

# DOUCET HENNESSY HOUSE

Bathurst, NB



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## INTRODUCTION

At the top of the hill in West Bathurst is a house that has looked proudly over the Bathurst Basin for nearly one hundred and seventy-five years. A faithful companion to the succession of churches serving Holy Family Parish, the Doucet Hennessy house has survived the passage of time and is still in an excellent state of preservation. This large frame building, 42 feet by 27 feet, is believed to have been built around the 1840s by Charles Doucet, and still bears witness to his important legacy.

Information gleaned from interviews with Mrs. Patrick Hennessy in the 1970s guided preliminary research for this work. A former schoolteacher, she lived in the house from 1912 until her death in 1985. She was in good health and had an excellent memory, so she was able to give accurate details to direct research into the history of the house and its inhabitants.

According to Mrs. Hennessy, the house was built by Charles Doucet and served for many years as a residence for the Roman Catholic missionaries who served the Bathurst region in the nineteenth century. The bedroom in the southeast corner of the house on the second floor was reserved for the missionaries. When Hilarion Haché (Hachey) married Charles Doucet's only daughter Marie, he became its second owner. Hilarion then left the house to his daughter, also called Marie, who was married to the Honourable Francis J. McManus. According to Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. McManus had the gabled roof replaced with the current mansard roof. After her husband's death, Mrs. McManus sold the house to Monseigneur William Varrily, who was the priest in charge of Holy Family Parish in Bathurst. A number of years later, Monseigneur Varrily sold it to Manus Kane, Mrs. Beatrice Hennessy's uncle.

Three generations of Charles Doucets succeeded each other on this Bathurst property: the first Charles Doucet, *aka Charlitte*, his son Charles Doucet and his grandson Charles Doucet. One must be very vigilant to distinguish each one and not confuse them.

First we will look at the ancestor of the Doucet family in Bathurst: Charles *dit*

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*Charlitte*, his son, who was known as Charles Doucet Senior and who built the house we are looking at, and his son and heir, also named Charles and referred to as Charles Junior. The second of these three Charles played an important role in the development of the village because of his industriousness and his involvement in social and religious matters.

We will also look at their heirs and other owners of the house: Hilarion Haché, Francis McManus, the Reverend William Varrily, Manus Kane and Beatrice and Patrick Hennessy.

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## CHARLES DOUCET *aka CHARLITTE*

(1722-1798)

Called Charlitte by his descendants,<sup>1</sup> Charles Doucet was born in Beaubassin (Acadia) around 1722 of the marriage of François Doucet and Marie Poirier. He married at the same place, on January 10, 1746, Anne Arsenault, daughter of François and of Marie Bernard.<sup>2</sup> After British soldiers invaded Beaubassin in 1750 and built a fort, Charles Doucet emigrated with his family north of the Bay of Fundy, where most of his Acadian compatriots had taken refuge. So in 1752 he is found on the census with his wife and three children (a boy and two daughters) in the village of “Tinramar”, today’s Sackville. He had made the sacrifice of abandoning the family homestead and legacy at Beaubassin to remain on French territory, protected by Fort Beauséjour. Charles’ only ambitions were to look after his family and live in peace, but this peace was of short duration. In June 1755, over 2000 British troops attacked in peacetime and took Fort Beauséjour, which was defended by a small garrison of 150 French soldiers. The Acadians’ peace and safety was threatened again.

Charles Doucet escaped the Deportation that year by taking refuge with his family on Île Saint-Jean (Prince Edward Island) where his daughter Anastasie was born on October 2, 1761.<sup>3</sup> According to a document from 1763, he lived in the village of Saint-Pierre. He was still there when his son Jacques was born in 1768.<sup>4</sup> It was probably in memory of this village that the Acadians gave the name Saint-Pierre to their new settlement at Nipisiquit (Bathurst.) Meantime, Charles’ brothers and sisters took refuge in the Trois-Rivières region of Québec.

After a short stay in Nipisiquit in 1772 to have his children baptized by missionary Charles-François Bailly,<sup>5</sup> Charlitte settled on Miscou Island with his family and a number of his companions in exile from Île Saint-Jean. In 1782, along with most of

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<sup>1</sup> **Le Moniteur Acadien (MA)** – April 2, 1889, Placide Gaudet, À propos des “Notes historiques de la paroisse de Bathurst.”

<sup>2</sup> **Le Courrier des Provinces Maritimes (CPM)** – April 18, 1889 - Philantropie – “Le Moniteur et Philantropie”  
Arsenault, Bona, **Histoire et généalogie des Acadiens**, Le Conseil de vie française en Amérique, Québec, Tome 2, p. 575.

<sup>3</sup> Registers of Father Charles-François Bailly - Caraquet - 1768 to 1773. She was baptized at Nipisiquit on June 21, 1772.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Registers of Father Bailly - op.cit. - Charles Doucet had three children baptized at that time: Anastasie, born October 2, 1761, Rosalie, born September 26, 1765 and Jacques, born July 25, 1768.

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the Acadian families on Miscou, they moved to Nipisiguit.<sup>6</sup> Charlitte's wife, Anne Arsenault, was a midwife and like her husband she baptized newborns in the absence of the missionary. We learn this from Father Joseph-Mathurin Bourg on October 5, 1777, at the baptism of Jean Lavigne, son of Jean Lavigne and Isabelle Beaudry, born on Miscou on August 28, 1777. He wrote in the register that the child had been baptized by "the midwife, Anne Arsenault."<sup>7</sup>

Historian Placide Gaudet says that during the American Revolution, when Charles Doucet was living in Miscou,<sup>8</sup> he was taken prisoner by the English and forced to pilot a corvette that was pursuing American privateers. After a month of detention on this ship he was freed.<sup>9</sup> However, a descendant of Charles Doucet stated that "the tradition preserved in Bathurst, (is) that old Charlitte was taken prisoner on Prince Edward Island" and not on Miscou.<sup>10</sup> This latter version seems more probable to me. Thus this incident would have taken place before 1772. At the end of the American Revolution, he settled on the north bank of the Nipisiguit River. He was then around 60. He built a house there and considerably improved his property until his death.<sup>11</sup>

When did the Acadian refugees on Miscou move to Bathurst? All the evidence points to 1780 or 1781. We base this statement on the fact that the daughter of Pierre Doucet (Charlitte's son), Tharsile, was baptized on Miscou on June 8, 1780, and that her sister Rosalie was born in Bathurst on March 10, 1782.<sup>12</sup> Thus they moved to Bathurst in the summer of 1780 or in 1781.

When they arrived in Nipisiguit around 1780, the Acadians had no other choice than to settle north of the river, as the government of Nova Scotia had already granted to two individuals, Arthur Gould and Captain William Allen, almost all the land beside the river. The Acadians gave the name Saint-Pierre to their new location, after their former

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<sup>6</sup> MA – January 27, 1888 - Placide Gaudet, "La famille Haché – Gallant."

<sup>7</sup> Register of Carleton. Jean Lavigne is the ancestor of the Lavigne family in Bathurst.

<sup>8</sup> "1776 – Invasion of Bay Chaleur by American Privateers", **Pioneer Settlers of the Bay Chaleur**, The Chaleur Evening Stars, The Tribune Press Ltd., Sackville, N. B., 1978.

<sup>9</sup> MA – April 5, 1889 - Placide Gaudet, À propos des "Notes historiques de la paroisse de Bathurst." CPM – April 18, 1889 – Le "Moniteur" et Philantropie.

<sup>10</sup> CPM – April 18, 1889 –April 18, 1889 – "Le "Moniteur" et Philantropie."

<sup>11</sup> **Land Registry for Gloucester County**, N.B. - Bathurst - (GCG), Bill of sale from Charles Doucet to Hugh Munro, March 21, 1837, No. 318, vol. 2, page 353 and following. This document includes a "memorial" from Charles Doucet concerning the Acadian settlement at Nipisiguit. See Appendix 2.

<sup>12</sup> Registers of Carleton.

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village on Prince Edward Island. According to historian Placide Gaudet, “the leader of the little Acadian colony that settled in Nipisiguit around 1782 was an old man ... named Charlitte Doucet, who had four sons: Pierre, Charles, Michel and Joseph *dit l’Habitant*.”<sup>13</sup> Three of them were married and already had families of their own.

Charles Doucet *dit Charlitte* died in Nipisiguit on September 14, 1798, aged around 76. However, the missionary recorded that he was “90 years old”, or about 14 years older than his true age.<sup>14</sup> Since there was no resident missionary in Bathurst, it was necessary to wait till one visited to hold the funeral. The wait was three months long, and the funeral only took place on December 14, 1798. Father René Joyer noted in the act of burial that three of his sons, Pierre, Charles, and Michel, stated that they had attended their father “on his deathbed and taken him to the common burial ground.”<sup>15</sup>

### RELIGION

The Acadians were very religious. Persecuted for refusing to deny their faith in Nova Scotia, they were strongly attached to their religion. Charlitte Doucet, his children and grandchildren showed their attachment to the Catholic Church in many ways. The first church serving Holy Family Parish was constructed on the latter’s land. It was felt, with the missionary’s agreement, that the highest point on the hill overlooking Nipisiguit Basin was the most appropriate spot to build a church. Construction began in 1797, and the same year the parish undertook to build a presbytery for the missionary.

Land was given to build the church between 1791 and 1795, while Father Mathurin Bourg was the missionary in Nipisiguit. At this time Charlitte was still alive, but the donation only became official after his death on September 14, 1798. In a letter to his bishop dated January 14, 1800, missionary René Joyer explained that Father Mathurin Bourg had officially accepted this gift:

“The late Mr. Bourg authorized, in a document which I have read, a man from Nipisiguit who was donating land to the church to have a pew situated near that of the churchwardens, on the condition that after his

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<sup>13</sup> MA – January 27, 1888 - Placide Gaudet, “La famille Haché – Gallant.”

<sup>14</sup> Registers of Holy Family Parish in Bathurst. If we go by the age given when he died, he would have been born in 1708, seven years before his parents married in 1715.

<sup>15</sup> Registers of Holy Family Parish in Bathurst.



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death this pew would be sold to the highest and final bidder and the proceeds from the sale and from the rental of this pew would go to say Masses for the late donor. The heirs hold this document in high regard and believe that it is their right to withdraw the land if the conditions are not met. I am determined to not let them take the land back; nonetheless, I would be more comfortable with a word from you on the subject.”<sup>16</sup>

Monseigneur Plessis replied that Father Bourg had been the Diocese’s Vicar-General from 1784 to 1788. If the agreement was made after that date, “this foundation must be considered as void... Base your conclusion on this.”<sup>17</sup> Everything indicates that missionary Joyer accepted the agreement, because when Monseigneur Plessis visited Nipisiguit on July 6, 1811, the following directives were given: “That the stipend for memorial Masses be paid to the missionary from the funds of the parish corporation by the senior churchwarden. That the memorial Mass for the late Charles Doucet be celebrated in perpetuity.”<sup>18</sup> As we will see later, a similar offer was also made to his son Charles for a donation of land to the parish. The lot in question was granted by the government of New Brunswick to Charlitte’s son-in-law, Joseph LeBlanc and, identified as lot 13, covering 110 acres. Charles Doucet, Charlitte’s son and heir, traded land with his brother-in-law, Joseph LeBlanc, for an equal amount of land south of his lot, number 12. We learn this from an agreement between Charles Doucet and Hugh Munro dated March 21, 1837.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Archives of the Archdiocese of Québec (AAQ), NB VI-13.

<sup>17</sup> AAQ, Register of letters, p. 107, No 192.

<sup>18</sup> Account books of the Nipisiguit parish corporation, 1797-1836.

<sup>19</sup> See document – Appendix 2.



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### Children of Charles Doucet and Anne Arsenault:

- 1 **Pierre dit Pierrot** – born around 1748 and died at the Bathurst presbytery on February 25, 1825, at age 77. He married as his first wife in Miscou on September 10, 1773, **Marie Haché**, widow of Joseph Arsenault, daughter of Jacques Haché and Marie-Joseph Boudreau. Marie Haché died on May 13, 1813, at age 79. Pierre married as his second wife in Bathurst on May 30, 1814, **Rosalie Thériault**, widow of Jean-Baptiste Godin, daughter of Joseph Thériault and Marie-Joseph Girouard of Caraquet.
- 2 **Madeleine** – born around 1753 and died on January 29, 1816, at age 63. She married before witnesses, then before Father Charles-François Bailly on June 22, 1772, **Joseph Haché**, son of Charles Haché and Geneviève Laverne.
- 3 **Michel** – born around 1754 and died April 16, 1813, aged around 60. He married before witnesses on September 12, 1776, **Anne Boudreau**, daughter of Joseph Boudreau and Anne Haché.<sup>20</sup> He was one of the pioneers of Petit-Rocher.
- 4 **Joseph dit l'Habitant** – born around 1758 and died at Petit-Rocher on April 17, 1830, at age 71. He married as his first wife in Bonaventure on April 26, 1779, **Victoire Bujold**, daughter of Charles Bujold and Marguerite Cormier. She died on March 5, 1808, at age 45. He married as his second wife in Bathurst on October 15, 1809, **Catherine Vienneau**, daughter of Jean-Baptiste Vienneau and Madeleine Lejeune. He settled in Petit-Rocher.
- 5 **Modeste** – born around 1760. Around 1777 she married **Joseph LeBlanc dit Bouquet**, son of Joseph LeBlanc and Marie-Joseph Daigle of Cascapédia on the Gaspé Peninsula.
- 6 **Anastasie dite Théotiste** – born on Île Saint-Jean on October 2, 1761, and died on August 20, 1801, at age 39. She married **Joseph Hébert**, son of Joseph Hébert and Marie-Joseph Vincent.
- 7 **Rosalie** – born on September 26, 1765.

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<sup>20</sup> Register of Carleton. Marriage blessed on November 26, 1779.



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8 **Jacques** – born on July 25, 1768.

9 **Charles** – born around 1769 and died on April 4, 1846, at age 77.<sup>21</sup> He was his father's heir. He married Marie Arsenault in 1790.

According to the 1752 census, Charles had two other daughters who were born before that date, but they probably died during the subsequent years of wandering.

### CHARLES DOUCET Senior

1769-1846

Son of Charles Doucet *aka Charlitte* and Anne Arsenault, he was born around 1769 and married in Nipisiquit on May 3, 1790, Marie Arsenault, daughter of Joseph Arsenault and Marie Haché of the same place.<sup>22</sup> His reputation is clearly established in the documents found and dates from the early 1800s. In 1807 he obtained from the government of the province of New Brunswick the deed to lot number 12 in Bathurst.

Charles inherited the establishment of his father, Charlitte, and was among the most influential leaders in the area.<sup>23</sup> He was known as “Charles Doucet Senior.”<sup>24</sup> All the documents consulted speak about him in glowing terms, describing him as good, charitable, worthy, upright, very religious and respectful of others. He drew compliments from many, especially the missionaries and bishops, and even from his Anglophone compatriots. In 1806, he had already proven his worth to missionary René Joyer, who wrote to his bishop in these terms: “The missionary will find a great resource in Charles Doucet, who lives beside the church and holds the keys to the presbytery and the cellar.”<sup>25</sup> This man is a true Christian and deserves the missionary’s confidence.”<sup>26</sup> Hugh Munro, the first magistrate of Nipisiquit, confided to Thomas H. Perley in 1818 that Charles

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<sup>21</sup> **Miramichi Gleaner** – May 2, 1846 – Death of Charles Doucet on April 4, 1846, at age 77.

<sup>22</sup> Registers of Saint-Pierre-aux-Liens Parish, Caraquet, N.B. Marie Haché, Marie Arsenault’s mother, married as her second husband Pierre Doucet, brother of Charles Doucet Junior.

<sup>23</sup> **New Brunswick Provincial Archives (NBPA)** - Hugh Munro Letter Book, Mic. F274, Hugh Munro to Thomas H. Perley, July 14, 1818. **Le Courrier des Provinces Maritimes (CPM)** – February 14, 1889 – “Notes historiques sur la paroisse de Bathurst.”

<sup>24</sup> **Archives of the Diocese of Trois-Rivières**, F1, Father A. Brais to Louis-Joseph Desjardins, February 17, 1827: “Le bon père Charles Doucet.”

<sup>25</sup> The tithe was usually paid to the missionary in potatoes, which were stored in an outdoor cellar. The missionary then sold them to provide himself with an income.

<sup>26</sup> **Archives of the Archdiocese of Québec (AAQ)** – NB VI – 9 – Report of the Missions of Father René Joyer.

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Doucet was an influential man in his milieu.<sup>27</sup> The future Bishop of Trois-Rivières, Father Thomas Cooke, missionary at Nipisiquit in 1820, saw Charles Doucet as a moderating influence and gave him the mission of asking his compatriots to be patient and not do anything “crazy.”<sup>28</sup> Father A. Brais called him “good Charles Doucet Senior.”<sup>29</sup> Monseigneur Turgeon said of him during his visit to Nipisiquit in 1836 that he was “the worthy Mr. Doucet Senior.”<sup>30</sup>



Charles Doucet's House in 1845 According to Surveyor A. McNeil

When Charles Doucet died in 1846, the **Miramichi Gleaner**, probably for the first time in its history, printed an obituary for an Acadian. It said of Charles Doucet and his wife that “They lived and died, loved and respected.”<sup>31</sup> These few words show that Charles Doucet was esteemed as much by Anglophones as by his Acadian compatriots. The author of “Notes historiques sur la paroisse de Bathurst”, published in 1889, summed up his personality the best:

“His name was known everywhere, and everyone had a word of praise for good Charles Senior. His hospitality to strangers, his joyful and affable personality, and his simple and naive faith made him a friend to all. People liked to use his name as their best recommendation; if you could say that Charles Doucet Senior knew you and thought well of you, a refusal was unthinkable.”<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> NBPA – Hugh Munro Letter Book – Microfilm F274.

<sup>28</sup> AAQ – NB VI – 69. Father Cooke to Monseigneur Plessis.

<sup>29</sup> Archives of the Diocese of Trois-Rivières (AETR) – FI. A Brais to Louis Joseph Desjardins, February 17, 1827.

<sup>30</sup> “Journal d’un voyage sur les côtes de la Gaspésie – 1836”, in *Les Soirées canadiennes*, October 1861, p. 456.

<sup>31</sup> *Miramichi Gleaner*, Chatham, NB, May 2, 1846.

<sup>32</sup> CPM – February 14, 1889.

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## PROSPEROUS BUSINESSMAN

The fact that he couldn't sign his name didn't prevent Charles Doucet from becoming one of the most well-to-do Acadians in New Brunswick. Monseigneur Turgeon, when he visited Bathurst in 1836, said that he "is one of the richest and most respectable Acadians in New Brunswick." His prosperity doubtless stemmed from his work as a joiner and carpenter, farmer and landowner. He rented lots along the basin to merchants and shopkeepers. Monseigneur Turgeon added that "through his industriousness, he has built up a small fortune and now (1836) owns large farms, from which he has harvested up to three thousand bushels of potatoes in a year."<sup>33</sup> Charles Doucet's abundant fortunes were still known in family tradition, because in 1889 he was spoken of in similar terms: "He was one of the most well-to-do inhabitants of the parish. He was an excellent farmer, and had abundant harvests every year. His cellars stored up to three thousand bushels of potatoes in the fall."<sup>34</sup> Indeed, he was in comfortable enough circumstances that around 1843 he loaned several hundred dollars to the Bishop of New Brunswick, Monseigneur William Dollard, whose see city was Saint John, NB.<sup>35</sup>

Charles Doucet built two windmills on the hill near his home. One was used to grind grain and the other to saw the wood he needed for his joining and carpentry shop. Father Stanislas Doucet said in 1889 that the first mills were windmills. He wrote: "Not so long ago you could still see two of them on the summits of the highest hills around the basin. They were round and looked like two little turrets."<sup>36</sup>

Besides being a businessman and a good farmer, Charles Doucet was a carpenter and joiner. The account book of the parish corporation of Holy Family Parish tells us that he built pews and furniture for the village church. Joseph was the most distinguished carpenter among his sons and was referred to as a "master carpenter." He built the manse for the pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church near his home. He moved to Shippagan in 1856 to direct construction of the second church in the parish. He was married twice and had a very large family, 22 children.

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<sup>33</sup> "Journal d'un voyage sur les côtes de la Gaspésie – 1836", op. cit.

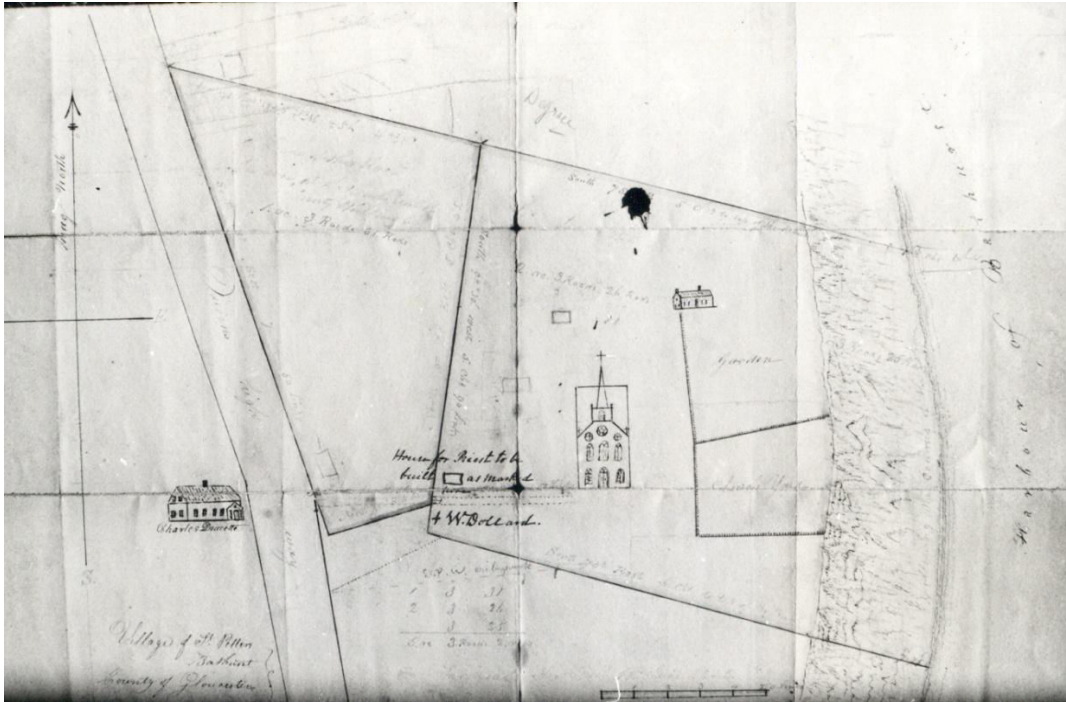
<sup>34</sup> **Le Courrier des Provinces maritimes (CPM)** – "Notes historiques sur la paroisse de Bathurst" - April 14, 1889.

<sup>35</sup> **Gloucester County registry office**, Bathurst NB – Will of Charles Doucet, August 22, 1845, volume 4, pp. 562-564.

<sup>36</sup> **CPM** – "Notes historiques sur la paroisse de Bathurst" - February 14, 1889. Father Stanislas Doucet (1847-1925) signed these articles on the history of Bathurst with the pseudonym "Philanthrope."

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**Survey of the Church Grounds with Drawing of Charles Doucet's House in 1845  
by Surveyor A. McNeil (Archives of the Diocese of Bathurst)**

This plan shows Charles Doucet's house located near the road to Petit-Rocher, now Saint Peter Avenue. It's a large storey-and-a-half house with its main entrance at the right end, preceded by four windows. We can also see the façade of the church, a drawing of the presbytery and the place that Monseigneur Dollard had marked as the site for the construction of a new presbytery.



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Village of Bathurst before 1857. Engraving by W. J. Pierce after a drawing by Charles A. Barry, published in "Ballou's Pictorial" of Boston on March 28, 1857. Bathurst is incorrectly identified as being in the province of Newfoundland. We can see the windmill with its sails facing the prevailing northwest wind. <http://www.familyheritage.ca/newbrunswick.html> .



This engraving was reproduced in the same publication in February 1863 with the following very interesting description:<sup>37</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Collection of Mr. Rod O'Connell.



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“Our closing illustration is an accurate delineation of the town of Bathurst, which is situated on the Bay of Chaleur in the British provinces, fifty miles from Gulf of St. Lawrence. It contains about four thousand inhabitants, and is noted for its export of lumber, and for its fine millstones ... The large building on the right of the picture is the steam sawmill of Ferguson & Co, a branch of a noted Glasgow house. The Roman Catholic Church upon the hilltop was built for the French residents. A little to the left of this may be seen the old windmill and **dwelling house of the first settler, Mr. Charles Doucet**. The timeworn edifice, crowning the eminent on the left of the picture, is the Presbyterian Church, while under it is shown a portion of the bridge connecting the two side of the town, The whole picture in an exact declination of the town as it appears ... We wish to record only faithful transcript of all localities in our pages, daguerreotypes as it were of actual scenes,”

This is one of the rare documents confirming that the house of “first settler” Charles Doucet was still in existence around 1857. It is also suggested that this engraving was done from a daguerreotype photo, probably taken in 1856.



Village of Bathurst before 1860. Colour lithograph by F. Jones, after a drawing by William Hickman, published in *Sketches on the Nipisaguit, A River of New Brunswick, British North America* (Halifax: John B. Strong, 1860). National Archives, Ottawa /C-017505.

As in the previous engraving, we see on the top of the hill the tower-shaped windmill between the Catholic church and the Presbyterian church.

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Bathurst – After a photo taken by Thomas Pye in 1864 and published in 1866 in **Canadian Scenery**, between pages 50-51, Montréal, John Howell.

Notice that in Thomas Pye's photo the Doucet House has the same number of windows on the south side as in A. McNeil's drawing from 1845, and that they are arranged in the same way. This is still true of the Doucet-Hennessy House. The windmill isn't visible in this photo.

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**Photo taken in 1872**

Charles Picot Collection.

(Original: Archives of the Congrégation Notre-Dame-Montréal, 1-227-21)

This photo was taken after construction of the convent in 1864 and before the church burned in 1880. To the left is the Doucet-Hennessy House with its gable roof, three chimneys and a dormer. At this period the house was occupied by the family of Hilarion Haché and Marie Doucet.

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The Village of Bathurst hill circa 1900

This photo of the Village of Bathurst hill was taken by photographer Isaac Erb around 1900 and shows the Doucet-Hennessy House with its new mansard roof. We can also see a large barn behind the house

### ***The Doucet Grant or Old French Grant***

People in Bathurst referred to the *Doucet Grant*, probably because on February 20, 1807, the government addressed the requested land grant to Pierre Doucet and thirty other persons, or perhaps because the Doucet family received a third of the lots granted.<sup>38</sup> It was also called the *Old French Grant*.

On March 17, 1806, the surveyor-general of the province, George Sproule, petitioned Gabriel G. Ludlow for Pierre Doucet Junior and twenty-three other settlers to

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<sup>38</sup>

Department of Natural Resources - Fredericton - Land grants - Book D, No. 447.



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receive title to their land in Nipisiquit.<sup>39</sup> Earlier efforts had been fruitless. In 1787, surveyor Stephen Millidge<sup>40</sup> surveyed the boundaries of a block of 3,500 acres of land in Nipisiquit. When they applied a few years later to receive title, this was refused and the land had to be surveyed again. In 1804, Captain Campbell did a new survey of the lots of land requested by the settlers in Nipisiquit.<sup>41</sup> Only on February 20, 1807, did they receive title to their land.

However, there is some confusion in all these documents. The plan supposed to have been made by surveyor Millidge in 1787 or 1788 doesn't exist in the Provincial Archives, and there were 3,500 acres in question. Captain Campbell's plan was used to divide the lots at the time of the 1807 grant. However, this plan is neither signed nor dated and shows thirty-one lots divided among twenty-one different people for a total of 4,539 acres. Also, the 1807 grant gave Pierre Doucet Junior and twenty-seven others 5,222 acres of land.

### CHARLES DOUCET AND RELIGION

Charles Doucet, like his father Charlitte, was a religious man and contributed enormously to Holy Family Parish. He did an extraordinary amount of work on beautifying the first church in Nipisiquit, construction of which began in 1797. He did the joinery work inside the church. For instance, he made the captain's pew, the churchwardens' pew topped with a dome, the confessional, a chest to store the church hangings, a cupboard for the baptismal font and most of the pews in the church.

The church had become too small, so it was decided in 1835 to build a larger one "100 feet long, 45 wide and 25 high."<sup>42</sup> An ad in the *Miramichi Gleaner* of May 17, 1836, informed bidders interested in the contract for the construction that they could consult the plans and specifications at the home of Joseph Doucet, master carpenter and son of Charles Doucet. Joseph Doucet may have built the church, because he later supervised the construction of the churches in Shippagan and Pokemouche. Construction

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<sup>39</sup> NBPA - Land petitions - Series 1, no. 24.

<sup>40</sup> Department of Natural Resources - Fredericton - Land-Grant Maps Gloucester, Book 1. This map bears an indication that Millidge made the survey in 1788.

<sup>41</sup> NBPA - Land petitions - Series 1, no. 24. "Pierre Doucet junior for himself and 23 others."

<sup>42</sup> Archives of the Diocese of Trois-Rivières (ADTR), Father Jean-Marie Madran to Mgr. Signay September 22, 1835.

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on the church began on May 25, 1836. To help fund the construction of this large church, Charles Doucet and 10 other Acadian heads of families petitioned the government for financial aid. This petition was presented by the local Member, William End, on December 29, 1836.<sup>43</sup> Only in 1838 did the government give a favourable response and grant them £100. Lieutenant-Governor John Harvey came to Bathurst in person to present Charles Doucet with the £100, and visited the new church “of the village of Saint-Pierre.”<sup>44</sup>

With the construction of the new church, the need was felt to acquire more space from the neighbouring owner, Charles Doucet. This was settled in 1845, shortly before the latter’s death. Father Jean-Marie Madran wrote to Mgr. Dollard on June 17, 1845: “We are working on arranging the matter of land for the church in Nipisiguit as Mr. Reid will write to you. We have consented to receive a memorial for an annual income from a certain lot of land that Mr. Reid will describe to Your Lordship.”<sup>45</sup>

On August 19, 1845, Joseph Reid wrote to Mgr. Dollard:

“I have much Satisfaction in informing Your Lordship that we Succeeded in obtaining from Mr. Charles Doucett a Deed of the Church property at Bathurst also, a lease for ever of an adjoining field, which Comprise all the Land at the east Side of the Road, this additional piece.”<sup>46</sup>

In his will made on August 22, 1845, Charles Doucet asked his executors, Dominique and Antoine Doucet, to have the income from the Diocese transferred annually and in perpetuity into Masses for the repose of the soul of his father and his family.<sup>47</sup> In an instrument dated June 23, 1846, the executors acquiesced to Charles’ last request. However, the document stipulates that the annual rent of 30 shillings will be used to say Masses for the repose of the soul of Charles Doucet only.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> New Brunswick Provincial Archives, Journal of the New Brunswick Assembly, 1837, p. 152

<sup>44</sup> *Le Courrier des Provinces Maritimes*, le 25 April 1889, “Notes historiques sur la paroisse de Bathurst.”

<sup>45</sup> Archives of the Diocese of Saint John (ADSJ).

<sup>46</sup> Archives of the Diocese of Saint John (ADSJ).

<sup>47</sup> “And touching the rent reserved on the lease to the Right Reverent Doctor Dollard as aforesaid, I do hereby empower my executors and do strictly enjoin them to release the same unto the said Bishop, his executors, administrators and assigns, on being satisfied that the same shall be applied annually for ever in masses for the repose of the souls of my father and my family.”

<sup>48</sup> Gloucester County registry office, Bathurst, registered on June 24, 1846, volume 4, No. 333, p. 354. Joseph Read and Charles McManus signed as witnesses.

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When Monseigneur William Dollard visited Bathurst on August 7, 1848, he wrote in the register that three high Masses should be celebrated annually for a period of 999 years in Holy Family church for the repose of the soul of Charles Doucet.

“I, the undersigned Bishop of Fredericton, do ordain that for a piece of land given by the late Charles Doucet, for the use of the Catholic Church in Bathurst, for the term of nine hundred and ninety years, three high masses shall be annually celebrated for the repose of his soul, at the expense of the said Church, Holy Family.

Given under my hand at Bathurst this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1848  
William Dollard”

### **CHARLES DOUCET HOST TO BATHURST’S PRIESTS AND MISSIONARIES**

Charles Doucet had the trust of the missionaries, and Father René Joyer gave him the keys to the church. The missionaries who succeeded Father Joyer held Charles Doucet in the same esteem and were very appreciative of his hospitality.

Monseigneur Joseph-Octave Plessis, Bishop of Québec, stayed with Charles Doucet during his pastoral visit to Bathurst in 1811. Father Louis-Théophile Fortier confirmed this in 1829 in a letter to the Archbishop of Québec, Mgr. Bernard-Claude Panet, noting that Charles Doucet owned the “most respectable and convenient” house “in the area” to justify why he was staying at the same place.

“What was first unsatisfactory was for me to stay in Nipisiguit, where there is no presbytery, at the home of Charles Doucet... I felt I should do so because it was the most respectable and convenient house in the area, being near the church, all the others being at several arpents distance; and because it was the residence of all the other missionaries, where even your illustrious predecessor did not disdain to lodge.”<sup>49</sup>

Another document, the story of the episcopal voyage of Monseigneur de Sidyme to Bathurst in 1836, gives us details on the importance of this house and its furnishings. The

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<sup>49</sup> Archives of the Diocese of Trois-Rivières (ADTR), copy in the Centre d’études acadiennes at the Université de Moncton, A10F-1-1.

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presbytery, begun when Father Fortier was in Bathurst, received the bishop and his suite, but was not furnished to house so many people, six or seven, so Charles Doucet took charge.

“To our great surprise, the presbytery, which we thought we would find deserted, had been furnished and prepared for six or seven travellers. The bedrooms held beds with the brightest of white sheets... These preparations are due to the benevolent care of Mr. Doucet Senior, who brought some of his own furniture to the presbytery in order to house us properly.”<sup>50</sup>

Charles Doucet had not only high-quality furniture, but a lot of it, because this was only part of it. This story also informs us that Charles Doucet’s house was used as a hotel for travellers, including vicar general Donald MacDonald, who became Bishop of Charlottetown, PEI in 1836. When there was no room at the presbytery, he stayed “at the hotel run by Mr. Doucet.”

In the first half of the nineteenth century, Bathurst experienced considerable growth in the forest industry. Numerous immigrants came to work in Bathurst, and many of them probably boarded with Charles Doucet. The latter, although a fervent Catholic, did not refuse to accept those of other faiths into his home, but they were not supposed to die there. However, this happened to Rufus Millikan. The latter, a Protestant, died suddenly at Charles Doucet’s home. Seeing that no one was claiming the body, Charles declared that he would remove the body from his house the next day “in order do clean up and purify the house.” This made quite a commotion in the village and certain Protestants threatened to take the matter to court. Hugh Munro, who was the only magistrate in Bathurst, went to the house and explained Charles Doucet’s conduct to Thomas H. Perley in these terms:

“The second is founded on a superstitious contempt of the Protestant religion and notion by a person who ...from his infancy has been taught to believe that no fellowship should be kept with any out of pale of their church...”<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> “Journal d’un voyage sur les côtes de la Gaspésie – 1836”, in *Les Soirées canadiennes*, October 1861.

<sup>51</sup> New Brunswick Provincial Archives, Hugh Munroe Letter Book – Microfilm F274.



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It was not possible to verify whether this incident actually had any consequences, but it proves that already in 1818 Charles Doucet was running a boarding house or hotel, as noted by Hugh Munro. This provided another source of income, and his wife had to be very energetic to run this boarding house as well as looking after her family.

### CHARLES DOUCET AND PUBLIC LIFE

Charles Doucet was respected by those around him, Anglophones and Acadians alike. For the Acadians, he was one of the most visible community notables. He was churchwarden and senior churchwarden of the parish corporation (parish council) of Holy Family Parish and a member of this council for many years.

He was a very prosperous farmer and in 1825 was a member of the **Agriculture and Emigrant Society** along with Hugh Munro, Perry Dumaresq, Robert Ferguson and Thomas Deblois. In 1838, Charles Doucet, along with Joseph Read, William Napier, H. W. Baldwin and William End, was one of the commissioners who asked the government to build a bridge connecting the town and village of Bathurst.<sup>52</sup> A few years later, around 1845, he was one of the Overseers of the Poor for Bathurst, along with Benjamin Adams and John T. Carter.

The public auctions were usually held at his home. On May 18, 1829, Sheriff William Carmen sold a property seized for debt from Benjamin Dawson to Joseph Cunard.<sup>53</sup>

Even though he could neither read nor write, Charles Doucet encouraged the establishment of a school in Bathurst by donating land to trustees Alexander Somerville, Robert Gordon and Henry W. Baldwin, on August 15, 1838.<sup>54</sup> There was a large one next to Holy Family church before the construction of the convent. It was built around 1855, while Father Joseph Pelletier was the parish priest.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> **The Gleaner**, April 24, 1838.

<sup>53</sup> Donat Robichaud, Extracts from the Gloucester County registry office, volume II, 1835-1838, p. 19.

<sup>54</sup> Gloucester registry office, volume 3, no. 68, p. 79

<sup>55</sup> "Notes historiques de la paroisse de Bathurst", **Le Courrier des Province Maritimes**, April 25, 1889.

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## CHARLES DOUCET'S FAMILY

Charles Doucet died on April 4, 1846, at age 77<sup>56</sup> and his wife Marie Arsenault died on July 23, 1845, at age 75. On May 3, 1845, they celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They had four sons who lived to adulthood and had their own families. Charles Senior made his eldest son, Charles, who lived with him after his marriage, his principal heir.

### Children of Charles Doucet and Marie Arsenault:

- 1 **Charles** – born on January 17, 1792,<sup>57</sup> and died on November 28, 1853. He married as his first wife in Bathurst on January 8, 1816, **Luce DeGrâce**, daughter of Antoine DeGrâce and Angélique Haché. Luce died in 1832 and Charles married as his second wife in Petit-Rocher on June 29, 1835, **Virginie Frenette**, daughter of François Frenette and Julie Poirier. He inherited his father's house.
- 2 **Romain** – born on October 31, 1793,<sup>58</sup> and died around 1861. He married in Bathurst on January 7, 1819, **Rose DeGrâce**, daughter of Antoine DeGrâce and Angélique Haché. He settled in Petit-Rocher.
- 3 **Tranquil** – born on October 10, 1795,<sup>59</sup> he married as his first wife in Bathurst on January 7, 1819, **Rebecca Comeau**, daughter of François Comeau and Élisabeth Boudreau. Rebecca died on January 22, 1825, at age 23. He married as his second wife in Petit-Rocher on May 9, 1826, **Rebecca Pitre**, daughter of Michel Pitre and Marguerite Boudreau. In 1861, he was living in his father's house with his niece, Marie Doucet, wife of Hilarion Haché.
- 4 **Marie** – born on January 12, 1798, and baptized the same day by missionary Louis-Joseph Desjardins. Her baptismal certificate was the first recorded in the registers of Holy Family Parish. She married on February 11, 1817, **Raphaël DeGrâce**, son of Antoine DeGrâce and Angélique Haché. Marie died on April 15, 1825, at age 27.

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<sup>56</sup> **Miramichi Gleaner**, May 2, 1846.

<sup>57</sup> Register of Carleton.

<sup>58</sup> Register of Carleton.

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- 5 **Marguerite** – born on December 1, 1799, and died on May 5, 1811, at age 11.
- 6 **Dominique** – born on August 4, 1802.
- 7 **Joseph** – born on September 7, 1803, died young.
- 8 **Joseph** – master carpenter, born on September 6, 1808, and died in Caraquet on December 26, 1877. He married as his first wife in Bathurst on April 12, 1831, **Sophie Comeau**, daughter of Charles Comeau and Marie-Osithe Bernard of Petit-Rocher. She died around 1856. Joseph married as his second wife in Shippagan on May 21, 1857, **Marguerite DeGrâce**, daughter of Pierre DeGrâce and Adélaïde Robichaud of Shippagan.

### CHARLES DOUCET JUNIOR

(1792-1853)

The eldest son and heir of Charles Doucet and Marie Arsenault, Charles, was born on January 17, 1792. He married in Bathurst his first wife on January 8, 1816, Luce (also called Lucie) DeGrâce, daughter of Antoine DeGrâce and Angélique Haché. Charles Doucet and Antoine DeGrâce were neighbours. Luce died in 1832, only a few months after giving birth to twin daughters, only one of whom survived. Her only daughter, Marie, born on December 18, 1831, married in Bathurst on January 8, 1849, Hilarion Haché, son of Joseph Haché and Marguerite Pitre. She inherited her father's house. Charles Doucet married his second wife in Petit-Rocher on June 29, 1835, Virginie Frenette, daughter of François Frenette and Julie Poirier of Petit-Rocher.

Charles Doucet died on November 28, 1853, and his widow, Virginie Frenette, married her second husband in Bathurst on November 1, 1856, James Grant, son of James Grant and Anne Thébault of Petit-Rocher. She waived her rights to her husband's

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legacy and estate.<sup>60</sup> She probably went to live in Petit-Rocher with her new husband, James Grant, whose first wife had been Marie-Délina Deriger, daughter of Madis Deriger and Marie-Joseph Madran, and niece of the Reverend Jean-Marie Madran, priest in Bathurst from 1835-1836. Virginie Frenette died between 1871 and 1881.

A tombstone marks the burial site of Charles Doucet and his first wife in the old Holy Family Parish cemetery behind the church.



The stone reads as follows:

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<sup>60</sup> Instrument of April 20, 1852, signed before Henry Baldwin.

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*“IHS*

*Ici repose / le corps de / CHA<sup>s</sup>. DOUCET / DÉCÉDÉ / le 28 Nov. 1853 /  
agé de 62 ans. Ici repose / le corps de / LUCE DOUCET / DÉCÉDÉE / le  
12 mars 1831 / agée de 38 ans*

*Qu'ils reposent en paix.”*

The “é” is replaced on the monument by an “i.”

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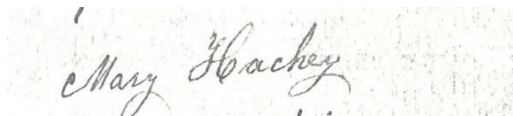
## HILARION HACHÉ

### *HACHEY HOMESTEAD*<sup>61</sup>

Charles Doucet's family heritage passed to his only daughter Marie Doucet, who had married on January 8, 1849, Hilarion Haché, son of Joseph Haché and Marguerite Pitre of the Village. He was an energetic man with some education, an able administrator of the family lands who increased their value. The deed transferring the property to Father William Varrily in 1910 describes the property several times as the "Hachey Homestead." That was the name Mrs. McManus' property was known under.

Hilarion was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1859, but the County registry office contains only a few documents that he wrote. He was the second Acadian to be appointed Justice of the Peace in Gloucester County. He regularly participated in the deliberations of the Justices of the Peace sessions for the County.<sup>62</sup>

Nothing indicates that the house was used as a hotel during this time, but Hilarion expanded it considerably to add a store. He had only been married for three years when his father-in-law died in 1853. Only 28 years old, he had to take charge and administer all the family's affairs. For over 40 years he skilfully managed the property, leaving it to his daughter Marie, who by then was married to Francis J. McManus..



*Signature of Marie Doucet-Haché. Extracts from the agreement with the children of Tranquil Doucet on August 29, 1900.*

Hilarion Haché was a farmer, Justice of the Peace, industrialist and merchant in the Village of Bathurst. He died on June 10, 1896, at age 71 after several months of illness.<sup>63</sup> At his funeral, the Mass was sung by the Bishop of the Diocese of Chatham, Monseigneur James Rogers. He was buried in the cemetery of Holy Family Parish. He

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<sup>61</sup> Referred to as such in the bill of sale by Mrs. McManus to Father Varrily in 1910.

<sup>62</sup> Marie-Claire Pitre, "Hilarion Haché, marchand et juge de paix, 1825-1896", *La Revue de la Société historique Nicolas-Denys*, vol. XVIII, January-April 1990, p. 67.

<sup>63</sup> *CPM*, June 18, 1896, p. 3, c. 1. The obituary is disappointing because it doesn't mention his family.

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asked in his will that \$100 be paid to the parish priest to say Masses after his death, and the same amount after his wife's death.

Hilarion Haché was not unknown to Monseigneur Rogers, having hosted the Bishop when he was in charge of Holy Family Parish and of construction of the convent from 1864 to 1866. Doubtless he was welcomed and treated well by the Haché family. Hospitality was a longstanding family tradition..

“He (Michael Meloy) served Bathurst until the fall of 1863. He was transferred to Petit-Rocher, and Mgr. Rogers, Bishop of Chatham, replaced him and fulfilled the duties of a missionary priest for a couple of years...

It is during Mgr. Rogers' term at Bathurst that was built the magnificent convent on the top of Village hill. It was started in the winter of 1864, and in the spring of the same year the framework of the huge building was raised. Under the energetic direction of this zealous apostle, the work must necessarily make astonishing progress, and in two years Bathurst was already proud to possess one of the loveliest houses of education in the Maritime Provinces. While this house was being built, the Sisters of Charity from the Convent in Halifax, brought to Bathurst by Mgr. Rogers in 1864, taught their classes in the schoolhouse already mentioned. The presbytery had become their convent, and **the Bishop, who was also the parish priest in Bathurst, lived with Mr. Hilarion Haché, beside the church.**”<sup>64</sup>

As we can see, the Doucet-Hennessy House welcomed several bishops.

Hilarion Haché's wife, Marie Doucet, died on July 29, 1905, at age 75. Her death certificate states that she suffered from an illness that lasted a few years.<sup>65</sup>

For several years Hilarion Haché ran a circular sawmill at a spot named Red Pine near the railroad and Route 360 connecting Allardville to Route 430 (Bathurst Mine Road).<sup>66</sup> This lot (number 51) was granted to him by the province in 1884 and he sold it in 1891 to Francis McManus. In 1885, he transported the equipment from this mill into a new building, 30 by 80 feet, that he had built on his farm in the Village near the mouth of a stream flowing into the basin. The mill had an 85 HP steam engine running a large

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<sup>64</sup> “Notes historiques de la paroisse de Bathurst”, *Le Courrier des Provinces Maritimes*, le 25 April 1889.

<sup>65</sup> Father Varrily's note on the death certificate: «Duration of illness – *A few years*».

<sup>66</sup> Information from Mr. Roger Guitard.



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saw.<sup>67</sup> In 1890, Xavier Haché from Caraquet was the engineer at the mill.<sup>68</sup> To obtain saw logs for his mill, he bought from the government permits to cut wood on Crown lands. In 1893, he got 3 or 4 25-year government permits.<sup>69</sup> According to the 1891 census, he had 80 men in his employ, probably at his mill, as loggers and on his farm.

Hilarion was robbed a few times. In August 1891, thieves entered his yard and stole a whole line of “expensive” clothes hung to dry outside.<sup>70</sup> The following October, a young man hid in his store and after closing time stole “several piastres’ worth of ‘tokens’ from the drawer, a set of knives and jewellery” and escaped through the back door of the store.<sup>71</sup> Like other businesspeople in the region, he paid at least part of his employees’ wages with tokens marked with his name and exchangeable only at his store.

One of his daughters, Louise, was a nun in the Congrégation de Notre-Dame. Her name in religion was Sister Philippe. In 1891, she was living on Prince Edward Island and her two sisters, Marie and Thérèse, went to visit her.<sup>72</sup> She died at the mother house in Montréal in May 1893.<sup>73</sup>

Hilarion Haché’s mother, Marguerite Pitre, died at the age of 91 in 1886. She was the mother of 13 children and when she died she had 98 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.<sup>74</sup>

According to the informants collected by Mrs. Patrick Hennessy, it was in Mrs. McManus’ time that the gable roof on the house was changed to a mansard roof, like that on the parish presbytery built by Father Varrily in 1888.<sup>75</sup> It is quite hard to tell in exactly which year this was done. Judging by the illustrations found until now, the new roof was built between 1872 and 1900, which would correspond to what Mrs. Beatrice Hennessy said.

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<sup>67</sup> CPM, September 10, 1885. **The World**, Chatham, June 23, 1886, p. 3 c. 3.

<sup>68</sup> CPM, September 18, 1890, p. 3, c. 3.

<sup>69</sup> CPM, September 7, 1893, p. 2, c. 1.

<sup>70</sup> **L’Évangéline**, August 13, 1891, p. 3, c. 2.

<sup>71</sup> **L’Évangéline**, October 15, 1891, p. 3, c. 3.

<sup>72</sup> Donat Robichaud, **L’Évangéline raconte le Nord-Est**, August 20, 1891, p. 2, c. 4.

<sup>73</sup> **L’Évangéline**, June 1, 1893, p. 3, c. 5.

<sup>74</sup> CPM - 1886

<sup>75</sup> See the photo of the presbytery on page 43.



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When he died on June 10, 1896, Hilarion's fortune was estimated at around \$7,000, \$6,500 of which was in personal property. He had made his will a few months before, on December 27, 1895, with two of his sons-in-law, Francis McManus and Samuel Melanson, as his executors. His will was registered at the county registry office on July 30, 1896. He left his daughter Thérèse (Mrs. Samuel Melanson) the income from four properties in the village of Bathurst: those of the widow of Abraham Grant, the widow of James Meahan, Doctor John Meahan and John S. Hachey. His daughter Hélène (Mrs. Terence McManus) had already received her share of the estate. To his daughter Marie (Mrs. Francis McManus), who lived with him, he left the income from the Ferguson property, the Tétagouche mill, at that time in the possession of Gavin Brown, and all the rest of his real estate holdings. To his son-in-law Francis McManus, he left all his personal property, the merchandise in his store, the barn, the lumber at his mill, his circular mill with its motor and gear, and the logs in the woods. He also left him his cash and the mortgages he held.

Some family difficulties or disagreements may have resulted from execution of the will. One of the executors, Francis McManus, died suddenly in 1897. Samuel Melanson became the sole executor, but it is possible that Mrs. McManus contested his authority. In 1901, Samuel Melanson was still living in Bathurst, but he was gone in 1911. In her application to the Probate Court in 1902, Mrs. McManus stated that her husband was the sole executor of her father, Hilarion Haché's, will.<sup>76</sup> She became sole owner of the house, but she had to keep her mother and care for her until her death in 1905.

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<sup>76</sup> New Brunswick Provincial Archives, Mgr. Donat Robichaud, Historical and genealogical research. Probate Records for Gloucester County, microfilm F10784.

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### CHILDREN OF HILARION HACHÉ AND MARIE DOUCET:

- 1 **CHARLES** – born on May 22, 1850. He went to seminary to study to be a priest, but he died in 1870.
- 2 **LUCIE** – born on May 27, 1852. In the 1881 census she was living with her father.
- 3 **MARIE** Margaret – born on August 13, 1855, died on September 26, 1920, married in Bathurst (Holy Family) on November 19, 1876, Francis McManus, son of Terence and of Thirza Brownell of Memramcook.
- 4 **LOUISE**, born on May 18, 1857. Nun in the Congrégation Notre-Dame, having entered as a postulant on January 12, 1885. She taught in Sherbrooke, Saint John, Québec and Charlottetown, PEI. She died of tuberculosis at the mother house in Montréal on May 1, 1893. She was almost 36.<sup>77</sup>
- 5 **ÉLISABETH**, born on April 5, 1859, she died on November 19, 1891, “after a long illness.” She was 32.<sup>78</sup>
- 6 **HÉLÈNE**, born around 1862; married in Bathurst (Holy Family) on June 6, 1883, Terence McManus of Memramcook. In August 1891, while they were traveling by train to Crookston, Minnesota, USA, two of their children died of influenza.<sup>79</sup> Were living in Bakersfield, California, in 1920.
- 7 **HILARION**, born in 1863, died of tuberculosis on January 26, 1884, at age 20 years and 9 months.<sup>80</sup>
- 8 **JOSEPH**, born on 29 May 1865, died on July 8, 1871 – 6 years old.
- 9 **THÉRÈSE** (also Theresa), born on April 24, 1870; married in Bathurst (Holy Family) on September 8, 1892, Samuel J. Melanson, merchant and postmaster, son of Joseph Melanson and Lucie Haché. They emigrated to Duluth,

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<sup>77</sup> Thérèse Burke Lafond, *Une family pionnière de Bathurst-Ouest, N.-B.*

<sup>78</sup> *L'Évangéline*, December 10, 1891, p. 3, c. 6.

<sup>79</sup> Donat Robichaud, *L'Évangéline raconte le Nord-Est*, August 13, 1891, p. 3, c. 2.

<sup>80</sup> *Le Moniteur Acadien*, January 31, 1884, page 3.

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Minnesota, USA, after 1901. They adopted a daughter, Berthilde, born around 1895, who was living with them in 1901.

10 **Joséphine**, born on February 11, 1873.

### FRANCIS McMANUS



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**Francis James McManus** was the son of Terence McManus and Thirza Brownell of Memramcook. He was born on January 11, 1844, and married in Holy Family church on November 19, 1876, Marie Haché, daughter of Hilarion and of Marie Doucet. He was a schoolteacher, merchant and politician.

He went to Collège Saint-Joseph in Memramcook, Saint Dunstan's College in Charlottetown and the Grand Séminaire de Montréal. He was at the Grand Séminaire at the same time as Father William Varrily and the two, who were the same age, became close friends.

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Francis was not the first McManus in Bathurst. On June 23, 1846, one Charles McManus<sup>81</sup> witnessed an instrument by the executors of Charles Doucet's will concerning the Bishop of the Diocese of New Brunswick, Monseigneur William Dollard. There was also a surveyor named Christopher McManus (1807-1869) who moved to Bathurst around 1830 and died there on August 9, 1869. The latter was a bachelor and a native of Dublin, Ireland.

Francis came to teach in Bathurst in 1864, then at St. Michael's College in Chatham.<sup>82</sup> According to the 1871 census, Francis was teaching at the village school in Bathurst, near the parish church and merchant Hilarion Haché's house. He boarded with the Haché's and his future wife, Marie Haché, clerked in her father's store. They married in Holy Family church on November 19, 1876.

Francis McManus had the reputation of being an upright and erudite man. He was elected to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly in 1878 and 1882, but was defeated in the 1886 election and did not run in 1890. In 1891, he was appointed to the Legislative Council of the province. This body was abolished the following year, and he accepted the position of Registrar at the Gloucester County registry office in Bathurst. He held this position till his sudden death on September 12, 1897.

Senator Onésiphore Turgeon spoke eloquently of Francis McManus in these terms:

In 1896, "on the appointed date, I went to the Liberal convention held in Caraquet. There were two other candidates before the convention. There was the Hon. F. J. McManus, who had represented the county in the Legislature, then on the Legislative Council under the administration of the Hon. A. G. Blair until the Council was abolished a couple of years earlier. He was a man who was respected by all, especially the clergy. He spoke French as well as English. He had married the daughter of Mr. Hilarion Haché, the first Acadian I had met in Bathurst, one of the most influential Acadians in the county. He had represented the county

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<sup>81</sup> Gloucester County registry office, vol. 4, no. 333, p. 354

<sup>82</sup> CPM – September 16, 1897, p. 2, c. 2

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faithfully and devotedly. I feared him the most. Mr. McManus had received a good education and he spoke forcefully and eloquently.”<sup>83</sup>

He actively defended the rights of Catholics in the school disputes of the 1890s in Bathurst. At that time the School Board for the village of Bathurst was made up of three trustees, two Catholics and a Protestant. At the annual meeting, the Orangemen nominated Joseph Kent against McManus, but McManus was re-elected.<sup>84</sup>

Francis McManus was active in a number of associations in Bathurst. In 1888, he was one of the organizers of an Agricultural Society and served as its first secretary. In 1892, he was the secretary-treasurer of the Temperance Society that he had founded in the Village in 1875.<sup>85</sup>

The Acadians held him in high esteem. In 1889, a reader (he signed himself with the pseudonym “Pistolet”) of the newspaper *L’Évangéline* thought he would make a good successor to Kennedy Burns in the Senate. He described him as a “brother who is popular among Acadians, a well-educated man, noble, honest, fair, kind and devoted to the cause of our youth. He represented us in the past, and he spoke more than once in the Chamber to defend our rights.”<sup>86</sup>

Francis McManus died suddenly of a heart attack in Bathurst on September 12, 1897. He was only 54 years and 11 months old. His death was a hard trial for his wife, who had lost her father, Hilarion Haché, the year before. She was left with seven children, the youngest of whom, Wilfred, was under two. Everything seems to indicate that Francis McManus died without a will, which complicated his estate.

Francis McManus’ time was concurrent with that of his father-in-law, Hilarion Haché.

Mrs. McManus was left alone to administer the estates of her father and husband. She cared for her mother, Marie Doucet-Haché, who was ill for several years leading up

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<sup>83</sup> Onésiphore Turgeon, *Un tribut à la race acadienne*, p. 65.

<sup>84</sup> CPM – October 15, 1896, p. 3, c. 3.

<sup>85</sup> CPM – January 14, 1892, p. 3, c. 3.

<sup>86</sup> Donat Robichaud, *L’Évangéline raconte le Nord-Est*, February 27, 1889.

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to her death on July 29, 1905.<sup>87</sup> In 1907, her youngest children having reached the age of majority (21), she decided to dispose of the farm and the house. In April she sold several books from the family library to Father William Varrily, a long-time friend of the Haché and McManus family. At the end of April, he made a verbal agreement with Mrs. McManus to buy her farm for \$4,500.<sup>88</sup> She had decided to go to join her two sisters (Hélène and Thérèse) who lived with their family in Duluth, Minnesota. On May 2 she left the house with her two children, Wilfred and Loretta, and moved to the presbytery while waiting to take the train to Duluth on May 14.<sup>89</sup> Also on June 14, 1907, the deed selling the house to Mgr. Varrily was signed (see Appendix 11). This departure for Duluth took place at roughly the same time as her son Thomas, who was a clerk (or teller) at the Bank of Montréal in Bathurst, was transferred to the bank's Saint John branch.<sup>90</sup> This was the end of the Doucet family dynasty in Charles Doucet's house and lot 12.

When Mrs. McManus was in Duluth, she stayed at 325 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Before leaving, she authorized Mgr. Varrily to sell certain household articles and to collect the rents on her properties in Bathurst.<sup>91</sup> We don't know exactly how long Mrs. McManus stayed with her children (Wilfred and Loretta) in Duluth. What we do know for certain is that she was back in Bathurst on August 6, 1910, at which time Mgr. Varrily had the bill of sale redrawn by Justice of the Peace Patrick J. Power to eliminate any possible doubt as to the legality of the sale of the property. Her signature on the bottom of the document confirms her presence in Bathurst at that time.<sup>92</sup>

According to the 1911 census, Mrs. McManus was living in Bathurst with her two youngest children, Lorette and Wilfred, and lived off her "income." She was not living in her former house and had probably moved to a house she owned that was smaller and easier to maintain near her former residence. She died in Bathurst of tuberculosis on September 26, 1920, at age 64. She was living with her son Wilfred. None of her children

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<sup>87</sup> Information provided by Father William Varrily on the death certificate.

<sup>88</sup> Journal of William Varrily, New Brunswick Provincial Archives, microfilm F11042. Most of the information concerning the sale of the property comes from this source.

<sup>89</sup> Varrily Journal, entry of May 14, 1907: "Mrs. McManus & her children leave for Duluth Min. by tonight express." Also L'Évangéline of April 18, 1907, notes that "Mrs. J. F. McManus is leaving for Duluth Min. where two of her sisters live."

<sup>90</sup> Ibid.

<sup>91</sup> Varrily Journal, November 8, 1907: "I sold for Mrs. McManus to Felix Bertin a fur robe @ 43.00 & a stove @ 2.00."

<sup>92</sup> See Appendix 12.



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except Wilfred were still living in Bathurst or the region in 1920. Since all her children had good educations, perhaps someday we will recover the correspondence of Mrs. McManus or her children.

### **CHILDREN** of Francis McManus and Marie Haché:

- 1 **Charles Edward**, lawyer and solicitor, born on December 28, 1877, and married in Bathurst on October 3, 1899, **Mary Mullins**, daughter of John Mullins and Jane White. He studied at Memramcook College. He died in Toronto on December 30, 1948. He was living in Ottawa in 1920.
- 2 **Mary Louise**, born on November 6, 1879, died as a baby.
- 3 **Terrence Hilarion**, born on August 24, 1881.
- 4 **Thomas Deo Gratias**, born on November 17, 1883. Was a teller at the Bank of Montréal and was transferred to Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1907. He was living in New York in 1920.
- 5 **Francis Joseph**, born on November 12, 1885.
- 6 **Edmond Stanislas**, born on November 10, 1887. He enlisted in the army in August 1915 and was wounded in battle. He died on December 9, 1953, at the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg.
- 7 **Mary Elizabeth Christine**, born on June 18, 1889, died on January 12, 1890.
- 8 **William Peter**, born on May 19, 1892, died on April 9, 1894.
- 9 **Lorette**, born on March 2, 1894. Nun. In religion, Sister Ida. New Haven, Conn.
- 10 **Wilfred**, born on March 2, 1896. I haven't been able find to a marriage or death certificate for him.

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Family of Francis McManus – circa 1887

Seated l.-r.: Terence and Charles

Standing: Marie Haché, Thomas, Francis McManus holding Joseph in his arms.

Collection of Fidèle Thériault

Original photo in the Acadian Museum in Caraquet.

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## THE REVEREND WILLIAM VARRILY

Father William Varrily was the son of Michael Varrily and Catherine McManus.<sup>93</sup> We have no evidence that he was related to the family of Francis McManus, but it is quite possible that this was the case. Mr. Joseph McDonald states that the family of his wife, who was the granddaughter of Mary Varrily, sometimes visited the McManus family in Memramcook.<sup>94</sup>

William Varrily was born in Milltown, County Galway in Ireland on April 6, 1844.<sup>95</sup> He studied at St. Jarleth's College in Tuam, and emigrated in 1863 to Chatham, New Brunswick, where he taught at St. Michael's Academy for two years. His parents settled in Brookfield, Massachusetts, where both died.<sup>96</sup> His father, Michael, died on April 22, 1903, at the venerable age of 96. He was the son of Mark Varrily and Honora Makie.

William Varrily studied at the Grand Séminaire de Montréal, where he was ordained in the cathedral on June 21, 1868, at the same time as Fathers Joseph Babineau and John Carter. He was curate of Newcastle from 1868-1869, then priest-in-charge at Chatham from 1870 to 1874, Saint-Léonard from 1874 to 1875 and back to Chatham from 1875 to 1876. He was named to Holy Family Parish in Bathurst in 1877 and stayed there until 1919, directing the parish's religious destiny for 41 years. The presbytery he built in 1888 lasted nearly 60 years until it burned down in December 1944.

Pope Pius X raised Father Varrily to the rank of Domestic Prelate on March 26, 1905. In 1909, "he was one of the four theologians of the papal legate at the Plénier Council in Québec."<sup>97</sup>

After he was named Diocesan Chancellor with his residence in Chatham in 1919 Mgr. Varrily was replaced by Father Wallace at Holy Family Parish. Mgr. Varrily died at the Hôtel-Dieu on October 7, 1928, at age 84 and was buried in the Holy Family Parish cemetery in Bathurst.

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<sup>93</sup> Biographical notes by Charles Picot and confirmed by Mr. Joseph MacDonald, whose wife is related to Mary Ann Varrily.

<sup>94</sup> Interview with Mr. Joseph McDonald, 92 years old, on May 1, 2013.

<sup>95</sup> According to the obituary in *L'Évangéline* on October 11, 1928, he was born at Cong in County Mayo in Ireland.

<sup>96</sup> Mrs. Patricia Hennessy.

<sup>97</sup> *L'Évangéline*, October 11, 1928, p. 1.

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We also believe that he attended the Grand Séminaire de Montréal at the same time as Francis McManus, who married in 1876 Marie Haché, daughter of Hilarion Haché of Bathurst and Mgr. Varrily's neighbour.

Father Varrily brought his younger sister Mary Ann to Bathurst. In 1881, she was 18 and a student, probably at the Convent and was living with her brother in the presbytery. On July 2, 1884, she married in Bathurst James Power, son of John and of Elizabeth Lordon. She died at North Tetagouche on October 3, 1925. Father Varrily also had a brother named John (1858-1913) who was a priest and exercised his ministry in the diocese of Ogdensburg in New York State. The latter came to visit his brother and sister in Bathurst in 1891, and was godfather to his niece, Catherine Emilia, daughter of James Power and Mary Ann Varrily, baptized on September 25, 1891. Catherine became a nun in the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph. Her name in religion was Sister Varrily. She died in New London, Wisconsin, on January 26, 1940.

Father Varrily also had a cousin who was a priest, Father Patrick W. Dixon (1846-1928), born in Dunmore Parish, County Galway, Ireland. He was the priest in Newcastle from 1871 to 1928.

A few months before his death Monseigneur Varrily celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He spent 41 of those years at Holy Family Parish upon which he left a deep imprint. On August 10, 1880, a few years after he arrived in Bathurst, a tragic fire destroyed the church. It had to be rebuilt as fast as possible. On November 1, 1880, the cornerstone of a church 111 feet long by 61 feet wide, with a sacristy 33 feet long by 24 feet wide, was blessed. On April 30, 1882, Mgr. Rogers celebrated the first Mass in the church. It was demolished in 1960 to make way for the present church.

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*Holy Family Parish presbytery built by Father William Varrily in 1888.<sup>98</sup> It was destroyed by fire in 1946. Note that the shape of the roof is similar to that of the Doucet-Hennessy House.*

On May 14, 1907, Mgr. Varrily bought from Mrs. Marie McManus, née Haché and widow of Francis McManus, her house and property for the sum of \$4,500. He had first concluded an agreement with his colleague, Father O’Leary, priest of Sacred Heart Parish in the town of Bathurst. The latter probably changed his mind, as Mgr. Varrily bought the property in his own name alone. However, he didn’t have quite enough money and he made an arrangement with Mrs. McManus. He gave her a cheque for \$2,500 on the date of purchase and a mortgage of \$2,000, payable over 2 years with 4% interest.<sup>99</sup> Since he didn’t have enough cash to make the purchase, he borrowed \$700 from Holy Family Parish.<sup>100</sup>

By all evidence, he didn’t live in the house. However, he kept an eye on the property, which included an apple and plum orchard that he harvested for his own use. His personal journal of September 25, 1907, includes this entry: “I got apples picked in

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<sup>98</sup> Photo by Alyre C. Cormier.

<sup>99</sup> Varrily Journal. Entries for April 30, 1907, and May 7, 1907

<sup>100</sup> Varrily Journal, May 7, 1907. “I took \$700 of Church funds for above payment.”

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the McManus garden & caught 2 boys there stealing plums.” Two days later he noted: “I got black plums picked in the McManus garden.” These fruit trees may have been planted near the house.

On October 19, 1907, Varrily rented the “McManus farm” for five years at \$300 per year with an option to purchase.<sup>101</sup> We don’t know who rented the property. In 1911, Father Varrily hired two men from Caraquet, Lévis Lanteigne and Bernard Albert, to work on the farm.<sup>102</sup> According to Mrs. Hennessy (Beatrice Moran, schoolteacher, who married Patrick Hennessy in August 1911), she was living in the McManus house in 1912, which corresponds with the end of the five-year lease signed in 1907. Father Varrily also sold several lots separately, including to the government, and to Claude Mersereau, who founded the newspaper **The Northern Light**.

On June 12, 1916, he sold to Manus Kane the house and most of the property for the sum of \$5,000.<sup>103</sup> Patrick Hennessy was not mentioned on the bill of sale. We can conclude that Mgr. Varrily did well on this property transaction.

### **Children of Michael Varrily and Catherine McManus (d.od. July 19, 1899):**

- 1 **William** Varrily, born in Milltown (Galway, Ireland) on April 6, 1844, ordained priest in Montréal on June 21, 1868, died at Chatham on October 7, 1928, and buried in Bathurst.
- 2 **Martin**, died in Tennessee on April 26, 1881.
- 3 **John**, priest, born around 1858, died in 1913.
- 4 **Mary Ann**, born around 1863, died in 1925, married to James Power.

The family very probably included other children whose names we do not know.

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<sup>101</sup> Varrily Journal. October 19, 1907.

<sup>102</sup> Varrily Journal. April 29, 1911.

<sup>103</sup> See Appendix 13.



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Manus Kane became the owner of the Doucet homestead after Father Varrily. He was born in Bathurst on August 25, 1876, of the marriage of Roger Kane and Ann *called Nancy* Fraser. Roger was a native of County Kerry in Ireland and Nancy (who was of Scottish descent) was from Sainte-Thérèse Parish in Roberville. On the Bathurst census in 1911, Manus Kane was living with his mother, and his niece, 21 year-old Beatrice Moran, a schoolteacher.

On June 12, 1916, Manus Kane bought from William Varrily the former Francis McManus property. He was a bachelor and asked his niece Beatrice Moran, who had married Patrick Hennessy in 1911, to live with him. The latter said that she moved into the Doucet-Hennessy House in 1912. Mr. Kane had rented it from Father Varrily from 1912 to 1916. When he died, Manus Kane left the property and house to his niece Beatrice Moran, the wife of Patrick Hennessy.

In early 1914, there was already an agreement in existence for the Kane family to buy the “McManus farm.” Beatrice Moran was the granddaughter of Roger Kane and Nancy Fraser of North Tetagouche, the same place where Father Varrily’s sister, Mrs. James Power, lived. On February 2, 1914, Father Varrily received from Mary R. Kane, Beatrice Moran’s aunt and Manus Kane’s sister, a cheque for \$1,400 as a first payment for the portion of the McManus farm located between the railroad and the public road (Route 11). This sum was in favour of Patrick Hennessy and her brother Manus Kane.<sup>104</sup> On August 5, 1915, she sent Father Varrily another cheque for \$300, making a total of \$1,700. From March to June 1915, Manus Kane gave Mgr. Varrily the sum of \$1,600 to buy the McManus property. By August 1915 the Kane family had already paid \$3,300 to buy the McManus farm. The rest of the payment, \$1,700 was probably made the following year but before June 12, 1916, the date when the bill of sale was signed.

Mary Kane, Manus Kane’s sister, must have been born around 1862 because at the time of the 1881 census she was 19. Since she is not found in the 1891 census, she may have already left for California during this period. Manus Kane also worked in California and used his savings to buy the “McManus farm.”

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<sup>104</sup> Varrily Journal. February 2, 1914. “Mary R. Kane of Palo Alto Cal. USA... in favor of P. Hennessy & M. Kane.”

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Manus Kane died of Tuberculosis at the Hennessy homestead on April 29, 1933, aged 56 years and six months.



Manus Kane and Lucy Hennessy behind the house. Circa 1920.

(Hennessy Moran Fonds, PANB)

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### PATRICK HENNESSY

Patrick Hennessy was born on January 8, 1884, of the marriage of William Hennessy and Mary Vickers of Blackville in Northumberland County. He married in Blissfield on August 30, 1911, Beatrice Moran, schoolteacher, the daughter of Thomas Moran and Catherine (Katie) Kane. Katie was the daughter of Roger Kane (Cain) and Nancy Fraser from the Bathurst region. Note that in 1911, one “Catherine Moran”, age 67 and a spinster, worked as a servant to Father Henry O’Leary at Sacred Heart Parish in Bathurst. However, we have not been able to establish any relationship to Beatrice Moran.

According to a document preserved in the Hennessy family archives, Patrick Hennessy was interested quite early in buying the McManus farm, after he married Beatrice Moran. He inquired of Father William Varrily and on September 20, 1911, the latter informed him that he was ready to give him the property, less 10 to 12 acres of land between the railroad and the public road, for the sum of \$7,000. He wanted \$4,000 cash and the balance payable over 3 years with 5% interest. However, if he only wanted to buy the upper part of the lot, that is, the western part on the other side of the railroad and consisting of around 160 acres, 60 to 70 of which were cultivatable and had a new barn, he wanted \$3,000, \$2,000 down and the balance payable over two years with 5% interest.

Everything leads us to believe that Mr. Hennessy didn’t have the means for such a purchase. It is probable that Mrs. Hennessey (Beatrice) asked her uncle Manus and her aunt Mary Kane to finance the purchase of the property, which was done in Manus Kane’s name alone in 1916.

Patrick Hennessy was a cook in logging camps. At the end of 1940, he enlisted in the Army in the Canadian Forestry Corps where he served as a cook at the army camp near Beauly in Scotland. Except for his military service, he worked for Bathurst Power and Paper from 1912 till his retirement in 1955. He loved to fish and it was one of his main hobbies after he retired.

Patrick Hennessy died at Bathurst on January 14, 1970, at age 86.

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Mrs. Beatrice Hennessy was born in Blissfield on November 24, 1889, and died at Bathurst on February 22, 1985.

### **Children of Patrick Hennessy and Beatrice Moran:**

- 1 **William Thomas Manus John**, born on 23 June 1912, died of Tuberculosis, March 25, 1932. Student.
- 2 **Roger Francis**, born on June 14, 1915, died in Coquitlam, BC, on February 4, 1988. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in April 1941 as a radio communications technician. He married on July 30, 1940, Eileen O'Toole, daughter of Thomas and of Georgina Quinn of Rogersville. Graphic artist.
- 3 **Lucy Catherine**, born on June 29, 1917; married in Bathurst on August 24, 1942, Sydney Jarratt, son of William and of Alice Sydney.
- 4 **Mary Patricia Anne "Anne"**, born on February 24, 1919, married on June 1, 1946, Henrik Wesenberg, Norwegian. Oslo, Norway.
- 5 **Dorothy Angela**, born on October 23, 1920, died on August 18, 1921.
- 6 **James Alexander**, born on April 12, 1922, died on December 5, 2006. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and served in Belgium and Holland. He was demobilized in 1946 and worked for Bathurst Power and Paper. He married Frances Garrett in Montréal on November 7, 1943.
- 7 **Bruno**, born on December 18, 1924, died on July 31, 2004; married at Bathurst on June 8, 1957, Stella Thibodeau, daughter of Nicolas and of Joséphine Chenard<sup>105</sup>. He enlisted in the Canadian Army during the Second World War and then worked at Bathurst Power and Paper.
- 8 **Bernard William Varrily**, born on July 13, 1927, died on December 12, 1929.

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<sup>105</sup> Daughter of Joseph Chenard and Ursule Boudreau of Caraquet.

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- 9     **Robert**, family physician, born on September 29, 1930 died June 17, 2014; married in Bathurst on June 4, 1955, Thérèse Comeau, daughter of Charles and of Marguerite Melanson.

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Patrick and Beatrice (Moran) Hennessy – 1961 (Hennessy Moran Fonds, PANB)



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## CONCLUSION

The Doucet-Hennessy House has a long history and a very important legacy for Bathurst and the entire region. It represents the history of Acadian pioneers who settled around the Bay of Chaleur after having known persecution in the years surrounding 1755. They found in the Nipisiguit (Bathurst) Basin a haven of peace to settle and raise their families in tranquility.

The Doucet-Hennessy House's first century is dominated by the Doucet-Haché family, two Acadian families with a large number of descendants. The second half of the nineteenth century was marked by the union between an Acadian family and an Irish one, Haché-McManus. The second century, from 1900 to the present day, was marked by Irish-Scottish families: McManus and, Hennessys. The Hennessy family has always proudly preserved the tradition that this property belonged first to the Doucet family and has done its best to preserve this legacy. It's a shining example of brotherhood between these two peoples who have persevered in preserving their culture and legacy despite persecution.

The house has undergone a number of modifications during its long history. For instance, the gable roof was replaced by a mansard roof; it was raised about two feet by the addition to its stone foundation of another brick layer about two feet thick. There also used to be a veranda on the south side of the house overlooking the basin where one could enjoy the sun on long summer days.

The Doucet-Hennessy House is a social, political, religious and economic legacy for the region. It was inhabited by a member of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council of the province of New Brunswick, the Honourable Francis J. McManus, by a very influential merchant and shopkeeper, Hilarion Haché/Hachey, and by missionaries. Monseigneur William Varrily owned it for several years. The Hennessys too were important landowners and agriculturalists who developed one of the city's prime residential areas in West Bathurst, Hennessy Subdivision. Thus the house represents an important legacy that should be better known.

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*Billy, Sally and Anne Jarratt in front of the Hennessy homestead about 1948. Hennessy Moran Fonds.*

This research had its limits, despite the many documents which were found, some of which are reproduced in the appendices. It is to be hoped that one day descendants of Hilarion Haché and Francis McManus will discover documents, such as correspondence and photos, to complete this research into their family's history. A number of members of these families have settled elsewhere in Canada and the United States, in particular in Missouri. With Internet communications, we can hope for anything.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Letter of the Surveyor General of the Province , George Sproule -1806.

“TO THE HONORABLE GABRIEL G. LUDLOW, ESQUIRE, PRESEIDENT OF HIS MAJESTY COUNCIL &c &c, &c.

Pierre Doucet junior for himself and 23 others Inhabitants at Nipisiquit in the Bay of Chaleur

Most humbly states,

That they and their ancestors have been settled several years at Nipisiquit and have made large improvements. That in the year 1787 a tract of about 3500 acres of land was laid out for them by the late Mr. Millidge conformably to his general instructions, that some years after they applied for a patent for the said lands – to wit – 2 lots to be granted in severally and the remainder in joint tenancy, and lodged money at the same time in the hands of Messr J. Fraser and Co of Miramichi to defray the expenses thereof, from the S. Gen<sup>l</sup> office that their patent could not be described as above without a resurvey by reason that the whole tract was surveyed to them as joint tenants without any subdivision of the two lots aforesaid. That no opportunity offered of having a resurvey made until the arrival of Capt Campbell at Nipisiquit on the year 1804, to whom they applied and had the original tract subdivided into lots as appears by that gentleman returns.

They, therefore pray that their case may be taken into consideration and that they may obtain a grant of their lots conformably to the late survey in severally, on the same terms and conditions that grants were passed at the time aforesaid was made to them.

The forgoing statement is perfectly correct and at the earnest request of the aforesaid applicants, I now beg leave to present this memorial.

Geo. Sproule – Surveyor gen<sup>l</sup>

Fredericton 17<sup>th</sup> March 1806.

(verso) Grant to pass on the old conditions 17<sup>th</sup> march 1806.”

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## APPENDIX 2

### CHARLES DOUCET TO HUGH MUNRO

March 21, 1837

“Charles Doucet, sr., Bathurst (and Marie) ... Hugh Munro... Whereas the said Charles Doucette with several other Acadian families at the close of the American revolution removed and located as settlers in the harbour of Nipisiguit now Bathurst aforesaid and ranged themselves chiefly on the northerly side of said harbour and continued struggling with the hardships of the wilderness for a number of years before they were in a condition to procure and defray the expenses of titles for their lots. In the meantime they endeavoured to set forth the movements of parish arrangements and amongst other things the erection and establishment of a chapel or church and for the purposes of procuring an eligible site for the church, Joseph LeBlanc, who appears in the block grant afterwards given for the first tract of land as proprietor of lot number 13 on front of which the said church was built and is now standing, entered into condition of exchange with the said Charles Doucette for the like quantity of land, on the South side, of the said Charles Doucette lot number 12 adjoining on which he built, dwelt and improved to the time of his death as proprietor of the same.

At that early period the said Hugh Munro commenced mercantile operations in the Bay of Chaleur. As early as the year 1796, opened a treaty of trading arrangements with the inhabitants of the said Harbour, contracted with Joseph Ache senior then the occupant, but afterwards the proprietor of lot number 11, for a piece of the said lot covering the front of the same and built a dwelling house thereon and became a resident of the place, some years after, to wit, the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1805. The above mentioned Joseph LeBlanc sold to the said Hug Munro, adjoining his former purchase of the said Joseph Ache, a piece of lot number 12 above mentioned nearly of the same depth of that purchased from the said Joseph Ache, extending to the division fence that has constantly formed the boundary in the rear and North side between these premises and the said Charles Doucette, now terminating on meeting the highway below the windmill and running the said Hugh Munro line down on the South side of the said road pas Deacon premises to the shore.

And whereas the said Hugh Munro has for these 30 years past by himself and his assigns maintained a good neighbourly understanding with the said Charles Doucette in the cultivation of that ground and mutually consented to the boundaries separating and dividing the same as it happened in times past for many years. The said Hugh Munro was the only Magistrate who could not legally act in such case in his own behalf, and on that account, the deed which the said Joseph LeBlanc should procure from him, the said Charles Doucette, for the said Hugh Munro, in consequence of the exchange of land

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aforementioned, has been postponed of which the said Charles Doucette is aware and now promises to execute it in due form as becometh and acquit himself of a duty that in Justice is due. Now these present witness that the said Charles and Marie, his wife, for and in consideration of the premises and for other good causes them thereunto moving and for further consideration of the sum of ten shillings currency to the said Charles Doucette in hand will and truly paid by the said Hugh Munro at or before the sealing and delivery of these present and receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge :

All that certain piece or tract of land situate, lying and being on the North side of the Harbour of Bathurst aforesaid known as the Village and is part of lot number 12 originally granted to the said Charles Doucette senior and abutted and bounded as follows viz. To commence at the northern and rear boundary of the land sold by Joseph Ache senior then on the dividing line by the course of the grant of lots number 11 and 12 to the shore, thence northerly along Water Street to the lower picket in the line below Deacons premises close on the North side of Deacons buildings, until it meets the dividing fence of the said Charles Doucette lands, from the line herein described, thence or a direct course along the dividing or side line fence until it reaches opposite and abreast of the windmill, thence on a continuation of the said line fence to the North and rear boundary of the said premises, thence southerly along the rear line fence until it terminates by a turn to the west on course of the said line of said lot and thence westerly to the first mentioned bounds or place of beginning.

Wit.: Francis Ferguson  
Benjamin Adams

Charles (X) Doucett  
Maria (X) Doucett

Before John Miller J.P.”

Registry of Bathurst, Volume 2, Issue 318, page 353, recorded March 22, 1837.

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## APPENDIX 3

### TESTAMENT OF CHARLES DOUCET father – 1845

August 22, 1845

“In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles Doucet of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester and province of New Brunswick, farmer, being of sound mind, but infirm in body, aware of the uncertainty of life, and wishing to dispose of the property with which it has pleased God to bless me, do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all other wills and testaments at any time heretofore by me made and declaring this alone as my true will and last testament.

I desire to acknowledge with all humility and gratitude the continued mercies of God towards me, though the various stages of my long life and to profess my steadfast wish to live and die in the bosom of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of which I thank God, it has pleased Him to make me a member. I do in the first place recommend my soul when it shall please Almighty God to call it to Him, unto the infinite mercy of the Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, imploring the gracious and mediation of our Merciful Saviour Jesus Christe and the intercession of the Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, of Saint Joseph, Saint Charles and of all the saints whom I pray to intercede with the Almighty God for me that he may be graciously pleased to grant me pardon, absolution and remission of my sins, through the infinite merits of the death and passion of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christe, in whom and through whom I beg and hope for salvation.

And secondly, touching my body, when it shall please the Lord and Giver of life to put a period to that existence which I inherited of him, I commend my body to the earth to be buried in decent burial and according to the discretion of my relations, agreeable to the custom and with the usual ceremonies of my Church. Thirdly, I do will and ordain that the day following or the first day possible after my decease, a service or High Mass, shall be sang, a celebrated for the repose of my soul.

And touching my temporal matters and such worldly goods and effects as it has pleased God to place at my disposal (having first prayed that He from whom they are deliver, my direct and enable me to make an equitable and judicious distribution thereof) I do hereby will and bequeath and adjust and dispose of them in the following manner. I do will and bequeath all the rents which may be due at the time of my death, or which at any time thereafter may a come due to me, by virtue of any lease or leases hereafter by me made (saving and excepting nevertheless the rents due, or to become due, under a lease for ever recently made by me to The Right Reverend Doctor Dollard, Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, which rents, I shall dispose of hereafter by this my will and testament) **unto my son Charles Doucet**, to have and to hold the same unto him for life and after his death **to his daughter Mary**, now living with me, her executors, administrators and assigns for ever, she and they paying thereout nevertheless yearly and every year to **Virginie, the wife of the said Charles** during the period of her natural life the sum of four pounds *per annum*, and I do further will and bequeath the whole of my personal and moveable property (excepting money) **to him the said Charles Doucet my son**, his executors,



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administrators and assigns forever, subject to the promise hereinafter mentioned, and as to any money of which I may die possessed, I will and desire that the same may be equally divided share and share alike among my four sons Charles, Tranquil, Romain and Joseph, to whom I bequeath the same in such shares subject nevertheless to the like promise.

And touching the homestead farm, on which I now reside, dwelling house, barns, outhouses, stores and appurtenances, I will and bequeath the same and any of them **to my said son Charles Doucet**, his heirs and assigns for ever, provided always nevertheless that before any distribution be made of my personal or moveable estate or money as aforesaid, the sum of ten pounds or personal or moveable property at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named (in case ten pounds in money should not be found) to the amount of ten pounds shall be deducted from the same and paid into the hands of the Priest of the parish in which I may die, to be expended in Masses for the repose of my soul.

And **touching the rent reserved on the lease to the Right Reverent Doctor Dollard** as aforesaid, I do hereby empower my executors and do strictly enjoin them to release the same unto the said Bishop, his executors, administrators and assigns, on being satisfied that the same shall be applied annually **for ever in masses for the repose of the souls of my father and my family**, and I do will and bequeath my marsh lot at the point, next to Read's, as follow: two third thereof to my son Charles Doucet aforesaid, and one third thereof to my grandson Charles, son of the said Joseph, and I do nominate and appoint Dominick Doucet and Antoine Doucet of Bathurst aforesaid executors of this, my last will and testament. In witness of all which I have subscribed my name or cause the same to be subscribed to these presents, consisting of five pages, this twenty second day of August in the years of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

*Charles Doucet*

Signed, sealed and published as his will in the presence of us

*J. M. Madran, ptre*

*F. X. Lafrance ptre*

*William End.*

Province of New Brunswick, county of Gloucester. Be it remember that on the twenty second day of may A. D. 1846, before me Henry W. Baldwin esquire, surrogate for the county of Gloucester, personally appeared J. M. Madran and William End whose names are subscribe as attesting witnesses to the instrument hereunto (?) purporting to be the will of Charles Doucet, late of the parish of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester, deceased, and being duly sworn they deposed and say that they did see the said Charles Doucet sign the said instrument and at the time of such signing, they, the said J. M. Madran and William End were both present, and that the said Charles Doucet appeared to them the said J. M. Madran and William End respectively to be of sound and disposing mind and understanding and that the names «J. M. Madran» and «William

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End» were subscribed to the said will by them the said J. M. Madran and William End respectively in the presence of each other and of the said Charles Doucet.

Henry W. Baldwin, surrogate of the county of Gloucester.

Province of New Brunswick, county of Gloucester. Be it remembered that on the thirtieth day of May AD 1846, before me Henry W. Baldwin, surrogate for the county of Gloucester, personally appeared Dominick Doucet and Antoine Doucet, executors named in the within written will of Charles Doucet, late of the parish of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester, deceased, herewith annexed and were duly sworn to the authenticity of the said will and to the faithful discharges of the duties of trust (?) in them reposed by taking the oath of the executor as by law required

Henry W. Baldwin, surrogate judge of probate.”

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## APPENDIX 4

TESTAMENT OF CHARLES DOUCET, son - in 1848

May 29, 1848

“In the name of God I Charles Doucet of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, yeoman, being of sound mind and in the enjoyment of good health of body, ware of the uncertainly of life and wishing to dispose of the property with which it has pleased God to bless me, do make and ordain this as my true will and last testament.

I do in the first place recommend my soul when it pleased almighty God to call it to him unto the infinite mercy of the most Holy and adorable Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Secondly, touching my Body when it shall pleased the Lord and given of life to put a period to that existence which I have inherited of him, I command my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial and according to the discretion of my relatives agreeably to the custom and with the usual ceremonies of my Church.

Thirdly, I do will and ordain that the day following or the first day possible after my deceased a service of High Mass shall be sung or celebrated for the repose of my soul, and touching my temporal matters and such worldly effects and goods as it hath pleased God to place at my disposal, I do hereby will, bequeath and dispose of them in the following manner :

I do will and bequeath all the rents which may be due at the time of my death or which at any time thereafter may accrue due to me by virtue of my lease or leases therefore be we made on the several buildings and lots situated on the west side of the present Great road from the School house lot to my present dwelling house unto my wife Virginie Doucet. To have and to hold the same into her for life and event of our having children by our present marriage, said rent to go to them and their heirs after the death of my said wife Virginie to go to my daughter Mary now living with me, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Virginie all that all that tract of land containing 200 acres situate on Middle River to her heirs and assigns forever. And further, will and bequeath to my wife Virginie 1/3 part of all my moveable property together with my household furniture and also for and during the term of her natural life 1/3 part of all my real estate wherever the same way be situated, also to my wife Virginie the whole control and for her sole use and benefit the dwelling house and outhouses now occupied by me as long as she lives or until she again changes her life or gets married, in which case she shall only retain a part thereof, however in the event of our yet having issue to retain the whole for the use of our said child or children, but in the event of no issue the whole to

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revert at the death of my said wife to my daughter Mary and her heirs forever. And I do nominate and appoint Alexis Fournier and Francis Fournier junior of Beresford and Mathew Carruthers of Bathurst executors to this, my last will and testament. In witness of all which I have subscribed my name or caused the same to be subscribed to these presents consisting of 2 pages, this May 29, 1848.

Charles X Doucet - his mark

Signed, Sealed and published as his last will in presence of us, Benjamin Adams, Alexander Gently, Mathew Carruthers.

Codicil :

And as for any money which my be in the house at the time of my decease, I hereby ordain and direct my executors to pay out of the same the sum of 10 pds to the resident Parish Priest (provided that sum can be found) to be expended in masses for the repose of my Soul and the remaining part of my money to go to my wife Virginie, also to my said wife Virginie the garden at present at present occupied as such by me for and during her natural life.

Charles X Doucet – his mark

Signed in the presence of Benjamin Adams, Alexander Centlers, Mary Carruthers.

Codicil

This second codicil to my will made this November 2, 1850, testified That I do furthermore and bequeath to my beloved wife Virginie Doucet, for and during the term of her natural life all the rents or profits arising from that piece or parcel of land leased and set by me to one John Strong Dawson, as will appear by indenture bearing date June 10, 1850 and I required my executors to carry out these 2 codicils as faithfully as if the same had been include in the Cody of my last will and testament.

Charles X Doucet - his mark

Signed in the presence of Alexander Centley, J. M. Mitchell, Mathew Carruthers.”

Registered February 6, 1855, Volume 5, County Records of Gloucester, pp. 535-536.

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## APPENDIX 5

CHARLES DOUCET to son-in-law HILARION HACHÉ

20 April, 1852

“This Indenture made this twentieth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two between Charles Doucett of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester in the Province of New Brunswick, farmer, of the one part and Hilarion Achie of the same place, son-in-law of the said Charles Doucett of the other part, witnesseth that the said Charles Doucett for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he bears towards the said Hilarion Achie and Marie his wife daughter of the said Charles Doucett and also in consideration of the sum of five shillings of lawful money of the province aforesaid to him in hand well and truly paid by the said Hilarion Achie at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged, Hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, release and confirm unto the said Hilarion Achie and his heirs begotten upon the body of his said wife Maria, All the southerly one half of that portion of lot number twelve situate in the Village of Saint Peters and at present owned and occupied by the said Charles Doucett with the improvements, appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining, also the **dwelling house**, outhouse and barns at present occupied by the said Charles Doucett, whether the same shall be found within the limits of the said southerly half hereby sold and conveyed or not with full privilege of ingress and egress thereto and therefrom at all times and all the estate right, title, interest property possession, claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Charles Doucett of in and to the said Southerly half of the lands and premises with the **dwelling house** and appurtenances, and all the rents issues and profits thereof to have and to hold the lands premises and hereditaments above described and hereby conveyed or intended so to be unto him the said Hilarion Achie and his heirs begotten by the said Maria his wife) with reservation and condition nevertheless hereafter expressed and declared) to the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of him the said Hilarion Achie and his aforesaid heirs forever, provided nevertheless and it is expressly excepted and reserved and hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of the parties that the possession, occupation and profits of the lands and premises hereby conveyed and described shall during the life time of the said Charles Doucett be held and enjoyed in common by and between the said Charles Doucett and the said Hilarion Achie and his aforesaid heirs together with and including the rents and profits arising from the yearly accruing out of the said several pieces of the said lot heretofore leased to Luke Doucett, Patrick Howard and William Walsh and John Strong Dawson, provided always and this deed of conveyance is granted upon this express condition that the lands and premises above described and hereby

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conveyed are to be cultivated, farmed, and maintained by the joint labour and at the joint expense of the said Charles Doucett and the said Hilarion Achie while the said Charles Doucett continues in sufficient health and strength to perform such service, but should the said Charles Doucett at any time become feeble or infirm through age or sickness, then, and in such case he the said Charles Doucett and his wife are to be supported and maintained in a like comfortable manner in all respects as he is now accustomed to the said Hilarion Achie or his heirs in the **homestead** aforesaid during the remainder of his life out of the produce or profits of the lands hereinbefore described and conveyed, And it is hereby declared to be a further condition of this deed to be covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto that upon and after the death o the said Charles Doucett should the said Virginie survive her said husband the said Virginie shall have the right to continue to reside in the **said homestead or present dwelling house** with the said Hilarion Achie and family and to demand and received suitable maintenance and support from him or them during the remainder of her life and also to demand, received and enjoy the rents and profits as they annually become due and payable of the land and premises leased severally to Luke Doucett, Patrick Howard and William Walsh and one moiety of the rent of the land leased to John B, Dawson as hereinbefore mentioned to her own sole use and benefit, the other moiety of the rent of the said Dawson lease to belong to and be taken by the said Hilarion Achie and his aforesaid heirs and the whole of the said lease and the rents and profits arising therefrom to revert together with all the estate and premises hereby described and conveyed to the said Hilarion Achie and his aforesaid heirs forever upon the death of the said Charles Doucett and his wife Virginie or the survivor of them. And it id further understand and agreed between the parties hereto that should the said Virginie marry again after the death of the sais Charles Doucett that she then forfeits all right to remain in or occupy the **dwelling house** hereinbefore mentioned or to demand and receive further support from the said Hilarion Achie or his heirs as hereinbefore provided. In witness whereof the said Charles Doucett and the said Hilarion Achie have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals on the say and year first mentioned.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Henry W. Baldwin

Charles his X mark Doucett

Hilarion Achie”

Registered at the Gloucester County , Bathurst April 20, 1852 , Volume 5, No. 398, pages 369 and 370.



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## APPENDIX 6

### HILARION HACHÉ TO FRANCIS McMANUS

April 17, 1877

“Know all Men by these present that I Hilarion Hachey of the parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province of New Brunswick, Merchant and Mary my wife for and in consideration of the love and affection which we have and bear toward our son in law Francis J. McManus and our daughter Mary his wife now of Memramcook in the County of Westmorland and province aforesaid and also for and in consideration of the sum of **five dollars** of lawful money of Canada to the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary his wife in hand well and truly paid by the said Francis J. McManus and Mary his wife the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge,

Have granted, bargained and sold and by these present do grant, bargain and well unto the said Francis McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns, All and singular that certain piece or parcel of land of a **triangular shape**, situated lying and being in St Peter Village in the said parish of Bathurst in the said County of Gloucester and **bounded and butted as follows** that is to say, **Beginning** at a stake standing on the North side of the Water Street at the **South West angle** of a Lane or by a road called «*Parlez-vous lane*», then Westerly along the East side of the said Lane one hundred and twenty feet to a stake at the North East angle of the lot occupied by Abraham Grant<sup>106</sup> then southerly along the East said Lane of Abraham Grant lot one hundred and thirty feet to Water Street aforesaid thence along Water Street Easterly seventy feet to the place of beginning being a triangular piece of ground lying between «*Parlez-vous Lane*» aforesaid and the lot occupied by Abraham Grant, together with all the estate right title, interest, Dower right or dower claim or demand of the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary his wife of in or to the of in or to the said described bargained premises with all the improvement and privileges belonging to the same, unto the said Francis J. McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns for ever, and the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary his wife for themselves that their executor and administrators, do hereby covenant to and with the said Francis J. McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns, that they the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary his wife are lawfully seized of the before granted and bargain premises and have good right to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as before written, and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto the said Francis J. McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims or demands of an person then soever – In witness whereof the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary his wife have

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Le lot occupé par ce dernier faisait partie du lot 12 à Charles Doucet. Abraham Grant était un marchand natif de la province de Québec, et de religion presbytérienne. Il épousa à Bathurst en 1863 Isabella Raitt, fille de Joseph et d'Ann Raitt. En 1871, il achetait de l'arpenteur Matthew Carruthers de Newcastle un lot de terre situé au nord de la rue Water à Bathurst. Il est décédé en 1878 à l'âge de 45. En 1881, sa veuve tenait un hôtel. Je crois qu'Isabella Raitt était la sœur du photographe Thomas Raitt de Bathurst.

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hereunto set their hands and seals this seventeenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Henry W. Bladwin

(signé) Hilarion Hachey

Marie Hachey

Gloucester S S. Be it remembered that on this seventeenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven before me Henry W. Bladwin Registered of deeds and wills in and for the county of Gloucester, personally came and appeared Hilarion Hachey the within named granted and acknowledge that he do sign, seal and executed the within (written?) deed for the ? and purposes therein mentioned, also at the same time appeared Mary Hachey wife of the said Hilarion Hachey who being by me examined separately and apart from her said husband acknowledge that she did sign, seal the within written deed freely and voluntarily and without any fear threat of compulsion of or from her said husband.

Henry W. Baldwin Co Reg.

Received and registered the seventeenth day of April AD 1877 as number 349 and on pages 538 & 539 of the 25<sup>th</sup> volume of the Record of the County of Gloucester.

Henry W. Baldwin Co Reg.”

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## APPENDIX 7

### HILARION HACHEY TO FRANCIS McMANUS

13 August, 1878.

“This Indenture made this thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight between Hilarion Hachey of St Peters Village in the parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province of New Brunswick, trader, and Marie Hachey his wife of the one part and Francis J McManus of the said St Peters village and Mary his wife of the other part – Witnesseth that the said Hilarion Hachey and Marie Hachey his wife for and in consideration of the sum of **three hundred dollars of lawful** money of Canada to them in hand well and truly paid at or before the unsealing and delivery of these present by the said Francis James McManus, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, Have granted, bargain and sold and by these present do grant, bargain and sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said Francis James McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns all and singular that certain lot or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being near the said St Peter Village in the said parish of Bathurst and bounded and described as follows, that is to say by a line commencing at the North West corner or angle of a certain one acre lot of land lying and being on the south side of the St Anns road (so called) and at present occupied by the widow of the late John J. Dawson and his family, thence running southerly for a distance or space of two hundred and ten feet along the Western boundary line extended of the said one acre of Dawson lot, then running westerly to the rear line of the (first ?) of lots, thence northerly along the said rear line for a distance or space of two hundred and ten feet and thence easterly along the Hon. John Ferguson South line and the said St Anns Road to the place of begging containing eighty acres more or less and being the northern one third to the Homestead lot of land of which the late Charles Doucet (?), together with all the houses, outhouses, barns, buildings, fences improvements, privileges and appurtenances and the reversion (?) and reminders, rents, issues and profits thereof, To Have and To Hold the above granted premises to the said Francis James McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns to their only use and be hoof forever, and the said Hilarion Hachey and Marie Hachey his wife for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators do covenant with the Francis James McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the afore granted premises, that they are free from all encumbrances and thus have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Francis James McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns (?) as aforesaid and that they will and their heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said Francis James McManus and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns forever against the claims and demands of any persons. In witness whereof the said Hilarion Hachey and Marie his wife have (?) set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

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Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of J. F. McManus<sup>107</sup>

Hilarion Hachey

Marie Hachey

Registered at Gloucester County, Aug. 14, 1878 , Volume 26, No. 282, pages 459-460.

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<sup>107</sup> James Francis McManus, attorney. I think he was the brother of Francis McManus.

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## APPENDIX 8

### HILARION HACHEY TO FRANCIS McMANUS

March 6, 1891

“This Indenture, made this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, between Hilarion Hachey of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, merchant of the one part and Francis J. McManus of the same place merchant of the other part, witnesseth that the said Hilarion Hachey for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars of lawful money of Canada to him in hand well and truly paid at or before the unsealing and delivery of these presents by the said Francis J. McManus, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargains, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said Francis J. McManus his heirs and assigns all and singular those certain lots, pieces and portions of land an premises, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Bathurst aforesaid and severally bounded and described as follows – Beginning first all and singulars that certain lot or parcel of land situate on Middle River in the said Parish of Bathurst and bounded and described as follows – Beginning at a marked cedar tree standing on the eastern side of a reserved road and the south western angle of lot A formerly owned and occupied by the late William Meloy, thence southerly and easterly to the north western angle of land occupied by the late James White late Joseph White and Edward White, thence southerly and easterly along the northern division line of the said White land to the rear of the shore land granted by the Crown to Pierre Doucette and others, thence Northerly and easterly along said line to the south western angle of the said Meloy lot, thence northerly and westerly along southern division line of the said Meloy lot to the place of beginning containing two hundred acres more or less, being the northerly one third part of lot B granted by the Crown to one Joseph Doucette. Secondly and singular that other lot or parcel of land situate near Red Pine Station on the Intercolonial Railway and containing one hundred acres more or less and granted by the Crown to the said Hilarion Hachey by Grant bearing date of the seventeenth day of march in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four, said lot being distinguished as lot number fifty one on the eastern side of the said Intercolonial Railway at Red Pine Station. Thirdly all and singular that other lot or parcel of land situate in Middle river aforesaid and bounded and described as follows, on the north east by land presently occupied by the widow of the late Hilarion Gagné, on the south east and south west by Crown land being the same lot of land granted by the crown to the late Joseph M. Ache on the said Middle River, and containing two hundred acres more or less, together with all houses, out houses, barns, buildings, edifices, fences, improvements, profits, privileges and appurtenances to the same ...

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J. McKay Thomson

Hilarion Hachey”

Registered at Gloucester County, 10 March 1891 , vol. 35, no 392, p. 777-779.



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## APPENDIX 9

### HILARION HACHEY TO MARIE McMANUS

December 27, 1895

“This Indenture made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five between Hilarion Hachey of Bathurst Village in the parish of Bathurst... Merchant, and Mary Hachey née Doucet wife of the said Hilarion Hachey of the one part, and Mary McManus wife of Francis J. McManus and daughter of the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey of the same place of the other part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey née Doucet bear unto the said Mary McManus their said daughter and for further consideration of the sum of five dollars ... do grant ...

All and singular that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the said parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province aforesaid bounded and described as follows viz : Bounded easterly by the Great Road leading from Bathurst through the parish of Beresford to Restigouche County, northerly by the road leading from the Great Road to St. Anns’ Settlement so called, westerly by the rear line of the Ggrant to Pierre Doucet and thirty others in the said parish of Bathurst and southerly by lot number eleven in said Grant or by land now occupied by Peter J. Hachey containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less and known a lot number twelve in said grant to Pierre Doucet and others, being the land conveyed by Charles Doucet jr in part to the said Hilarion Hachey by deed dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852 and in part by his last will and testament bequeathed to his daughter the said Mary Hachey, which last will and testament is dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1842 and is registered in the Record of the said County of Gloucester on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1855, being the lands and premises at present occupied by the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey née Doucet his wife, together with the said Mary McManus and Francis J. McManus her husband, together with all houses ...

John J. Harrington

Hilarion Hachey

Mary Hachey”

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## APPENDIX 10

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN MRS HILARION HACHEY

and children of her uncle Tranquil Doucet

August 29, 1900

“MEMORANDUM of an agreement made and entered into this twenty ninth day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred, between Mary Hachey (née Doucet) of the parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, widow of the late Hilarion Hachey and only child and heir of Charles Doucet, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the County and Province aforesaid, of the first part ; and

Alexander T. Doucet of the Parish of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, Louise Legassy, wife of Narcisse Legassy of Belledune in the Parish of Beresford in the County and Province aforesaid, Mary Lea Arseneau of the Parish of Bathurst in the County and Province aforesaid, widow of the late Antoine Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet of the Parish of Bathurst in the County and Province aforesaid, Samuel T. Doucet of the Parish New Bandon in the County and Province aforesaid, children and heirs of Tranquil Doucet, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, of the second part.

Whereas the said Charles Doucet and the said Tranquille Doucet during their life time owned and were possessed of equal interests and rights in the property known as the Teteagouche Mill property situate of Bathurst in the Parish of Bathurst in the county of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick and

Whereas (the said property being under lease) there is an annual ground rental acquired there from which said annual rental amounts to the sum of sixteen dollars, and

Whereas the said Charles Doucet left one heir (namely the said Mary Hachey) to his share of the above mentioned property and to enjoy the rents and benefits derived thereof, and

Whereas the said Tranquille Doucet left together with the above mentioned heirs which are at present living namely Alexander T. Doucet, Louse Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet and Samuel T. Doucet, the following which are dead namely Appoline DeGrace, wife of Ferdinand DeGrace late of the parish of Beresford in the County of Gloucester and Province aforesaid, Marie Arseneau, wife of Pascal Arseneau, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province aforesaid, Virginie Arseneau, wife of James Arseneau, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province aforesaid, James T. Doucet, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the

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County of Gloucester and province aforesaid, and Reine Doucet, late of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and province aforesaid, and

Whereas it was the wish and request of the said Tranquille Doucet during his life time that after his life time that after his death his share of the aforesaid ground rental namely the sum of eight dollars yearly should be paid to the Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Bathurst Village in order to have Masses and Prayers said and recited for the repose of the souls of himself and his heirs, and

Whereas the said Mary Hachey has for many years past collected and still continues to collect the said annual rental namely the sum of sixteen dollars from the occupier or leases of the said Teteagouche Mill Property.

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Mary Hachey for herself and hers heirs in compliance with the request of the said late Tranquille Doucet and through the good will of herself and her heirs, agrees to pay and give to the Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Bathurst Village the sum of eight Dollars yearly being the share and interest of the heirs of the said late Tranquille Doucet in the said Teteagouche Mill Property, which said yearly sum eight dollars shall be applied and used by the said Parish Priest of Bathurst Village aforesaid in the manner following that is to say :

- 1 That out the said annual amount of eight dollars the said Parish Priest shall recite or have recited or said the funeral Mass and Service of the said Alexander T. Doucet, Louise Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet and Samuel T. Doucet at the death of each and every one of them the said said Alexander T. Doucet, Louise Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet and Samuel T. Doucet.
- 2 That after the death of the said Alexander T. Doucet, Louise Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet and Samuel T. Doucet the said annual amount of eight dollars shall be used by the said Parish Priest of Bathurst Villgae in saying or having said and recited Masses and Prayers for the repose of the souls of the said Alexander T. Doucet, Louise Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet, Samuel T. Doucet, Appoline DeGrace, Mary Arseneau, Elizabeth Pitre, Virginie Arseneau, James T. Doucet and Reine Doucet and the heirs and Children of them the said Alexander T. Doucet, Louise Legassy, Mary Lea Arseneau, Joseph T. Doucet, Samuel T. Doucet, Appoline DeGrace, Mary Arseneau, Elizabeth Pitre, Virginie Arseneau, James T. Doucet and Reine Doucet.

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In witness whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seal this twenty ninth day of August A. D. 1900.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of (signé)

Mary Hachey

Alexander T X Doucet

Mary Lea X Arseneau

Joseph T X Doucet

Being first read and explained before signing

Chas F. McManus”

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## APPENDIX 11

Mary McManus to William Varrily

May 14, 1907

“This Indenture made this fourteenth day of May of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven between Mary McManus of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester widow of the late Hon. Francis J. McManus deceased, individually and as guardian of the persons and estates of Edmund McManus, Mary Loretta McManus, and James Wilfred McManus of the first part, and the Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily Rector of the Holy Family Church of Bathurst Village in said Parish and County of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Mary McManus individually and guardian as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars of lawful money of Canada to her in hand, well and truly paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said the Right Reverend Mgr. William Varrily his heirs and assigns all and singular that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in said parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, bounded and described as follows : Bounded easterly by the Great Road leading from Bathurst through the parish of Beresford to Restigouche County, northerly by the road leading from the said Great Road to St. Ann’s settlement (so called), westerly by the rear line of the Grant to Pierre Doucet and thirty others in the said parish of Bathurst and Southerly by lot No 11 in said grant or by the land now occupied by Peter J. Hachey, containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less and known as lot no. 12 in said grant to Pierre Doucet and others ; and being the lands conveyed by Charles Doucet Jr. in part to one Hilarion Hachey by deed dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1852 and in part by his last will and testament bequeathed to his daughter Mary Hachey, and which last will and testament is dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1848, and is registered in the records of the said County of Gloucester on the sixth day of February AD 1855; being the lands and premises at present occupied by the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey (née Doucet) his wife, together with the said Mary McManus and Francis J. McManus her husband, excepting and reserving thereout all that piece of land heretofore deeded by me the said Mary McManus to Charles McManus her son, and afterwards by him and Mary his wife conveyed to Frederick W. Summer, as by reference to the records of the said County of Gloucester will more fully appear ; also there is hereby further granted, bargained and sold by the party of the first part to the party of the second part all that tract of land situate in said Parish of Bathurst in said County of Gloucester bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a cedar tree standing on the southeasterly corner bank or shore of Middle River at a point where the southerly prolongation of the west line of lot number





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## APPENDIX 12

MRS. FRANCIS McMANUS TO WILLIAM VARRILY

August 6, 1910

“This Indenture made this sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, between Mary McManus of the Parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, widow of the Honorable Francis J. McManus, deceased, of the first part; and the Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily Rector of the Church of the Holy Family in Bathurst Village, in said Parish and County of the second part, Witnesseth, whereas by deed dated August 13, AD, 1878, registered on pages 459, 460 and 461 of the 20<sup>th</sup> volume of the Records of the said County of Gloucester made between Hilarion Hachey of St Peter’s (Bathurst) village in the Parish of Bathurst and Marie Hachey (née Doucet) his wife and the said Francis J. McManus and his wife Mary McManus his wife, daughter of the said Hilarion Hachey and Marie his wife did convey to the said Francis J. McManus and Mary McManus his wife «all and singular that certain lot or parcel of land and premises situate lying and being near the said St Perter’s (Bathurst) Village in the said parish of Bathurst and bounded and described as follows, that is to say ; by a line commencing at the north West corner or angle of a certain one acre lot of land lying and being on the Southside of St. Ann’s Road (so called) and at present occupied by the widow of the late John S. Dawson and her family, thence running Southerly, for a distance or space of two hundred and ten feet along the Westerly boundary line extended of the said one acre or Dawson lot thence running Westerly to the rear line of the front tier of lots, thence Northerly along the said rear line for a distance or space of two hundred and ten feet, and thence Easterly along the Hon. John Ferguson South line and the said St. Ann’s Road to the place of beginning containing eighty acres more or less, and being the Northern one third part of the Homestead lot of land of which the late Charles Doucet died seized»; and whereas the said conveyance to the said Francis J. McManus and the said Mary McManus his wife did create in point of law an «Estate in entirety» between them as husband and wife with the result that on the death of the husband, the said Francis J. McManus in September AD 1897, interstate leaving his said wife surviving, she the said Mary McManus became sole and absolute owner in fee of the land and premises above described and conveyed as aforesaid, to the exclusion of the children of herself and the said Francis J. McManus. And whereas by deed dated December 27, AD 1895 registered on pages 82, 83 and 84 of the 40<sup>th</sup> Volume of the Records of the County of Gloucester, made between the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey his wife and the said Mary McManus their daughter, they the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey his wife did convey to the said Mary McManus all and singular that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises situate lying and being in the said Parish of bathers in the County of Gloucester and Province aforesaid, bounded and described as follows viz.: bounded Eastery by the great road

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leading from Bathurst through the parish of Beresford to Restigouche County, Northerly by the road leading from the said great road to St. Ann's settlement so called, Westerly by the rear line of the grant to Pierre Doucet and thirty others in the said parish of Bathurst, and Southerly by lot number eleven in said grant, or by land now occupied by Peter J. Hachey containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less, and know as number twelve in said grant to Pierre Doucet and others, being the land conveyed by Charles Doucet junior, in part to the said Hilarion Hachey by deed dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of april AD 1852 and in part by his will and testament bequeathed to his daughter Mary Hachey, which last will and testament is dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1848, being the lands and premises at present occupied by the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey (née Doucet) his wife, together with the said Mary McManus and Francis J. McManus her husband» - and as above described, constituting the «**Hachey Homestead**» so called, and whereas the description of the land intended to be conveyed to the Mary McManus by the said last mentioned deed of December 27, 1895 is **erroneous**, inasmuch as it would embrace and consequently purports to convey to the said Mary McManus the lot of land already previously sold and conveyed by her said parents to the said Francis J. McManus and the said Mary McManus his wife by the deed of August 13, 1878 herein above recited; and whereas the land and premises conveyed by the said deed of August 13, 1878 to the said Francis J. McManus and the said Mary McManus his wife as an «Estate in Entirely» became vested, in point of law, in the said Mary McManus, absolutely, by the death of her said husband, Francis J. McManus in the month of September AD 1897, intestate, to the utter exclusion of all right in their children to any interest whatever in said land and premises; and whereas by reason of the fact on the death of her said husband, Francis J. McManus, the said Mary McManus became absolute owner of the land and premises, part of the «**Hachey Homestead**», conveyed to both of them by the deed of August 13, 1878, and by reason of the further fact that by the deed of December 27 AD 1895 from her said parents, she the said Mary McManus became absolute owner of the balance of the «**Hachey Homestead**» the result is to reconstruct and reconstitute the «**Hachey Homestead**» so called in its original entirety, as it stood before it was dismembered by the deed of August 13, 1878, - so that the title to and absolute ownership of the whole «**Hachey Homestead**» as it is by (?) and bounds described in the deed of December 27, AD 1895 (Which description includes the part covered by deed of August 13, 1878), became vested in the said Mary McManus absolutely and in her own sole right to the exclusion of all the world; and whereas it has been erroneously considered that the infant children of the said Francis J. McManus and the said Mary McManus became entitled on the death of their father Francis J. McManus, intestate, to some interest in the said land so conveyed to their said parents by the said deed of august 13, 1878; and whereas, acting upon this erroneous consideration, by an Indenture dated May 14 AD 1907 registered as number 167 on pages 203 and 204 of the 49<sup>th</sup> volume of the Records of the County of Gloucester, the said Mary McManus

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professing to act for herself individually and as guardian of the persons and estates of her three infant children, did convey to the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily, party hereto of the second part, the lands and premises constituting the «**Hachey Homestead**» in its original entirety as described in the deed of December 27, 1895 (which description includes that part of the «**Hachey Homestead**» covered by the deed of August 13, 1878); but whereas the infant children of the said Francis J. McManus and Mary McManus his wife have not and never had any right title or interest whatever either in that part of the «**Hachey Homestead**» covered by the deed of August 13, 1878 which vested absolutely in the said Mary McManus on the death of her said husband Francis J. McManus, or in that part of the «**Hachey Homestead**» which was conveyed to the said Mary McManus by the deed from her parents of December 27, 1895; but on the contrary the whole «**Hachey Homestead**» in its original entirety became absolute vested in the said Mary McManus for the reasons above fully set forth; And whereas the improper introduction of the names of said infant children into the conveyance of May 14, 1907 to the said Right Reverend Monsignor Varrily is calculated to mislead and confuse as well as to suggest doubts and false ideas as to the validity and perfectness of the title of the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily to all the land and premises comprised in the original «**Hachey Homestead**» in its entirety as it stood before the making of the deed of August 13, 1878, and which original «**Hachey Homestead**» in its entirety it was the intention of the Mary McManus to convey to the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily by the said deed of May 14, 1907, notwithstanding the errors and defects in said conveyance; Now therefore know all men by these present and this Indenture witnesseth that I, the said Mary McManus, in order to remove all causes of confusion to correct all errors, to dispel all doubts, to affirm and further confirm; if needs be the title of the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily to all the lands and premises meant mentioned and intended to be conveyed to him by deed of May 14, 1907, and in consideration of the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars to me already in hand well and truly paid, and in further consideration of the sum of one dollars to me in hand paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said the Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily his heirs and assigns «all and singular that certain lot piece or parcel of land situate, lying, being in said parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, bounded and described as follows : Bounded easterly by the Great Road leading from Bathurst through the parish of Beresford to Restigouche County, northerly by the road leading from the said Great road to St. Ann's settlement (so called), westerly by the rear line of the Grant to Pierre Doucet and thirty others in the said parish of Bathurst and southerly by lot No 11 in said grant or by the land now occupied by Peter J. Hachey, containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less and known as lot no. 12 in said grant to Pierre Doucet and

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others ; and being the lands conveyed by Charles Doucet Jr. In part to one Hilarion Hachey by deed dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1852 and in part by his last will and testament bequeathed to his daughter Mary Hachey, and which last will and testament is dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1848, and is registered in the records of the said County of Gloucester on the sixth day of February AD 1855; being the lands and premises at present occupied by the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey (née Doucet) his wife, together with the said Mary McManus and Francis J. McManus her husband, excepting and reserving thereout all that piece of land heretofore deeded by me the said Mary McManus to my son Charles McManus, and afterwards by him and Mary his wife conveyed to Frederick Summer, as by reference to the records of the said County of Gloucester will more fully appear ; together with all houses, barns, buildings, edifices, improvements, profits, privilege and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner appertaining; and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate right, right and title, interest, use, possession, property. Claim and demand, either at law or inequity of me the said Mary McManus of, in, to or out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances; To Have and to Hold the said lot piece or parcel of land and premises hereby granted, bargained and sold, or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, and in every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily to the only proper use, benefit and behoof and behalf of the said Right Reverend Monsignor William Varrily his heirs and assigns for ever, in witness whereof, I, the said Mary McManus, have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence

Mary McManus

Patrick J. Power J. P.

County of Gloucester ...

Received and registered this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1910 at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. as number 289, and pages 475, 476, 477 and 478 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> volume of the records of the county of Gloucester.

Samuel Melanson registrar”

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## APPENDIX 13

### WILLIAM VARRILY TO MANUS KANE

June 12, 1916

“This indenture made this twelve day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen between the Right Reverend William Varrily of Bathurst Village in the County of Gloucester, Rector of the Holy Family Church of the first part; and Manus Kane of the parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester, farmer of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Right Reverend William Varrily for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand dollars to him in hand well and truly paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said Manus Kane, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has bargained, sold aliened, released and confirmed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said Manus Kane his heirs and assigns all and singular that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in said Parish of Bathurst, in the county of Gloucester, Province of New Brunswick, bounded and described as follows : Bounded easterly by the Great Road leading from Bathurst through the Parish of Beresford to Restigouche County, northerly by the road leading from the said Great Road to St. Anns’s Settlement (so called), Westerly by the rear line of the Grant to Pierre Doucet and thirty others in the said Parish of Bathurst, and southerly by lot no. 11 in said grant, or by land now occupied by Peter J. Hachey, containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less and known as lot no. 12 in said grant to Pierre Doucet and others; and being the land conveyed by Charles Doucet Jr, in part to one Hilarion Hachey by deed dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852, and in part by his last will and testament bequeathed to his daughter Mary Hachey, and which last will and testament is dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1848, and is registered in the records of the said County of Gloucester on the sixth day of February AD 1855 being the land and premises at present occupied by the said Hilarion Hachey and Mary Hachey (née Doucet) his wife together with the said Mary McManus and Francis J. McManus her husband, excepting and reserving thereout all that piece of land heretofore deeded by the said Mary McManus to Charles McManus her son and afterwards by him and Mary his wife conveyed by deed to Frederick W, Summer as by reference to the records of this County will more fully appear, but excepting and reserving out of the foregoing lands and premises all that lot, piece or parcel of land therefore sold by the Right Reverend William to the to the Government, west of the Doucet Road (so called), and also reserving all that piece of land between the said Doucet Road (so called) and the Intercolonial Railway, and further, all that piece of land heretofore sold by the Right Reverend William Varrily to one Claude Mersereau. Together with all houses, out houses, barns, buildings, edifices, fences, improvements, profits, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner appertaining; and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and also, all the

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estate right, title, right and title, interest, use, possession, property claim and demand either at Law or in Equity, of him the said Right Reverend William Varrily of, in, to, or out of the same and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To Have and To Hold the said lot, piece or parcel of land and premises hereby granted, bargained, and sold or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, unto the said Manus Kane, his heirs and assigns, Forever behoof of the said Manus Kane his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said Right Reverend William Varrily has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of James P, Byrne

William Varrily ”

Registered June 19, 1918 Vol. 59, number 123, pages 204 and 205.



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## APPENDIX 14

Extracts of censuses from 1861 to 1911 indicating the persons living in the Doucet-Hennessy House.

### CENSUS – 1861

#### Gloucester – Northern section parish of Bathurst, p. 7

“ACHIE Haliron 36, fa., NB Farmer & shopkeeper, RC, 6 ch. in school  
(Doucet) Mary, 28, wi. NB, RC

#### Children, NB, RC

Lucy 9  
Mary 7  
Louisa 5  
Elisabeth 3  
Ellen 6 months  
Charles 11

DOUCETTE Tranquille 65, NB, RC, uncle in law  
HILL Mary 20, NB, Servant RC  
DEGRACE Ellen 20, NB, Servant RC  
ARSINEAU John 36, Labourer, NB, RC  
DEGRACE Joseph 21, Labourer, NB, RC”

### CENSUS – 1871

#### Gloucester – subdistrict – Bathurst – division 2, p. 54

“HACHÉ Hilarion, fa. 46, NB, RC, French, Merchant  
(Doucet) Mary, wi. 40, NB, RC, French

#### Children, NB, RC, French

Lucy, 16  
Mary, 15 (clerk)  
Louisa, 14  
Elizabeth, 12  
Ellen, 10  
Hilarion, 8  
Joseph, 5  
Teresa, 1

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**DOUCET** Tranquil, 73, NB, RC, French  
**McMANUS** Francis, 29, NB, RC, Irish, teacher  
**ARSENEAU** John, 20, NB, Rc, French, servant  
**ARSENEAU** Louisa, 28, NB, RC, French, servant”

Neighbours – The Reverend John Carter and the nuns.

### CENSUS – 1881

#### Gloucester – Bathurst – Division B-1, p. 71

“**ACHE** Hilarion, fa, 57, NB, Cath., FR. Storekeeper  
(Doucet) Mary, wi. 50, NB, Cath., FR

Children, NB, Cath. Fr.

Lucy, 25  
Louise, 23  
Elizabeth, 21  
Ellen, 20  
Hilarion, 18, Clerk  
Therese, 11

**McMANUS** Francis J. fa. 36, NB, Cath., Irish, trader  
Mary, wi., 24, NB, Cath. Fr

Children, NB, Cath., Irish.

Charles, 3”

### CENSUS – 1891

#### Gloucester – Bathurst – Division A-3, p. 46

“**HACHEY** Hillarion, fa., 68, NB, FR. Can., RC, Merchant (R & W)  
Marie, wi., 60, NB, FR. Can., RC, (R & W)

Ch., NB, FR. Can. RC

Elizabeth, 30 (R & W)  
Therese, 21 (R & W)

**McMANUS** Francis J., fa., 47, son-in-Law, NB (fa. Ir.) RC, Merchant (R & W)  
Marie, wi., 35, daughter, NB, Fr. Can., RC (R & W)

Ch., NB, FR. Can. RC

Charles, 13 (R & W)  
Terence, 9 (R & W)  
Thomas, 7 (R & W)

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Joseph, 5 (R)  
Edmond, 3”

### CENSUS – 1901

#### Gloucester – Bathurst, division A-3, p. No. 180

“McMANUS Mrs. J., head, w. (Aug. 13 1855) 45, NB Eng. Can., R. Cath., farmer  
(RW.En. Fr) French

Clerrence, son (Aug. 24, 1881), 19, NB, farm help, (RW.En. Fr)

Thomas, son (Nov. 17, 1883) 17, NB, clerk, (RW.En. Fr)

Joseph, son (Nov. 12, 1885) 15, NB, (RW.En. Fr)

Edmond, son, (Nov. 10 1887) 13, NB (RW.En. Fr)

Lorette, daughter (March 2, 1894), 7, NB (RW.En. Fr)

Wilfred, son (March 22 1896), 5, NB.

HACHEY Mrs. Halarion, mother, w. (Dec. 20, 1830), 70. NB, Eng. Can. R. Cath.  
(RW.En. Fr) French »

Neighbour: Rev. Varrily

### CENSUS – 1911

#### Gloucester County – Bathurst, district 1, p. 3

“McMANUS Mary, widow, born August 1853 – 58

Lorette, daughter, born May 1894 – 17

Wilfred, son, born March 1896 – 14

This family does not live beside Holy Family Church.

#### Gloucester County – Bathurst Parish, district 3, p. 10

KANE	Nancy	Widow	77
	Alexander	son	39
	Manus	son	27
	Nancy	daughter	33
MORAN	Beatrice	niece (sic granddaughter)	21.

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## APPENDIX 15

### EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION OF NIPISIGUIT

1797-1811

(Archives of the Archdiocese of Québec)

1798

Joseph Doucet, senior churchwarden for 1798

“Paid to Pierre Doucet on account for 1 canoe that he sold to the parish corporation.”

1799

Pierre Doucet, senior churchwarden

“On October 20, 1799, the inhabitants of the parish of Nipisiguit assembled after the parish Mass to elect a new churchwarden, Charles Doucet.”

1800

“On October 5, 1800, the inhabitants of Nipisiguit assembled at the presbytery after the parish Mass to elect a new churchwarden, Joseph LeBlanc.” Joseph LeBlanc, son-in-law of Charlitte Doucet.

“A sheep worth an estimated 3 piastres delivered to Charles Doucet for work done at the church.”

“Three piastres for the captain’s pew made by Charles Doucet.”

“Three piastres for another front pew made by the same Charles Doucet.”

“Three other pews at two piastres each made by the same Charles Doucet added to his account.”

“For a chest to hold hangings, the confessional and the churchwardens’ pew made by the same Charles Doucet and estimated at 2 louis’, eleven shillings, added to his account.”

“For a Mass in memory of the late Charles Doucet”

1801

“For expenses for laundry given to Mrs. Doucet.”

“To Charles Doucet, given a sheep for what the church owed him for a baptismal font cupboard and the dome over the pew for the parish corporation.”

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“Receipt for four louis’ for purchase of Charles Doucet’s pew to settle accounts with the said Charles Doucet for the work he did at the church.”

1802

“Charles Doucet, currently the senior churchwarden, presents a receipt to settle accounts for the sum of five louis’ thirteen shillings five sols in money due and paid by François Comeau.”

1803

“Joseph LeBlanc, currently the senior churchwarden.”

“Income from the pew of Charles Doucet Senior for work done at the church.”

1806

“Two small burials for the children of Charles Doucet.”

“High Masses for Charles Doucet.”

“Memorial Mass for Charles Doucet.”

1808

“Memorial Mass for Charles Doucet.”

1809

“Charles Doucet, senior churchwarden for 1809.”

“High Mass for Charles Doucet and his wife.”

1811 – July 6 – Resolutions signed by Mgr. Octave Plessis.

“5 – That the memorial Mass for the late Charles Doucet be celebrated in perpetuity.”

### EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION OF NIPISIGUIT

1812-1836

Archives of Holy Family Parish in Bathurst.

“On April 13, 1819, the old and new churchwardens being assembled at the presbytery to elect a new churchwarden. Charles Doucet, Junior received the greatest number of votes and consequently was named churchwarden. »

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“Election of Charles Doucet Senior

April 22, 1821 – the old and new churchwardens being assembled at the presbytery to elect a new churchwarden in the place of the outgoing Luc Doucet. Charles Doucet received the greatest number of votes and willingly accepted the position of churchwarden.”

“January 5, 1823 ... To be deducted 2/10/00 used in the service of the church by Charles Doucet Senior by the order of Messire Cooke, then the missionary of that place. ... Joseph Haché delivered to Charles Doucet Junior who succeeded him as senior churchwarden.”

January 1, 1826 ... Paid to Charles Doucet Senior for window glass and candles.

January 3, 1836 - ... The sum of £87/7/1½, the total in the chest (of the parish corporation) having been counted in the presence of the assembly. The chest was then deposited with Charles Doucet Senior and the key put in the hands of the senior churchwarden for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, named



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## APPENDIX 16

### **Extracts of transactions concerning Charles Doucet and other owners of the Doucet-Hennessy House.**

**Most of the following extracts are from Mgr. Donat Robichaud's work concerning the Northumberland and Gloucester County registry offices.**

**Newcastle, NB – Extracts from the registry office, 1784-1826) – 1984.**

**Bathurst, NB – Extracts from the Gloucester County registry office – 12 volumes 1826-1891.**

**September 24, 1810** – Florent LeBlanc dit Bouquet living at Cascapédia (New Richmond, Gaspé Peninsula) sold to his uncle Charles Doucet for the sum of £37 10 s. a piece of land 12 rods across containing 55 acres from lot no. 13.

Florent's brothers and sister who signed for this transaction:

Rose Boudreau, widow of Joseph LeBlanc and residing on the south side of lot 13 and Florent LeBlanc on February 8, 1822, before William Miller and John Ronald. Romain LeBlanc, Isabelle LeBlanc, Félicité LeBlanc on February 9, 1822, before Justice of the Peace Perry Dumaresq. Jean Boudreau, Marguerite Boudreau on February 15, 1822, before Justice of the Peace Perry Dumaresq. And finally at New Richmond on February 20, 1822, Florence LeBlanc, Sophie LeBlanc, Édouard LeBlanc and Appoline LeBlanc before Justice of the Peace John Gilkers.

Registered in the Newcastle registry office on November 2, 1822, vol. 20, No. 42, p. 84.

**December 26, 1811** - Joseph Doucet (Catherine Vienneau ) sells to Charles Doucet ( his brother ), for the sum of £ 27 10s . Lot # 6

Registered in the Newcastle registry office on February 28, 1814, vol. 11, no 134, p. 277.

**April 8, 1822** – Michel Daigle and his wife Marie, sold to Charles Doucet Senior for the sum of £10 part of lot no. 7 granted to Fidèle Arseneau, beginning at the northwest corner of the line for lot 7, along the riverbank 16 rods 11 feet, containing 53 acres.

Registered in the Newcastle registry office on November 2, 1822, vol. 20, No. 44, p. 88.

**June 19, 1823** – Charles Doucet and his wife Marie Arseneau sold to their son-in-law Raphaël DeGrâce, married to Marie Doucet, “the land on which they are currently settled ... land beginning at the line for 21 rods and 1/3 of the land we bought from Joseph Doucet (lot no. 6 in the Nipisiguit grant) on condition that they can only sell half of it.” Perry Dumaresq, JP.

Registered in the Newcastle registry office, vol. 22, No. 52, p. 140.



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**August 1, 1836** – (cancellation of **lease**, vol. 1, p. 399) – Charles Doucet Sr., Bathurst ... John Fraser ... Land occupied by John Fraser on which store and wharf are erected ... John Miller JP.

Registered le November 2, 1836, vol. 2, no 243, p. 262.

**September 10, 1835** – Charles Doucet , farmer, Bathurst – **Lease** ... Benjamin Adams, blacksmith, Bathurst ... adjoining property leased and occupied by Richard Blackstock ... St. Peter Village. John Miller JP

Registered November 12, 1836, vol. 2, no 250, p. 271.

**December 2, 1836** – Charles Doucet, Sr., gentleman (and Marie) Bathurst ... £1000 . Bond, Hon. Joseph Cunard .. part of lot 11 (N. of Bathurst harbour) granted Joseph LeBlanc ... Joseph Read. Signé Charles Doucet et son épouse, ainsi que son fils Joseph Doucet et son épouse Sophie.

Registered December 7, 1836, vol. 2, no 262, p. 285.

**June 27, 1837** – Charles Doucet the elder, Bathurst, farmer (and Marie) ... consideration. Love ... Romo (Romain), farmer, Bathurst ... 176 acres ... N. and middle 1/3 part of lot 6 granted Joseph Doucet) and 7 (granted Michael Doucet). William End.

Registered le July 1, 1837, vol. 2, no 420, p. 462.

**July 30, 1838** – Charles Doucet (and Mary), farmer, Bathurst, Tranquille Doucett (and Mary Rebecca), farmer, Bathurst ... lease ... Richard Blackstock and James Johnson, merchants ... as Richard Blackstock and Co., Bathurst, part of lot 27 on Tetagouche River, granted Charles Doucet in block grant to Pierre Doucet and other, Feb. 20, 1807 ... authority to erect dam and mill ..

Registered July 30, 1838, vol. 3, no 51, p. 60.

**August 16, 1838** – Charles Doucet (and Mary) ... **gift** ...to Rev. Alexander Somerville, Robert Gordon, Henry W. Balwin, trustees of school for the parish of Bathurst ... and in the Village of St. Peters, west of highway or High Street ... 25 feet from corner of King Street ... John Miller JP

Registered August 15, 1838, vol. 3, no 68, p. 79

**August 7, 1839** – Charles Doucet (and Maria), gentleman, Bathurst ... Francis Ferguson, merchant, Bathurst ... (re : rectification of a previous agreement for the land near a wharf – between low and high water mark ..) John Miller JP

Registered August 14, 1939, vol. 3, no 208, p. 226.

**January 14, 1840** – Charles Doucet Sr (and Mary), Bathurst ... £10 ... John Glendenning ... part of lot 7 granted Fedel (Fidèle) Arseneault ... 53 acres. Perry J. N. Dumaresq JP.

Registered January 16, 1840, Vol 3, no 265, p. 285.

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**December 31, 1840** – Charles Doucet (and Marie), farmer, Bathurst ... 2£ ... Francis Ferguson ... tract of shore between N. Side of lower wharf of Francis Ferguson and line of prolongation between lot 14/13 on West Bathurst side.

Registered January 4, 1841, vol. 3, no 398, p. 429

**April 17, 1841** – Charles Doucet Sr., farmer (and Mary), Bathurst ... £60 ... James Wetherall, lumberer, Bathurst ... lot 27, W. Of Tetagouche River (granted Charles Doucet) between lot 28 granted Joseph LeBlanc and lot 26 granted James Robinson (sic), except a lease by Charles Doucet (and Mary) and Tranquille Doucet (and Rebecca) to Richard Blackstock and James Johnson, merchant under Richard Blackstock and Co., July 30, 1838. John Fraser JP

Registered April 17, 1841, Vol. 3, no 436, p. 469.

**June 24, 1845** – Charles Doucet à Mgr William Dollard.

Bathurst – Rent – 30 shilling to be paid at Christmas ... on the eastern side of the Queens Highway – beginning at a point or place on the said eastern side of the said highway where the line separating the parcel of land hereby leased from land in the occupation of Francis Ferguson, Esquire and constituting the northern boundary of the said parcel of land hereby leased intersects the said highway, thence South 75° East 5.00 chains or until it comes to the western boundary of a trust of land conveyed by the said Charles Doucette to the said Right Rev. William Dollard, thence South 90° 30' West 5.45 chains, thence South 75° West 1.55 chains or to the said highway, thence North 18° West by the said highway to the place of beginning and containing 1 acre 3 rods and 31 perches.

Registered June 24, 1845, vol. 4, no 253, p. 270.

**June 24, 1845** - Charles Doucet Sr., Bathurst ... 10 shilling ... Right Rev. William Dollard, Roman Catholic bishop ... land on which the new Roman Catholic church's burying ground and premises are situated at Bathurst ... 3 acres 3 rods 11 perches.

Registered June 26, 1845, vol. 4, no 254, p. 271.

**June 23, 1846** – Dominique and Antoine Doucet, executors of will of Charles Doucet, ... 5 shilling ... Right Rev. William Dollard. (June 24, 1845 Charles Doucet ... lease ... to Right rev. William Dollard, Bishop of NB ... yearly rent of 30 shillings ... in trust for Roman Catholic congregation ...) Now : Charles Doucet who died April 4, 1846 ... by will, said rent to be for mass for his soul ... discharge of yearly rent ...

Joseph Read                      Charles McManus

Registered June 24, 1846, vol. 4, no 333, p. 354

**July 14, 1846** – Charles Doucet and Virginie, Romain and Rose, Tranquille and Rebecca, Joseph and Sophie, Lange DeGrasse, Bathurst, Lucy DeGrasse and Ferdinand Robichaud, Shippagan, Margaret DeGrasse of Bathurst, heirs of the late Marie Doucet, wife of Charles Docuet Sr. They inherited part of lot 10 in West Bathurst near Doucet's Cove,

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formerly granted Pierre Doucet Sr. Now .. 25 ... this piece to John Donnelly, Bathurst, merchant.

Registered June 25, 1847, vol. 4, no 456, p. 489.

**July 14, 1847** – Right Rev. William Dollard ... transfer to Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of NB ... of land (1) by Thomas Haggerty (2) by Charles Doucet.

Registered October 4, 1847, vol. 4, no 513, p. 552.

**May 27, 1846** – Testament of Charles Doucet.

Registered November 11, 1847, vol. 4, no 521, p. 562.

**Le 7 avril 1848** – Charles Doucet, Bathurst ... 5 shillings ... his wife Virginie Doucet ... 200 acres, bounded N by land William Mulloy, S by land Joseph Doucet, originally granted Sept. 2 1837 ... on Middle River.

Registered le 8 avril 1848, vol. 4, no 576, p. 623.

**May 4, 1848** – Charles Doucet (and Virginia) ... 10 shilling ... Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of NB ... land bounded N and E by land of Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, S and E by land Francis Ferguson; W. By Queen highway.

Registered May 5, 1848, vol. 4, no 590, p. 638.

**April 20, 1852** – Charles Doucet (and Virginie), Bathurst, farmer ... love and lifetime support ... and 5 shilling ... Hilarion Achie (and Mary, daughter of Charles Doucet), Bathurst ... S ½ lot 12 in St. Peter Village, now own and occupied by Charles Doucet, with dwelling house, outhouse, and barns thereon ... Excepting during lifetime, land will be used in common (Charles Doucet and Hilarion Achie) and also profits on lease to Luke Doucet, Patrick Howard, William Walsh, John Strong Dawson.

Registered April 20, 1852, vol. 4, no 398, p. 369

**July 30, 1853** – John Fraser, Cross Point, county of Bonaventure ... transfer of his lease from Charles Doucet Sr. to James Meahan, Bathurst Merchant...

Registered August 19, 1853, vol. 4, no 530, p. 433.

**May 29, 1848** – Testament of Charles Doucet.

Registered February 6, 1855, vol. 4, no 739, p. 535

**September 2, 1859** – Virginie Grant (widow Doucet) of Petit Rocher sells ( or leases ) for the sum £ 2-5 sh . Thomas Leahy a lot of 40 square feet located west «of the Great Road in Village St. Peter, Bathurst (leased by late Charles Doucet to William Welch)»

Registered September 7, 1858, vol. 6, No 248, p. 364.

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**September 7, 1859** - James Grant, Petit-Rocher, farmer and his wife Viginie Grant, relict of late Charles Doucet of Bathurst (sell or lease) for the sum of £50 to John Strong Bathurst 1/3 of all the Doucet real estate...»

Registered September 7, 1858, vol. 6, No 249, p. 365.

**March 10, 1860** – Charles (Joseph) Doucet of Little River, Bathurst, carpenter and Hilarion Haché (wife Marie) heirs of the late Charles Doucet, Bathurst ; Joseph M. Haché, Bathurst Farmer & pilot, and Virginie Grant, late Doucet, relict of late Charles Doucet... £10 to Joseph M. Haché ... part of marsh, granted Joseph Read, between Caron Point & Sutherland Manor... 50 acres now owned and occupied by late Charles Charles Doucet senior and by him 1/3 to Charles J. Doucet, etc...

Registered April 22, 1861, vol. 6, no 232, p. 320.

**July 1, 1861** – Joseph Morisson, Bathurst ... £30 ... (to) Hilarion Achie, Bathurst Merchant ... land in St. Peter Village from estate of late Charles Docuet adj Luke Doucet...

Registered July 1, 1861, vol. 6, No 257, p. 358.

**May 7, 1862** – Agreement between Hilarion Haché, Bathurst Merchant... £100... (to) John Proctor lease land in Bathurst Village, 40 x 40 ft of estate of late Charles Doucet.

Registered December 31, 1862, vol. 7, no 87, p. 128.

**May 19, 1862** – Agreement between :

- 1) Hilarion Hachie (wife Marie), Bathurst Trader and farmer
- 2) Luke Doucet, Bathurst shoemaker, yeoman
- 3) John Cook, Bathurst

£120 lease to John Cook, part of lot 12 in village St. Peters, occupied by Luke Doucet, a front of 40 feet in Highway to Restigouche & 40 feet rear (40 feet sq), bounded front by highway, south by school lot, North by Patrick Howard, rear by Joseph Morrison.

Registered May 20, 1862, vol. 7, no 2, p. 2.

**May 13, 1863** – Lease – Hilarion Haché, Bathurst merchant... for rents and covenant ... to John Ferguson, Bathurst Merchant, land in St. Peters Village bounded east by road 20 feet wide dividing lot from John Cook, N & W by Hilarion Haché, South by land leased & occupied by John Proctor, 40 x 40 feet of estate of late Charles Doucet.

Registered May 19, 1863, vol. 7, no 170, p. 252.

**July 12, 1865** - «Hilarion Haché (wife Mary Doucet) Bathurst merchant & trader ... for rents ... (to) Hon. John Ferguson, Bathurst merchant – land part of estate of late Charles ... line from N corner of wharf formerly occ'd by late Richard Blackstock and Adams –



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land beginning at S. W. Corner of the store now standing on the site of that formerly occupied by William shields, then S. To highway, then S W 31 feet, then N W 49 feet, then to N W. Corner of store erected & formerly occupied by Richard Blackstock, then to the beginning. – Water lot formerly occupied by Benjamin Adams.

Registered July 17, 1865, vol. 7, no 159, p. 281.

**September 22, 1866** - John Proctor, Bathurst, blacksmith £43 ... (to) Hilarion Haché, Bathurst, trader. Mortgage. Leasehold in Village St. Peters.

Registered September 22, 1866, vol. 8, No 2, p. 2.

**September 28, 1868** – John Proctor, Bathurst, blacksmith... £100 ... (to) Hilarion Hachey, merchant, land in village St. Peters (deed Hilarion Hachey 17 may 1862 to John Proctor)

Registered September 30, 1868, vol. 8, no 83, p. 119.

**April 17, 1877** – Hilarion Hachey (wife Marie) ... for love and affection ... (to) his son-in-law, Francis McManus and our daughter Mary his wife, now of Memramcook, land “of a triangular shape” in St. Peters Village, Bathurst, N of water St. And S W corner of a lane on North side of Water St. Called “Parlez-vous Lane”.

Registered April 17, 1877, vol. 10, no 349, p. 538.

**August 13, 1878** – Francis James McManus, St. Peters Village, Bathurst (wife Mary) ... \$300 ... (to) Hilarion Hachey (wife Marie) St. Peters Village trader ... land on N of water St at S W corner of “Parlez-vous Lane”.

Registered August 14, 1878, vol. 10, no 280, p. 457

**August 13, 1878** – Hilarion Hachey (wife Marie) St. Peters Village, trader ... \$300 ... (to) Francis James McManus, land St. Peters Village S. of St. Ann’s road, now occupied by widow John Dawson. 80 acres – N 1/3 of homestead of late Charles Doucet.

Registered August 14, 1878, vol. 10, no 282, p. 459.

**December 5, 1888** – Hilarion Hachey (wife Marie), Bathurst merchant, (to) John Sivewright, Bathurst, lease property occupied by Orlo Smith – part of lot No 12 Village St. Peters.

Registered December 11, 1888, vol. 12, no 179, p. 337.

**July 10, 1889** – James Buttimer (wife Mary Ann), Bathurst merchant ... \$450 ... (to) Hilarion Hachey, Bathurst Merchant. Land on Middle River – 200 acres – N 1/3 of lot granted Joseph Doucet lot B (deed Joseph Doucet and Charles Doucet, then Charles Doucet to his wife Virginia Grant, then Virginia Grant to late John S. Dawson).

Registered 15 July, 1889, vol. 12, no 367, p. 670.

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**September 25, 1889** – Mortgage - Richard Peters & Judson Peters, New Bandon ... \$750 ... (to) Hilarion Hachey, Bathurst. Mortgage later cancelled.

Registered September 26, 1889, vol. 12, no 429, p. 788.

**October 25, 1889** – Mortgage – Judson Peters, New Bandon ... \$300 (to) Hilarion Hachey, Bathurst merchant. Mortgage later cancelled.

Registered October 25, 1889, vol. 12, no 453, p. 836.

**March 6, 1891** – Hilarion Hachey, Bathurst merchant ... \$1000 ... (to) Francis J McManus, Bathurst Merchant. Lot on Middle River – 200 acres – N 1/3 lot B granted Joseph Doucet. Land near Red Pine Station on I C Ry – 100 acres granted 17 March 1884 Hilarion Hachey. 200 acres on Middle River granted Joseph M. Hachey.

Registered March 10, 1891, vol. 12, no 392, p. 777.