

Pattersons - Pioneer

Patterson's Nationality -- Scotch

John Patterson, the pioneer of the York River, was one of the first settlers of Gaspé under British Rule. He was a lieutenant in Wolfe's Army and took part in the capture of Louisbourg, Gaspé and Quebec. After the siege of Quebec he went to Halifax where it is believed he was married. His wife's maiden name or nationality is not known.

In 1764, John and his wife arrived at the mouth of the Gaspé Bay and landed at Grand Greve. After looking the place over, they found the place was not for them. It was too hilly and he did not like fishing. As they had permission to settle anywhere they wished in Gaspé they sailed on up the Bay into the York River and came to a halt at the mouth of the Little River four acres above the York Bridge. There the same year he was granted 400 acres land for his war services Lots no. 20 and 21. In the interval, on the properties that belong to William Eagle and Elmer Patterson to day, they built themselves a log home, their nearest neighbour being Richard Ascah at Peninsula Point.

They had two children, Peter and John. Peter married Martha Ascah of Peninsula and always lived in Sunny Bank, John married Margaret Ascah (Martha's sister). They moved to Perce, he fished and served in the navy. His wife died in the early 1790's and he married Margaret McPherson of Douglstown. In 1799, he purchased from John Knock Lot no. 23 at Wakeham, about 450 acres of land, and built a home on the site of the home of Carleton Patterson, a great, great, grand-son of John's.

The Patterson family is divided into 16 sections and is separated by letters from "A" to "P".

Christiana	Born 1811	Single Died 1877 age 62
James	Born 1815	Single Died 1882 age 65
Thomas	Born 1815	Single Died 1882 age 65