

BECHERVAISE'S

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Colidus of St. Laurent the first member of the Bechervaise family to appear in Jersey has been traced back generation to generation to the year 1331.

Around 1818 three Bechervaise brothers left their native home, one went to England, one to Australia and Philip a boat builder came to the Gaspe Coast and worked boat building for Charles Robin and Co. at Paspébiac for a few years. In 1822 he arrived in Gaspe and settled in Wakeham on Lot no. 12 land he bought from Francois Vallee. His old homestead that he built stood for over a hundred years just west of Melvin Bechervaise's home, being demolished only a few years ago, William Bechervaise a grand son of Philip resides on his property today.

The Bechervaise family is divided into four sections and are separated by letters from A to D.

Section "A"

Section "A" includes the records of first generation, second generation and Christianna of the third generation.

First Generation

Philip Born 1759 married 1786 Died 1794 age 35
Wife Marie Gasnier of Jersey Born --- Died ---
Children Philip Samuel Born 1787 married
Res. at Jersey

Second Generation

Family of Philip Samuel Born 1787 married 1825 Died 1878 age 91
Wife Margaret Julia Coffin of L'Anse aux Cousins Born 1808 Died 1878 age 70

Children

Philip Samuel Born 1825 Married see Section "B"
Benjamin Born 1827 Married see Section "C"
Margaret Julia Born 1829 See Felix Coffin Wakeham