

A D M I R A L C O F F I N

Sir Isaac Coffin was a younger son of Nathniel Coffin of Boston, a brother to General John Coffin who settled in New Brunswick and first cousin to Abraham Coffin who settled in L'Anse-aux-Cousins. He was born in 1760, he entered the Royal Navy in 1773. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1778, was appointed second lieutenant of the Adamant in 1779 and in 1781 was on board the "Royal Oak", engaged in a very severe action with the French fleet, under M. DeTernay. In 1782 he took command of the Avenger and in April of the same year he was present as a volunteer under Admiral Hood in the engagement between Rodney and DeGrasse. In 1786 he was appointed to the "Thisbe" frigate, and brought Lord Dorchester and his family to Quebec. In 1793 at outbreak of the French war, he was appointed in command of the Melampus and was actively employed in the channel and among the channel islands. In 1795 he was patented with a grant of the Magdalen Islands, also in 1795 he was sent to Corsicia as one of his Majesty's commissioners of the Royal Navy. In 1804 he was promoted to the rank of a rear admiral and was appointed second in command at Portsmouth. In 1814 he was advanced to the rank of admiral. As a reward for long and meritorious service he was made baronet, May 19, 1804.

Sir Isaac was a member of Parliament for a number of years. He was a personal friend of William IV. In 1821 the government appointed Sheriff to protect his land, the Magdalen Islands and other grants of land on the Gaspe Coast between Paspebiac and Nouvelle Riviere. He visited his native home many times. He married Elizabeth Greenly of England. He died in 1838 at Cheltenham, England.

Sale of the Magdalens on January 12, 1903. C. Tarte, N.P. of Sutton, drew a deed conveying the Magdalen Islands from John Tristram Coffin to a syndicate of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia capitalists.

The price paid was \$70,000 for the islands and \$32,000 for mining rights, The Magdalen Islands were granted over a century ago to Admiral Coffin. At his death he left the Islands to his Nephew, Captain John Townsend Coffin, an officer in the Royal Navy. He too became an Admiral.

Section "A"

First Generation

Coffin family is divided into nine sections and is separated by letters from "A" to "I".

Section "A"

Section "A" includes the records of first generation, second generation, third generation and ~~Sophia~~ Hannah of the third generation.

Benjamin, wife Iedidah (family name unknown)

Children - Abraham, born 1750, married

Res. at Nantucket, Mass.

Second Generation

Family of

Abraham, born 1750, married 1779, died 1816, age 66.
wife Hannah Ascah of Peninsula, born 1763.

Children

- Benjamin - ^{Patterson}Christianna_x Born - 1780 married, see section "A"
- Elizabeth Born - 1782 see Nicholas Mullin, Peninsula
- Rheuban Born - 1785 died 1792, age 7
- Frederick Born - 1787 single, died 1856, age 69
- Abraham Born - 1789 married, see section "E"
- Philip Born - 1792 married, see section "I"
- Sophia Born - 1797 see Richard Annett, Wakeham
- Sarah Hannah Born - 1798 see Benjamin Patterson, Wakeham

Res. at L'Anse-aux-Cousins