demolished and replaced by a convent.

First Generation

Family of Father and Mother Names unknown

Children

Daughter's name unknown

Richard - Records unknown

Thomas - Records unknown

William Born 1804 Married

Res. at Black Rock near Dublin , Ireland

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