

APPENDIX C

The following is taken from the diary of Abigail Gayton, wife of John Gayton, both late of Knowlesville, Carleton County, N. B., formerly of Argyle, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia :

THOMAS GAYTON, born in Tipperary, Ireland, in or about the year 1791, died in Argyle, Nova Scotia, November 28th, 1858, at the age of about 67 years. He was of Norman and Irish descent. Leaving Ireland when about 15 years of age, he came first to Newfoundland, remaining there about eighteen months, thence to Argyle, Nova Scotia, there making his home the remainder of his life. At the time of the American war of 1812, Thomas Gayton was employed in service in the naval dock yard at Halifax, N. S.

Thomas Gayton married Anne Spinney, daughter of Isaac and Eunice (Frost) Spinney, June 5th, 1814, at Argyle, Nova Scotia.

ANNE SPINNEY, was born at Argyle, N. S., March 21st, 1789, and died at Argyle, N. S., May 3rd, 1855, aged 66 years.

Thomas Gayton followed fishing on the Labrador coast and as his boys were old enough to be of any use in the work, they too went with their father, so their early lives were connected with toil and work on the sea. At home in the winter they improved what time they could get going to school. When arrived at manhood they took charge of vessels for themselves, or the three eldest did as captains or skippers.

JOHN GAYTON, son of Thomas Gayton, was born in Argyle, N. S., October 3rd, 1815, died at Knowlesville, N. B., January 4th, 1894, aged 78 years.

John Gayton married Abigail Smith, daughter of Thomas K., and Elizabeth (Crowell) Smith, of Barrington, Nova Scotia, February 18th, 1843, and had a family of eight children, all born at Argyle, N. S. They are :