



Robert Pagan Declares that having obtained a Plan of St. Croix Island said to have been published at Paris Anno 1613, and having compared it with the Shore, Coves & points of the Island Laying a few Miles below the mouth of Scudiac River at the Devil's Head commonly called Doccas Island, and also with the Shore &c of the Main Land westward and Eastward of it as Laid Down in that Plan, and having found a Most Striking agreement between Every part of these shores, Coves and points and that Plan.

He on the 7th Day of this Instant July went to said Doccas Island, accompanied by William Cookson Thomas Greenlaw, Nicholas Gilman, & John Rigby for the purpose of making further discoveries there.

On the North End of Said Doccas Island where in the Plan above mentioned the French Buildings are Laid Down, he found four Distinct Piles of Ruins agreeing in their Situations and Distances from each other with the Spot at A as Laid Down in that Plan, and these four Piles of Ruins are Directly abreast of the Long Sandy Point at Low water in Said Plan.

On examining these Piles he found them Considerably Raised above the General Level of the Ground around them. Some parts of them covered with Roots of Trees & windfalls, and all of them with mould or Rotten Leaves from Six to Eighteen Inches Deep.

On further Examining he Discovered Distinctly several Tiers of Stone in each of the Piles Laid in Clay mortar one on the top of another. The Clay is perfectly Distinct from the Stone, and of the usual thickness (between the Tiers of Stone) of mortar made use of in Laying Stone or Brick at this Day. In some parts of these Ruins the Clay is as Soft & perfect as if Newly Dug out of a Pit, and in other parts appears as Clay Does in Chimnies where fire has been, and there are Evident Marks of fire on the stones in many places.

In Diging he found Charcoal in a perfect

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 Description: Deposition made by Robert Pagan about the discovery and examination of the fort on Doccas Island (now St. Croix Island.)



A. Plan of the buildings
 B. Gardens
 C. Little Islet serving as a platform to put the Cannon upon
 D. Platform where the Cannon was placed
 E. Battery opened
 F. Chapel.
 G. La Roche about the Ile S^e Croix
 H. a little Islet
 I. Place where the Sieur de Mons had begun a water Mill
 L. Place where they made Coals
 M. Gardens upon the main westward
 N. Other Gardens upon the main eastward
 O. Small Mountain very high within land
 P. The River

Les chiffres montrent les brasse d'eau

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| A Le Plan de l'habitation. | E Le cimetiere. | L. Lieu où l'on faisoit e charbon | O Grande Montaigne fort haute dans la terre. |
| B Jardinsages. | F La chappelle. | M Jardinsages à la grande baie de l'Ouest. | P Riviere des Etchemins passant au tour de l'Isle Sainte Croix. |
| C Petite islet servant de platte forme à mettre le canon | G. Bases de rochers autour de l'Isle Sainte Croix. | N. autres Jardinsages à la grande terre de l'Est. | |
| D Plateforme où on mettoit du canon. | H Un petit islet | | |
| | I Le lieu où le Sieur de Mons avoit fait commencer un moulin à eau. | | |

Copied, from a fac-simile made by a Notary Public, in London (attested under the Seal of that City) of a map in Champlain's Voyages published at Paris Anno 1613.

state, only it was easily Crumbled to pieces in handling.
 [word crossed out] he also found part of a Stone pitcher in full
 preservation.

On one Side of one of the Piles he Discovered a
 Number of Bricks So Laid Together as to Convince him that
 a Large Oven has formerly Been Built there, all these Bricks
 are in a Tolerable State of preservation.

He further Declares — that on the 10th
 Day of this Instant July, being at Said Doccas Island on
 a Party of Pleasure with a Large Company, Part of the
 Company went with him to view the Ruins above Described
 and on further Examination in presence of John Brewn,
 Esqr., the Rev'd. Mr. Andrews, Daniel McMasters Esqr., John
 Campbell, Donald McLauchlan, Donald Grant, William
 Pagan & Thomas Pagan, he Uncovered another pile of
 Ruins Distinct from the four piles found on the 7th Instant
 which they found to be Laid in Clay Mortar with Tiers of
 Stone in the same manner as the first four piles are
 Laid.

In Digging with a Spade for a few Minutes Near
 to one of these Piles they turned up a Metal Spoon, a
 Musket Ball, a piece of an Earthen vessel, and a Spike
 Nail, all of which gave evident Marks of having Laid
 a Long Time under the Surface.

He further in presence of these Gentlemen
 Discovered on that part of the Island agreeing with the
 Spot in the plan between A. & B. a Ledge of Rocks
 extending from the Middle of the Island towards the Shore
 on Each Side a considerable breadth, in many places the
 Rocks are ^{3 or 4} considerable height above the Surface, and in
 other places the ledge is lightly covered with Earth & Leaves.

That this Declaration May be more fully understood
 he has affixed the plan Referred to.

Rob't. Pagan

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 preservation.

On one side of one of the Piles he Discovered a
 Number of Bricks So Laid Together as to Convince him that
 a Large oven has formerly Been Built there, all these Bricks
 are in a Tolerable State of preservation.

He further Declares ___ that on the 18th
 Day of this Instant July, being at Said Doccas Island on
 a Party of Pleasure with a Large Company, Part of the
 Company went with him to view the Ruins above Described
 and on further Examination in presence of John Brewn,
 Esqr., the Rev'd. Mr. Andrews, Daniel McMasters, Esqr., John
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 Pagan & Thomas Pagan, he Uncovered another pile of
 Ruins Distinct from the four piles found on the 7th Instant,
 which they found to be Laid in Clay Mortar with Tiers of
 Stone in the same manner as the first four piles
 are Laid.

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 Musket Ball, a piece of an Earthen vessel, and a Spike
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 other places the ledge is Lightly covered with Earth & Leaves.

That this Declaration May be more fully understood
 he has affixed the plan Referred to.

Rob't. Pagan

Saint Andrews 20 July 1797

Personally appeared before me
Daniel McMaster [crossed out]
Esqr. M. Majr. Justice of the
Peace For the [crossed out] county of Charlotte
Rob. Pagan Esqr.

Who made oath to the
Truth of the Declaration contained in
the first and second page of this sheet
of paper described by him

Dan. McMaster J.P.

Personally appeared before me Daniel McMaster one of
His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte
William Cooksen Thomas Greenlaw Nathaniel Gilman and
John Rigby to whom I bear the foregoing Deposition made by
Robert Pagan Esqr - Each of whom made oath that they
on the seventh day of this Instant July accompanied
said Robert Pagan Esquire to Docias Island__ that they
there saw & examined the four piles of ruins and the bricks
mentioned on the said Deposition. That the stones in
each of them piles are in tiers and laid in Clay mortar
as therein described that those and
of the Island and that they lay opposite to Long Sandy
Point at Low water on the said island—

Dan. McMaster
J.P.

