

So much for the very earliest settlers, the real founders of Tabusintac, all of whom were there before 1804. During the next few years, in the interval between that year and the great grant of 1811, some others arrived from various sources, including Munro and Leslie, of whom nothing further is known. Others who came early, but were not grantees, were John Campbell, from Rossshire, Scotland, and John Beattie, from Dumfriesshire. Later, about 1817, James Johnstone came from Dumfries Scotland, took up land at the mouth of Cowassaget Brook, developed a fine farm and carried on an extensive lumbering business. He died about 1862 and left many descendants, some of whom live at Tracadie, Napan, Oak Point, and elsewhere, with descendants through his daughters at Tabusintac. Colonel Thomas G. Loggie, of the Crown Land Office at Fredericton, is a grandson. Other early residents, most of whom have left descendants, were Hugh Murray, and Gay (about 1817) from Prince Edward Island, and McCallum, probably from the same place, Brown (about 1805) from England, William McWilliam (about 1829) from Prince Edward Island. Another prominent early resident was William Urquhart. This Urquhart's father was from the United States; he was the first resident Presbyterian clergyman on the Miramichi, and his wife was Margaret Milligan, locally said to have been a relative of John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States. Their daughter Louisa married James Hierlihy, son of Philip, and a number of their descendants live in Tabusintac or vicinity, including Mrs. Horatio Lee and Mr. W. S. Loggie, member of parliament. Another prominent early family was that of Benjamin Stymest, son of Benjamin, a Loyalist who had settled at Bay du Vin. The younger Benjamin came to Tabusintac about 1810, married a daughter of Charlotte and Philip