

## Mc Colloughs in Saint-Côme-Linière

Around March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1815, Patrick, his wife Bridget Brennan and their two children Bernard 18 months and Nancy born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March left their family and home in Gortin / Plumbridge, county Tyrone in Ireland (Ulster) for Derry where they sailed in direction of Quebec. 6 weeks and 3 days later, they arrived in Quebec on May 6<sup>th</sup> 1815. The reasons why they left Ireland are unknown. We can speculate but will never know. They were catholic and in those years Catholics could not own farmland in Ireland so this could explain their departure. Or was it to get away from the rebellions between Ireland and England? Anyway, they must have wanted to give their children a better future in America.

One of their sons: John, 4<sup>th</sup> of 12 children, was born on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1822 in Madison, Maine and was baptised in Beauceville on July 12 1824, he was two years old. Strangely he was the only one of the family to settle in Canada and to keep the spelling of his name as Mc Collough. His brothers and their children in the United States are known as Mc Collors. **Patrick** is buried at the Evergreen Cemetary in Solon Maine where he lived. As for **Bridget** she is buried in Saint-Georges Cemetary.

John and Mary Mc Carthy had five sons: John, William, Joseph, James and Charles.