

## **A brief history concerning St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery, Newport**

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Newport was always of special interest to me because it is where judge Samuel James Le Marquand's two brothers, MM Ernest Philip and Elias John Le Marquand had their shop. Judge Francis Vibert Le Feuvre, was their attorney in Jersey, and I would often encounter their names in his books during the time I was his secretary while he was constable of St Peter's. Their shop is managed by French Canadians, now.

The nice little Anglican church of St Peter's in Newport is now closed and abandoned. It was a sad sight, on my visit. I asked two or three people if they knew who had the key, but nobody knew. There are no Anglican or protestant families around to keep it in good repair. Two or three window-panes were broken in the stained-glass windows, the building was in dire need of a good coat of paint and the cemetery looked neglected.

A quick look at the graves is enough to demonstrate that MM Ernest Philip and Elias John Le Marquand were pillars of the church. Theirs are the first graves visible. They both passed away at the age of 63. It seems to me to be young to die, but that may be because I myself am 10 years older! Elias John, born in Jersey in 1855, died in 1918. His wife, Malilda Blampied, who died in 1931, was born in 1859. Their oldest son, Elias Percival, died in 1888 at the age of 5 months, and is buried in the St Peter's Church cemetery, in Paspébiac, which makes me think that the two Le Marquand brothers started their career working for the Robins before striking out, on their own, in Newport. Two more of their children, Lewis Elias, who died, in 1899, 16 months old, and Hazel 1902-1903, are buried here. Two more sons, Adolphus Stanley, 1889-1890, and Clarence, 1894-1895, are buried in the St James Church cemetery in Port-Daniel. As I have already mentioned, their daughter Irene (1900-1953), wife of Reginald Tuzo is buried in the St Paul Church cemetery, in Percé.

Ernest Philip Le Marquand, born in Jersey in 1862, died in 1925. I think that his wife is still living, but I don't have the honour of being acquainted. The eldest of their sons, Ernest John, 1892-1955, and his wife, Margaret Myrtle MacPherson, 1895-1935, are buried the St Andrew United Church of Canada cemetery, in Port-Daniel. Three more of their sons, Gordon (husband of Mary Huntington), who died in 1964, at the age of 66 years and 6 months, Jeffrey, 1906-1943, and Victor Samuel, who died in 1911 (his age is not mentioned on the tombstone), are buried here in Newport.

Edgar Le Marquand, son of Elias John, has two children buried here also: Edgar Gerald 1917-1918, Lorne Nelson, 1918-1918. On another tombstone, there is the name of Ida Leola Maret, a granddaughter of Elias John. She was daughter to Charles Maret and Ida Le Marquand, daughter of Elias John, and she died in 1918 at the age of 3 months. I think Mr Maret and his

wife now live in the United States, in Dover, New Hampshire. Maud, another of Elias John's daughters, is wife to Harold Le Gresley (grandson of captain "Black Jack") who resides in Gaspé.

The only grave in this little cemetery that does not commemorate a member of the Le Marquand family, is that of Jerseyborn P.J. Vincent, who died here, in 1913, at 18 years of age. He probably worked in Elias John and Ernest Philip Le Marquand's shop. Their brother, Judge Samuel James, had also left Jersey at a young age. I don't know if he started his career in Gaspésie, but by the time he returned to Jersey, he had made his fortune in New York, where he had become one of the VIPs of the "Pullman Company", the American Sleeping-Car Company.

I could not leave this little cemetery without thinking that I was leaving a little bit of Jersey behind, but that can probably be said of most of the Anglican or protestant cemetery in the Gaspé Peninsula.