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Our Society is growing. Ninety-two persons have joined our ranks so far this year. You'll find a list of them beginning on page 94. We welcome each of you. We hope to meet you at our library when you do your research, come to a meeting or attend our fall conference. If it's impossible for you to visit the library, please get in touch with us by mail if you have a question or if you need help of any kind.

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Father Albert H. Ledoux, the author of the following article as well as another which appears on page 28, was born in New Bedford, MA, in 1952. He is the son of Aurele and Georgianna (LeBlanc) Ledoux. He was educated in local schools. He received a bachelor's degree in French from Stonehill College and a master's degree also in French from Middlebury College. did graduate work again in French at Pennsylvania State University. He entered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in 1982 where he earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Church History. After his ordination in 1987. Father was assigned to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA. He is currently assigned as parochial vicar at St. Clement Church in Johnstown, PA.

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OUR COUSINS IN THE AMERICAN MIDWEST by Reverend Albert H. Ledoux

A Franco-American growing up in New England can easily fall prey to what we might call a "demographic temptation." He can allow himself to believe that before the rise of the cotton and woolen mills in New England, the French-Canadian habitant was never tempted to emigrate to the United States. After the Civil War, so the story goes, or more specifically after 1880, the French-Canadians began leaving their province in a great flood, all of it directed to places like Lewiston, Manchester, Nashua, Fall River, and Woonsocket, to name but a few of the mill towns.

This way of looking at things is bolstered by the fact that many Franco-American families retained active ties with the folks they left behind in Canada. It was not uncommon, a generation ago, for family visits to be made to cousins in Montreal or elsewhere. In fact, the proximity of New England is supposed to have accounted for the French-Canadian desire to emigrate there and hardly anywhere else.

In fact to gain a more precise picture of French-Canadian emigration, we need to step back a bit from the map of the United States. We need to recognize that the French-Canadian was not immune from the impulse to "go west" that roused the heart of many a young American. We also need to appreciate that the urge to emigrate to the United States did not suddenly materialize in the decade following the Civil War.

It is not our intention here to treat of all possible destinations of French Canadian emigration. Rather we will try to appreciate the larger picture, and in so doing, perhaps give the reader the chance to uncover yet another lost family line.

The Federal census returns for 1900 offer some interesting statistics to the Franco-American researcher. In 1900, the census taker needed to ascertain with a fair degree of precision the country of birth of all foreigners living in the United States as well as their year of immigration. In the 1880 census, the last previous census that is available to us in its entirety, no attempt was made to distinguish between the French-Canadian and the English-Canadian. In 1900, the census taker needed to distinguish between those Canadians born in French-Canada and those born elsewhere in the Dominion.

The results are not as accurate as we might like. For one thing, the respondent needed to distinguish only between English Canada and French Canada. This was not a statement of ethnicity, but rather one of birthplace. This writer has seen many a census entry for an O'Brien or a McDonald, but who were born in Quebec, and who were therefore reported as French-Canadian for census purposes.

Even if we allow for a proportion of the "French-Canadians" to be in fact of Irish or English stock, we must also recognize the fact that a French speaker born in Ontario would similarly be reported as being in English Canada. In short, the census figures are not to be taken as gospel, but rather as rough indications as to the size of a region's French-Canadian population.

Given that preface, we must also state that the census compiled two sorts of data with respect to foreigners: the foreign born and the American-born whose parents were born in a foreign country. These later individuals are referred-to as "foreign stock."

For the entire country, in 1900, 395,297 people are reported as having been born in French Canada. Of this total, 305,160 were living in the North Atlantic division (comprising New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania). A mere 2,500 were living in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, so we can consider the figure as representing New England and New York.(1)

The South Atlantic division contained a mere 636 and the South Central, 1,460. Outside of the Northeast, only eight states contained more than 2,000 French-Canadians: Ohio with 2,903; Illinois, 9,129; Michigan, 32,483; Wisconsin, 10,091; Minnesota, 12,063; North Dakota, 3,162; Montana, 3,516; and California, 2,410.(2)

Faced with such statistics, one might be tempted to conclude that French-Canadians had indeed migrated almost solely to New England and upstate New York. With 77% of all the nation's French-Canadians, the conclusion would seem obvious.

The proportion falls a bit when we look at the figures for French-Canadian stock. The Northeast retains the lead with 72% (583,341 out of an 810,341 total.) All the North-Central states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas) claim at least 3,000 French-Canadian stock. In fact the numbers go from a low of 3,003 for Nebraska to a high of 75,584 for Michigan. Five other states reported more than 2,000 French-Canadian stock: Montana, 5,725; Colorado, 2,300; Washington, 3,862; Oregon, 2,169; and California, 5,392. (3)

We can see that the settlement pattern is far more complex than what would be accounted-for by the simple model of emigration toward the cotton mills of New England. Given the fact that the French-Canadian presence in the upper Midwest was actually far older than that in New England, one furthermore suspects that a good number of Franco-Americans were thus made "invisible" to the census taker, at least where their ethnicity would be concerned. If one's parents were born in the States, there would simply be no way to record ethnic origin.

We have to turn toward the economy of pre-1850 Quebec and the United States to gain some sort of understanding of what caused the <u>habitant</u> to start casting glances toward the other side of the border.

Ralph Vicero, in his splendid thesis on French-Canadian immigration to New England, (4) studies in great detail the economic and demographical crisis which gripped Quebec starting in the 1840's. On the map, the Province of Quebec occupies a great deal of space. Great riches are to be found in the forests and the mineral resources of the province. Unfortunately. the amount of arable land is quite limited. The habitant was first and foremost a farmer. Farming was the only way of life that his people had ever known. Farming was furthermore possible on the land south of the St. Lawrence River, extending toward the border with the United States. Agriculture could also be carried on in a narrow band of territory north of the river. Add to these two zones, the area around Lac St-Jean and the largely untouched tracts north of the Ottawa River, and one sees that agriculture could not expand indefinitely in Quebec.

The next element in the demographical picture was the prodigious fertility of the Quebec people. Given the need for large families, so that the land could be tilled, the population of Quebec had doubled every twenty-seven years since the British conquest. (5) The descendants of the 65,000 French subjects transferred to the British crown in 1763, by 1851, numbered 669,528.(6)

Since nearly all new households needed to establish themselves on the land, and since the ancestral farms could only be divided so many times before they could no longer support an average family, most children in a given family needed to look outside their native parish for new land.

This approach worked as long as there was land to be had. By mid-century, though, the picture was no longer bright. The French-Canadian, for various reasons, preferred staying within the old seigneuries on lands that had originally been granted to noteworthy individuals under the French Regime. Culturally-speaking, life in the seigneuries was homogeneous and non-threatening. English speakers, put-off by the very cultural facets of seigneurial life that attracted the Catholic French, opted to start their farms elsewhere.(7) For the French-Canadian, this had the effect of concentrating the French-speaking population in a surprisinaly small number of counties. The densest concentration of population among French Canadians was to be found in the old seianeurial counties between the area west of Montreal and the city of Trois-Rivieres, and along the Richelieu and Yamaska rivers. Another area of high population density was to be found around Quebec City and extending along the south shore of the St. Lawrence downriver toward Kamouraska.(8)

Ever-shrinking farm sizes might have sufficed to house and feed the population for another generation, had agricultural calamity not intervened. The habitant put great stock in his wheat crop, from which he derived much of his spare cash at year's end.(9) Potatoes also occupied an important place in the farm family's diet.

Thanks to the appearance of the "wheat midge" in Quebec in the early 1830's, the wheat yield would suffer a precipitous drop. By 1844, the yield had fallen to 30% of what

it had been in 1827.(10)

With the decrease in the size of the wheat harvest, the <u>habitant</u> had little choice but to increase the proportion of land devoted to other crops. The potato came to fill this critical dietary need.(11) Yet after the potato blight made its appearance in Canada in the mid-1840's, this crop too would suffer a disastrous decline in production. Between 1844 and 1851, the Province's potato harvest would be cut in half.(12)

The population continued to rise throughout the period. It has been estimated that the number of French-Canadians grew 400% between 1784 and 1844, while the amount of cultivated land grew by only 275% in the same span of time.(13) Land was available in the Eastern Townships, but the land titles cost money, sums of cash the size of which many French-Canadian farmers did not have. Furthermore, settling in the Townships would have meant severing themselves from family and friends, and risking cultural identity in an English-speaking environment. It was obvious from this situation that "something had to give."

Migrating to New England offered one solution. Yet before mid-century, the cotton mills were not in a position to offer on a large scale what the French-Canadian needed. Granted, small French-speaking enclaves existed in upstate Vermont, and in the Blackstone Valley of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. But it would not be until after the Civil War that French-Canadians would be needed in large numbers to offset

Irish workers lost in battle and the native New England stock which, more and more, were leaving the region for the open spaces of the far Midwest. In these pre-Civil War times, the French-Canadian did not seem to have lost his taste for agriculture. His attitude seems to have been that, if farming no longer worked as it should in Quebec, the habitant would merely try it elsewhere.

The lands of the American Midwest were no stranger to the French-Canadian. We should remember that French-speakers partook in the founding of nearly every large midwestern city: St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, and St. Paul, to name but a few. French explorers had opened up the interior of the continent in the 17th and 18th centuries. They had frequently taken native women as brides, with the result that a sizeable number of Sioux and Chippewa carried French Canadian surnames.

To this earlier group of immigrants was added a much larger wave, starting around mid-century. Whether in the forests of Wisconsin or Michigan or on the Minnesota prairie, the French-Canadian element continued to grow.

In Illinois, the story developed somewhat differently. Granted, Joliet and Marquette had been responsible for using the Chicago portage in 1673. Because of this adjacent shortcut between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi, Chicago would later grow into the great metropolis of the American Midwest.

Control of the Chicago area shifted from French to English in 1763, before landing in American hands at the time of independence. American control was only theorectical, however, as British troops would not abandon this important fur trading site for several more years.

American control was established once and for all by the building of Fort Dearborn in 1803. This became the nucleus of the future city.

French-Canadians were certainly not numerous, but they did form the basis of Chicago's population. It is noted that in the election of 1826, twenty-one of the thirty-five registered voters in the town were French-Canadians. (14)

With the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, the Great Lakes were free to navigation from the east. More importantly for towns bordering on the Lakes, their agricultural produce could now be shipped to eastern cities. The population of Chicago would grow apace: from less than 100 in 1830 to 4,470 in 1840 and 29,963 in 1850.

With the harvest of 1841, a notable agricultural surplus was generated in northern Illinois, (15) much of it destined for the markets of New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. News of the astounding fertility of the soil was not lost on the rest of the nation. Neither were the potential fortunes that stood to be made from trade on the as-yet-incomplete Chicago-DesPlaines River canal. New residents flocked in literally by the boat load. In the year

1845, 20,244 passengers came from Buffalo by steamer.(16) Fares stood at \$10 for a cabin and \$5 for steerage, a price that many found they could not refuse.(17)

Yet more settlers arrived via the Chicago Road from Detroit.(18) Overland travel was certainly slower, but a farm family could save on steamer fare by using its own cart and oxen.

The long-awaited canal linking the Great Lakes with the Mississippi basin opened in 1848. Now, for the first time, it was possible for the farmers of northern Illinois to send surplus farm produce down the Mississippi as well as toward New York.

Production of wheat during the period of the 1840's continued to climb. Exports of this grain from Chicago toward the east stood at 586,907 bushels in 1842. Two years later, the figure had climbed to 891,894. By 1847, the quantity shipped had more than doubled again, to 1,974,304 bushels.(19)

Chicago's first rail line opened in 1848. Although a comparatively insignificant enterprise, it foreshadowed the day four years later when Chicago would have direct rail links to the eastern cities. (20) The city was turning into a boomtown. Ever greater quantities of food were needed for the ever-growing population. All surpluses could be unloaded onto the commodities market. One has only to think of the impovished French-Canadian farmer back in Lower Canada, his wheat crop in ruins, his potatoes rotting in the field, to wonder how

long it would take for the news of Illinois' prairie riches to reach his ears.

In fact, the first French-Canadian settlers started trickling in by the mid-40's. A study of census returns for French Canadians living in Will County, 50 miles south of Chicago in 1850, shows that 250 families were already living on the land. Of these, 110 reported underage children born in Illinois. Furthermore, the earlier of these Illinois births showed that at least 22 French-Canadian families were present at the future Bourbonnais by 1846. The number was undoubtedly larger if one factors in a portion of the families who did not have young, Illinois-born children to declare to the census taker.

So a French-Canadian colony already existed. It needed a skillful propagandist to recruit new families from Canada. It found that propagandist in Father Charles Chiniquy.

This French-Canadian priest had been born at Kamouraska in 1809, the grandson of the French-speaking river pilot who had guided Wolfe's troop transports upstream to Quebec in 1759. Ordained in the Quebec cathedral in 1833, he was assigned to various parishes before starting a brilliant career as a preacher of temperance some six years later. His eleven-year involvement in the temperance movement in Quebec led him to deliver over 500 sermons in 110 churches and halls, and to receive the solemn pledges of 200,000 people to forevermore foreswear the use of alcoholic beverages. (22)

His career as a public speaker was not without blemishes. Obliged to leave the Archdiocese of Quebec for an episode of priestly indiscretion that was never adequately made public, (23) he sought refuge in the Oblate monastery of Longueuil. There, after a one-year novitiate, the Oblates refused him permission to continue. (24) From 1847 to 1851, he would live in the rectory of his friend, Fr. Brassard, the pastor of Longueuil.

His rejection by the Oblates in no way interfered with his speaking tours. These continued at a furious pace. Sermon after sermon was delivered in parish after parish of the Diocese of Montreal. By 1850, Chiniquy was perhaps the best known French Canadian, at least among his own people. Quite possibly half of the population had had the opportunity to hear him speak. His star, so long on the rise, was however, destined to take a sharp fall.

By 1851, Chiniquy found himself on the verge of being suspended from his priestly duties in the Diocese of Montreal, this for improper advances that he had made toward the opposite sex.(25) Pleading a lesser punishment, Chiniquy received first the permission of the bishop of Montreal, and secondly that of the archbishop of Quebec, to allow him to emigrate to the United States. Claiming an invitation from Bishop Van de Velde of Chicago, Chiniquy moved there.(26)

Although he later maintained that he personally picked the site for his new colony of St. Anne, Chiniquy found the place

already settled by the first of many French Canadian families that were to follow.(27) He had already passed through Bourbonnais, where the French priest Courjault had been serving the Canadian community for the last three years.(28)

Chiniquy wasted no time in recruiting additional settlers for "his" colony. dashed off a correspondence to the "Melanges religieux" the diocesan newspaper of Montreal, claiming among other things that the soil of Illinois was so rich, one could become a rich man in less than a year with less than \$200 of initial capital.(29) The bishop of Chicago found himself obliged to counteract this over-enthusiastic propaganda with more sober figures.(3) Still, the Chiniquy name retained its currency in Lower Canada. Families started arriving in greater numbers, their worldly possessions piled into a cart or stuffed into trunks. By the spring of 1852, one hundred families joined Chiniquy at St. Anne.(31)

Throughout the decade of the 1850's, Chiniquy's stormy personality put him at the center of many a squabble. Gradually coming to the conclusion that he could no longer live with the priest, Bishop O'Regan of Chicago suspended him from his duties in the late summer of 1856. When Chiniquy refused to acknowledge the suspension, O'Regan excommunicated him.(31)

There ensued an all-out effort by Chiniquy to retain control of his parish at St. Ann, even if this meant schism and final separation from the Catholic Church. This is in fact where the battle led, two years later, with the establishment by Chiniquy of the "Christian Catholic Church,".(32) Ultimately the St. Ann congregation was allowed to enter the Presbyterian Church. By this point, however, Chiniquy had brought some 1,000 of his parishioners into schism with him,(33) most of them French Canadians. Five hundred other sympathisers lived elsewhere in Kankakee and Iroquois counties.(34)

Vicero is of the impression that the terrible clamor caused by the Chiniquy affair in the Canadian press served to divert significant French-Canadian migration from Illinois and from elsewhere in the Midwest.(35) Although there might be some truth to this statement, it must also be remembered that the Civil War was brewing at this point. Foreigners are much less ready to migrate to a country at war when their own sons are likely to be pressed into service. At any rate, by war's end, New England had definitely replaced the Midwest as the destination of the majority of French-Canadian immigrants.(36)

But what of these French-Canadians who remained in Kankakee and Iroquois counties after the Civil War? According to available data taken from the Federal Census returns for 1860, 70, and 80 we can make some observations on their growth in numbers and also on the rate at which the population was augmented by new arrivals from Canada.

Ten years later, the picture changes significantly. Total French-Canadian house-holds for the two counties stand at 1,614. St. Ann is now in third position among the

important settlements. Setting aside the non-French-Canadian families, one arrives at the figure 175 as the total for its households. Kankakee's French-Canadians number 267 families, while Bourbonnais retains a slim lead of 301.

By 1880, the growth in numbers has stopped. Kankakee and Iroquois counties can count only fourteen more French-Canadian families than in 1870. The total for St. Ann has fallen to 181; for Kankakee, 206; and for Bourbonnais, 235 families of French-Canadian origin.

A first observation would be that some continued influx of people was necessary after 1860 for the population to grow by 60% in one decade. The natural fertility rate of French-Canadians at mid-century, alluded to earlier, would have only accounted for an increase of 40%. Although the tide of immigration from Canada did not come to an abrupt end after Fr. Chiniquy's public break with Rome, we must admit that it continued albeit at a diminished rate.

One can also observe that the rate of increase between 1860 and 1870, if carried over to the decade ending in 1880, should have yielded close to 2,500 households. Clearly something drastic occurred. We must look further north and west to find the answer.

To the north, Chicago continued to expand. After the disastrous fire of 1871, the city needed to be rebuilt. New industries arrived, all in great need of ambitious young workers. With the Kankakee and Iro-

quois county settlements a mere fifty to sixty miles from Chicago, it was natural that a certain number of the counties' young people be drawn to the metropolis.

The state of Kansas accounts for most of the rest of the "missing" population. By the mid-1870's, a young couple who wished to continue farming as their ancestors had done had little choice but to move from Illinois. The family farm in Illinois might well go to the eldest son, but younger brothers needed to earn a living also. In a replay of what had brought their parents and grandparents from Canada a generation earlier, these younger folk headed for the plains of Kansas.

The nucleus of a settlement was created near Clyde, in modern Cloud county. By 1880, Washington and Clay counties each had 65 or so households of French-Canadian descent. Cloud County, to their west, contained a significantly larger number: 375 families. Of all these, the great majority had clearly originated in Illinois rather than directly in Canada. The birthplaces of the children are the tell-tale signs. We find traces of these Illinois French-Canadians elsewhere in the Midwest: in southeastern Nebraska and in eastern South Dakota, but there the majority of the settlers had come directly from Quebec. Cloud, Clay, and Washington counties in Kansas were in contrast overflow settlements of Kankakee and Iroquois counties, Illinois.

We can even use the census returns from Cloud County, Kansas, in 1900 to gauge more

accurately the number of people of French Canadian descent who lived in the American Midwest. Granted, the sample is small but nonetheless significant. Let us note that the official census figures of the "North Central Division" for peole of French Canadian stock (second generation Americans having at least one parent born in French Canada) stood at 198,451 for 1900.(37) Added to these are the 77,019 who admitted to birth in French Canada.(38) These numbers should strike us as being a bit on the low side.

Immigration from French Canada to the agricultural and forested sections of the Midwest had preceded large-scale immigration to New England and New York by more than a generation. Recall also that if children were born to American-born parents, these children were counted as native stock. The point of origin of their grandparents did not enter into the equation.

Looking at the government's figures for Cloud County, 486 foreign-born French Canadians were reported for 1900.(39) This represents just about a third of the 1,485 individuals said to be living in the entire state.(40) There were between 2,800 and 2,900 Franco-Americans in the county, indicating a theorectical 2,400 second generation individuals. Yet this figure does not seem to agree with the 5,547 reported for all people in Kansas with at least one French-Canadian born parent. (41) Cloud County would thus account for one third of the foreign born French-Canadians, but 43% of the second generation. Something needs to account for the swolen second figure.

We find the explanation in the "invisible" third generation Franco-Americans, people whose arandparents were born in Canada, but whose parents were natives of Illinois or Kansas. A family-by-family analysis of Cloud County yields some 700 of these people. These individuals who are not included in the government's ethnic tally, account for fully one fourth of the Cloud County Franco-American population. Given that the ancestors of these citizens came from Canada between 1850 and 1860, and that these ancestors were part of a larger movement to Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa, as well as Illinois, we might well have reason to believe that the Franco-American element is severely under-represented in the government's own ethnic tally for 1900. Might the figure for the Midwest (French Canadian born as well as French-Canadian stock) actually be closer to 370,000 than the officially reported 275,000. A detailed demographic study might provide the asnwers.

For the time being, we can only conclude that the French-Canadian presence in the United States was larger than the figures would seem to indicate. The earlier nature of the Midwest immigration would seem to account for the greater number of ethnically "invisible" people to be found there.

For the genealogist, one fact above all emerges. A complete family history needs to expand beyond the limits of Quebec and New England. The researcher needs to seek out conscientiously the more ex-

tended lines, not only those living elsewhere in Canada, but the descendants of family members who migrated to the United States before and after the Civil War ---people who sought their fortune not in the mills of the northeast but in the black soil of the prairie states.

ENDNOTES

- 1. Twelfth Census of the United States

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SOME SUGGESTED IDENTITIES FOR EARLY FRENCH-CANADIAN SETTLERS IN ILLINOIS

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The basic records which this writer had the opportunity to handle were the Federal Census returns for 1850 (Will and Iroquois counties, Illinois) and the 1860, 70, and 80 returns for Kankakee and Iroquois counties. Will County was the parent of Kankakee County.

Any Franco-American abstractor needs to fight against particular odds, the chief problem being the tendency of English-speaking census-takers to thoroughly mangle many a French-Canadian name, at least in its spelling. Even so, Bourbonnais and St. Ann had the good fortune in several of these census years to have a French-speaking census taker. The manuscript for these towns tends to be quite good.

The average entry lists the family name only once. Each individual's first name is given, along with age, birthplace, and occupation if he or she had one.

To posit identities for these married couples, one needs first of all a legible name and distinct first names ("Joseph" married to "Marie" would tend to be eliminated at this level.) To go searching in the Quebec marriage repertoires, one needs to bear in mind that, by mid-19th-century, certain Quebec counties had far more population to export than did other counties. The counties lay in three basic groups:

along the Richelieu and St. Lawrence rivers east of Montreal; on the north shore of the St. Lawrence from west of Montreal to the environs of Trois-Rivieres; and the area adjacent to Quebec, and extending along the south shore to the Kamouraska region. It makes more sense to try to identify couples from among marriages that took place in these areas, and then if necessary, to look elsewhere.

The census entry does not indicate the maiden name of the wife, so here is where detective work is in order. The ages of both spouses are taken into account, as well as the age of the oldest child in the household. These ages set parameters as to when the parents' marriage may have taken place.

The marriages that follow do not therefore provide iron-clad identities of couples in the census. But in many cases, based on other evidence (marriage and burial records in Illinois), the identity is shown to be accurate. In all cases, the identity would need to be corroborated by these secondary sources. The names of the couples are therefore offered as a time-saving measure and to alert the researcher to the likely presence, in Illinois, of heretofore unattached family lines.

AGANIER, Cesaire & Cleophe Tourneur 15-11-1852, St-Constant

ALEXANDRE, Frederic & Sophie Sicard 22-9-1849, St-Jean

ALEXANDRE, Jacques & Marguerite Baignet 7-1-1823, L'Acadie

ALLAIN, Antoine & Marcelline Guertin 12-1-1836, Marieville ARPIN, Antoine & Clemence Levasseur 11-1-1825, Chambly

ASSELIN, Louis & Henriette Deragon 19-2-1844, Laprairie

AUBERTIN, Jeremie & Sophronie Gelineau 9-10-1854, Longueuil

AYOTTE, Pierre & Heloise Savoie 10-7-1849, St-Cuthbert

BABIN, Jeremie (??) & Flavie Pinsonneau 22-11-1836, St-Valentin

BACHAND, Abraham & Marie Poirier 17-2-1846, Chambly

BALTAZAR, Francois & Marie Audette 15-2-1848, Ste-Brigide

BALTAZAR, Francois & Eleonore Rousseau 3-8-1824, Marieville

BARIL, Norbert & Adelaide Brule 23-10-1854, St-Cuthbert

BARSELOU, Leger & Julie Guertin 12-2-1849, Longueuil

BARSELOU, Toussaint & Angelique Rocheleau 12-9-1831, Chambly

BEAUBIEN, Mark (Joseph Cuillerier-B. & M.Jos. Bondy) of Detroit

BEAUPRE, Gilbert & Zoe Goyette 7-2-1853, St-Thomas de Joliet

BEAUPRE, Julie & Marie Fortin 23-6-1840, Napierville

BEAUVAIS, David & Louise Racette 17-9-1839, Henryville

BEAUVAIS, Moise & Marie L. Tremblay 15-2-1858, Iberville

BECK, Peter (??) & Julienne Gervais 23-4-1844, Napierville

BEDARD, J.B. & Celina Thyfault 11-2-1850, Marieville

BEDARD, Moise & Esther Derome 10-10-1843, L'Acadie

BELANGER, J.B. & Marguerite Gagnon 21-1-1822, St-Leon BELANGER, Laurent & Emelie Chauvin 18-1-1831, Napierville

BELANGER, Louis & Madeleine Boudreau 8-8-1837, Napierville

BELGARD, Augustin & Marie Mathieu 18-7-1820, Louiseville

BENOIT, Augustin & Rachel Adam 30-10-1838, St-Mathias

BENOIT, Damase & Judith Goyette 21-1-1845, Iberville

BERNIER, Alexis & Soulange Gagne 22-5-1825, Cap St-Ignace

BERTHIAUME (?), François & Isabelle Cyr 23-10-1820, L'Acadie

BERTHIAUME, Hilaire & Olive Lecuyer 22-10-1850, Henryville

BERTRAND, Leon & Aglae Perrault 23-7-1844, St-Jacques-de-Montcalm

BESSETTE, Alexis & Adelaide Plantier 25-2-1840, St-Luc

BESSETTE, Cajetan & Eleonore Nadeau 25-9-1832, Marieville

BESSETTE, J.B. & Celeste Demers 23-11-1847, Iberville

BESSETTE, Luc & Melodie Many 15-2-1847, St-Luc

BETOURNE, Luc & Adelaide Brousseau 8-4-1834, St-Luc

BETOURNE, Moise & Rosalie Benoit 4-11-1844, St-Luc

BIGONESSE, J.B. & Domithilde Monty 27-1-1835, Chambly

BLAIN, Jacques & Olive Durand 10-2-1834, St-Luc

BLAIN, Jacques (??) & Marguerite Barabe 24-10-1814, St-Luc

BOISVERT, Augustin & Mathilde Ayotte 16-8-1853, St-Leon (Mask.)

BOISVERT, Francois & Tharsile Desjarlais 27-1-1817, Louiseville BOLDUC, Pierre & Florence Fortin 12-10-1835, Laprairie

BOMBARDIER, Edouard & Adeline Poirier 8-11-1880, Napierville

BOUDREAU, Charles (??) & Marguerite St-Onge 13-1-1846, Napierville

BOUDREAU, J.B. & Clothilde Clouatre 12-1-1836, L'Acadie

BOUDREAU, Joseph & Mathilda Trahan 4-5-1846, L'Acadie

BOUDREAU, Luc & Aurelie Landry 11-2-1850, St-Valentin

BOUDREAU, Medard & Flavie Hebert 18-11-1851, Napierville

BOUDREAU, Pierre (??) & Marguerite Lareau 5-6-1838, St-Valentin

BOURGEOIS, Medard & Petronille Brouillette 28-10-1834, L'Acadie

BOURQUE, Pierre & Josephte Archambault 6-5-1821, St-Roch/Achigan

BRAULT, Gedeon, (m.#1) & Emelie Girard 13-10-1845, Henryville

BRAULT, Gedeon, (m.#2) & Celina Lesperance 1-8-1854, Henryville

BRAULT, Narcisse & Archange Brosseau 31-7-1837, L'Acadie

BROSSEAU, François & Salome Duquet 2-10-1832, St-Luc

BROSSEAU, Pierre & Judith Dandurand 31-1-1814, St-Luc

BROUILLETTE, Antoine & Melanie Fournier 15-2-1847, L'Acadie

BROUILLETTE, Landry & Emelie Fortin 14-10-1834, Napierville

BROUILLETTE, Thomas & Esther Baudriau 12-2-1849, Chambly

BRULE, Prosper & Julie Brule (sic) 23-1-1844, St-Cuthbert

CHAGNON, Andre & Sophie Barcelou 13-11-1849, Beloeil CHAPUT, Charles & Marie-Desanges Leclerc 7-11-1842, St-Jude

CHARBONNEAU, Laurent & Melanise Girard 21-1-1856, Henryville

CHARRON, Theophile & Hermine Chartier 5-10-1852, Mont-St-Gregoire

CHARTIER, Francois & Josephte Brosseau 25-11-1816, Chambly

CHARTIER, Joseph & Aurelie Richard 31-1-1843, St-Jean

CHARTIER, Louis & Basilice Benoit 29-10-1844, St-Luc

CHARTIER, Placide & Flavie Boudreau 24-7-1832, St Jean

CHARTRAND, Anaclet & Marguerite Beaudoin 3-2-1845, St-Lin

CHEFVRE-SANSFACON, Joseph & Henriette Tessier 23-10-1820, ND-Mtl

CHINIQUY, Achille & Anastasie/Luce Fraser 23-4-1838. Beaumont

CHOQUETTE, Charles & Eleonore Seguin 8-11-1836, Marieville

CLOUATRE, Julien & Armeline Bourdeau 4-2-1862, St-Luc

COTE, Michel & Eusebie Forgeau 12-1-1841, Henryville

CREPEAU, Joseph & Julie Bonenfant 14-10-1822, St-Michel-d'Yam.

CYR, David & M. Louise Belanger 18-2-1822, L'Acadie

CYR, Gilbert & Julienne Thuot 4-11-1861, St-Valentin

CYRIER, J.B. & Domithilde Bessette 17-9-1850, St-Luc

CYRIER, Noel & Josette Toupin 20-5-1828, St-Luc

DANDURAND, Eloi & Julie Courtemanche 19-11-1844, St-Luc

DANDURAND, Marcel & Solange Moreau 16-9-1834, St-Luc

- DANDURAND, Marcel & Josette Bessette 28-10-1805, St-Luc
- DARCHE, David & Christine Surprenant 29-7-1835, Chambly
- DARCHE, Laurent & Adelaide Demers 8-2-1831, St-Luc
- DELIBAC, Julien & Angelique Bouteiller 16-11-1846, Henryville
- DEMERS, Joseph & Amable Meunier 10-11-1829, St-Mathias
- DEMERS, Joseph & M.Anne Laurent 12-10-1830, Iberville
- 12-10-1830, Iberville
 DENAULT, Joseph & Odile Bourgeois
 ..-2-1867, Napierville
- DENAULT, Michel & Flavie Poissant 15-2-1859, St-Jacques-le-Mineur
- DENAULT, Theophile & Odile Palin 28-11-1860, St-Jacques-le-Mineur
- DESCHESNES, Honore & Flavie Morneau 10-7-1838, S.Roch/Aulnaies
- DESLAURIERS, J.B. & Euphrosine Isabelle 2-2-1818, L'Acadie
- DESMARAIS, J.B. & Euphrosine Caron, 28-2-1848, St-Leon, Maskinonge
- DUFRESNE. Basile & M.Louise Benoit 30-10-1820, Chambly
- DUPUIS, Pierre (??) & M.Louise Raymond 9-11-1852, Napierville
- DURAND, Gilbert & Eleonore Ribardy 29-7-1845, St-Cuthbert
- DUTOUR, J.B. & Marguerite Remillard 2-3-1840, St-Valentin
- DUTOUR, Joseph & Nathalie Jourdonnais 11-4-1837, St-Valentin
- DUTOUR, Napoleon & Mathilda Gagnon 10-10-1843, St-Valentin
- DUTOUR, Victor & Catherine Bourdeau 22-6-1846, St-Valentin
- EMOND, Henri & Adelaide Bernier 22-6-1824, St-Roch-des-Aulnaies

FIFRE, Eusebe & Sophie Robidoux 20-7-1840, St-Isidore (Laprairie) FLAGEOLE, Henri & Christine Marcotte 2-2-1845, Louiseville

FORGUES, Augustin & Mathilde Boudreau 27-9-1852, Napierville

FORTIN, Charles-Edouard & Celeste Brosseau 10-10-1826, Iberville

FOURNIER, Hilaire & Rebecca Hebert 15-2-1847, Lacolle

FRAZIER, Augustin & M.-Desanges Durand 9-10-1837, Cap-St-Ignace

FRAZIER, Fabien & Flora Godrault 11-10-1836, L'Islet

FRECHETTE, Alexis & Onesime Masse 12-2-1844, Iberville

GAGNON, David & Henriette Mathieu 16-1-1844, Henryville

GAMACHE, Olivier & Emilie Picard 4-4-1853, St-Pierre-du-Sud

GAUTHIER, Joseph (??) & Lucie Picard 23-2-1852, Lavaltrie

GERVAIS, Augustin & Marie Racette 13-1-1835, L'Acadie

GERVAIS, Clement & Octavie Goudreau 20-1-1852, St-Philippe

GERVAIS, Moise & Rebecca Surprenant 28-11-1854, Henryville

GERVAIS, Narcisse & Virginie St-Gelais 2-3-1840, St-Valentin

GERVAIS, Pierre & Louise Audet 6-10-1846, L'Acadie

GIRARD, Alphonse & Cesarie Ostiguy 12-2-1833, Marieville

GOYETTE, François & Luce Masse 6-2-1844, Mont-St-Gregoire

GOYETTE, Louis & Sophie Morin 21-5-1842, Henryville

GRANDPRE(DUTEAU), Chrls& Arzelie Bedard-Lepine 1-28-1853, St-Cuthbert

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GRANGER, Charles & Françoise Mathieu 26-1-1836, Henryville
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GREGOIRE, Gregoire (sic) & Sophie Duteau 11-7-1843, St-Cuthbert

GREGOIRE, Narcisse & Genevieve Tellier 25-7-1837, Berthierville

GRISE, Jeremie & M.Arline Cadieux 24-1-1848, St-Mathias

GUAY, Alexis & Sophie Berthiaume 24-7-1838, L'Acadie

HALL, Patrick & Flavie Brault 7-1-1846, Napierville

HAY, Gilbert & Claire Roy 30-6-1840, St-Jacques-le-Mineur

HEBERT, Francois & Josephte Simard 2-10-1838, St-Jean

HEBERT, Moise & Marguerite Boudreau 3-11-1845, St-Valentin

HUBERT, J.B. & Catherine Ledoux 30-9-1839, Henryville

HUOT, Pierre & Louise Rougeau 9-10-1832, Chambly

JETTE, Antoine & Martine Guertin 30-10-1854, Chambly

KAIGLE, Pierre & Sophie Beique 8-10-1850, Mont-St-Gregoire

LABRIE, Marcel & Constance Lemieux 16-8-1842, Henryville

LAFOND, Ambroise Medard & Sophie Charron 5-11-1861, Henryville

LAGUE, Honore & Adelaide Darche 25-10-1831, Chambly

LAGUE, J.B. & Zoe Surprenant 7-2-1842, Henryville

LAMBERT, Gervais & Aurelie Frechette 9-1-1832, St-Leon (Mask.)

LANDRY, Hubert & Marie Brouillette 5-3-1821, L'Acadie

LANGELIER, Moise & Emilie Handeride 6-2-1837, St-Pascal (Kamouraska)

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LANGLOIS, Antoine & Marie Boudreau
12-10-1824, L'Acadie
LANGLOIS, Vildebon & Eleonore Richard
5-7-1842, Capt St-Ignace
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LANOUE, Hilaire & Henriette Ponton 8-10-1844, Henryville

LAPOLICE, J.B. (Hangard) Euphrosine Lord 19-10-1829, St-Leon

LAROCHE, Alexis & Emelie Clouatre 11-9-1849, St-Valentin

LAROCHE, Pierre & Anastasie Bourgis 9-4-1839, Henryville

LAROCQUE, Amable & Catherine Charbonneau 23-10-1832, Longueuil

LECLERC, Francois & Marie Tetreau 16-10-1838, Henryville

LECUYER, Narcisse & Marguerite Leclaire 30-7-1839, Henryville

LEDOUX, John (Michel & Cath. Sigault)
m2 Bourb. Martha Lamphere

LEDOUX, Michel & Eleonore Bombardier 22-8-1843, Henryville

LEDOUX, Michel & Catherine Sigault 10-7-1820, St-Philippe

LEGRIS, Moise & Sylvie Flageole 27-11-1826, Louiseville

LEMELIN, François & Marguerite Menard 16-1-1815, L'Acadie

16-1-1815, L'Acadie LEMIEUX, Andre & Emilie Godbout 7-2-1842, St-Gervais

LESAGE, Joseph & Domithilde Boucher 28-6-1848, St-Leon (Mask.)

LETOURNEAU, Michel & Genevieve Buteau 23-6-1835, St-Frs-du-Sud

LEVASSEUR, Michel & Luce Joyal 1-3-1824, St-Michel-d'Yamaska

LOISEL, J.B. & Sophie Stebenne 29-9-1840, Marieville

LONGTIN, Jos. Flavien & Marcelline Caille 18-10-1841, St-Constant

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LONGTIN, Pierre (??) & Marie Huet
     25-1-1819, St-Constant
LORD, David & Emerante Toupin
     18-2-1833, L'Acadie
LORD, Joseph & Rosalie Roy
     10-6-1862, St-Jean
MAILLOUX, Joseph & Christine Guay
     21-2-1832, Napierville
MAILLOUX, Leon & Hermenigilde Archambault
     1-5-1848, L'Acadie
MARCEAU, Benoit & Aurelie Trahan
     22-10-1850, L'Acadie
MARCOTTE, Antoine & Maria Gagnon
     15-2-1813, St-Leon
MARCOTTE, Olivier & Julie Rivard
     26-2-1832, St-Leon
MARTIN, Benjamin & Tharsile Lesage
     7-5-1821, St-Leon (Mask.)
MARTIN, Fabien & Domithilde Paille
     22-11-1843, St-Leon (Mask.)
MARTIN, Gedeon & Tharsile Lesage
     5-11-1850, St-Leon (Mask.)
MARTIN, J.B. & Euphrosine Pratte
     17-4-1809 St-Leon (Mask.)
MARTIN, J.B. & Emelie Marquis
     2-3-1840, St-Leon (Mask.)
MARTIN, Pierre & Salome Lussier
     8-10-1866, Napierville
MARTIN, Toussaint & Denise Bourdeau
     13-7-1850, St-Jacques-le-Mineur
MASSE, J.B. & Josephte Larocque
     27-2-1854, Henryville
MASSE, Joseph & Josephine Lavoie
      25-2-1851, Chambly
MENARD, Benoni & Melanie Bouteiller
     29-1-1828, L'Acadie
MENARD, Pierre & Marie Benoit
     2-2-1841, St-Luc
MERCIER, Alarie & Sophie Regnier
      19-10-1847, L'Acadie
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MESSIER, Louis & Thecle Demers 9-10-1832, St-Luc MIGNERON, Cyrille & Odile Allard 14-2-1843, Mascouche MOISAN, Pierre & Domithilde Hebert 8-5-1848, L'Acadie MONGEAU, Isaac & Josephine Grise 17-2-1852, Chambly MORIN, Francois & M.Josephte Bisaillon 23-10-1820, L'Acadie MORIN, Moise & Aurelie Mailhot 17-8-1847. Louiseville MORIN, Noel & Marie Chauvin 10-11-1840, Napierville MORISSETTE, Joseph & Agnes Rheault 14-11-1854, Ste-Gertrude (Nicolet) NOEL, Alexis (??) & Marguerite Arvisais 12-11-1827, St-Leon PARADIS, J.B. & Isobelle Brouillette 26-2-1827, L'Acadie PARE, Ambroise & Marie Moquin 3-7-1854, Napierville PARE, Louis & Adeline Fournier 13-2-1855, Napierville PATENAUDE, Ambroise & Esther Raymond 18-11-1823, Chambly PATENAUDE, Joseph & Julienne Cartier 14-2-1843, L'Acadie PATENAUDE, Julien & Domithilde Samoisette 9-2-1847, St-Jean PERRAULT, Etienne & Esther Perrault 15-6-1841, Mascouche PILOTTE, Jacob & Restitue Proulx 13-1-1835, St-Valentin PONTON, Louis & Angele Kerouac 27-1-1846, Henryville POUTRE, J.B. & Sophie Pare

27-1-1846, Napierville PROULX, Louis & Francoise Dominique 14-11-1826, Montmagny

PROVOST, Hubert & Marie Lajoie 24-4-1838, Henryville

RACETTE, François & Émerence Cyr

6-2-1837, Henryville RACETTE, Ignace & Marie Simard

RACETTE, Ignace & Marie Simard 18-2-1828, L'Acadie

RAINVILLE, Didace & Emelie Touin 18-11-1845, Marieville

REGNIER, Edouard & Adeline Beaudry 3-11-1851, St-Alex. d'Iberville

REGNIER, J.B. & M.Angelique Roy 26-10-1812, L'Acadie

REGNIER, Joseph & Mathilde Brosseau 20-10-1846, L'Acadie

REGNIER, Julien & Mathilde Roy 23-9-1845, L'Acadie

REGNIER, Louis & Genevieve Labrecque 17-10-1843, St-Jean

REMILLARD, Hilaire & Rose Brule 21-7-1857, St-Cuthbert

REMILLARD, Julien & Sophie Brais 3-11-1847, St-Valentin

RICHARD, Abraham & Cecile Laflamme 5-11-1810, Cap St-Ignace

RICHARD, Delphin & Delphine Fregeau 15-2-1847, Cap St-Ignace

RICHARD, Placide & Emerence Richard 12-1-1830, Cap St-Ignace

RIVARD, Alexis (??) & Marie Viens 1-2-1837, St-Michel-d'Yamaska

RIVARD, Leandre & Julie Jerome 7-11-1843, St-Leon-de-Maskinonge

ROBILLARD, Anselme & Lucille Laporte 18-6-1846, Lavaltrie

ROUGIER, Noel & Martine Besset 24-7-1832, St-Mathias

SAULNIER, Julien & Vitaline Dumas 9-7-1867, Lacolle

SAVOIE, Joseph & Euphrosine Marcotte 7-7-1817, Louiseville

SENESAC, Daniel & Emelie Lague

21-10-1823, St-Luc

SICARD, Philippe & Adeline Potvin 19-2-1844, Chambly

SPOONER, Edouard & Flavie Tallard 9-9-1838, St-Jean

ST-JEAN, Narcisse & Caselie Lesperance 8-11-1859, Henryville

STEBENNE, Louis & Euphrosie Fontaine 18-2-1851, Marieville

SURPRENANT, Cyprien & Emelie Panneton 3-11-1846, Henryville

SURPRENANT, Jacques & Isabelle Granger 15-10-1821, L'Acadie

TALBOT, Gedeon & Flavie Provost 29-9-1846, Henryville

TETREAU, Christophe & Genevieve Benjamin 17-4-1820, Marieville

TETREAU, Eusebe & Josephte Stebenne 24-1-1837, St-Mathias

TETREAU, Guillaume & Desanges Ponton 9-4-1839, Henryville

TETREAU, Pierre & Adele Menard 21-7-1856, St-Gregoire

TETREAU, Theophile & Ozite Benjamin 2-10-1832. Marieville

THIBAULT, Charles & Domithilde Provost 15-10-1844, Henryville

THIFAULT, Jacques (m.1) & Adelaide Jared 3-2-1845, Marieville

THIFAULT, Jacques (M.2) & Nathalie Paquet 8-3-1886, Ste-Brigide

THIFAULT, Jeremie & Euphrasie Monat 5-11-1850, Marieville

THIFAULT, Joseph & Celina Adam 10-2-1857, Marieville

THIFAULT, Narcisse & Adeline Bedard 20-4-1852, Marieville

TRAHAN, Napoleon & Cesarie Paradis 25-1-1853, St-Jean

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS: TIES THAT BIND by Virginia Palombit

Have you ever wondered about people who share your family name? I have. For instance, whenever I travel, I look in phone books to see if there are any Sevignys, my maiden name, and, if I find some, I wonder if we're related. My curiosity is undoubtedly further aroused by the fact that not only was I born a Sevigny but my maternal great grandmother was also one. In other words, I have Sevignys in both my father's and mother's lines as you can see from my ancestor charts on pages 88 and 89.

Early last year, I learned that a meeting of Sevignys would be held in Fleurimont near Sherbrooke. Its purpose was to organize a family association. Needless to say, I was eager to go.

As my sister, Elizabeth Demars, and I drove from Minnesota through Ontario to Quebec, I thought about family associations. I knew that there were about 125 of them in Canada. I knew too that some of them have been around for quite awhile, had many members and held elaborate reunions. The Langloises, for instance, held a reunion which was attended by thousands. It featured a memorial mass, the unveiling of a monument, the publishing of Noel Langlois' biography as well as displays of prominent descendants and important events. I also knew about two family associations, the Asselins and the Violettes, which have published a directory of persons, living and dead, bearing those those names. I even knew of one, the Carons, which sponsored a trip to the ancestral home in France.

The meeting of the Sevignys was held in a community center. About 70 persons attended. There was a speakers' program and time to socialize. A picnic had been planned but, because of rain, it was called off. Disappointing? No. Every organization necessarily starts small. Hopefully, ours will grow like those I've already mentioned. In fact, we hope to have a large reunion of the Sevignys at Neuville in 1995 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Jullien-Charles de Sevigne-dit-Lafleur to Marguerite Rognon-dit-Laroche.

The benefits of belonging to a family association are obvious. It's a wonderful way to trace your ancestry and learn more about your ancestors because, as a member, you are part of a team sharing its findings. You also share a heritage and, as you learn more about that heritage, you develop pride in it and ties that bind you to it.

On the next page is a list of family associations. If your family has its own association, join it. You'll be glad that you did. If your family doesn't have its own association, you might consider starting one.

Finally, on page 51, there's a column which debuts in this issue. It will keep you up-to-date on the goings-on in family associations...

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

There are over 130 family associations. You may contact those listed below by writing to them in care of

C.P. 6700 Sillery, Quebec ClT 2W2, Canada

which is the address of the Federation des des Familles-Souches Quebecoises (Federation of Original Quebec Families):

Durocher Baillargeon Gagne-Bellavance Beaulieu Gagnon-Belzile Berube Gautreau Bois Gauvin Boisvert Boucher Gourgues-Gourde Heroux Boulerice Joncas Bourbeau Lacombe Bourg Lagace-Lagasse Bourque Langelier Boutin Lanalois Brisson Laroche-Rochette Brochu Larrivee Cabana Laurier Caron Chalifour Laverane Leblond Chamberland Leduc Charlevoix Lehoux Corbin Lemieux Dery Lemire Dessureault Levasseur Dionne Loianon Dubois Marchand Duche sne au Mathieu Duplain Mercier Durand Messier

Michaud Robitaille Miville-Deschenes Roux Monast Saint-Amand Morin Saint-Pierre-Dessaint Normandeau Savard Quimet Sequin Parenteau Sevigny Pelletier Tardif Plourde Thibault Poitras Touzin Poulin Tremblay Ratte Villeneuve

Listed below are the addresses of other family associations:

ALBERT 2964, rue Summerside, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, GlW 2Gl, Canada

ALLARD C.P. 237, Ste-Rose, Laval, Quebec H7L 4T3 Canada

Quebec, H7L 4T3, Canada ANCTIL

23, rue de la Vanoise, Saint Romuald, Quebec, G6W 5M6, Canada

ARCHAMBAULT C.P. 2062, Saint-Sauveur-des-Monts, Quebec, JOR 1RO, Canada

ASSELIN C.P. 354, Sillery, Quebec, GIT 2R5, Canada

BELISLE 5604 Upton Avenue, Minneapolis, MI, 55410, USA

BERNIER 133, rue du Manoir Est, C.P. 82, Cap St-Ignace Quebec, GOR 1HO, Canada **BLANCHET**

758, rue des Melezes, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, ClX 3C9, Canada

BONNEAU

3342, rue Boucherville, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, GlW 2R7, Canada

BOURDAGES

C.P. 250, Bonaventure, Quebec, GOC 1EO, Canada

BOURGAULT

C.P. 218, Roxboro, Quebec, H8Y 3E9, Canada

BRAULT

29, rue Pablo Neruda, Vouveuil-sur-Vienne, France

BUSSIERES

1644, rue Colmar, Charlesbourg, Quebec, GIG 2C2, Canada

CAMPAGNA

5, rue Lowe, Valleyfield, Quebec, J6S 4E9, Canada

CHARBONNEAU

9040 Farley Road, Pickney MI, 48169, USA

CHOUINARD

C.P. 425, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, J2S 7B8, Canada

CLICHE

C.P. 602, Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, Quebec, GOS 2VO, Canada

CLOUTIER

C.P. 2144, Quebec, Quebec, G1K 7N8, Canada

CORRIVEAU

C.P. 472, Levis Quebec, G6V 7E2, Canada CROTEAU

C.P. 821 Succ. "B" Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5P9, Canada

DAVIAU

2 Primrose Path, Hatfield, MA, 01038, USA

DESJARDINS

24, rue Dumas, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P 1Z2, Canada

DION

C.P. 232, Loretteville, Quebec, G2B 3W7, Canada

DROUIN

C.P. 7362, Vanter, Ontario, K1L 8E3, Canada

EMERY-CODERRE

6822, rue Garnier, Montreal, Quebec, H2G 3A4, Canada

FILION

5623, rue du Bocage, Pierrefonds, Quebec, H8Z 1L4, Canada

FILLION

231, boulevard des Prairies, Laval, Quebec, H7H 2T8, Canada

GENEST-LABARRE

1405, boulevard Saint-Charles, Saint-Charles-de-Drummond, Quebec, J2C 4Z6, Canada

GIGUERE

25, rue Jarest, Montreal, Quebec, H2P 1S6, Canada

GINGRAS

163, rue Saint-Pierre, Saint Raymond Quebec, COA 4GO, Canada GIROUARD

Box 20, Site 16 A.R.R. #2, Armdale Halifax.

Nova Scotia, B3L 4J2, Canada

GOSSELIN

4739, ave. Royale, Ste-Famille, I.O., Quebec, GOA 3PO, Canada

GRAVELINE

P.O. Box 191, Palmer, MA, 01069, USA

HAMEL

C.P. 482, Succ. Montreal-Nord, Montreal, Quebec, H1H 5L5, Canada

KIROUAC

31, Laurentienne, St-Etienne-de-Lauzon, Quebec, GOS 2LO, Canada

LACOSTE

C.P. 415, Outremont, Quebec, H2V 4N3, Canada

LANDRY

C.P. 942, Caraquet, New Brunswick, EOB 1KO, Canada

MARTIN

C.P. 156, Succ. Pierrefonds, Pierrefonds, Quebec, H9H 4K9, Canada

McLEAN

C.P. 211, Chicoutimi, Quebec, G7H 5B7, Canada

MIGNAULT

8811, rue Centrale, Ville Lasalle, Quebec, H8P 1P1, Canada

NADEAU

67-A Principale Sud, Windsor, Quebec, J1S 2B7, Canada OUELLET-TE

1805 de Granville, #608, Quebec,

Quebec, GlJ 1V7, Canada

PAQUIN

41, rue des Cantons, Charlesbourg, Quebec, GiH 7B1, Canada

PARADIS

P.O. Box 339, Jackman, ME, 04945, USA

PELLETIER

C/O Robert G. Pelletier, Winthrop, ME, 04364, USA

PFPIN

859, Ave. Bon-Air, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, GlY 2P4, Canada

PICHE

C.P. 666, Bromptonville, Quebec, JOB 1HO, Canada

PINARD

3155, rue Chambois, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, G8Y 3M7, Canada

PREVOST-PROVOST

63, 5eme Avenue, Paspebiac-Ouest, Quebec, GOC 2SO, Canada

RACINE

C.P. 93, Station B, Quebec, Quebec, G1K 7A1, Canada

RIOUX

C.P. 1934, Trois-Pistoles, Quebec, GOL 4KO, Canada

ROULEAU

C.P. 156, Saint-Laurent d'Orleans, Quebec, GOA 3ZO, Canada

ROUSSEL

Box 342, Algergrove, BC, VOX 1AO, Canada

SAINTE-MARIE

49, avenue Georges, C.P. 151, Candiac, Quebec, J5R 3W5, Canada

THERIAULT

C.P. 875, Saint-Pascal, Quebec, GOL 1MO, Canada

THERRIEN

761, rue St-Antoine, N.-D. du Bon Conseil, Quebec, JOC 1AO, Canada

THIFFAULT

145, rue Boucherville, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, G8Y 4L5, Canada

TRAHAN

C.P. 263, Outremont, Quebec, H2V 4N1, Canada

TREPANIER

271 St-Gabriel, Sainte-Thecle, Quebec, GOX 3GO, Canada

VEILLET-TE

1820, rue Malapart, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, G8Y 2N6, Canada

VIOLETTE

c/o Mrs. Rita Lippe, 32 Louise Avenue, Methuen, MA, 01844, USA

This list will be regularly up-dated. Additions and changes of address should be sent to the editor:

Henri Leblond 88 John St. Pawtucket, RI 02861-1010

Additions and changes of address will appear in our new <u>Family Association News</u> column.

FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWS Nouvelles des associations de familles

A book on the BELISLES, all spellings and all lines, covering the period 1800 to 1925 is in preparation. Interested persons are asked to contact Br. Raymond Dufresne, P.O. Box 716, Notre-Dame, Indiana, 46556.

A reunion of the GENEST-LABARRE family will be held in Drummondville, Quebec, on August 18th. Contact: Carmen Labarre Hebert, 1405, boulevard Saint-Charles, S-Charles de Drummond, Quebec, J2C 4Z6, Canada.

The Acadian GIROUARDS will meet at the Universite-Saint-Francois-Xavier in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on the 27th, 28th and 29th of July. American and Canadian descendants are also invited. Contact: William Gerrior, Box 20, Site 16 A, R.R.#2 Armdale, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3L 4J2, Canada

The LEBLONDS are planning to meet in Thetford Mines on Saturday, October 6th. Contact: Association des Familles Leblond, C.P. 6700, Sillery, Quebec, GIT 2W2, Canada

The PELLETIERS will hold their Fourth Annual Reunion in Sherbrooke on September 8th and 9th. Contact: Robert G. Pelletier, 9 Penwood Road, Winthrop, ME, 04364.

The ROUSSEL family will hold its first get-together in Penticton, British Columbia, on August 17th, 18th, and 19th. Contact: Diane Russell, Box 342, Aldergrove, British Columbia, VOX 1AO, Canada.

MEMBERS' CORNER Le coin des membres

The purpose of this new column is to help our members get in touch with each other for mutual benefit. All items for this column should be sent to the editor,

> Henri Leblond 88 John St. Pawtucket, RI 02861-1010

before November 1st if they are to appear in the next issue. Because space is limited, they will be included on a first come first served basis. Items will not be repeated in successive issues.

Dans notre courrier question about something which you read in these pages? Do you have additional information on a topic which was treated here? Do you want to correct a mistake which you've spotted? Do you have a comment on an article which you'd like to make? Do you have a suggestion which may be of interest? If so, write to the editor! Every letter will be given his full attention and, if it has general appeal, it will be printed in whole or in part subject to the limitation of space.

WORK IN PROGRESS
What family
Travaux de nos membres are you researching? Would you
like to hear from others who are working
on the same family? We will list free of
charge the name of the family which inter-

ests you along with your name, address and phone number. If you are working on more than one family, we will list each of them as space permits. Here's a sample listing:

FONTAINE:

Diane Dobson, 4380 Victoria Drive, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7Ll, Canada

Incidentally, this is not just an illustration. Mrs. Dobson is the great great granddaughter of Louis and Exilda (Breault) Fontaine of Warwick and the great great granddaughter of Ferdinand and Hermine (Fontaine) of Central Falls. She's definitely interested in hearing from Fontaines of her line and related families.

BOOKS WANTED

Are you in need of a Livres demandes book to facilitate your research? A co-member may have the book which interests you and may be willing to sell it to you. We will list your request at no charge. Send the name of the book which you'd like along with your name, address and phone number to the editor. If you have more than one request, we will list them if there's room.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Do you have a geneaLivres a vendre logical or historical book
which you no longer use
but which may be helpful to others? Are
you interested in selling it? We will list
your book here at no cost. Send the name of
the book and your asking price along with
your name, address and phone number to the
editor. Do you have more than one book to
sell? We'll include them if we can.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT Rapport du bibliothecaire

Armand, Mary, Henry and Joe join me in greeting you from Woonsocket, RI, where we're happily settled in our new home. It's in the basement of the First Universalist Church on the corner of Earle and Snow streets. If you are traveling east this summer, we cordially invite you to visit us. We're open every Tuesday from 1 to 10 p.m. If Tuesday is not convenient to you, special arrangements could be made.

We have some sad news. Charles Gaudet, one four first library committee members, has passed away. He was a wonderful person. He was always willing to help. Quick to let you know if something wasn't quite right, he was equally quick with a compliment. He is sadly missed. However, we're not without reminders of him: he left us his collection of books.

We are also saddened by the passing of Brother Gerard Roy. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of his family, his books are also in our library where they provide much help to our members.

We are still looking for records from throughout the United States and Canada. Are you able to gather vital statistics from city halls, churches, funeral homes and even cemeteries in your area? If so, we need you. Let us know if you can and we'll help you along. Whatever you can do will be appreciated.

We continue to collect newspaper clippings of birth notices, engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements as well as obituaries. We welcome these from throughout the United States and Canada. We also welcome photocopies of such clippings which you have in your possession.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Old Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI. It started the textile industry which would bring millions of French-Canadians to New England and especially to the Blackstone River Valley in search of jobs. It's an appropriate time to begin a new project called "The Blackstone River Valley Project." Our hope is to collect the vital records of all the towns in the Blackstone River Valley. These are Worcester, Milbury, Grafton, Sutton, Upton, Northbridge, Douglas, Uxbridge, Mendon, Hopedale, Millville and Blackstone in Massachusetts as well as North Smithfield, Smithfield, Woonsocket, Lincoln, Cumberland, Central Falls, Pawtucket and Providence in Rhode Island. Because of the large number of French-Canadians who came to this area to work in its mills, this project, when completed, will provide researchers with an abundance of information. Many links to Quebec will surely be found in the civil and church records of these once teeming mill cities and towns. Because of the size of this project, we need help. You can help by getting permission for us to copy birth, marriage and death records. These are mostly found in city halls, churches and funeral homes. If you know a mayor, pastor or funeral director, approach him!

You can also help by copying the records. Let us know before you start so that you won't waste time and energy duplicating work which has already been done. We'll also want to tell you how to go about it.

Several members are working on new projects. Armand and Mary Letourneau are working on the baptismal records of Sacred Heart Church in Brockton, MA, while Paul Talbot is working on the birth records of Jaffrey, NH. Father Dennis Boudreau has helped us with the baptismal records of St. John the Baptist Church in West Warwick. RI. Dorothy Ciriello is updating our marriage records of Notre Dame Church in Central Falls, RI. Thanks to Henry Paradis, we're copying the marriage records of Sacred Heart Church in North Attleboro, MA. Armand and Mary Letourneau are working on the marriage records of Sacred Heart Church in Brockton, MA, and St. Joseph's Church in Natick, RI. Richard Giguerre is working on the death records of Jaffrey, NH. Paul Landry is working on the records of the Hickey-Grenier Funeral Home in Brockton, MA, while David Coutu is working on those of the Brule Funeral Home in Fall River, MA.

We have some new books ready for the printer. They include the marriages of St. John the Baptist Church of Pawtucket, RI, Our Lady of Victories Church and St. Louis Church of Woonsocket, RI, and St. Therese Church of Blackstone, MA. The records of the Foley Funeral Home in Attleboro, MA, are also ready. Prices will be announced in a newsletter which you'll receive at the end of the summer. Even more such books will become available in the very near future.

We still have a few trial transcripts which need to be translated from French to English. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to help with this project.

We are grateful to the many members whose generosity permitted us to buy the Drouin books. We are also grateful to the members who, in addition to their dues, contribute to our library fund. It would be difficult if not impossible to add to our holdings without your financial support. We are equally grateful to those who donate original works, books and magazines. All donations greatly help to defray the high cost of adding books to our library.

There's a new column in this journal. It's called "The Members' Corner." Its goal is to make our journal more helpful to the membership. (See page 52) It's a goal which we, the members of the library committee, also try to reach. Can we be of greater help to you? If so, write and tell us how. Your suggestion will be given serious consideration. If we can implement it, we will! However, please understand that, in an organization of our size, change does not happen overnight. Send your suggestion to us in care of the

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Again, do not send correspondence to our library because there is no mailbox here.

Jan Burkhart, Librarian

DROUIN BOOKS CAMPAIGN HONOR ROLL

Our recent campaign to raise funds to buy a set of the new Drouin books was a huge success. The books are now on our library shelves. They will be an outstanding research tool for years to come. We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations of the following:

- \$400 Viateur A. & Sophie R. Pelletier
- \$200 Robert & Janice Burkhart * Gerard J. Guimond, Sr. * Aime Lariviere * Armand & Mary Letourneau * Maurice C. Tremblay
- \$100 Roger Beaudry * Edgar Dupuis *
 Ernest P. Gagnon * Simonne Goitz
 * Roland Jodoin * Therese Poliquin
- \$50 Leon Asselin * Arthur J. Delory, Jr. * Robert G. & June E. Falardeau * Kathleen Yelle Flora * Betty Vadner Haas * Robert R. Pelland * Elaine B. Smith * Mark P. Watson
- \$25 Donald Antaya * Henry E. Bissonnette * Dr. Robert A. Bolduc *
 Lorraine Brenton * Michael R. Caisse
 * Albert & Amy Chagnon * Phillis A.
 DeMayo * Jean-Marie Joseph Hebert *
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 Gilles E. Roch * Marilyn Romanik *
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* Raymond W. Brodeur * George H.
Buteau * Marjorie Chapman * Fabien J.
Chiasson * Dorothy Ciriello * Lucille
& John Creamer * Colette Dickey *
Russell A. Dugas * Dawn D. Edwards *
Helen C. Farrell * Louis F. Fayan *
Mae Hebard * Alix B. Howatt * Corinne
A. (Lemire) Labbe * Jacqueline LaBrosse
Miller * Ronnie M. Lajoie * Eugene A.
Lamothe * Lucien G. Lesage * Albert
R. Mailhotte * Gloria Maiorano *
Ernest Michaud, PE. * Ralph E. Moote *
Paul E. Morin * Doris I. Oulighan *
Marie Pearce * Berenice Cota Poling *
Lorelei Maison Rockwell * Madeleine R.
Rondeau * Fayne Seney * Charles E.
Seney * Alvina C. Shaw * Yvonne C.
Smith * Jeanne Swiszcz * Joseph A.
Vincelette

\$10 Cecile Martens

\$5 Claire V. Brisson-Banks * Leon Guimond * Mrs. Clymine E. Nesser

Thanks

Merci

Book Review Compte-rendu

THOMAS J. LAFOREST'S "OUR RENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTORS" by Lucille Bissonnette Creamer

What was it like to leave your homeland to settle in New France in the 17th century? Whom did the settlers leave behind? What kind of life had been theirs in the old country? What were their occupations? What was their daily life like in the New World? Thomas J. Laforest answers these questions in his ten-book collection of biographies, "Our French-Canadian Ancestors." This is a translation of "Nos Ancestres" (Our Ancestors) by Fr. Gerard Lebel to which Laforest has added two chapters on colonial life, illustrations, maps, an appendix, bibliography and name index.

Who is Thomas J. Laforest? He's a ninth generation descendant of Pierre Laforest dit Labranche from Agen, Province of Guyenne, France, who arrived in New France about 1665. He was born in Highland Park, Michigan, and attended Detroit parochial schools. He received a bachelor of arts degree in literature and languages from the University of Michigan in 1939. In 1945-1946, he attended the U.S. Navy General Line School and, the following year, the U.S. Navy Intelligence and Lanaugge School. He received a master of arts in geography degree in 1966 and a master of arts degree in education in 1967, both from the University of Michigan. He is a retired navy captain and former university professor.

The genealogical work which most of us has done is of the hatch, match and dispatch kind, that is we've collected the names of ancestors, their dates and places of birth, marriage and death and little else. Laforest's books permit us to put flesh on those bones by giving us much biographical information of the settlers who were our ancestors. They also give many details of the world in which they lived. In short, they make these settlers come to life. When we finish one of the sketches, we feel as if we really know that individual.

Not only did one of Laforest's sketches make an ancestor of mine come alive,
it led to a chain of fortunate events.
After reading about Francois Fafard to
whom I'm related, I joined the FrenchCanadian Heritage Society of Michigan. I
then learned that a link between him and
me was an inhabitant of Fort Detroit
which made me eligible for a Michigan
Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate.

Laforest's books make great reading in bed on a cold snowy night or under a tree on a hot summer day. They can be read piece-meal though, be warned, they are hard to put down.

"Our French-Canadian Ancestors" is a continuing series. About two books are issued per year. Back copies are available. The publisher is

The Lisi Press P.O. Box 1063 Palm Harbor, FL, 34682

OF NOTE TO OUR RESEARCHERS...

Re: R.I. BIRTH, BAPTISM & DEATH RECORDS/DATA.

We felt this to be a timely topic, which should be addressed publicly and in writing for our researchers, and thus, hopefully, the following information will be of help to you.

Lately, we have noticed an increase in correspondence, particularly from our Canadian cousins and from our out-of-state members, requesting information concerning births, baptisms and deaths, which took place here in Rhode Island; especially for missing data for the above, or for actual records themselves for these categories. Off the cuff, what you are asking for is a genealogical miracle! As a Society, we are thankful that we have been able to acquire the abundant marriage data we already possess in our library holdings, and that we are still presently compiling even more data for future marriage repertoires. But with regards this other vital data, we are not as fortunate.

A.F.G.S.'s access to births, baptisms and deaths is extremely limited, even though some of our members enjoy a good rapport with some clerks and parish priests. Presently, we have been given permission to compile the birth/baptismal and death data of only 4-5 parishes in the Pawtucket-Central Falls area, which is in progress. There are still many other important churches whose marriage data is of importance to us, moreso than the births and deaths. We also have people busy compiling marriages from our Massachusetts microfilms (1840-1895); and others working on an update of the Forget File of R.I. Canadian Marriages (1850-1900), which as many know, is terribly incomplete.

Regarding birth records, only those of Providence have been published, and are available at the R.I. Historical Society Library, Hope Street, Providence. They also have a copy of the death records, but for both items, only scant information (i.e. names and dates, and an index to the records) is given.

Regarding death records, our Society has copies of the Northern Rhode Island Burial Records of the Fournier & Fournier Funeral Home of Woonsocket. We have also recently received access to two more funeral homes, in Fall River and in Attleboro, MA. These are presently being compiled by our members. Unfortunately, no one has yet attempted to record the thousands of gravestones of Franco-Americans who came to our area. This would be another bold project for an interested group of our membership, and certainly, a welcome addition to our holdings!

Unlike Canada or some other states, here in Rhode Island, vital records are closed to the public. After 1900, only immediate relatives have access to birth records. Private genealogists and lawyers also have better access. The same applies to most Church records in our area. Some correspondents have written to us for certificates... we have no power or authority to issue such documents. They must be issued by the city/town clerk's office or various parishes where the events took place or are recorded. Similarly, we do not have the personnel to hunt down such records in the State's 39 cities/towns or 150 parishes. We will however provide our researchers with the appropriate addresses, which they can contact on their own. For future reference, if you write to us for these types of records, if we don't have the information available to us, we will refer you immediately to the right place. As for acquisition of these types of records, we will keep you informed through this magazine of what we are able to compile & publish.

ATTENTION, READERS...

NEW A.F.G.S. RESEARCH POLICY

(Effective March 1990)

That we might keep our Research Services operating much more professionally and quickly, we are announcing our new policy, known as our 3-Step Research Program:

STEP ONE: WHAT YOU SEND US

as such.

- Your request, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND US A CHECK IN ADVANCE!!!
- Your choice of the type of research to be performed from the following descriptions:
- A. SINGLE MARRIAGE (Only ONE marriage to seek)
 marriages of parents will also be counted
 as additional single marriages and billed
- B. <u>DIRECT LINEAGE</u> (A straight line of either a husband or wife back to the immigrant ancestor).
 - This will include each couple, their date and place of marriage, and their parents' names, and location of immigrants in France.
 - Price for direct lineages will be determined by the number of generations found times the rates for research, as applicable.
- C. FIVE-GENERATION ANCESTRAL CHART (Standard 5 generation ancestor chart of 31 ancestors, with 8 marriages found. The last column of names will give parents' names only, No marriages, as they will start a new five-generation chart.
 - Price: \$16 (AFGS Members) \$25 (non-members)

A.F.G.S. RESEARCH RATES (Standard)

\$2.00 per marriage (AFGS Members) \$4.00 per marriage (Non-members)

\$16.00 - 5 Generation chart (AFGS Members) \$25.00 - 5 Generation chart (Non-members)

STEP TWO: OUR JOB

After receiving your request, return envelope, and choice of research to be performed, we will start immediately upon your research. We will then notify you by mail as to our findings, and will bill you in advance for the research performed, using the rates applicable above.

STEP THREE: YOUR APPROVAL

After receiving our report and billing statement, return the top portion with a check payable to A.F.G.S., and upon receipt, we will then forward you your requested research.

We believe that by following this new three step policy, we can offer our members a much more professional and orderly way of answering requests for research. Again, please do not send money in advance. This new billing system will enable us to keep more accurate records. Your cooperation with this new policy will be appreciated by our staff. Thank you.

A.F.G.S. Research Committee

P.S. All requests not found will be placed in JE ME SOUVIENS' Q/A section each issue.

P = Parents

M = Marriage date/place

D = Descendants

s/o = son of

d/o = daughter of

vf./vve. = widow(-er) of



In keeping with our present Research Policy, the following marriages could not be found by our staff. We are publishing them here, hoping that others who may see them and have the answers will contact us, that we may forward this information to the appropriate researchers. All answers may be addressed to the A.F.G.S., P.O. Box 2113, Pawtucket, RI 02861. When answering a question, please use the call number, e.g. 13/1, 13/2...

- 13/1- Seeking P and M of Michel FONTAINE and Marie-Charles/Charlotte AUCLAIR of Ile Dupas, PQ ca. 1775. Their daughter, Marie-Judith married Etienne Gatineau-Brindamour on 30/12/1799 at St-Ours, PQ. (Joyce Holland).
- 13/2- Seeking P and M of Anthony ROBBINS/ROBIN and Agnes FLEURY ca. 1865-69 Massachusetts. Their son, David was born Dec. 1870-72 in Winchester, MA. (Veronica Butcher).
- 13/3- Seeking P and M of Amable BELAIR and Marie-Vitale CARON ca. 1770-75. Their daughter, Marie-Amable Bélair married Amable Durusseau on 24/11/1795-Louiseville, PQ. (Kay Schumacher).
- 13/4- Seeking P and M of Louis ST-YVES and Madeleine LESAGE ca. 1770. Their daughter Madeleine married Felix Moreau on 18/11/1793 at Louiseville, PQ. (Phyllis Giroux).

- 13/5- Seeking M of Olivier MORIN, s/o Jean & Adèle Lavallée to Evéline CHARPENTIER, d/o Charles & Adée Mailhot. He was b. 1855-Burlington,VT; She was b. 1857-Iberville, PQ. Marriage of their son says they lived in Putnam, CT. Need date and place of their marriage in VT/CT/MA. (Helen Maxson).
- 13/6- Seeking P and M of Georges LEMIRE and Lina ST-JEAN ca. 1875. Their daughter Rose married Calixte Vaillant on 20/4/1909-St-Didace, PQ. (George Vaillant).
- 13/7- Seeking M of François-Xavier FONTAINE-Bienvenue, s/o Paul & Geneviève Paradis of St-Hughes, PQ to Elumina VANDAL, ca. 1850-60 in VT/MA. Their son Adolphe married Délia St-Martin on 15/1/1884-St-Guillaume, PQ. (Roger Fontaine).
- 13/8- Pegge Murray of 1202 E.Buena Ventura St., Colorado Springs, CO. 80909 wishes to correspond with other descendants of Pierre VERDON s/o Jean-Bte. & Catherine Bourdon and Henriette GENDRON, d/o Pierre & Catherine Martel, married 8/9/1841-N.D. Montréal, PQ.
- 13/9- Seeking P and M of Louis CHAVAUDREUILLE-Godreau. Who are they? Louis married Josette BROUILLET on 8/5/1775-Chambly, PQ [St-Joseph]. (Jodoin).
- 13/10-Seeking P and M of Maurice-Alexandre LABELLE and Marie-Marthe PIGEON who married on 1/11/1904-Ontario. Where did this marriage occur and who are the parents of bride/groom? (John Noel).
- 13/11-Seeking place and date of M of Aime-Liguori PIGEON, s/o Benoni & Basilisse Theberge of St-Simon(Rimouski) to Marie-Febronie LETOURNEAU, d/o Edouard & Célanire Fournier

- of St-Matthieu, PQ. Their son Alphonse married Albine Bélanger on 21/9/1920-St-Damase (Matapédia), PQ. (Adrien Provost).
- 13/12- Seeking P and M of Pierre DUFRESNE and Marie-Célina DESMARAIS ca. 1865-70 in VT/CT. Their daughter Rosanna married Julien Forgue on 19/4/1887-Cranston, RI (Ste-Anne Ch.). (Carol Jacques).
- 13/13- Seeking P and M of Josaphat LEPAGE (b.1833) and Rose LEBLANC (b.1844). They had children born in 1869 and 1870. Josephat & Rose married ca. 1865-68-NY/ME. (Julie Brassard).
- 13/14- Seeking P and M of Charles ELLIOT, Vf. Marie Roy and Sophie ROY, Vve. Moise Dumas, who married on 23/5/1875-St-Hermenegilde, PQ. (Clifford Timpson).
- 13/15- Seeking parents' names of Napoléon BRODEUR and Alphonsine LACROIX who married on 26/9/1875-Central Falls, RI (Notre-Dame Ch.). (Roger Turgeon).
- 13/16- Seeking P and M of Charles LEFEBVRE to Angélique THIÉRAY, ca. 1750-Yamachiche, PQ area. (Yvonne Blair).
- 13/17- Seeking bride's P and M of Joseph MICHON and Marie-Angele BERRY who married 7/1/1801-N.D. Québec City, PQ. (Robert Bowerman).
- 13/18- Seeking P and M of Léandre-Alex DALZIEL and [cf.A's Ursule COOK ca. 1780-86. Their daughter 11/70A] Marguerite married Pierre Fortier on 23/9/1816-
- 11/70A] Marguerite married Pierre Fortier on 23/9/1816-St-Henri-Lauzon, PQ. (Robert Bowerman)
 - 13/19- Seeking P and M of Antoine CHICOINE and Françoise SAMUEL who married 16/7/1800-Contrat Notaire Barachois? (Robert Bowerman)

- 13/20- Seeking P and M of André THIBAULT and Marcelline PATRAS/POITRAS ca. 1870's in Canada. Their son, Lewis-Charles married Lillie F. Foster on 11/10/1907-Neligh, NEBR. (Denise Thibault).
- 13/21- Seeking P and M of Julius/Julien THIBAULT and Joseph TREMBLAY ca. 1890-1900-Raleigh, ONT. Their daughter Pearl E. was born there on 12/2/1900. (Denise Thibault).
- 13/22- Seeking P and M of François/Frank ROY and Louise DURAND ca. 1860-Canada. Their son Peter King/Roy married Mary Jane Walker on 24/8/1889-Woonsocket, RI. (Gloria Merritt).
- 13/23- Seeking P and M of Georges GIRARD and Victorine VINCENT ca. 1870's-CT? Their son Léon married Délia M. Plante on 8/1/1900-Pawtucket, RI (St-Jean-Bte.) (Richard Girard).
- 13/24- Seeking P and M of Louis TÉTREAULT to Marie BLANCHARD; and of Pierre PLOUFFE and Odile GIROUX. Their children Alfred Tétreault married to Cordélia Plouffe on 17/6/1904-New Bedford, MA. (Alfred Rock).
- 13/25- Seeking P and M of David OUIMET and Marie-Jeanne DESMARAIS ca. 1868-72-VT/NY/MA. Their son Arthur married Marie-Anne Dionne on 22/5/1906-Providence, RI (O.L. Lourdes). (Dennis Boudreau).
- 13/26- Seeking P and M of Alfred/Alphonse GAUTHIER and Eliza/Olésime DUMAS, ca. 1875-VT/NY.

 Their son Frank married Louisa Dragon on 21/8/1905-Putnam, CT. (St-Mary's) (Dennis Boudreau).

- 13/27- Seeking P and M of Joseph GÉNÉREUX and Charlotte CARTIER ca. 1815-Joliette area. Their son Joseph married Angèle Jobin on 11/6/1838-St-Elisabeth (Joliette), PQ. (George Christian).
- 13/28- Seeking P and M of James/Jacques LAPOINTE and Louisa MOREY/MORIER ca. 1875-Stanstead area. Their daughter Elisabeth Anna married Douglas P. Auclair on 12/4/1898-? (Christine Shugrue).
- 13/29- Seeking P and M of Achille GUIMONT and Léa CARON ca. 1915-20-Québec area. Their daughter Aline married Paul-Robert Caron on 15/7/1943-Cap St-Ignace, PQ.(Leon Guimond).
- 13/30- Seeking P and M of Philias PAIN and Marie PAQUETTE. Their son Sylvio married Marie-Ernestine Fournier on 13/6/1921-Fall River, MA. (St-Jean-Bte.) (Ernest Pain).
- 13/31- Seeking P and M of Gordien/Gédéon LAFRENAIS and Domithilde BOULET ca. 1870. The last marriage was their child: either Alphonse married to Marie-Hermine Lafrenais (or vice versa) on ?/2/1892-Providence, RI. (Barbara Cunningham).
- 13/32- Seeking P and M of Joseph COTE and Marie-Anne LAMOTHE. Their daughter Marie married Hilaire Cadorette on 25/10/1871-Sutton,PQ. (Claire Mailloux).
- 13/33- Seeking P and M of Antoine DUTEAU-Vilandré and Geneviève MASSON ca. 1810. Their daughter Geneviève married François-Xavier Guignard/Guinard on 27/9/1831-Ile Dupas, PQ. (Paul Giroux).
- 13/34- Seeking P and M of Joseph CAPISTRAN and Louise PRAIRIE ca. 1887-8-Montréal or Cheboygan, MI. area. (Sharron Singleton).

- 13/35- Seeking P and M of Michel FONTAINE to Marie-Charlotte AUCLAIR/AUCLERC circa 1765-75. His parents were Jean-Baptiste Penin-Lafontaine and Angelique Guenet. Michel & Marie-Charlotte's daughter Judith Fontaine married Etienne Gatineau on 30/12/1799-St-Ours, PQ. (Eveline Desplaines).
- 13/36- Seeking P and M of Pierre DUSSAULT and Françoise VALADE circa 1750-55. Their daughter Ursule Dussault married Pierre-Bénoni Gareau on 3/6/1777-Chambly, PQ. (Eveline Desplaines).
- 13/37- Seeking P and M of Joseph-Placide GRAVEL and Marie-Elisabeth RONDEAU who married at Cap St-Ignace, PQ on 3/10/1746. His parents were Augustin Gravel & Elisabeth Caron. Who were hers? (Eveline Desplaines).
- 13/38- Seeking P and M of Edouard FORTIER to Léocadie TÉTREAULT circa 1850-59. All their children except for the oldest was born in Weedon, PQ. His parents were François Fortier and Marguerite Lussier. Who were hers? (Eveline Desplaines & Rosalyn LaChapelle).



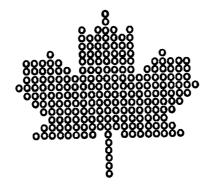
ANSWERS TO FORMER Q/A'S

- We are most grateful to Mr. Al Bérubé of Montreal for providing us with the answers to the following questions of our researchers.
- 12/28- Joseph CLOUTIER(Eustache & Elisabeth Gagné)
 Elisabeth GAUDREAU(Augustin & Marthe Lemieux)
 mg. 23/1/1810-St-Jean, Port-Joli, PQ
 Michel GAUTHIER(Paul & Mgte. Gauvreau)
 Catherine DAGENAIS(Laurent & Josette Lefebvre)
 mg. 23/7/1821-Rivière-des-Prairies, PQ
- 12/30- Jean LAMOTHE (Pierre & Angélique Bélanger) Angélique JETTÉ(Paul & Angélique Mandeville) mg. 18/3/1848-Joliette, PQ (Cathedral)
- 12/31- Pierre TESSIER-Lavigne(Vf. Eliza Goguet)
 Marie LARCHEVESQUE(Joseph & Eliza Simon)
 mg. 11/2/1771-Longue-Pointe, PQ
- 12/34- Pierre BEAUDOIN (Frs. & Anne Grenette)
 (Vf. Rosalie Daoust)
 Marguerite BEAUDRY (Louis & Mgte. Lacombe)
 mg. 11/8/1762-Répentigny, PQ
 (Perhaps a mistake in St-Paul-Joliette reg.?)
- 12/39- JB CHARBONNEAU (JB & Josette Pelletier)

 Mgte. COUCHOIS (Ignace & Therese Laperle)

 mg. 29/10/1821-Sandwich, ONT.
- 12/40- JB CORRIVEAU (Joseph & Mgte. Tanguay)
 Tharsile TODD (Fille illegitime- 16yrs)
 mg. 18/9/1838-N.D. Quebec City, PQ
- 12/41- Jean SIMPSON (Jean & Geneviève Talon)
 M-Anne KOËNIG (Baron Edmond-Victor & Louise
 Jean)
 mg. 12/2/1811-1'Islet, PQ

- 12/44- James SLICER (Joseph & Angèle Lacerte) Esther CHAPLEAU(Narcisse & Esther Chartrand) mg. 23/11/1858-N.D. Montréal, PQ
 - Hormisdas ST-GERMAIN(Prosper & Agnes Poulin) Esther CHAPLEAU (Vve. James Stackson/Slicer) mg. 4/10/1875-St-Brigide, Montreal, PQ
- 12/45- François GIBEAU (Jean-M. & Thérèse Bruyère)
 Julie PROULX (Olivier & Mgte. Poirier)
 mg. 28/10/1850-St-André-Argenteuil, PQ
- 12/49- François LABERGE(Nicolas & Reine Proulx)
 Catherine VALLÉE (Antoine & Catherine Moreau)
 mg. 23/1/1797-N.D. St-Hyacinthe, PQ
- Answer from Helen Bertrand: (Thanks, Helen!!!)
- 12/45- Marie-Jeanne DOMINIC d/o Vital & Alvina Gibeau b. 5 Oct. 1878 bp. 17 Nov. 1878 pl. St-Patrick Ch., Rouses Point, NY gdpts. Victor Stacy & Victoria Stacy
- 13/18- cf. last issue JE ME SOUVIENS #11/70A
 Alexandre DALZIEL (parents omitted)
 Rachel COOK (parents omitted)
 mg. 25/5/1790-St. Andrew's, Quebec City, PQ



A.F.G.S. WHO'S WHO ANCESTOR CHARTS...

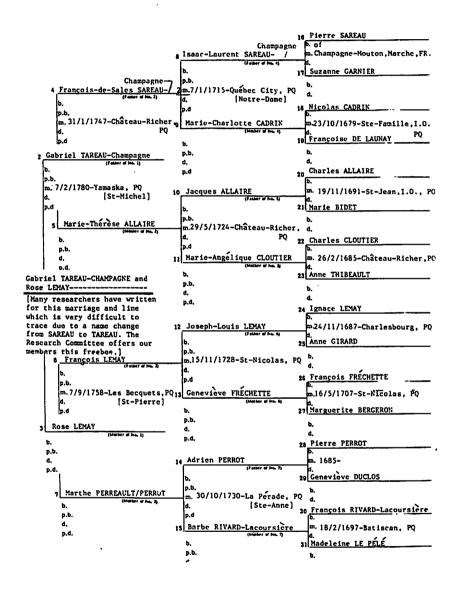
In response to the many people who have written asking about the A.F.G.S. Who's Who? book we were hoping to compile several years ago, we hope the following will satisfy your curiosity...

As you know, in 1985 we sent out questionnaires which many of you filled and returned to us, along with the requested ancestral charts and in some cases, a picture of yourself or your ancestors. As you know also, from our Winter 1987 issue of JE ME SOUVIENS, we were unable to publish this material due to a shortage of monies and people to ready them for publication. Thus, it was that we have gone another route- and that was to publish the ancestral charts in future issues of our publication.

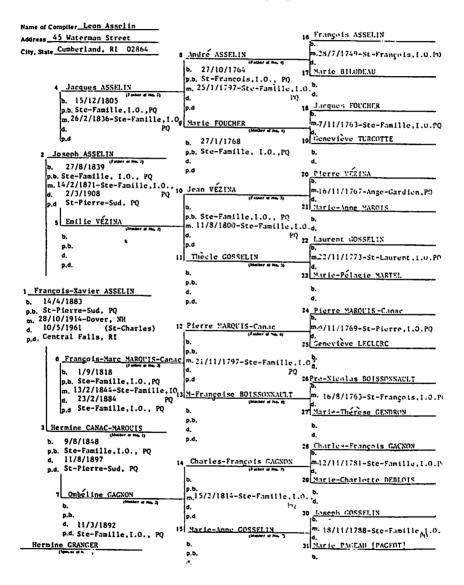
We have continued doing this since the Winter '87 issue and still have many more to publish as of the present. We also thought it best to get our Research Committee in on the act, to recheck all the information on charts sent to us, as well as to fill in any missing information you could not find. If you have yet to find your marriage information, then the following and upcoming charts will be of interest to you. If you have found information to fill in the gaps you sent us five years ago, then you might want to recheck it with what our research team has compiled.

If you have still not seen your charts published, please be patient. They are being either rechecked for accuracy, or being worked on because you have needed missing information, which we hope to provide. We still have many, many more charts which will appear in upcoming issues of JE ME SOUVIENS. Here's more for you to enjoy!

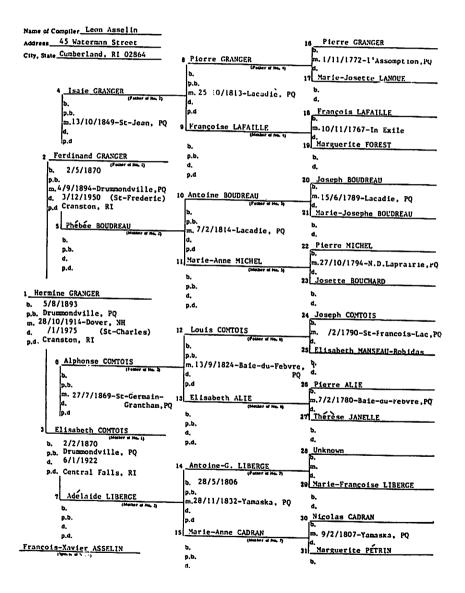
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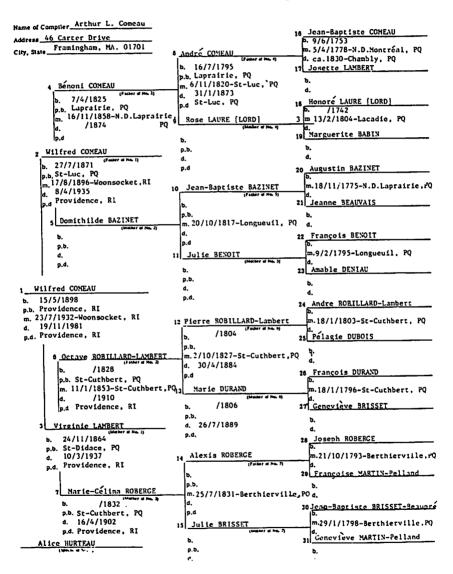
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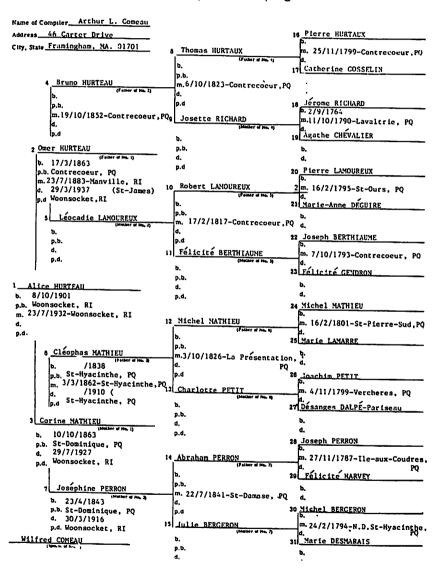
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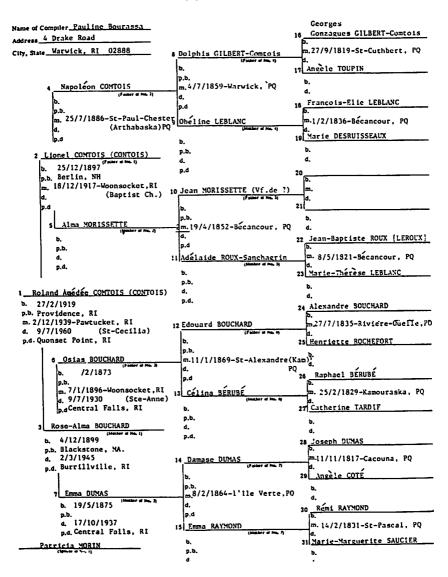
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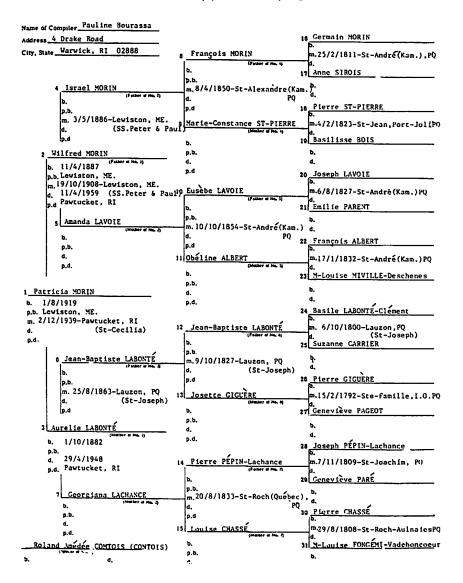
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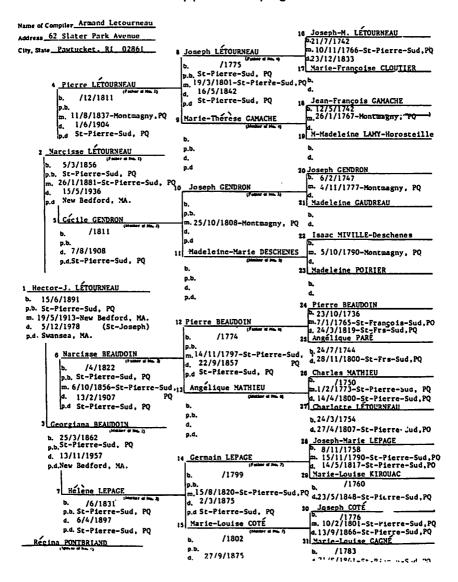
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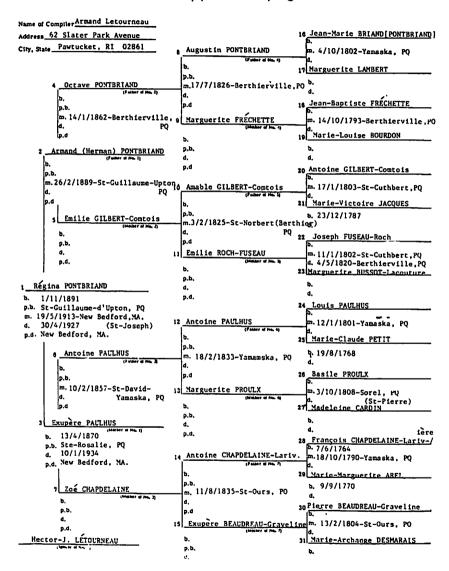
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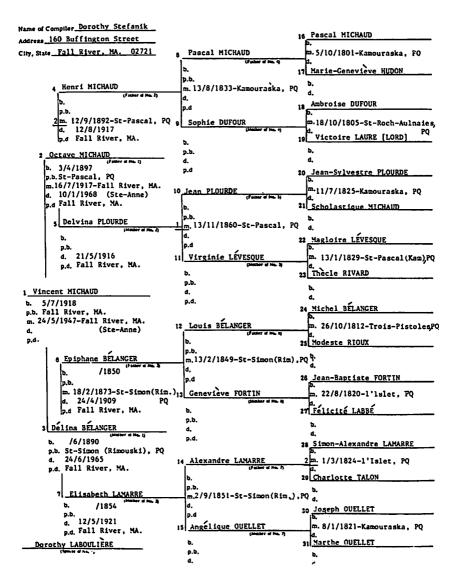
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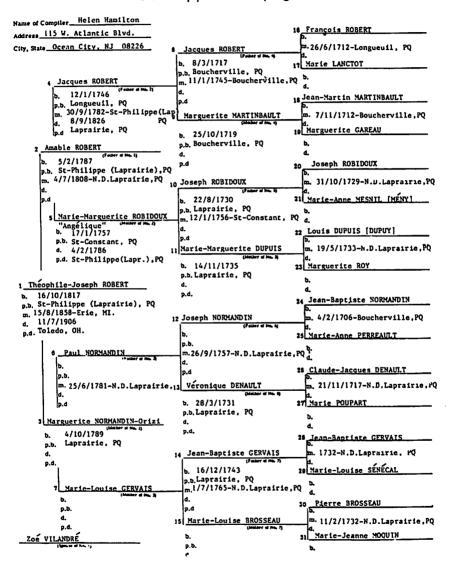
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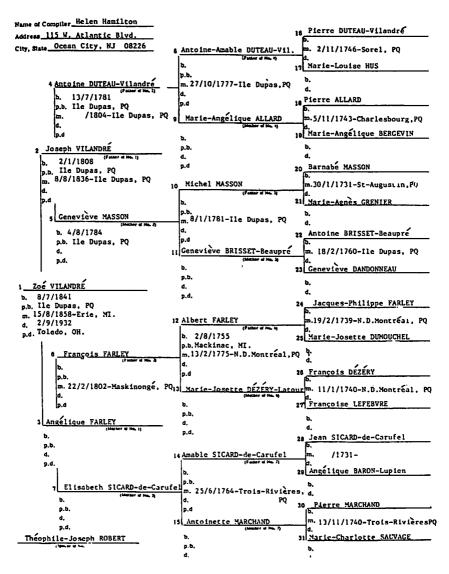
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	b.	17 Marie-Anne BOIVIN
A Joseph LABOULIÈRE	p.b.	
b. /1872	m. 26/1/1869-Baie St-Paul,	PQ d.
p.b.	p.d	18 Jerome DUCHESNE
m.13/2/1893-St-Placide,PQ	9 Malvina DUCHESNE	m. ca. 1840-
d. 14/3/1949 m.d Fall River. MA.	(Marker of No. 4)	d. 19 Henriette BOLDUC
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d. 6/10/1966 (St-Jn-Bte.)	10 Edmond DUFOUR	m-23/10/1838-Petite-RivièrePQ
p.d Somersec, AA.	ь.	21 Marcelline TREMBLAY
5 Mathilda DUFOUR	p.b. m.8/7/1873-Petite-Rivière	b.
b. 24/7/1875	d.	
p.b. 4 31/7/1920	p.4	22 Emilien LAVOIE b.
d. 31///1920 p.d. Fall River, MA.	11 Aglae LAVOIE	m-8/6/1830-Petite-Rivière,PQ
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1 Dorothy LABOULIERE	p.b. d.	b.
b. 20/3/1925	p.d.	d,
p.b. Fall River, MA.		24 Joseph OUELLET
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p.d.	(Father of No. 0)	a,
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8 Arthur OUELLETTE	m.22/8/1870-Ste-Flavie, P	Q 4.
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p.d. Fall River, MA.	(Father of No. 7)	m.11/4/1836-La Pocatiere,PQ
	b.	20 Basilisse ROULEAU
7 Marie-Emma ST-AMAND	p.b. m.30/7/1867-Trois-Pistole	s , PO.
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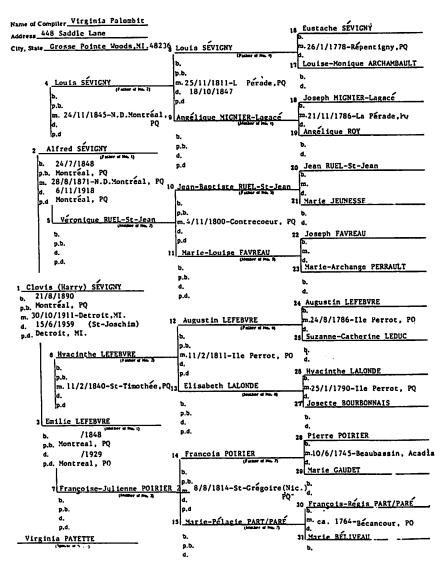
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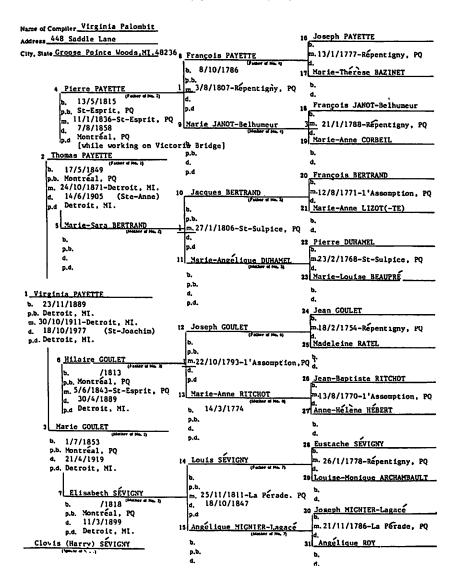
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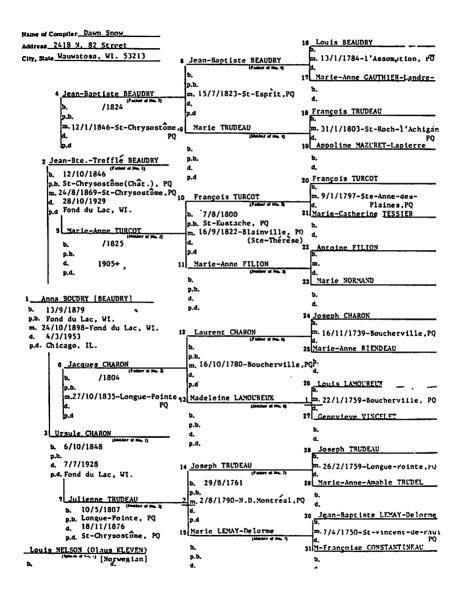
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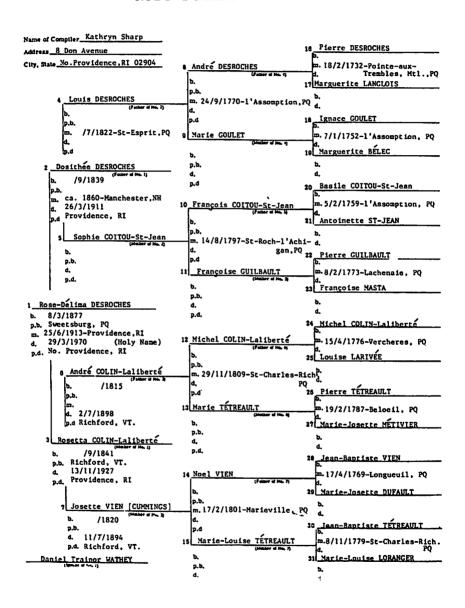
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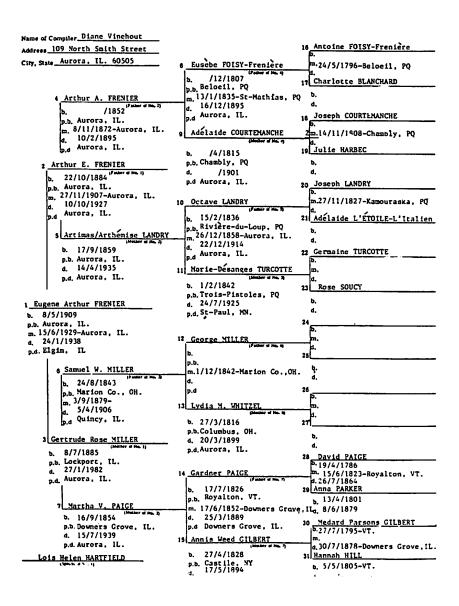
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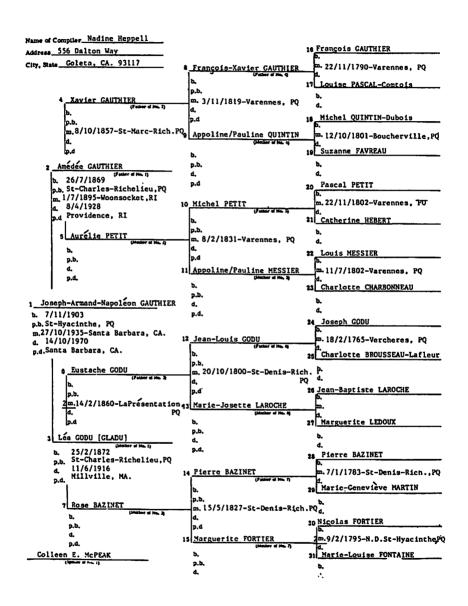
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