



BLÈRE — Château de Fontenay

Edit. Lhuillier



35. — BLERE (Indre-et-Loire). — Château de FONTENAY. — (Dans le voisinage, restes d'un aqueduc gallo-romain, qui conduisait à Tours l'eau des Grandes-Fontaines.) — (S.) — ND. Phot.

Simi-Bromate A. Breger, frères 9, rue Thénard, Paris. Déposit.

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Mcintosh mountain
Property

John Mcintosh (creator, Simon)

Sold Dec 20 1843 to

James Smith & Duncan Fisher
who sold to John Lawrence
& James Hutchinson later, these

Sold to Hugh Allan Jan 17 1854

the Paveungag portion - in 1861
the lines the wall - ordered demolished
at East of County Court road when
in March 1869

Witnesses -

April 3 1931

I give & bequeath the dossier
& McFavish papers, documents,

Extract

Presbytery Christ Church, Anglican - 1848

The Honorable James Reid, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of and for the District of Montreal, died on the nineteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty eight aged seventy eight years and seven months and was buried on the twenty seventh following by me

John Beltrame Rector

Witness present - H Taylor
Wm McTavish

1866

Elizabeth Mc Gillivray, widow of the late Honorable Chief Justice Reid of the City of Montreal, died on the nineteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, aged eighty years, and was buried on the twenty fourth following by me

J. Montreal

Witness to interment
J.P. White
J.G. Hills

Where did these interments take place? Miss Taylor & Reid Taylor
Died in the McTavish Vault. Enquiry made at the R Cemetery Oct 1872
Report Oct 1872 - "no record of burials in the R Cemetery" - no Report of funerals or
place of burials in local Press -

Handwritten notes in top left corner, including names and dates.

Faint printed text in top right corner, possibly a header or address.

Copy of Funeral Notice

"Sir,

You are requested to attend the
Funeral of Simon McTavish Esq. deceased from
his Country Seat at the Mountain, to the place
of Interment, on Sunday half past two o'clock,
P.M.

Montreal, July 6, 1804

(addressed to) Pierre Guy Esq.

(Note written on back)

Jeudi le 6 Juilliet 1804 Est mort
Simon Mactavish ecuyer Enterre a sa montagne
✓ Dimanche le 8e dite la relevé"

was a Friday

*Copied from original card
in St Sulpice Library -
permission of Laureau
copy Mr Birch*

Simon McFavish

vestibulum in generale

July 6/8/1804

copy of letter to Simon

You are requested to attend the funeral of Simon McFavish Esq. deceased from his country seat at the Mountain, to the place of interment on Sunday half past two o'clock.

P.M.

Montreal, July 6, 1804

(addressed to) Please say so.

(note written on back)

Jeudi le 6 Juillet 1804 Est mort Simon McFavish ancien Entrepr. & se montano Branche de sa dite de relieve

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,
808 University Street
TELEPHONE U.P. 2032
MONTREAL

the page 147 history of St Gabriel church for date re Simon McFavish, his house & monument.

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Notes McFavish Monument

(Mr G H Birch's notes) Thome Melrose 1305 W.

Simon McFavish died ^{July 6, 1804} 1803. (Left his ^{bequeathed} property to) nephews W^m & Duncan McFellivray (who) erected the monument. Did he leave the property? Is he buried there? Do the vignette frontispiece to *Wichelaga Depicta* 1839 correctly represent the tomb & monument? Was the erection below the monument then built?

John McFavish, son of Alexander, & nephew of Simon, described in Deeds of Sale of record in Archives (see Maricotte), British Consul Baltimore Maryland USA ^{1834 to 1852} about 1843. Married Emily Caton in said State August 1816. He died June 21st 1850, leaving all his property to his wife.

McFavish sold property known as "McFavish property" Dec 21st 1843 to James Smith & Benjamin Fisher by deed executed at Montreal before Siffert N.P. "with plan attached" & reservation of tomb, including certain specified surrounding land" agreed upon & well understood between the said McFavish & said Smith & Fisher - particularly noting a semi-circular piece of land which was later planted by the McFavish heirs with cypress trees & shrubs. The above mentioned tomb & ground remained the possession of McFavish ~~his wife~~ until his death & afterwards in possession of his wife until 1861 when action was instituted by her against Hugh Allan for encroachment. (note - Rose & Ritchie attorneys defendant - Allan).

Allan presumably purchased from John Horrocks James Hutchinson presumably representing the heirs of purchaser from McFavish in 1843, as per deed executed before Gibb & Colleague M.P.s dated Jan 17th 1854 "having plan attached" & with aforementioned reservation of tomb & surroundings expressly stipulated.

In August 1861 Hugh Allan erected a stone wall 8 ft high

(2)

see history of St Gabriel church Rev Dr Campbell page 77
1852
James Smith & Benjamin Fisher

negotiated.
THOMSON,
missionary.

(1/2)

Montreal in 1816

Reminiscences of JH Dorville Montreal Star Feb 5-1881

"The mountain was covered with trees & had in it McTavish's monument & unfurnished home."

painting of tomb (n.d.) in Mc Cord Museum

Inscription on McTavish Monument
(panel facing South)

(from *Hochelaga Depicta* page 175)

Sacred to the Memory of SIMON M'TAVISH Esq.
Who died July 6 1804

aged 54 years.

This Monument is erected by his Nephews

WILLIAM and DUNCAN M'GILLIVRAY,

To commemorate their high sense of his manly virtues,

And as a grateful tribute

For his many acts of kindness shown to them.

"His remains were deposited in a tomb placed at a short distance behind the house, surrounded by shrubbery." *Hochelaga Depicta* page 175

Mr Birch to make tracings of plans attached to deeds of Dec 21st 1843 & Jan 7th 1854 with permission of Mr Massicotte, archivist, & to get information from Mr Fauteux, of St Sulpice Library, & others, & Mr Baylis & Enquire of Mr Lomer, McGill Library, elsewhere, for procurable data.

Oct 25/21

For article with drawing of the McTavish House built about 1820 see Montreal Daily Star Feb 16 1891 in Fayobann extra-illustrated Montreal Past & Present 1872 in McGill Library presented by W D Lighthall KC - see extracts & drawing of house later page

Oct 26/21

Execution Statement in Settlement of Estate may be seen at St Sulpice Library where Mr Fauteux showed to Mr Birch & Mr Baylis

see later note (4/2)

See page 104 History of St-Sulpice church concerning Hon Mrs M'Gillivray & her nephew Duncan of Hochelaga

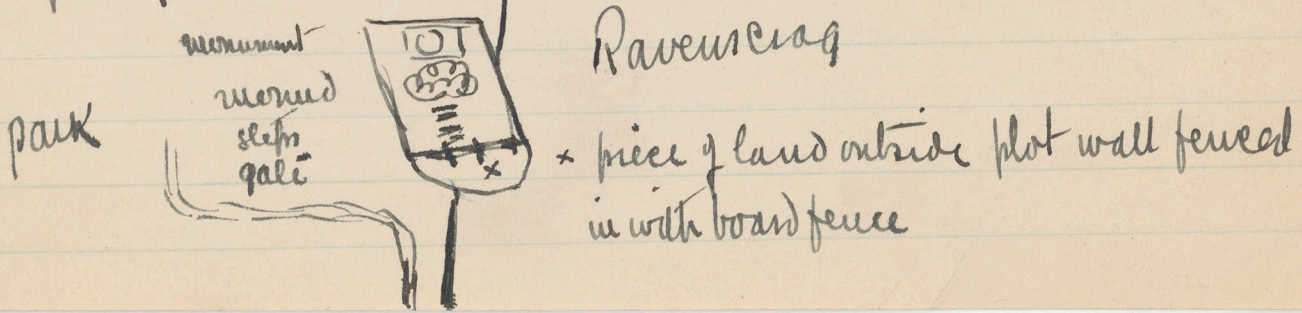
entirely enclosing his purchase of land now known as Ravenscrag & claiming to have observed the stipulations in Deeds Edge regarding the ~~plot~~ burial plot tomb & monument of Simon M^r Parish.

In the same year (1861) Emily Calton widow of John M^r Parish of Baltimore Md. instituted a legal action for encroachment & contravention of conditions of said Deeds of Sale, for a sum of \$2000 pounds, for demolition of the wall & replacement of wall remains in same condition as before erection of said wall & this to be done, paid by Defdt Allan.

Saturday October 22 1871

This afternoon Mr Rich & the writer, Geo Parish, visited the M^r Parish plot which is found in great neglect & the monument in extreme disrepair. The plot is surrounded by a stone wall with an iron gate, unopened, to the north. Careful examination was made with a view to identify the erections as depicted in frontispiece of "Hochelaga Depicta". The monument & railing ^{are} shown but the inscription is very faint. The steps shown as leading up to the tomb are still in place, but there is no erection corresponding to the tomb as shown. There is however a mound, or Cairn, composed of what may be the debris of such an erection comprising pieces of rough & cut stone piled up at the foot of the cliff on the site as shown in vignette & the spaces filled in with earth. Query what might excavation of this mound disclose?

Evidence was seen apparently corroborative that the suit - Calton vs Allan resulted in judgment - to demolish wall & some attempt - being made to comply. The "Allan wall" is interrupted at its junction with the M^r Parish wall & a wooden fence erected around a semi-circular piece of land taken from the Allan property & putting into it roughly thus



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The Montreal Gazette July 9 1804

" Montreal July 9 1804
Died

On Friday last the 6th instant, Simon M^r Lavoisier Esq. at his Country Seat near the Mountains - His talents & exertions had secured him fortune, which none deserved more nor could use better than himself. He was hospitable to strangers, befriended the poor, relieved the distressed, was a warm and steady friend, and in every respect a man of a generous and dignified character. - His spirit of enterprise distinguished him beyond most men, in which he persevered with a laudable zeal productive of advantage to himself and his connections, and of great benefit to the Public. - His death will be considered as a loss to Society, and will be long and much regretted by his family and friends.

November 26 1804

Notice

It hereby given that the business heretofore carried on by M^r Lavoisier Esq. at Terrebonne, will in future be transacted, by Messrs McKensie and Jacob Oldham, under the firm of McKensie, Oldham & Co. who will also manage the business of the Mills and Lignistry, and give attendance to the Lock lately constructed there for the convenience of navigation.
Montreal, November 26, 1804.

Protestant Cemetery - Hochelaga Defuncta page vii

"The Protestant inhabitants of the city, feeling the want of a place to bury their dead, according to rules of their own preference, purchased a piece of land in Dorchester Street in 1799. At a meeting held in the Court House on the 21st of June in that year, Messrs Edward W. Gray, Isaac Melancon, Arthur Davidson, John Russell, and William Hume, were chosen Trustees to receive a deed of the burying ground in trust for the Protestant inhabitants of Montreal and vicinity; and during their lives to make rules and regulations for the good order thereof; and in a vacancy of the Trustees, the remaining members to elect others." The original cost of the ground was £550, with interest until the same was liquidated, which was done by instalments created as the lots were taken up.

In 1824, a considerable addition was made to the Cemetery by the purchase of the ground in the street along its whole length, which is the part at present used. The cost was £1000 with interest; it is not yet paid off.

x 1839)
x "

The New Burial Ground was purchased in 1816, at the cost of £500. This amount has been paid off; and the revenue derived from it at present is appropriated to the liquidation of the debt on the Old ground. The Trustees are the same for both.

Query: was Simon McTavish buried July 8 1804 (as in Certificate) in this ground and not at first in the plot on the site on Mount Royal. Was the body removed there & when? Where is it now? (Mr Morrison Roy will kindly inform)

From absence of specific data in any of the Protestant Cemeteries as reported by Mr Roy it may be accepted that McTavish was not buried in any of them, then or later & was therefore, it must be assumed, buried in the mountain plot. In Hochelaga Defuncta p. 175

Montreal Daily Star Feb 16 1891

The Haunted House

Sketch about the Mc Lavish mansion

* Mc Lavish died
Feb 1891

The house stood almost on the site of the residence of the late Mr M H Gault & was built about 1870 by an old North West fur trader, Simon Mc Lavish. The house was never finished, but was falsely reported that Mr Mc Lavish had hanged himself in it.

Mr Clune says he believes died a natural death in the home once situated in the site of the cottage recently demolished to make room for Mr Duncan Mc Intyre's residence

Illustration

The Mc Lavish Home
Montreal Daily Star
Feb 16 1891



Mr P R Day all well renders the old house which faced south. It contained 100 windows & drew from memory a rough sketch resembling this. He also remembers the walled plot, with lawn & monument, before the altar wall was built.

See Antiquarian
Series 2 Vol II opposite 154
where P S MacNeil
with cut as above
copied from Star

Legend

The owner built the house preparatory to the coming of his family; that his wife, a high-spirited woman, & very proud, objected to coming to this country, but that her husband hoped to surprise her by the presentation of a beautiful home; that one night, as the house was nearing its completion some mysterious impulse moved him to go to it. When, just as he entered the basement and looked up he saw in the moonlight her image from dangling from the roof-tree. Though he knew she was in Scotland, the apparition was so realistic & striking that all work on the house was suspended. When the steamer (sic!) which had been expected arrived it brought the news of her suicide by hanging in the garret of her old home & at the very hour when he had seen the apparition. He became a cynic, worked & died. Work had never been resumed upon the building, nor could a purchaser be found for it.

aged 54

Description of the House

The front wall of the building stood about twenty feet

McLaurin House (2) (4)

above the lower line of the Braehead "property". It was a few feet nearer Peel than McLaurin Street. The largest part of the house stood on the property at present owned by Mr Andrew Allan. The main building was 60 x 45, the two wings 30 feet each, & the frontage 120 feet. The roofing was gable, the four chimneys of brick, the front all of cut stone. The basement floor was only about a foot under ground in front & the basement windows, unusually high, open not quite down to the ground. These long windows had only two rows of windows above them. There were no windows in the roof. The old building, where Mr McLaurin died in his bed, was one & a half stories high, with eight apartments, a high basement, a front gallery, an outside kitchen with a long well finished shed at the back. There was an old barn in front of the entrance to Mr Andrew Allan's residence. The McLaurin farm extended from the English Cemetery to the present E.P.R. Station & from the half of Mansfield Street to the half of Stanley Street. In 1844 the farm was sold for £30000 to three gentlemen --- no one man in Montreal at that time being rich enough to purchase it (See also Montreal Past & Present for further particulars)

Donchelles British Dominion 1837 Vol 1 page 437.

--- "a little more than a quarter of a mile to the northward, not conspicuously elevated beneath the abrupt part of the mountain, is a mansion erected by the late Simon McLaurin, Esq., in a style of much elegance. This gentleman had projected great improvements in the neighborhood of this agreeable and favorite spot: had he lived to superintend the completion of them, the place would have made an ornament to the island. Mr McLaurin, during his lifetime, was highly respected by all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance, and is much lamented by them at his decease: his remains were deposited in a tomb placed at a short distance from the house, surrounded by a shrubbery: on a rocky eminence above it his friends have erected a monumental pillar, as a tribute to his worth and a memento of their regret. Both the house and the pillar are very prominent objects, that disclose themselves in almost every direction."

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Estate Lumen M. Fawish (St. Sulprice Library)

By Order of the Court - 1815, in the case of George Pelley vs the Executors of Lumen M. Fawish, R. Griffin nP was ordered to make a Report which he did on many large folio sheets, showing legacies to many persons of £ 77,000 or total estate, £ 99,000. Deaneau & William M. Calloway were large beneficiaries, showing the source of their means to build the Monument. A bequest to his father-in-law, - Chabodley establishes the name of his wife. He left sons & daughters sons by name & amount. His widow later married Major Vauchoir(?) a deed being in the St. Sulprice Library establishing the fact. Mr. Faulstich says he has evidence that Emily Caton, wife of John M. Fawish, was a grand-daughter of Charles Carroll.

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Children of Lumen M. Fawish

William	From Aug 1	1796	}
Mary	Apr 15	1798	
Ann	Oct 28	1799	
Simon	June 5	1803	

all baptized in American church
at date shortly afterwards
as per records in Archive

Simon appointed to these unions soon after
their father's death July 6, 1804 as per deed.

Action Calton vs Allan Nov 3/8 (5)

Apparently instituted 1861
Judgment Feb 28 1866 (1538) ordering demolishing of wall

& removal of material with costs against Allan
John M^c Lavish died at Baltimore June 11th 1852
married Emily Calton at Droughoragen Manor Ann Arundel County
Md. USA Aug 15 1816 - (See Certificate filed)

Will of John M^c Lavish caused in Codicil leaving everything
to his wife - (children Mary Helderly wife of Hon^{ble} Henry George
Howard Charles Carroll Alexander Simon)

Notarial Protest - Mrs Reid, widow of Chief Justice, vs Hugh Allan
Oct 3 1861

Evidence of Mrs Reid - remains of uncle, brother, interred in the
M^c Lavish burial ground - semi-enclosed piece in front of plot -
always considered a part & was taken care of by her. also says that
wall around plot completed 1846-7 attention to change since 1840

Mrs Reid died
1848

Evidence of John Atkinson architect - supervised building
of wall & fencing of circular portion in front of plot - speaks of
the mound of earth in front existing before wall was built planted
with trees & shrubs - consulted with Judge Reid re building of wall.

Mound of earth
in 1861

Says 3 interments since completion of enclosures. a road was
made at ~~expense~~ expense & direction of Judge Reid leading up
to tomb. ^{confirms plan, mound, shrubs, & says the restoration was for}

Evidence of James Smith - mentions remains deposited in tomb

Evidence of Hugh Taylor - represented John M^c Lavish
from 1846 to 1852 when he died. Remains of Simon M^c Lavish
were placed in tomb in 1804. Semi-enclosed piece fenced
in since 1830 or thereabouts. Atkinson had charge of
ground since erection of wall & held the keys of the vault. Says
fence was carried away by miscreants & replaced by a
hedge of cedar. Tomb still standing

Ground consecrated by Lord Bishop of Quebec 1848

Fun of John M^c Lavish acting as British Consul in Baltimore
for a few months after father's death. Query - how long did
the father hold office before that time? appointed Feb 15 1824

Journal of Joseph Robisher - died Sept 12 1810
1806 - 1810

- 1806
Monday
October 28
Removed the remains of my brothers Benj & Thomas from the old church yard to the new Burying Ground. The former died in 1787 & Thomas in 1791. Benj's Coffin was found sound.
- 1808
April 9
April 10
" "
Deceased M^c Gillisay died this morning between the hour of one & two o'clock. The body was opened.
Poor M^c Gillisay was buried at the monument in the M^c Fairish family Vault -

M ^c Gillisay & Judge Reid Robisher & Mackenzie Fraser & Holwell Todd & Ogden Reid & Son B Robisher & Holwell Henry & Chabodley Caldwell & Jo Robisher Pothier Blackwell & Mrs McKay D. McKenzie Garden & Thain	}	Mourners
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| Sunday 17
Saturday 25
Wednesday 27
Sept 21 | The mourners & Pall Bearer attended at church with their Scyfs & Hat Bands after the will was read a D. M ^c Gillisay own House -
- this day heard by word off Mrs M ^c Fairish being married to Major Pleuderleath of the 100 th Regt in London on the 17 February last -
Died at home - Company
John M ^c Fairish (among others noted)
Died at Beaver Club. with Major Pleuderleath & Capt Cheshire
Died at home - Pleam Boat Launched
" Company (") John M ^c Fairish (among them)
Corner stone of Lord Nelson monument was laid
Died at home - Company (last important item)
Honorable & Revd Mr Stewart 1
Messrs Ogden M ^c Gill Reid & Henry 4
" Felby, Caldwell, & Powell 3
" Capt Patterson & a Cameron ✓
Mr Bonthillier & Sir A. Mackenzie ✓
Self & Son Jo. ✓ 14 |
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The journal is mostly records of dinners, the dates, company, &c & a few more or less important happenings

Antipred Copy

36 Page folio sheet written both sides

Report of R Griffin - appointed by the Court in case no 385 October 1811
George Selby vs William Mc Gillivray executor when bequeine into the
Estate of the late Simon Mc Tavish, dated 1st October 1815 -

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Real Estate

Farm at the Mountain	\$ 5050. 17. 1
House in the City	2592 18 9
Sundry other lands more or less making a total of Real Estate	\$ 5646. 5. 5

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Personal Estate

Shares in W W Fur Company	6673. 2. 7
Furniture & other assets	68833 19 8 1/2
<u>Total Estate</u>	<u>\$ 175750. 5. 1 1/2</u>

(mortgages & annuities cleared against set off in debt)
payments by executor - furniture left to ^{sworn to by} his widow delivered to her)

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Will of Simon Mc Tavish dated 2nd day of July 1804

Family Margaret Mc Tavish (Chabodles) wife & widow
Mary & Anne daughters
Simon & William sons

Bequests (principal) Wife annuity of \$1000 - father in law Chabodles \$150 an.
use of house
Furniture plate houses &c
Children \$10000 each

Duncan & Wm Mc Gillivray nephews	\$1000 each
Simon	500
additional - Simon	4000
Grey nurse & hotel keep	1000 each
Tom of Alexander (r)	2000

no legacies exceeding 1000s. to be paid before 7 years

Succession - Real Estate - with remainder - in order named
sons: William, Simon, daughters: Mary & Anne - John Mc Tavish nephew
his younger brother - Wm Duncan & Simon Mc Gillivray - tenants in tail
to take name Mc Tavish. In case of death of all children
John Mc Tavish to inherit land except estate in Scotland

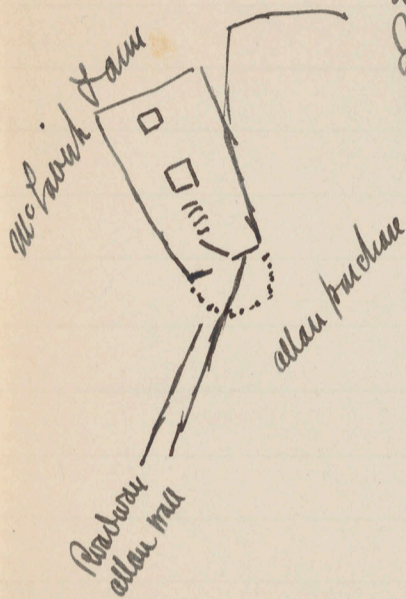
statement - declares certain bequests still to be paid
Complete "Dossier" of case in archives kept. 2 copies of above report included
also - Declaration Oct 1811 (copy ordered) with great mass of pleadings, interventions
as per list filed ^{16 362} appointments of tutors to minors - Oct 10 1812 - Apr 1 1814 - Feb 13 1814. Judgment
covering various points from Oct 1811 to April 1816. Judgment in distribution Oct 18 1819. ordered
Will of Duncan Mc Gillivray - Letters of administration Margaret Mc Tavish wife of William Smith
Plunder death of deceased son William (English parchment document)

Dec/21

The McFavish Monument & Tomb

Case of heirs McFavish (or Emily Calver and John McFavish) vs Hugh Allan
 Brief synopsis of Record to establish facts concerning -

Date of Institution of action - Protest - widow Justice Reid Oct 3 1861?
 Recorded title of case & number
 Declaration of Plaintiff -



name & status
 Justification of action
 Inheritance of property - John McFavish nephew of Priors
 Will of Union McFavish
 Transmission since his death
 Plans of Burial plot & reservation of land outside
 When used for interments - first & subsequently
 Date of erection of monument - & Tomb or Vault
 Building of wall
 Consecration of Burial Place
 Reservation of road - use for later burials

Witnesses & their Testimony

- Widow of Justice Reid - ~~remains~~ ^{Bodies} buried there - care of plot - wall
- John Atkinson - Building of wall - mound in front of plot - planted with trees & shrubs - fenced - Judge Reid advising & ordering - wall & road - interments.
- Lance Smith - "remains deposited in Tomb" - re
- Hugh Taylor - administrator John McFavish 1879-1888 died -
- Remains in Tomb - fence round plot outside wall - Atkinson in charge of keys to Vault.

Judgement -

date - number - enumeration

John McFavish - British consul in Baltimore at death 1858 - how long before?
 Son of John acting consul for short time thereafter -

The Tomb (?)

When did it fall into present state of ruin?
 When & by whose orders was present monument piled on site?
 Are bodies there now & how many?
 Who is or will become responsible for repair & upkeep?

The McFavish or Haunted House

History of Montreal (streets) by Rev J Douglas Boothwick F.R.D., F.C.S.
(see also paper by P.S. Murphy - "Antiquarian"?) History of Home)
Montreal 1897 D. Gallagher

r10 "Thirty odd years ago there stood" - Legends - Haunted House -
r11 explanation led to warden father by McMartin who lived on & farmed the
McFavish farm - moon at particular phase shining on angle of tin roof thought to
be McFavish's spirit
entering from NW Company he married Mlle Charboille, sister of Curé
of Rougemont - during the winter months McFavish's residence was nos.
23, 25, 27 St Jean Baptiste Street while during the summer he occupied a stone
cottage a few hundred yards west of his new home - (occupied by McMartin) -
"It was at this cottage he died in July 1804" - such a long distance from City that
a lunch was laid on long tables in front of house for mourners. "McFavish
was buried in a vault situated a little to the west of Ravenscrag - Mausoleum
& shaft still to be seen (1897?) - 4 children - fortune £ 16000 Sterling -
at time of death house in course of construction. Description agrees with picture.

* 1892
P.S. Murphy

r14 # "There are many reports concerning Mr McFavish's death, but as a matter of history
he took cold in the month of March or April while superintending the construction
of his house, which turning to inflammation, brought his career to an end in July 1804.
The particulars concerning the death & funeral of Mr McFavish were given to the
writer by a lady who was residing as a guest at the McFavish cottage at the time
of the woman's death." see article P.S. Murphy "Antiquarian" April 1892

r15 P.S. "I have writing foregoing have read "A Tour to Niagara Falls, 1806, by Mr
Timothy Bigelow who visited the tomb behind his house in a thick wood on the
mountain side, passing by the new home. Describes site "perpendicular as
wells" as if intended by nature for a monument, & concludes:
"Mr McFavish is much regretted by the gentlemen of Montreal, who speak
of him as having been a thorough merchant, an hospitable, munificent
man, in short an ornament to society. He died July 6th 1804 leaving
an estate of one hundred & twenty thousand pounds sterling to be
inherited by four children"

"This is the testimony of a man who met & conversed with men
who had been close friends of Mr McFavish"

φ The foregoing is copied by Boothwick from article by P.S. Murphy in the
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St Gabriel church

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Judge Reid

LETTERS FROM

Postal Suggestions.

To the Editor of The Gazette:
Sir,—Anent the postal service and its weaknesses, let me suggest.

(a) That the postmen get their half holiday on Thursday instead of Saturday; this would obviate the long interval, sometimes from Saturday morning till Tuesday—often a serious matter.

(b) That their wallets be rainproof, so that letters and other material be not delivered in a soaked, smeared and even damaged condition on rainy days.

I do not expect to duplicate in Montreal my experience in London, England, of mailing a letter at 6 p.m. and finding the mailed reply on the breakfast table the next morning; still we have a right to expect a vast improvement on the present scheme.

DAVID CHABRAND DELISLE.
Sept Vieux, June 21, 1922.

Simon McTavish - Subscribed \$5 to Rev M

Pomerville's steward - one of 27 new owners - founder of the famous Northwest Company. Robinson & John

Mixed Marriages

- Simon Fraser & Genevieve Lefebvre 1770*
- John Porteous & Josette Carguierde 1771*
- James McNeil & M^{lle} Charlotte Guillemain 1776*
- Joseph Robinson & Charlotte Jobert 1779*
- Alex Henry & M^{lle} Marie Lavoie 1784*

David Chabrand
Rev Delisle
anglais

McTavish & Chabrand
McTavish

in 1791 Rev James Lumsden became assistant to Mr Delisle & on the death of the latter he succeeded to the Rectorate with Rev Philip Looney as Curate.

Protest Elizabeth M^e Gillivray vs Hugh Allan & Guffins n.P.
against encroachment - Oct 3 1861

Plaintiff's Exhibits

- 1 Deed of Sale John M^e Tavish per atty Hugh Taylor to Smith & Fisher
Dec 21 1843 Guffins & Colleague n.P.s
- 2 Marriage Certificate John M^e Tavish & Emily, Calm Aug 15 1816
- 3 Last Will & Testament John M^e Tavish 24th July 1848 & certificates
- 4 Certificate of Burial do 24 June 1852
- 5 " of Probate of Will do 10 July 1852
- 6 Copy of Protest - see Reid noted above
- 7 Plan of Ground Tomb & Monument marked w
depositions

Mr Birch to
read copy of his
notes on these
affairs 2305 W

Elizabeth M^e Gillivray wid late Chief Justice Reid - as above
John Atkinson
Hon James Smith
Hugh Taylor
& V Regnard

Interview - Nov 19/20 1921 with Messrs Birch & Baylin

Mr Fessie Munro Coffey

75 Columbia High Brooklyn N.Y.

claims descent from Pious M^e Tavish - promises memo with reminiscences -
mother born here & remembers putting flowers on tomb. Visit me of curiosity & chance
wished to see tomb. He took her up Sunday afternoon & she saw all there
was to see - Corner of wall falling down - great devastation all about. Circular fence
in position since final judgment. City claims no responsibility & takes no care.

Superior Court

no 1538

Emily Calton widow of John W. Fawcett and Corone
of Baltimore Md USA
vs

Hugh Allan of Montreal
2nd November 1861 - 25 year H M P. vs

Henry Stuart Atty for Plaintiff
Declaration of Plaintiff exhibit A filed Dec 31 1861
Rose & Co Atty for Deft
Complaint

encroachment on property rights as shown
on plan of plot exhibit vs
demand
demolition of wall overhanging
Hugh Allan

vs
John Torrance & James Hutchinson enjoinder

Deeds of Sale filed

Dec 21 1843 John W. Fawcett to James Smith & Duncan Forbes Plaintiff's exhibit
M. Solomon & Puffer nps

Jan 17 1854 Torrance & Hutchinson to Hugh Allan 1796 n.p. Defendant's exhibit
List of Plaintiff's exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8

Judgment - Feb 26 1861 H M Justice Monk granted with costs
appealed

Judgment - June 10th 1869 confirmed with costs
of Dowse & Canon, Bonders, ~~W. MacKay~~

copy on exhibit →

Road 36.4 Cms measure
about 600ft
Plan & map
Plaintiff's exhibit (2)
see end of book

copy

copy

Caton vs Allan

Deposition of Elizabeth McGillivray widow of the late Honble.

Chief Justice Reid, 5th. Feby. 1863.

" In the Year one thousand and Eight Hundred and forty after my arrival from England the late John McTavish and my late Husband agreed to have a Wall erected around the Tomb and Monument *at the Mountain* where the remains of my Uncle, Brother and Nephew were deposited, The Plan now shewn to me and marked W exhibited the Tomb and Monument I allude to, the semicircular portion of Ground immediately in front of the Tomb and marked by the letters C. D. E. in the said Plan was always considered and was a portion of the ground belonging to & forming a part of the Tomb, ever since the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty it was kept in repair by myself. I caused a mound or embankment of earth to be dug around it, and planted it with Cypress shrubs, which I procured from the grounds of the Honorable Judge Monk, I sent my Gardener to see it every year and repair any decay or dilapidation, I am quite positive in saying that portion marked C. D. E. as aforesaid on the Plan Was ever since One thousand Eight Hundred and Forty and previously, kept up as also the Tomb & Monument by my own directions. The wall laid down on the Plan marked B. A. intersect the same and thereby take away a very necessary portion of the ground belonging to the Tomb destroys the appearance and in some degree its utility, my feelings were wounded to a degree when I first saw that wall, I consider it an heartless intrusion upon the Sanctuary of my departed relatives and a deep and unfeeling insult to the survivors - The wall around the Tomb was built under the Superintendance of Mr Atkinson, it was finished about the year One thousand Eight Hundred and forty six or Forty Seven. Mr Atkinson has had charge of it more or less since the Year One thousand Eight Hundred and Forty. After the death of my husband in One thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight the ground upon which the Tomb stands embracing the Semicircular part to which I have adverted

was considered any additional amount of ground was considered unnecessary and expensive - I visited the Tomb and Monument and enclosure yesterday, I found the Circular plot of ground in front intersected by a stone wall as delineated on the Plan Letter A. B. thus abstracting from the Plot of ground a superficial extent of Land amounting to Sixteen Hundred and Eighty Eight feet more or less. This Wall was erected by the Defendant and by means thereof takes possession of the above amount of Land. After the completion of the walls surrounding the Tomb and Monument and the enclosures C. D. E. a road was made at the direction and expense of Mr Chief Justice Reid to enable the Herse and Mourners to approach the Tomb, and such was done on three several occasions since the completion of said enclosures. The wall erected by the Defendant A. B. has intersected this road in two or three places, thus rendering it impracticable for Horses to ascend to the Tomb except by the making of a New Road, which in consequence of the irregularity of the ground would not be made but at a serious expense in my opinion at least of One Hundred pounds.

There was an Ornamental Forest tree growing within the enclosure C. D. E. opposite and near the Letter D. which was highly prized by Mrs Reid and which is now enclosed by the Defendant's wall A. B. and abstracted from the Circular part of the Plaintiff's ground. "

Deposition of James Smith, Feb. 7th. 1863.

" The Plan represents the Tomb and Monument erected to the Memory of the late Simo~~z~~ McTavish with the Circular Plot of ground as enclosed and marked C. D. E. and was distinguished by a raised mound of earth on which a fence was built enclosing the sameThe Plan now exhibited to me , being Plaintiff's exhibit W indicates a precise & correct plan of the Tomb and Monument and the ground belonging thereto, as existing at the time of our purchase with the exception of the walls which were not then built. As reserved inthe said Deed of Sale to which I have previously alluded. The Plot C. D. E. was raised and distinguished from the sur-

were consecrated and rendered sacred & inviolable with a view to prevent there ever being converted to Commercial Purposes."

Deposition of John Atkinson of the City of Montreal,

Architect, dated Oct. 9th. 1862

" Having examined Plaintiff's Exhibit marked W filed in this cause, being a Plan of a Certain property situated at or near the Mountain of Montreal, being a part of the property known as the McTavish property the said Plan was drawn by me last year and the measurements were taken by myself and to the best of my knowledge were correct, the plan represents the Tomb and Monument erected to the Memory of the late Simon McTavish, with the extent of land occupied and reasonably required around the same. The Circular Plot of ground in front of the said Tomb as enclosed and marked on the said Plan C. D. E. and was distinguished by a raised mound of earth on which a fence was built enclosing the same, and on the surface of which ornamental trees or shrubs had been planted, Some three or four years before the death of the late Chief Justice Reid which occurred about the Year one thousand Eight hundred and Forty Eight he requested me to prepare Plans and Estimates for the Construction of the Wall round the Monument and Tomb. I accordingly did so, the Chief Justice entered into the Contract and I superintended the Works - shortly after the completion of the Wall the fencing round the Plot C. D. E. was put into a proper state by a Carpenter to enclose the same. The raised Mound of earth was in existence before the wall was built - In conversations with the Chief Justice previous to the Plan being made he informed me that he could take such amount of land as I should consider necessary for its enclosure, after consultation together we decided that the Plot C. D. E. was a sufficient amount of land for the objects required, among which the space required for the Hearse and Mourners

rounding grounds by a Mound of earth, and it was at one time planted with Cypress trees and Small Shrubs &c. by those whom I presume were interested in those whose remains lie deposited in that Tomb "

Deposition of Hugh Taylor, Feb. 7th. 1862.

" I acted as the Agent and Attorney ad negotia of and for the late John McTavish in his lifetime Her Britanic Consul for the State of Maryland in the United States of America, the husband of the Plaintiff in this Cause, from the year one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Nine to the time of his death.....Upon the property there stood and still stands a Tomb & Mausoleum erected by the late William & Simon McGillivray in memory of their Uncle Simon McTavish whose mortal remains lie deposited there since the year One thousand Eight Hundred and Four; in the front of the Monument the piece of ground of a Semicircular form laid down on the Plan now shewn to me and marked W filed by the Plaintiff in this cause was fenced in as forming a part of the Tomb since the year one thousand ~~and~~ Eight Hundred and Thirty or thereabout.....That on or about the year One thousand Eight Hundred and Forty six Mr. McTavish and the late Honorable James Reid caused a wall to be built around the Tomb & Monument which was erected under the superintendance of Mr Atkinson who has had the charge of it ever since and has held the keys of the Vault - Upon the wall being finished it was deemed unnecessary to claim any part of the Three Acres left as aforesaid at the discretion of Mr. McTavish to take in addition to what had theretofore been used for the purposes of the and the fence then enclosing the plot fronting the Tomb. As described in the Plan by the letters C. D. E. was renewed and after some time was carried away by miscreants who then frequented the Mountain and was replaced by a hedge of Cedar Shrubs which was kept up and pruned from time to time by Mrs. Reid's Gardner until near the time when the Defendant commenced operations towards the erection of his palatial building in the neighbourhood when either by the people in his employ or other depredators the

NO 1538

Superior Court
where

Ernie, Calm
Beautifully

1/5
High class
Dependant

Depositions
Kathleen Justice Reid
John Atkinson
Ivan James Smith
Hugh Taylor

~~SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,~~
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From Cadastre of 1871 by Scotte 9.1

755

Red built Drummond
Doyall et al

2,148,755 ft

City Parish

Pierre Guyon 1764
dit Levoine
447902 ft

sub. City - Jan 7 / 1873
Picaut to Lamotte

neel

1797
Audran Allan

1796

McLavin

1799 X

1799
25665 ft

Hugh Allan 1800
609108 ft

1799 Mary Water widow of
John McLavin

25665 ft

1801
John McLavin
504350

X 1799 Road 364 English measure x about 500 ft long
1199 Plot 550 x 101 ft = 55000 - outside 2500 in all 25665 ft

Itinerary of Plans

Map in the Helaga a. Heppelā
made by Edg. in 1835

Piehlē Eadonhē 1871

City Boundary



City Boundary

Old Oberlin - Prairie Ground (43) now Hoffman Square

"
" farm survey made by Mayor & Council in 1835

Map in Northwestern Reporter 1839

with index

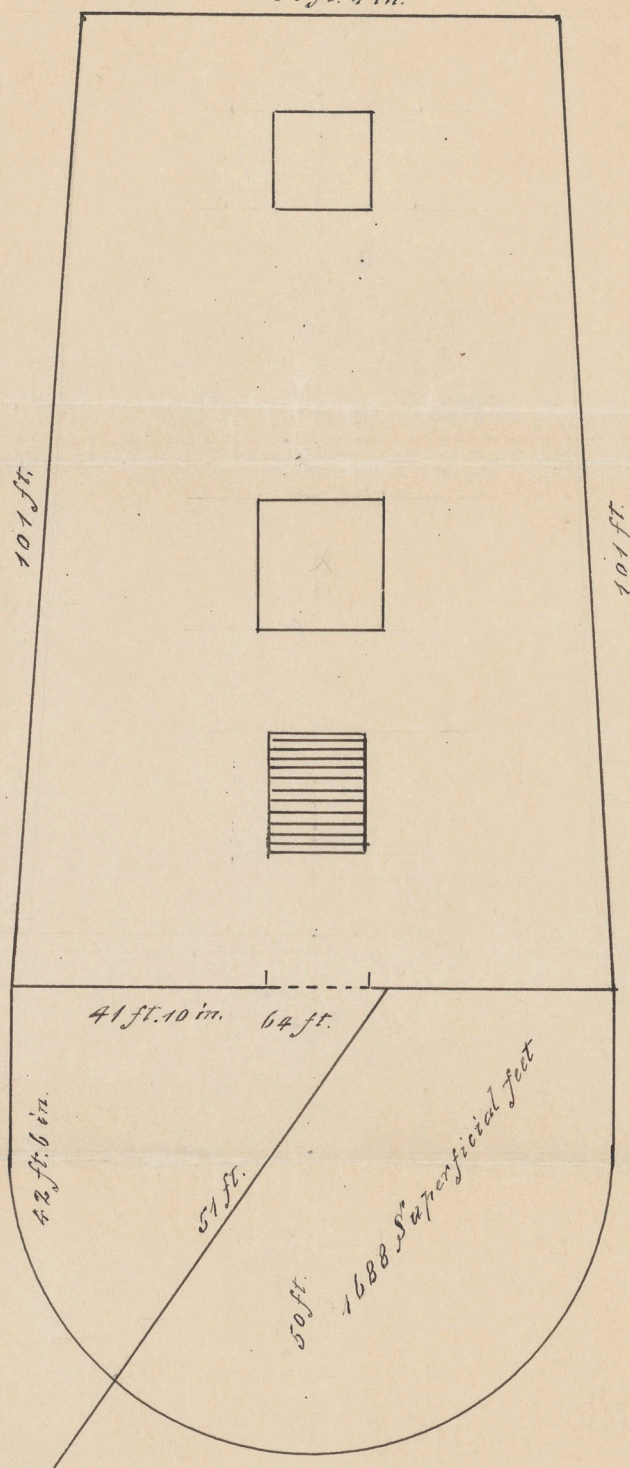
Plan of Mountain
Properties

showing Cadastre 1799

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55 x 100
= 5500
5000 ft

50 ft. 4 in.



101 ft.

101 ft.

41 ft. 10 in. 6 ft.

42 ft. 6 in.

51 ft.

50 ft.

1688 sq. feet

2760 feet

The Mc Larrish Burial Plot
monument & Tomb

Mount-Royal Park

G.H.W. Birch draughtsman

Exhibit vs in case
Calton vs Allan

Tracing of map of Plot -
Exhibit 1 - W
Colour as above



1/5
1/6
1/9
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The above is a tracing of the
plan of the site of the
Barracks, Barracks Park

Exhibit 1 - W as above
Colour as above

Samuel M. Baylis, Architect

Interview with Miss Reid - Taylor, 214 Bishop St.
(up town 4521) Tuesday Oct 17 1922

Miss Taylor (aged about 70) is a daughter of Hugh Taylor, Executor of John McTavish. Mother of Reid Taylor who died a few years ago. Aunt of a W Reid-Taylor, son of John, whose brother was killed at Gallipoli in the Great War (see letter from him from Paris)

Regarding the built-up mound over the McTavish Tomb Miss Taylor says her father had this done before leaving England to protect it from depredations. She does not think it was in ruins & believes that Judge Reid & his wife Elizabeth McCullisay, are buried there. Miss Taylor's memory is uncertain, as she was very young when she & her father left, her recollections are vague & mostly hearsay, though very emphatic respecting work on the Tomb. She returned here to live shortly before the war.

Reid-Taylor's letter (q.v.) asserts his belief respecting the burial of his Great uncle & aunt, Mr & Mrs Reid & tells of particulars of Judge Reid, McCullisay, & McTavish now in his possession

W. J. ...

paper

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note by Mr Golter

1799 St Antoine

(Quincy Caton)

Mary Katen veuve de John Mc Tavisch

aucune entrée contre ce numéro depuis 1864
depuis le cadastre

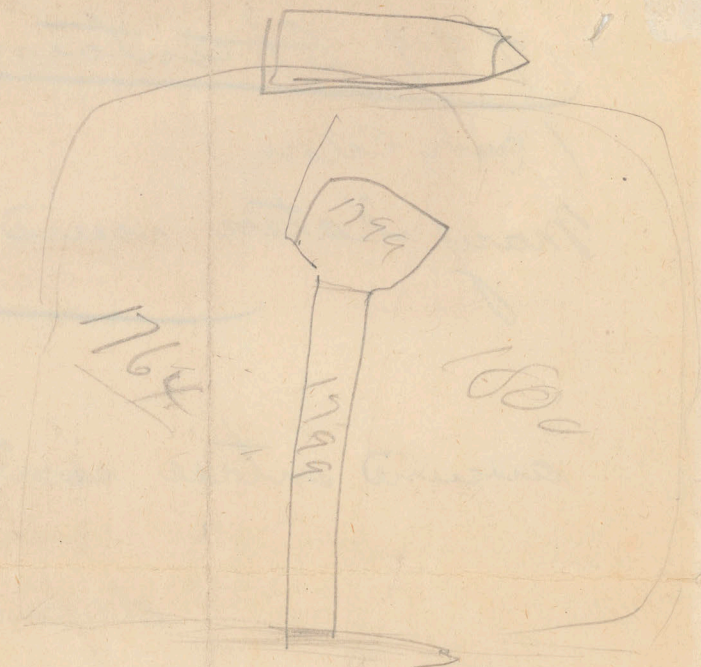
Plan of Mt Royal park does not show Road

#1799 - who is owner? date of purchase of Paris Properties
1872 - 1875 - Mr Corvill de Montreal office

We Fawish Children

<u>William</u>	From	aug 1	1796
	Bapt	"	"
<u>Mary</u>	From	apl 15	1798
	Bapt	may 5	"
<u>Ann</u>	From	oct 18	1799
	Bapt	nov 17	"
<u>Simon</u>	From	June 5	1803
	Bapt	June 7	"
<hr/>			
<u>Margaret</u>	From	mar 21	1801
	Died	mar 22	"
"			"

Privately baptized without sponsorship
Records of Christ Church, Anglican



McLarish children (died)
Register Christ church anglican

1901

Margaret - late Lafour daughter of Simon M^c Larish
Esquire & ~~mountain~~ Merchant in ~~the~~ City died on
the twenty first day of March one thousand eight hundred
& one, and was buried on the Twenty second following
aged 3 days

of Mountain
Rever

Witness

Simon M^c Larish
G W Selby

Marginal note

This child was
privately baptised
without opinion
of Mountain

Marriage Contract - Oct 1st 1793

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Register of Children of Simon M^c Lavoisier
(Christ Church / Anglican)

William, son of Simon M^c Lavoisier Esquire, merchant of Montreal and Mrs Margaret his wife born the first of August one thousand seven hundred and twenty six, baptized the second of following

Copy

1796

Aug 1
From Oct 26
Bapt. Nov 17

Phillip Torrey, Curate

Parents

{ Simon M^c Lavoisier
Margaret M^c Lavoisier

Sponsors

{ Josh Frobisher
Isaac Todd
Josette Selby

Mary, daughter of Simon M^c Lavoisier Esquire merchant in the City of Montreal and of Margaret his wife born the twenty fifth of April and baptized May the fifth one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

1798

From April 25
Bapt. May 5

Jacob Lemstall
Rector

{ Simon M^c Lavoisier
and
for Margaret M^c Lavoisier

Sponsors

{ W M^c Pillsbury
Cth Maitland
Catherine Fraser

McFarrish Children Baptisms
Christ Church (Anglican)

Ann, Daughter of Simon M^c Farrish Esquire, Merchant
of this City, and of Margaret his wife born the twenty eighth of
October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine,
and baptized the seventeenth of November following

1799

Born Oct 28
Bapt Nov 17

James Lunstall
Rector

Parents	}	Simon M ^c Farrish
		M. M ^c Farrish
Sponsors	}	D. M ^c Gillivray
		C. Frobisher
		S. Ogden

Simon Son of Simon M^c Farrish Esq and Margaret his wife
was born on the fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred
and three, and was baptized on the seventh following by me

1803

Born June 5th
Bapt June 7

J. Mountain
Rector

Parents	}	Simon M ^c Farrish
		Mother absent
Sponsors	}	S. Ogden
		Amos Shaw
		M M ^c Gillivray

Californien 2 Papstern
4 m^c Tarnik children

North Californien of 1
municipal

Prinzipi Californien
9 + children
Kindern

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Lease
Deven

a "new house never before occupied by any

St Jean Baptiste street - in the City of Montreal

Before Edward William Gray n P.

from Richard Dobie to Simon McTavish

Seven years from ~~the~~ April 27th 1786

Rent "£130 current money of the Province of Quebec
payable yearly commencing Jan^y 15th next"

Tenant to maintain property in every respect
& make all repairs & deliver same in good
condition on expiry please

The house to be used in common by parties

Signed

" Rich^d Dobie

Simon McTavish

Edward Wm Gray not Pub
(1786)

Attached is a memo declaring doors, windows,
cupboards, keys complete & in good order &
& marble hearths quite entire"

Signed by the same parties

No.

Cour du Banc de la Reine

EN APPEL.

JOHN FAIR, es qualité, *et al.*,

APPELANTS,

ET

JOSEPH MOISE DESILETS,

INTIMÉ.

FACTUM DE L'INTIMÉ.

Deed of Sale

Richard Dobie & Simon McTavish of London
acting by Joseph Tobisher on his behalf.

That certain house & lot of land ground wherein the said Richard
Dobie ^{now} dwells being being situated within the said City of Montreal
in Saint Jean Baptiste Street consisting of a stone dwelling house
built with English taste stables and outhouses with an ice
house and a small Garden

measurements uncertain & a survey to be made

consideration

Andrew Stewart

PREUVE - Deposition de J. A. Cushing

£ 1650 Halifax currency - Interest 1-6%

PAGES
purchaser to assume signature Dees
Term - 6 years - privilege of pay any or all before

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dated 27th of February 1795

office of John Gertraud Meek Notary

signed

Plé Desève

Richard Dobie
for Tobisher

J. A. Meek Notary Public
1795

Perse April 27 1786

Richard Dobie

Summ^{to} Mr. Laverick

new dwelling

at New Providence St-

7 years

£ 130 per annum

1/4 yearly

all repairs

E. W. Gray N.P.

sale of annuities

Richard Dobie

Summ^F Mr. Laverick

July 26 1795

£ 1650 had 6/6

of G. Peck N.P.

" Executors to the Last Will & Testament of Simon McTavish Esq.
deceased to Lewis Charles - Lease of the Farm near the Mountain "

J.G.Beek, N.P. 31 Dec.1804

(Extract) " That the said Lewis Charles shall keep up and maintain
in good order the fence and railing which incloses the tomb of the
said late Simon McTavish upon the said premises "

Notes on Lease

Execution Late Simon McFavish to
Lewis Charles. Gardener passed before
J G Beck n P Dec 31 1904

Property known & described as the McFavish Farm near the Mountain
Term of 12 years from Jan 1 1905

Rent of £ 70 per annum

Conditions as customary in farm leases - Tenant may not
cut down trees, or sell stone & may not sublet or transfer lease, nor
allow any person to reside on the premises or houses thereon. Tenant
must cultivate as prescribed; Care for orchard Garden & shrubs;
buy stock at agreed valuation; care for & look after "House lately
built" - clear snow from roofs - "remove obstructions that may
prevent rain or snow water from passing through drains or proper
channels" & to notify Execution of any threatened damage and
"that the said Lewis Charles shall keep up and maintain in
good order the fence & railing which encloses the lands of the said
Late Simon McFavish upon the said premises"

Signed: W Mc Gillivray } Executors for
for Robisher } themselves when
Isaac Todd } absent colleagues,
Jas Reid }
Lewis Charles (Exec)

Attest
Mc Deseve

J G Beck n P.

Notes of Pease

Specimens like from M. J. J. J.

Farm near the Mountain

to
Farm Charles Gardner

Dec 31 1804 - 12 years - \$70

to G. Pease M.P.

SAMUEL M. BAYLIS,

808 University Street

TELEPHONE UP. 2032

MONTREAL

Mount
R. P. Est 8 mth month
20 Sep 1804

J. Beck n.p.

no 1798

no record of marriage
in archives of City
& District

Mr John Horn has
a note to the effect
that they were married
by Rev James
Finestall, Anglican.
on Oct 2nd 1793

Sale
R Wobbe 4/21/17
JG Beck KP
11/17/26 1795-

Went
thing 3460

Mrs. Bone Mrs. Dent
43 St. West
Main

3014
3031

6826

8:15 AM
490-60

