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Historic Isle Sold

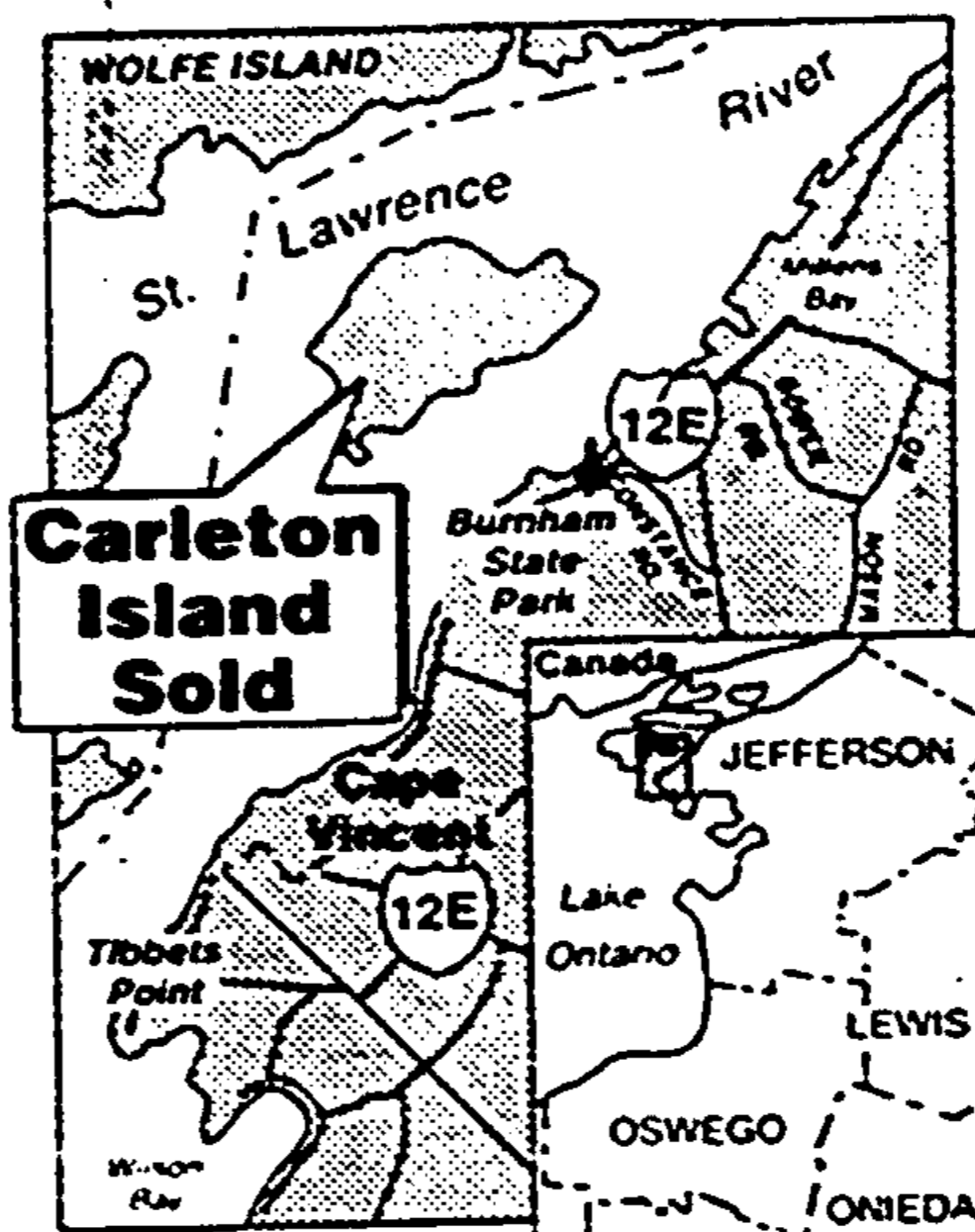
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Carleton Island in the St. Lawrence River near Cape Vincent, where Redcoats bought scalps from Iroquois raiding parties during the American Revolution, is being sold to a New England real estate corporation for \$828,000.

The island, purchased by John MacFarlane, Johns Island, S.C., in the 1940s, has been for sale for nearly 10 years.

The buyers, Patten Corp., Stanford, Vt., could not be reached for comment this morning. Michael Patten, Williamstown, Mass., is listed as the president of the company, which has a branch in North Adams, Mass.

Under a purchase agreement filed in the Jefferson County Clerk's



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office, Patten Corp. has agreed to pay \$828,000 for the island by June 25.

The property is assessed for \$405,000, according to the county Real Property Tax Office.

The agreement stipulates that Riverhead Lodge, an exclusive hunting and fishing resort, is not included in the deal. However, two acres of land on the mainland, known as Peos Bay, are included in the deal.

Although the new owners plans are not known, a proposal in 1978 to develop the island into 260 sublots drew criticism from the St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission which urged the state to buy the land for use as a park or preserve.

The island has a long history of

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