

Peabody, Mr. James Simonds and Mr. James White were the three principal persons of this party. They arrived on the 19th day of May, 1762, and landed at Portland Point, where there was a small clearing and the traces of an old French fort. Fort Frederick was then occupied by a company of soldiers from Halifax. * * * The party of adventurers, who had arrived from Newburyport, brought with them from that place the frame of a house. They landed and raised it on the 20th of May, and on the night of the 21st they occupied it. Mr. Samuel Peabody, to whom the house belonged, lived in it afterwards, and it was subsequently occupied by Mr. White for many years.

This statement is plain enough and circumstantial enough, and was evidently derived by Mr. Perley from the personal recollections or memoranda of some of the early settlers.

The statement of the late Joseph W. Lawrence in his well-known little work, "Foot-Prints," is based upon the information contained in the following letter addressed to him by the late John Quinton,* the original of which is in my possession.

ST. JOHN, N. B., July 31st, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—

Messrs. Simonds, White, Peabody, and their party—Hugh Quinton and wife being of the number, some twenty in all—landed in St. John harbour on the 28th August, 1762. Hugh Quinton and wife, Miss Hannah Peabody, and others, went into the old French fort on Carleton side. In this there was a barrack that had some time prior to this been occupied by British troops. Messrs. Simonds, White, and the rest of the party went to the site of another old French fort, since known as Simonds' Point, where they erected a building to accommodate the whole party, to which Quinton and others in Carleton, soon after moved.

On the night of this day—28th August, 1762—Quinton's wife was delivered of her first-born, a son, in the old fort barrack in Carleton.

I have, perhaps, made this statement already too long, but I want it clearly understood that there is *no mistake about this date*. Beside the record in my possession, frequent confirmation of the

* Mr. Quinton died 1st July, 1888, at the age of eighty-one years.