

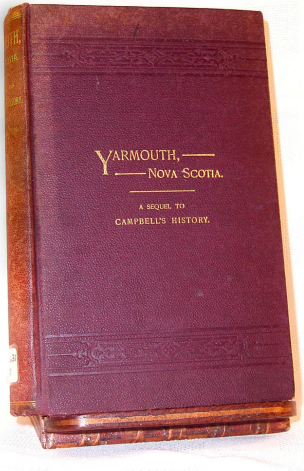
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PREFACE.

THERE is extant a copy of "A History of the County of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, by the Rev. J. R. Campbell," published in 1876, where, beneath the printed testimonial preceding its titlepage, occur these words over the date of Sept. 2, 1885: "When this book was first offered to the public, I somewhat hastily passed over its pages; and then, and at other times since, it seemed to me strange that so many inaccuracies should have escaped the critical notice of the gentlemen whose names are attached to the above testimonial. But having more carefully examined the book within the past week, I have taken the liberty of making some marginal notes where it seemed to be of some importance that the errors in the text should be corrected."

A few months afterward, a second examination of the book led to additional notes, which at length extended so far beyond the capacity of the margins of its pages and other blank spaces as to reach a volume nearly as large as the contents of the book they were reviewing; and toward the end of December, 1885, the Author concluded that it was his duty in some measure to repair the errors of omission and commission to which his notes referred, by the publication of this book.

Upon reviewing his own pages, the Author is fully conscious, that, where the material is so ample, a satisfactory history of Yarmouth County has yet to be written ; but he hopes that here may be found some contributions to that completer work which there have been lately some pleasing indications the future has in store.

GEORGE S. BROWN.

Nov. 20, 1886.

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The "Record of the Shipping of Yarmouth," also published in 1876, gives upon the lists of vessels owned at the port in 1812-1815 the names of 22 prizes, 1,851 tons, not all, however, captured by Yarmouth privateers. The total shipping of the port in 1815 is stated at 49 vessels, 2,441 tons. The same book gives the names and tonnage of Yarmouth vessels captured by American privateers in 1812, 1813, and 1814. These were nine vessels, 807 tons. No matter what the disparity in the numbers or tonnage of the prizes, the war of 1812 could not have been otherwise than disastrous to the commerce of the port. No nation or community ever yet prospered through the seizure in time of war of private property, either by land or sea.¹

PAGE 134. — "The names of Robbins, Lovitt, Baker, Ryerson, Moses, Killam, Dennis & Doane, Goudey, Moody, and very many others, tell us of the successful extension of our foreign shipping interests. But to none of them . . . belongs the honor of having, so to speak, *originated the foreign trade of the port*. That honor belongs to a man whose name does not appear in our lists, — Anthony Landers, a native of Sunderland, England, whose spirited and extensive operations in shipbuilding merited a more successful issue."

No one should publish a list of the names of men foremost in developing the shipping industry of Yarmouth, and omit those of Marshall, Gardner, Tooker, Barnard, Cann, Clements, Flint, Durkee, Kelley, Rogers, Haley, Hilton, Scott, or Allen; for either of them deserves as prominent a place as those Mr. Campbell mentions, and they are the men with the Lovitts, Killams, Moodys, and Dennises who really originated and successfully developed "the foreign trade of the port." Not a single name on either list deserves more honorable mention than the name of Gardner; for the men of that family not only were themselves the enterprising owners of vessels engaged in foreign trade during the first twenty years of the present century, but from the beginning of the century until shipbuilding fell among the "lost arts" in Yarmouth County, they were known as the builders of many of the largest and finest vessels built for themselves, or, in later years, for other leading ship-owners. Perhaps it may not be far out of the way to say that the number, if not the aggregate tonnage, of the vessels built in

¹ Appendix E.

The Algonquins were subdivided into four nations, one of which, the *Abnakis*, occupied the Atlantic coast as far west as the Kennebec ; and the branch of this nation called the *Souriquois*, or *Micmac*, occupied the south-eastern and eastern shores of New Brunswick, the whole of Nova Scotia, and the coasts as far north as the St. Lawrence, as well as the adjacent islands.

The title, *Micmac*, was applied to the Souriquois by the French on account of the professed occult powers of their numerous and famous *medicine-men*. *Abnaki*, sometimes spelled *Abanaqui*, or *Wabanaki*, means *our ancestors*, or *our ancestors of the East*; and the title was given to that people by the *other tribes*, and not by themselves. It is said they bear marks of an original people, in name, manners, and language, and show a civilization which must be the effects of antiquity and a past flourishing age. An early missionary says, "They claim to have been created where they were, and that the Great Spirit, having made them and their land as a masterpiece, made the rest carelessly." The entire Algonquin family called the inhabitants east of the Kennebec *our ancestors of the East*.

An anonymous writer, in 1787, on "The Present State of Nova Scotia," quotes a remark of the Indians to the French in their first efforts to colonize the province: "Our fathers lie buried here: shall we say to the bones of our fathers, Arise, and go with us into a foreign land?"

He thus speaks of the Indians of Nova Scotia: "A small dose of liquor never satisfies them. They drink it unmixed until they can drink no more. Their language is exceedingly expressive, and contains few words, arising from a quick and lively sensation of visible objects, which prompts them to express, as it were in a moment, ideas that would take time and reflection in us to paint to the life; whilst their surprise or indignation gives birth to thoughts or expressions, warm, astonishing, and sublime, a thousand examples of which might be given by persons acquainted with their dialect.

"They believe all men equal. Their principal abhorrence of a civilized way of life seems to arise from what they observe among people who style *them* barbarians, whose corruptions and false ideas of things they affect *to* despise, and none more so than the respect paid to riches,

CHAPTER XI.

Early Settlers of Yarmouth Township.—French and English Family Names 1761-1886.
 — Real-estate Owners of Yarmouth County: Thirty-nine French, Six Hundred and Fifty English, Names.—Argyle Township compared with Yarmouth for Purposes of Settlement.

THIS chapter begins with a list, copied chiefly from Campbell's History, of the early settlers of Yarmouth Township previous to 1800, with the year of arrival and their former residence. There are many omissions in Campbell's table, some of which are here supplied.

1761.

Beal, Josiah . . . Plymouth, Mass.
 Crosby, Jonathan . Saybrook, Conn.
 Eldridge, Elishama, Barnstable, Mass.
 Ellis, Ebenezer . . Sandwich, Mass.
 Landers, Sealed. . Sandwich, Mass.
 Perry, Moses . . . Sandwich, Mass.

1762.

Bain, Alexander . . Scotland.
 Barnes, Seth . . . Plymouth, Mass.
 Butler, Eleazar . . Saybrook, Conn.
 Cain, James . . . Massachusetts.
 Churchill, Lemuel . Plymouth, Mass.
 Coffran, William . Marblehead, Mass.
 Cook, Ephraim.
 Crawley, John . . Marblehead, Mass.
 Darling, Benjamin . Marblehead, Mass.
 Durkee, Phineas . Saybrook, Conn.
 Gowen, Patrick . . Portsmouth, N.H.
 Haley, Ebenezer . Marblehead, Mass.
 Holmes, Peleg . . Plymouth, Mass.
 MacKinnon, John . Isle of Skye.
 Nickerson, Nathan . Barnstable, Mass.

Pitman, Joseph . . Beverly, Mass.
 Richardson, John . Windham, Conn.
 Ring, George . . Kingston, Mass.
 Robbins, Benjamin, Plympton, Mass.
 Robbins, James . . Plympton, Mass.
 Robinson, Jabez . Martha's Vineyard.
 Rogers, Cornelius . Kingston, Mass.
 Saunders, Joseph . Salem, Mass.
 Tinkham, Edward . Kingston, Mass.
 Utley, Jonathan . . Hampton, Conn.

1763.

Baker, Jonathan . Marblehead, Mass.
 Brown, Benjamin . Beverly, Mass.
 Crosby, Edward . Beverly, Mass.
 Harris, David . . Beverly, Mass.
 Harris, Samuel . . Beverly, Mass.
 Haskell, Robert . Beverly, Mass.
 Haskell, William . Beverly, Mass.
 Hersey, David . . Plymouth, Mass.
 Hibbard, Eleazar . Saybrook, Conn.
 Horton, Levi . . . Saybrook, Conn.
 Scott, David . . . Fitchburg, Mass.
 Scott, Moses . . . Fitchburg, Mass.

Samuel Marshall	3
John and James Durkee	1
Israel Horton	1
Bartlett and Reuben Gardner	1
Lemuel and Maurice Hobbs	1
William Larkin	1
Solomon Ryder	1
Waitstill and Benjamin Lewis	1
Edward, Thomas, and Ichabod Crosby	2
John, Nathan, and Thomas Kinney	2
Theophilus Crosby	1
John and Joseph Larkin	1
Silas Clements and Horace Baker	1
Comfort, Oliver, and Jeremiah Haley	1
Joseph Ellis, Elkanah and Reuben Clements	2
Paul, Benjamin, and Hilaire D'Entremont	2
Ebenezer Ricker, and Joseph and William Abbott	1
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We find Samuel Marshall in 1801 the owner of two other new vessels of forty-five and thirty-five tons respectively. Samuel Marshall, then, was the leading ship-owner of Yarmouth, up to the year 1810. He was also the leading merchant. He owned the property and built the house on Argyle Street, afterward occupied in succession by Rev. Thomas A. Grantham, Robert D. Butler, William Kinney, George Stairs Brown, Rev. George Christie, and now by Charles R. Kelley. He built, and conducted his business at, "Marshall's Wharf," which, with the connecting premises, is thus described in a letter written soon after Mr. Marshall's death, about 1814:—

"Mr. Marshall had it built purposely for the convenience of the fish-trade. It consists of a wharf situated in a central part of the harbor, which renders the stand for business very advantageous, as craft can come directly alongside, discharge and take in what may be wanted without the trouble of trucking. For customers by land, no place could be more agreeable; it being situated just below the main road leading through Yarmouth, and about midway between two cross-roads, the first leading to Tusket Village, and the second to the Cove and Chebogue River. At the head of the wharf lies the hulk of a large timber-ship which breaks off the wind and sea from vessels lying at the wharf in stormy weather; and at the upper end of the wharf stands, partly off and partly on the earth, a neat, comfortable dwelling-house with a large cellar under the whole of it, and at the east corner of the house a large

JOSEPH TOOKER, son of Charles 2d, married MARY OGDEN, and had six children, — JACOB 2d, Mary, Joseph 2d, Charles, John, and Abner. Mary married the only son of Gen. Hurd, and went to England; but after some years they returned, and settled at Goshen, N.Y. Joseph Tooker 2d had one son, Joseph P., who was a flour-merchant in New York, and died there in 1839.

JACOB TOOKER 2d was born in 1740. He married MARGERY, the great-great-granddaughter of Matthias Hatfield. In the fall of 1783, Mr. Tooker, with his family, came from Elizabeth Town to Shelburne, removing to Tusket the next spring, where he lived a few years, engaged in farming and ship-building, and then came to Yarmouth, where he died in 1827. Jacob Tooker and his son-in-law, Dennis Van Toyle, were the first English settlers at Tusket, where they built for themselves houses during the summer of 1784.

In 1695, Isaac, Cornelius, and Abraham Hatfield, sons of Matthias, were admitted Associates in the land-grant of Elizabeth Town. Elder Isaac Hatfield, son of Isaac, was in 1772 trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1749, Hon. Abraham Clark, high sheriff of Essex County, married Sarah, eldest daughter of Isaac Hatfield. Mr. Clark was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was member of Congress, 1776-1778 and 1780-1788. He died in 1794, aged sixty-eight. The Chevalier Jouét, of an old Huguenot family of New Jersey, married another daughter of Isaac Hatfield.

In 1699, Cornelius and Abraham Hatfield, and sixty-three others of Elizabeth Town, petitioned the king to be placed under the civil government of New York. In the same year, Cornelius was appointed one of a committee of six to survey and divide all the lands among the parties interested.

In 1740, Cornelius Hatfield was appointed overseer of the poor, and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1755 he was a witness to the will of Gov. Belcher, who died in 1757. In 1752, Cornelius Hatfield advertised for sale "a likely parcel of negro boys and girls, twelve to twenty years of age." In 1762 he offered to lease "his dwelling-house at Elizabeth Town, two stories, six rooms on each floor, seven fireplaces, good cellar, large kitchen, good garden and young orchard, with six acres of land. The whole very pleasantly situated in

RANALD MACKINNON, *continued.*

1789. Archibald MacArthur, m. Mary Snyder of Shelburne.

1792. Robert Colin, m. Rhoda Kenney of Barrington.

JOHN MACKINNON, s. Ranald, m $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ELIZABETH FROST.} \\ 2. \text{MARTHA CHANDLER.} \end{array} \right.$

Issue: Mary Fletcher, died æt. 15.

Eleanor Jane, m. Jacob Hatfield, s. Jacob Lyon.

Elizabeth, m. Eleazer Crocker.

Anne, m. Henry Wyman, s. James.

John, m. Abigail F. Oxtou, d. William of Newburyport, Mass.

Richard Fletcher, m. Mary MacDonnell of Prince Edward Island.

Henry, m. Martha A. Spates, d. William of Newburyport, Mass.

George, m. Anna Hammond, d. Caleb of Newburyport, Mass.

Andrew, m. Rebecca Frost, d. Jeremiah.

Mary, m. David Earl, s. Abram.

ROBERT COLIN MACKINNON, s. Ranald, m. RHODA KENNEY of Barrington.

Issue: Eleanor, died in childhood.

James, died in childhood.

Elizabeth, m. Matthew Jeffery, s. Matthew 2d.

Mary Fletcher, m. James Tait of Boston, Mass.

Emily, m. William H. Nickerson, s. William.

Letitia, m. John Morris of New York.

Anne Isabella, m. William Edson of Bridgewater, Mass.

James, m. Catharine Johnson of Prince Edward Island.

Thomas R., m. Millicent Foss of New Hampshire.

Rhoda, m. Barnard MacNiel of Digby.

Adah, m. Augustus Perry of Stoneham, Mass.

Jeannie, died in childhood.

Helen, unmarried.

Addison.

RICHARD FLETCHER, s. George, m. MARY MACKINNON, d. Ranald.

Issue: William, died in West Indies; unmarried.

Mary, m. Bela Huntington, s. Miner.

Charlotte Letitia, m. Stayley Brown, s. John.

George Stephen, m. Rebecca Harding, d. Israel.

Isabella Antonia, m. Robert S. Eakins.

WILLIAM NICKERSON, m. CHARLOTTE MACKINNON, d. Ranald.

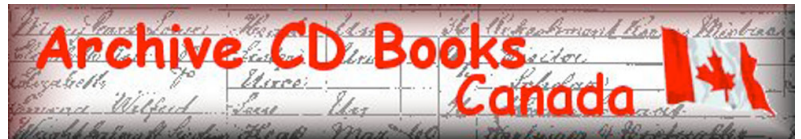
Issue: Charlotte, not married.

Caroline, m. — Kendricks of Barrington.

Sophia, m. Samuel W. Bennison, s. John.

William H., m. Emily MacKinnon, d. Robert Colin.

Mary, died æt. 13.



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