

## HOMINY CORN

This corn variety came from Leonel Richard of the Rogersville, NB area. This is the history that he included with the corn seed:

"I am 43 years old and I remember this corn being planted all my life, but I remember it was only later around the mid 60's that my father would plant sweet corn. My father, Fred Richard, was born in 1915 and recalls that the corn was in the family since he was a child. I have done some work on my genealogy and have found mostly Acadian names going back at least six generations, although there was some contact with Indian people both in PEI and Kent Co., NB. In the Tignish area of PEI, there was also a lot of marriages between the Acadians and the Irish people who arrived there a little later, around the 1820's. The great majority of my ancestors were living in the Malpeque area when the British deported the Acadians from the Island in 1758, but some families such as the Richards, Poiriers, Doucets, Gaudets and others escaped and sought refuge in the forests of PEI or sailed to northern New Brunswick.

It is believed that while in hiding for four years, they were aided by the Micmacs which may or may not have been the source of the seeds. In 1799 my ancestors travelled to the north end of PEI and founded the community of Tignish and later Palmer Rd. and Saint-Louis where for the most part they farmed the land, but also were employed in the fishery. In the late 1800's there was an exodus of sorts to the US as the lack of land and the large families caused hardship and hopelessness. Between 1900 and 1904 many from the Tignish area came to the Rogersville area to acquire land (mostly unfit for farming) and to work the forests. In 1904 my great-grandfather came with his family to settle on the West Collette Road just north of Rogersville and with them, I am assuming, came the corn. This is mostly supposition, however, and should be viewed as such."

This corn was small - only 24"-36" in height + producing short ears up to 8 inches. Mr. Richard assures me this is normal for this variety and that it is relatively pure seed. He has been growing it for several years.

Good Luck + Good Gardening!

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