





It is Here at Last! The three volume set of *Irish Needles*, the complete story of the Frampton Irish

Irish Needles provides the history and genealogy of the Irish emigrant families that settled in Frampton Township in the midst of the "haystack" of French Quebec in the early 19th Century. The author has tracked these families from their origins in Ireland to their arrival and settlement in Quebec and the ultimate diaspora of their descendants throughout Canada and the United States. The author discusses the reasons for their very early emigration to Quebec due to involvements in the 1798 Irish Rebellion, Irish agrarian disturbances, religious oppression, land tenure discouragements, economic downturns, and minor famines. These emigrants discovered economic and employment opportunities that were available in Quebec that their Irish counterparts decades later would not find in places like Boston and New York.

In his research, the author discovered that his own Great Great Great Grandfather Andrew Murphy was the first settler in Frampton Township. This ancestor had lived through the 1798 Rebellion and his father Miles Murphy had been imprisoned in Dublin from 1800 to 1806 without being afforded a trial. The Murphy family left for Quebec shortly after Miles was released and banished in 1806. Their arrival in Quebec was very early for Irish emigration. They established themselves in Quebec and these Murphys would be influential in encouraging their Irish relatives and friends to settle in the Frampton, Quebec area. As important as the Murphy story is to Frampton, the author found that local histories in Quebec were seriously lacking in their coverage of this Irish community with no mention of this family at all. So *Irish Needles* fills in many gaps and provides corrections to sources that had included erroneous information and assumptions.

Many Quebec local histories are primarily "parish histories" or church histories. The author soon discovered that a parish history would be inadequate for this book. The Catholic parish of Frampton was too confining. So this is a history of a people that have lived in or were connected with the Irish people who lived in Frampton and the surrounding

townships and seigneuries. Further, the Irish were inter-related to the few English and Scottish families that lived in the area. So the author has put together an all encompassing history of this diverse community and has also included both those of the Catholic religion and those of the Protestant religions as well.

The author has taken a genealogical approach to the research and writing of *Irish Needles*. This approach has resulted in a story that includes comprehensive information about the "everyday people" of the community rather than just the prominent landlords, seigneurs, and officials. In his research, the author has identified over 3,600 families and 13,200 people. *Irish Needles* also provides many interesting twists in the parts that the descendants played in the history of North America.

Volume I of *Irish Needles* is the "History of the Frampton Irish." It is 245 pages. The appendix has maps that plot the locations of the Irish family farms in Frampton Township. It includes a comprehensive name index. It follows some of the families from their origins in Ireland to their settlement in the Frampton area. It covers the significant historical events of the places in which they

lived. It has chapters on: Quebec City, Ste. Marie, Frampton, St. Malachie and Standon, Ste. Marguerite, Cranbourne, and the Protestant community (Springbrook).

Volume II of *Irish Needles* is the "Genealogy Compendium of the Frampton Irish, Surnames A-K." It includes all of the data, events, and stories that the author gathered in his over ten years of research on the Frampton Irish families whose surnames start with those letter. It is 405 pages.

Volume III of *Irish Needles* is the "Genealogy Compendium of the Frampton Irish, Surnames L-Z." It includes all of the data, events, and stories that the author gathered in his over ten years of research on the Frampton Irish families whose surnames start with those letter. It is 389 pages.

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