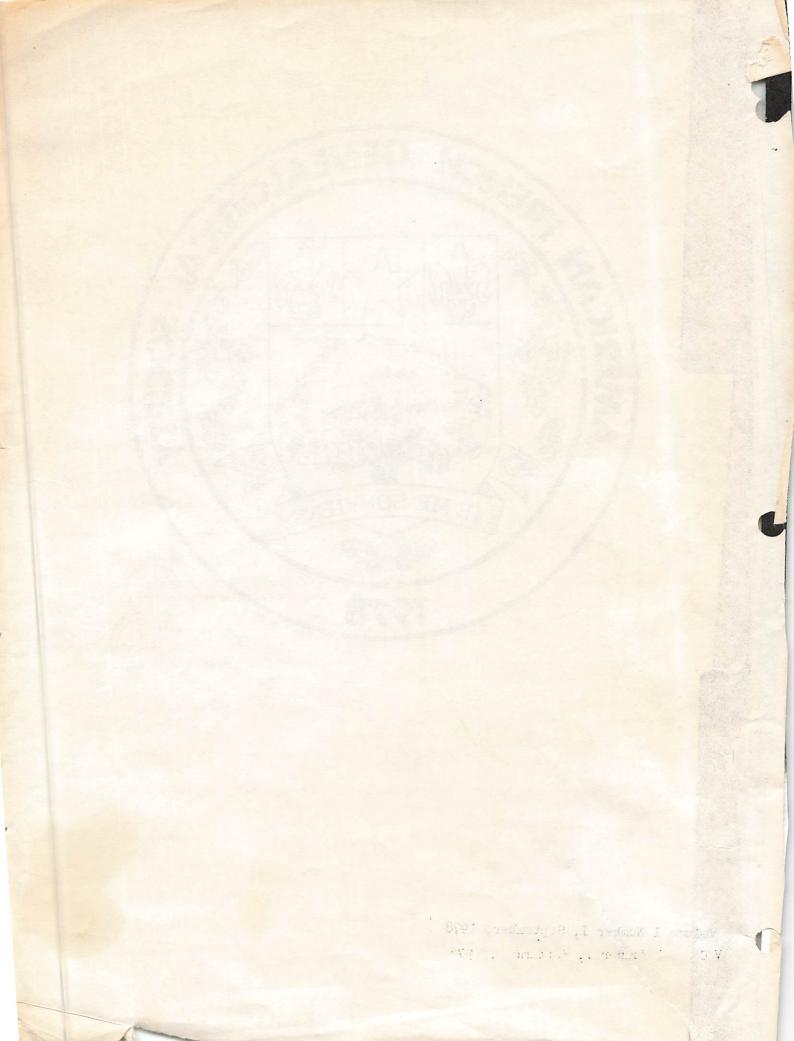


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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Member.

Just four generations! Only to the mid 1800's? That's as far as I had gotten in tracing my wife's genealogy when my research came to a dead end. All Church and civil records had been destroyed when both the rectory and the town hall had burned to the ground in her great grand-father's villiage. I had just about given up ever filling those blanks on her fan chart when, thanks to a genealogical publication with a very limited circulation, I learned the name of another individual who was doing research in the same area. I don't know why I wrote to him. I knew that all the records had literally gone up in smoke, a fact which he had confirmed. But he also gave me some incredible news; That a doctor who realized the value of the lost records had reconstructed them for the family which I was researching by interviewing family members, that his research had been published in book form and that it would be fairly easy to have the book photocopied. You can guess the rest of the story.

By telling you this story, there are two points which I'd like to make. First is that a modest publication helped me to communicate with someone who had information of great use to me. The second is that someone had written down information obviously not for fame or gain but just to preserve it for future generations. And that is what this publication is all about; to share with one another information that may be of use and to preserve for posterity information which may be difficult, if not impossible, to find elsewhere.

To those of you who have put together this first issue of "Je Me Souviens".

I offer my sincere congratulations on a job well done. To those of you who are merely readers at this point, may I extend a cordial invitation to join them by submitting articles for publication. You'll be surprised to learn who among your fellow members may need the information which you have and your information may be just what some future genealogist is looking for!

Finally, I'd like to say a few words about our logo which I have had the pleasure of designing. Our logo is in the form of a seal because official documents were and are authenticated by seals. The symbols--- a star for American, a fleur-de-lis for French and a tree for genealogy---are obvious. The motto, Je Me Souviens, is most appropriate for genealogy, not to mention the fact that it is the motto of the Province de Quebec, home of most of our ancestors. The acorns and oak leaves are also appropriate for genealogy.

MIGHTY OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW! From a handful of Canadian Settlers came millions of descendants. My thanks to Nancy Kinder for drawing our logo from my sketch and to Ev IaRocque for his printer's point-of-view which was so helpful in determining the final arrangement and colors.

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#### QUEBEC: ITS FORMATIVE YEARS

BY LUCILLE F. ROCK (65)

The unknown has always held fascination and intrigue for many; but for a chosen few, it is a chance at adventure, to touch danger, to conquer and to prove oneself in the face of extraordinary odds. The New World, virgin territory, attracted these few, but it was not until the end of the fifteenth century that men set foot on its shores.

A few ships followed and the discovery of the plentiful schools of cod on the coast brought many fishing vessels from Europe. By 1519, the French fishing fleet numbered over one hundred ships. Through the first three decades of the sixteenth century, the eastern seaboard of North America was explored by English, Portuguese, Spanish and French ships, but none penetrated the interior waterways.

the Bay of Castles, now called the Strait of Belle Isle. He arrived on June 10th and finding the coast barren and rocky, sailed southward. For the next two months, he explored the coast and then on the 15th of August, set sail for New France. The following year, Cartier returned to Canada where he gave Ile d'Orleans its name and also christened Mont Royal, which hater became Montreal.

Meanwhile, the fishing vessels on the coast became more numerous every year and soon the fishermen became aware that they could exchange small trinkets with the Indians for valuable furs. By the middle of the sixteenth century, vessels sailed to New France for the sole purpose of fur trading, which proved to be very lucrative.

In 1599, a monopoly of the fur trade was given to Huguenot, Pierre Chauvin, with the stipulation that he would bring in fifth colonists a year to New France, as Canada was then Called. In the summer of 1599, Chauvin landed sixteen men at the mouth of the Sanguanay river and left them in a small log hut. When the vessels returned the following summer, Chauvin more interested in fur profits than in colonization, didn't bring any new colonists. Only five of the sixteen he had left the summer before, survived the winter and only because they sought refuge with friendly Indians.

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Other traders, excluded from the business by Chauvin's monopoly, complained bitterly of favoritism. Finally, in the winter of 1602 and 1603, a commission was appointed that recommended the admission of certain Rouen and St. Malo traders, on the condition that they bear their share of the cost of colonization. It was also deemed advisable to survey the country in order that a favorable site be chosen for a settlement.

The survey began in 1603, when Samuel de Champlain, a naval officer, and du Pont Grave, a fur trader, explored the country, laying the foundation for what is now known as the Commonwealth of Canada. Champlain and du Pont Grave journeyed farther into the continent than anyone else before them. They saw a land where Frenchmen could live in peace and prosperity.

As a result of the Champlain and du Pont Grave survey, a new monopoly was granted to the company of Pierre du Guast, sieur de Monts, in 1604, for the span of ten years. This new grant also contained the stipulation that the company would bear the cost of colonization by sending no fewer than sixth colonists a year to New France.

The first settlement, comprised of men only, was landed in the summer of 1604 in the Bay of Fundy on the island of St. Croix. The winter proved so severe for the colonists on the exposed island, that the following summer, the settlement was transported across the Bay of Fundy to the harbor of Port Royal, now called Annapolis Basin, a land of gently rolling hills and fertile soil in Nova Scotia. The buildings were erected in the form of a square, so that one would protect the other against the bitter cold. But the following winter was equally hard and the colonists were driven to seek a fishing boat that would ferry them home to France.

In the spring of 1607, word was given to the company of Pierre du Guast, that its monopoly, which had seven more years to run, had been terminated due to the subterfuge of the Hatter's Corporation of Paris. Wishing to recoup a portion of his losses and trusting to the advice of Champlain, Pierre du Guast petitioned Henry IV and was awarded a fur trading monopoly in the St. Lawrence valley for one year.

Champlain returned to New France in 1608 and founded the city of Quebec, where he constructed a trading post consisting of three small two-story buildings and a single store-house below the cliffs. It was hoped that this excellent geographical location would give the company an advantage over the other companies in the years of the open market and secure a safe passage of the St. Lawrence river made dangerous by the warlike Iroquois.

was opened to the merchant marine of France in the summer of 1610, just like the cod, walrus and whale, so many furs were brought to the trading post that a glut in the market caused the price to drop. The situation became unbearable and traders found it impossible to get rid of even a portion of their pelts.

solved. Champlain, suffering from a broken leg, caused by a fall from a horse, spent the summer of 1612 petitioning the King stuncle, Louis de Bourbon, Comte de Soissons, to apply for a monopoly and to close the open market, It was granted on the condition that six families would be brought to new France every year during the twelve year contract.

The Comte de Soissons died a few weeks after the monopoly was granted and the holding was transferred to his nephew,

Henry de Bourbon, Price de Conde. This monopoly, obsessed with the profits derived from the fur business, gave little thought to colonization. Only one family, that of Louis Hebert was brought to New France in 1617. Two years later, two more families were brought in, Abraham Martin's and Pierre Desportes.

In 1627, Cardinal Richelieu and other prominent people formed the "Compagnie des Cent Associes", whose aim was to lead "the people inhabiting New France to the knowledge of God, and to instruct them in the Catholic, Apostolic, Roman religion".

Although this was a well meaning plan, the company never had a chance to prove itself as, two years later, New France fell victim to the Kirke brothers, sailing under the English flag.

At the time of the English occupation, only thirty-four people of French origin lived there. They were:

Marie Rollet, widow of Louise Hebert

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Adrien Duchesne and his wife

Abraham Martin, Marguerite Langlois, his wife, and their three children, Anne, Marguerite, and Helene.

Pierre Desportes, Françoise Langlois, his wife, and their daughter, Helene.

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Nicolas Pivert, Marguerite Lesage, his wife, and their niece.

Guillaume Couillard, Guillemette Hebert, his wife, and their three children, Louise, Marguerite, and Louis.

Besides these few families, there were eight interpretors:

Light Etienne Brule, Nicolas Marsollet, Thomas Godefroy, Jean
Godefroy, Francois Marguerie, Jacques Hertel, Gros-Jean and
Jean Nicolet. There were also: Sieur de Baillif, Pierre Roye,
Froidemouche, Lecoq and someone that worked for Pivert whose
name is unknown.

on March 29, 1632, the treaty of St-Germain-en-Laye was signed whereby the King of England returned the colony to the King of France. Although the colony was at peace once again, the monopolistic companies, despite their contracts, did little to colonize New France.

To encourage colonization in New France, the immigrants were granted large parcels of land, usually one hundred acres or more, each having a strip on the St. Lawrence. This was a necessary factor, because the river afforded them their only means of transportation.

divided between the "seigneurs" or landlords and the "censitaires" or tenants. In Canada, as in France, gentility and the possession of an estate went together, but there is an important difference between the feudalism of the mother country and the colony. In France, the peasants bore appreciable burdens during the seventeenth century, but in Canada no "censitaire" could be seriously financially crippled by the taxes or services to which he was bound. The moderate demands of the seigneur may be seen from a single instance. A deed of June 19,

1694 concedes a lot of land three "arpents" in frontage by forty in depth (about one hundred acres) "in consideration of 20 sous and good live capon for each arpent of frontage and one sou of cens, payable at the principal manorhouse of the seignory on St. Martin's day of each year so long as the grantee shall occupy the land.

Pesides the farmers who cultivated their fields in the valley of the St. Lawrence, New France also had a small population called the "coureur-de-bois". These men had adventurous spirits, laughed at danger and thrilled at discovery. They roamed the woods, traded in beaver skins, explored the "paysden-haut" (land west of Montreal) and discovered rivers, streams and mountains. Occasionally, they served as guides and interpretors for the Frnch and the clergy when they dealt with the Indians. Although their vices were an object of scandal to the missionaries and their lawless habits an embarrassment to the government, they were an important aspect to the settlement of the province.

Also inhabiting the area at this time were three major tribes of Indians: the friendly Hurons and the Algonquins, with whom the French bartered; and the Iroquois, who were a constant menace and threat, not only to the colonists but also to other Indians.

An attempt was made in 1653 to force the Iroquois back into the forest and to protect the settlers from their savage forays. M. de Maisonneuve, agent for the "Compagnies des Cent Associes", hired 154 Frenchmen, mostly from the area of Fleche, who signed contracts to work in New France for five years.

This endeavor, known as the "Grande Recrue" also helped colonize the province, since many of these young men never returned to their mother country. M. de Maisonneuve selected these men carefully. He hired only young men, robust and courageous, devout Catholics, knowledgeable in warfare and each having a skill or profession that would help the settlement of "Ville-Marie, as Montreal was then called. They also had to be of irreprochable moral character so as not to corrupt the existing colonists. Of the 154 young men selected, only 105 arrived in New France; some had reneged on their contracts and others

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had died at sea.

This action helped to establish a semblance of peace, but did little to keep the Iroquois at bay. In the 1660's, the colonists feared annihalation by the Iroquois and pleaded with the King of France to send them support. In 1665, the famous Carignan-Salieres regiment arrived, comprising of twenty-six companies or twelve hundred men. Their brave and stunning exploits brought peace to the colony for some time. When the regiment returned to France in 1667, approximately four hundred soldiers and thirty officers elected to remain behind and settle as colonists. The officers were granted seignories along the Richelieu River by the King of France and the soldiers by choice settled on the seignories of their respective offices.

and thereafter it was discouraged in favor of Louis XIV's plan of European Hegemony. During the following century, there was little incentive to colonize the new territory. In the census of 1681, the population of New France had grown to a meager 9,677. In fact, during the French Regime, it is estimated that only 10,000 Frenchmen immigrated to the new colony. Thus, from the very beginning, the colony was badly handicapped in its long and arduous race with its southern competitors. It was not the lack of courage, resourcefulness and industry that brought the fall of New France; it was their great misfortune of having had kings who, due to lack of foresight, were more concerned with continental ambitions and royal alliances than with colonial development and seapower.

The French government had given its colony an excellent and effective system of land tenure and an equally competent judicial system. In was not so from 1632 to 1663, when the affairs of the colony were controlled by the Crown in France through the Company of New France, which was managed with an abnormal amount of ineptitude, suffered greatly through its war losses and finally dissolved.

However, in March of 1663, Louis XIV approved the formation of a Soverign Council in New France under the auspicious control of a governor, a bishop, an intendant, and a board of councillors varying in number from five to twelve. The governor, nor, who was always a noble, held the highest office in the

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colony. He commanded the forces and had authority to make judgments in matters of emergency. The intendant ordinarily belonged to the middle class and had training in law and business. The board of councillors was chosen by mutual agreement between the governor and the bishop. This council had legislative powers and also served as a court of appeal in both civil and criminal cases.

existed as two separate governments. When Montreal was founded by M. de Maisonneuve in 1641, it became a third government. These three districts carried the names of their respective cities and after 1663, each had its own civil and judicial organization. Quebec had a provost court, while Trois-Rivieres and Montreal had civil and criminal courts organized in the same fashion as Quebec's provost court.

The judicial system of these three districts functioned so well that neither the governor nor the Sovereign Council interfered with their authority except in cases of appeal.

The Catholic Church and the judicial system of New France cannot be separated. The Church was supported by the government and the government was run by some members of the clergy.

The judicial system served judgement not only in criminal cases, but also in matters of morality as defined by the Church. Court decisions always mentioned the Church and fines levied were payable to the King as well as to the Church.

Following are two examples which prove not only the bond between church and state, but also the severity of seventeenth century justice:

On November 8, 1679, Charles Catignon was accused and found guilty of having used blasphemous language during a dice game with the sieur de Repentigny at the home of Pierre Nolan, on the previous 4th or 5th of October. A fine of over two hundred pounds was levied against him in the following manner; fifty pounds to the Recollets, (a reformed order of Franciscans); fifty pounds to the regigious of Hotel Dieu; fifth pounds to the poor of Hotel Dieu; fifty pounds to the King; and court costs.

During Lent in 1670, Louis Gaboury ate meat, which was

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against Lenten regulations. He was reported by his neighbor, Etienne Beaufils. On October 26 of the same year, Gaboury appeared in court and was found guilty and sentenced to be tied to the public post for three hours. He was then to be lead bareheaded, a sign of disgrace, in front of the chapel of Ile d'Orleans, where he was to be made to kneel with hands clasped and beg God and the King and the courts of justice forgiveness for his sin. He was then to be fined twenty pounds pabable to his parish charity and be forced to give his denounciator a cow as well as the profits of one years work.

Finding this sentence harsh, Gaboury appealed his sentence to the Sovereign Council. On the first of December, 1670, the Council voided his first sentence but still fined his sixty pounds in lieu of the cow and the years profits, pabable to his accusor and another twenty-five pounds divided equally between the poor and the King.

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Although the Church was an integral part of the colonists existence and had almost absolute authority over them, they lived in harmony except for a few inconsequential instances.

With an effective seignorial land tenure system, good courts of justice and hardly any texation, New France possessed an absolute and centralized administration. Its annals are adorned with noble deeds and its life represents a characteristic form of civilization.

#### " SAVIEZ-VOUS "

The traditional Canadian cure for a bad cold is to take

l spoonful 3 times a day of the following mixture:

l spoonful of pine gum plus 3/4 cup of whiskey

plus 1 cup of maple syrup.

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1. What is the meaning of Saskatchewan?

2. What is the emblem of the province of Quebec?

#### HELPFUL HINTS TO RESEARCHING PARISH RECORDS IN RHODE ISLAND BY REV. DENNIS M. BOUDREAU (58)

ANTEROOP PRINCE - RECOVER It has been my experience that for the most part, ecclesiastical or parish registers in Rhode Island are well kept and afford the genealogist, both amateur and expert, a wealth of information. I would however, like to offer a few helpful hints, that come mainly from my own experience of researching here in Rhode Island, and from my status as a clergyman, who has access to such records.

- 1. Most early registers for Catholic churches were printed and/or filled out in Latin for both Irish and French parishes, and in some cases, French for French-speaking parishes. I have also seen a standard Latin form used in those early registers which did not have clearly marked spaces for certain information, but were done in handwritten paragraph form, usually in Latin. Before beginning your search, it would be well to familiariaze yourself with some basic Latin vocabulary, used in these early registers. It's easy to acquire a basic knowledge of key words, as well as nomenclature in order to accurately translate these valuable sources. Also watch for surname mispellings, especially an Anglicization or by sound. Following are a list of common latin terms used in most registers: (At the end of this paper, you'll find models used in registers).
- Ego baptizavi I baptized Nomen baptizati - baptismal name Dies et Locus Nativitatis - Date and place of birth natum est - was born hodie - today 757X' 77 hieri (ieri) - yesterday patris nomen - father's name
  matris nomen originis -mother's maiden name patrini - godparents sacerdos - priest performing baptism matrimonium contrahentium nomina - names contracting matrimony

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residentia - residence dies et locus baptismi - date and place of baptism parentes - parents dies matrimonii - date of marriage i i i odne testes - witnesses gego conjungii - I joined together in marriage an or lete this of.

names also: Ioannem - John; Mariam - Mary or Marie;
Iacobem - James; Dionysium - Dennis, etc.
(a Latin dictionary with names would help here).

- 2. Most records of parochial nature are not for public exhibit or research, and most pastors may be somewhat reluctant to let you see them, as some registers may contain private ecclesiatical notations, which if not already known publicly, could cause scandal (e.g. illegitimum, or pater incognito, and the like). I remember in one of my assignments, having discovered a small notebook used for parish census and visitation from 1900-1910, complete with personal remarks on each family by the pastor as he reflected on his home visits - a couple of which weren't too complimentary. In most cases special permissions for specific reasons, i.e. to search records or to compile repertoires, may be given. It's always best to have a letter of recommendation from the society you represent, or have a priest or the parish secretary research with you what you're looking for. Don't Yphone in requests, always write out what you're looking for. Telephone requests are often too sketchy. For most parochial certificates in Rhode Island, there is no fee (there may be exceptions to this, however). To my knowledge, priests in Rhode Island who enjoy doing genealogical research are rare, but I'm sure will gladly be of as much help to you as they Jean Beil
  - 3. Don't let the titles, "Irish parish" or "French parish" sidetrack you either. In the past, it's been my experience that in places such as the Pawtuxet and Blackstone Valleys, many French-Canadians were married in Irish mission churches, long before the French parishes were established. I have found many such marriages in their registers, some of which, to my knowledge, are still yet unrecorded in the State archives).
  - 4. It has proven true, time and time again, if the state or province doesn't have a civil record of a marriage you need, check out the parish where whoever you're looking for lived in, and the satellite parishes around it. You should come up with relatives and other clues, if not, with the desired marriage itself.

- It's also good to have some idea of the history of your diocese, and during which years certain parishes in certain regions were established and/or incorporated, when they were still missions. Sometimes in a given region, it helps to know chronologically which parishes existed and which didn't to learn their boundaries, past and present, and their mission areas. All this will save you a lot of needless runningaround or writing for nothing. You can find all these facts in the Diocesan Directory, published by the Providence Visitor every year. Every parish should have a copy.
  - 6. Don't forget to check out whether or not a parish owns their own cemetery - especially the older ones, as a lot of information can be obtained from gravestones and family plots. Parish histories and censuses can be helpful too.
  - Most parishes are, by Canon Law, to keep the following registers: Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, and Deaths. Some also keep records of Sick Calls. THE FOLLOWING ARE MODELS OF SOME REGISTERS AND WHAT THEY CONTAIN:

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- a) Baptism Name
  b) Date and place of birth
  c) Date of Baptism
  d) Parent's Names
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  Mother

  e) Godparents

  e) Date of Marriage

  f) Witnesses

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### PREFACE TO COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP

The A.F.G.S. is honored to present the first of a two part narrative of the Journals of Sophroni Marchessault which covered his experiences and adventures in the gold fields of the American West from 1850-1880.

The original gramatical construction has been preserved for the sake of historical authenticity.

## The Journal of Sophronie Marchesseault

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#### Saint Jean P. Q. April 11, 1850

The departure of 11 Canadians from St. Jean, P. C. Canada for the gold mines in California. Julien Marchesseau, Sophroni Marchesseau, Isaac Marchesseau, George Marchand, John Wood, Pierre Cartier, Olivier Cheffre, of St. Jean; Belani Charet, J. B. Ledoux, Narcisse Prairie, Alex Marchand, from L'Acadie; accompanied by the Rev. Charles Laroque, pastor of St. Jean, up to La Chine.

The route taken was as follows: St. Jean to La Prairie by train, La Prairie to Montreal by boat, Montreal to La Chine by train, from La Chine to Oswego by boat. Magnificent weather going up the St. Lawrence but bad weather on Lake Ontario. The lake was choppy, and nearly everyone felt sick. The boat was rocking so much that we had difficulty in docking at Oswego. From Oswego to Niagara Falls by horse train. We stopped here for two hours. We descended to the river to examine between the water and the rocks. From the Falls to Buffalo by horse train. At Buffalo on Lake Erie by the boat "Mayflower" up to New Buffalo. From New Buffalo by boat up to Chicago on Lake Michigan. Chicago at this time was a little village and very muddy. From Chicago we took a canal boat to Joliet. From

Joliet by boat on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis. Here we stayed one month before starting our journey across the prairies to our destination.

From St. Louis we took the boat "Fulton" up the Missouri River to where Kansas City is now located. At that time Kansas City was non-existant. We sent to Independence from West Port (12 miles) to purchase our mules and wagons, and everything else we needed for our voyage. At West Port we trained our mules. After this was done we began our journey to California along the trail traced by General Fremont.

The second day out we met some savages for the first time, after that we met some every day. Robidoux, the one-armed man, who worked for the Fur Company told us that whenever we met indians to speak french among ourselves, because the indians liked the French very much, but hated all those who spoke english. So we always spoke french when we saw savages. From that day on we began to see buffaloes, antelopes, deer, geese, chickens, ducks; so that every day we had some game to eat. On Sundays we camped in order to rest our mules and to give us time to wash and make repairs; and when we camped near rivers or streams we went fishing. The savages were always good to us, they never tried to steal from us or harm us; although, we were never to sure of them.

or . . . On the shore of the Blue River we saw a group of indians sneaking, one after the other, while they crossed a small hill. We feared an attack from them. We stopped our wagons and placmed bayonets at the end of our rifles and then walked in front of our wagons with our rifles on our shoulders. The indians came to us and asked us for something to eat, we gave them a sign that we had nothing to give them, and to go back. left immediately. Many families of savages followed us for several days, and at night while waiting for supper, or at noon, we would put a five cent piece on the end of a little stick and we let them fire at it, signifying to them that the one that would hit it, that the five cent piece would be his. Also we made them run for a five cent piece and those darn indians would run like deer. The Sioux, the Pawnees, the Snakes and the Bannack are huge savages with much black hair. The women are small and the squaws to all the work. The male indians

believe themselves so far superior to women that when they kill a buffalo they let the women cut it up into pieces and bundle it and pack it on the horses and bring it into camp. They believe themselves to be too much of a distinguished warrior to lower themselves to do work.

In front of us there was a caravan with many wagons and about 112 passengers. The passengers did not get along with the wagon masters because the provisions were getting very low, and the passengers were afraid that they would run out before reaching Salt Lake. Upon reaching Fort Laramie fighting broke out and shots could be heard from quite a distance; so when we found out that quite a few passengers were wounded in this fight, we decided to pass in front of them, and we forged ahead at a rapid pace to get away from the danger.

Between Forts Kearney and Laramie we crossed the North Fork of the Platte River, We went down the hill of Ash Hollow which was quite steep by blocking the wagon wheels; and we also had to block the wagon wheels to cross the river, because the current was so swift and the bottom was moving sand. Because our wagons were floating, and to keep them from tipping over, we had to tie the wheels with cables and keep the wagons so they were facing the current. Our provisions were jammed near the top of the wagons so as not to get them wet. Wood was scarce and quite often we had to gather dried buffalo dung to do our cooking. There was a lot of sickness on the prairies: cholera, chicken pox, scurvy, etc but we were spared of any sickness. There were many fatalities. At the little river we set up camp to dry some buffalo meat, to rest, to do our wash and make our repairs.

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At the Great Sandy River we went fishing, and then climbed Independence Rock to inscribe our names. We camped here for the night. After supper we suddenly heard the cry of a woman. She was the wife of a shoemaker who was camped near us. He had beat her and his little brother in law. She came to our camp asking for protection for the night. She lifted up the sleeves of her dress to show us bruises that her husband had caused, and the little boy also showed us the injuries that his brother in law had done. What to do to punish this brute of a shoemaker!! There was camped next to us some Americans

whose leader was a man named Thompson, and they had heard of this affair. Thompson came to our camp to ask for help to flog the shoemaker for having mistreated so badly his wife and little brother in law. Old Pierre Cartier, who was big and strong, was the first to offer his help. They took a rope and tied the man around the waist, and gave him 40 lashes with a whip, and then threw him in the river to wash the blood that covered his body. While in the water he promised never to beat his wife nor his little brother in law. He remained camped there for 15 days before he could move about enough to continue his journey. We met them again in Salt Lake and his wife told us that he had been very good to her and the little boy. The flogging had been good for the bad husband.

There was a family that followed us for a long time. The father, the mother and two boys eventually died, leaving two sisters. We always camped a good distance away from them so as not to expose ourselves to their sickness. One morning one of the girls came to ask us to help her bury one of their last; and if we could help protect them until they reached Salt Lake where there would be less danger for their safety. We promised them our protection. We took care of their animals, we brought them wood to do their cooking and helped them hitch up their wagons. With all that it did not exempt them from leading the oxen and having to walk beside the wagon in the dust morning till night. As their oxen could not travel as fast as our mules we often-times had to wait for them. When night came and it was time to make camp, we could not distinguish their sex, as they were so covered with dust and with a fatigue that was great. We got them to Salt Lake in good health. They thanked us for what we had done for them, and expressing that they would have liked to continue to California, if they had not been so tired and worn out.

To come back to our journey——upon arriving at the Green River, we had to swim the mules across and the wagons on a barge. There were so many animals, that they were scattered pel—mel all over the place. The man that was crossing the animals nearly drowned. He was Isaac Marchesseau. It took all day to make this crossing and arrange our camp for the night.

We met quite a few Canadians who had been hunting in this region for a number or years for the Fur Company. The oldest one was a Jean Batiste Louizon. There was one of our companions who

which be answer but your Lab to the partition  $e_{\mathrm{total}}$ played the violing and had his instrument with him. He was invited by the old man, Louizon, to play for them so they could dance. Our companion, John Wood, accepted the invitation immediately. all the hunters and trappers began to level a plot of land to make it hard like a floor, and at night after supper, all the Canadians who had dquaws as wives began to dance. It was funny to see them enjoying themselves in this manner two thousand miles from civilization. It goes without saying that the following morning there was more than one who had a big head, because the whiskey had flowed freely.

We continued our journey --- we went to Fort Bridger and from there to Great Salt Lake. Arriving at the Mormons, we camped for a month to rest ourselves and also to rest the mules. We were nicely welcomed by the Mormons. They offered us six dollars a day to work in their gold mines, which were on the south end of the lake; providing that we join their religion and take as many wives as we could support, and to stay with them without having to worry about going any further in our search for gold mines. Even with all these great propositions everyone refused, saying that our destination was still California, where we had friends waiting for us. Before breaking camp and leaving Salt Lake, we sold them all that we did not need to finish our trip, also lighting our wagons because our mules were getting quite thin and tired.

This city is well divided with water canals and trees on each side of the streets. There was a hot water spring nearby where we could go, and cook our eggs. When we were ready to leave our old companion Pierre Cartier decided to spend the winter with the Mormons, and we would meet him the next summer in California.

After crossing the Bear River we camped for the night, and while having supper quite a few indians and their squaws came near our campfire; and while we were eating, an indian woman, without the least bit of embaressment, prepared water while being nearly nude, except for a few grass mats to cover part of her nudity.

At Gooseberry Creek we all took turns and went hunting for ducks, while not loosing sight of the wagons that kept moving all the time. All of a sudden we spotted a bunch of indians coming out of the bushes and running very fast towards our wagons to steal provisions. With one loud whistle everybody ran back to their wagons to stop the indians and save our provisions. We got

there just in time, as they were already beginning to take some out. We didn't shoot them, but we did beat them up pretty good.

After a two day march on the same creek following this escapade, as we were taking our noon day lunch; we saw two men coming from a distance. Some thought they were indians, to there were saying that they were white. As they came closer we saw that they were white. As there was danger from the indians, we waited for them to catch up to us. And sure enough they were two Germans that we had previously met on the prairie, who had left their wagon because their provisions had run out. The indians had not only taken what was left, but they had also taken about half their scalps. They stayed with us for quite a while and we fed them to save their lives. Thank God that we had enough for ourselves and them. Further down the same creek we came to a place where we found three men lying in the grass. Hesitating to get closer, fearing that there might be more about, we prepared our guns, ready to fire. Getting close to them we spoke, but they did not answer because they had not eaten or drank anything for quite a while. were so weak, that they could not drag themselves to the creek, for a drink. It was early afternoon, and still to early to make camp for the night; but! to save the lives of three men who had a been robbed of their provisions and hair, we decided to campage and While we were unhitching the mules, others made a fire to boil a some rice for our three men whose tongues were swollen. Afternood the rice was boiled, we gave them water and a little to eat a second Towards evening they started to try to talk, and a little later they could make themselves understood. Next morning they were much better and could tell us of their adventure. The indians had stolen everything---provisions and scalp. For a few days to they had survived on rosebuds. We brought them to California. When we left them they thanked us very much for what we had done for them, and told us that if they ever made money they would repay us for our troubles -- but! we never met again, each one going his own way. are now just have according to me ow

Arrived at Humboldt Sink---we camped for the night and cut some grass to feed our mules in order to cross the desert of some 40 miles, and also to get a good supply of water. This trip would have to be made during the night because of the intense heat during the day. At 10 o'clock the next morning we still had 12 miles

to travel in this shifting sand. Having no more food or water for us or the mules, and with the intense heat taking its toll on both the men and the mules, we decided to stop for two hours. Three of us walked two miles to a little lake to fetch some water, while the others prepared dinner. In the desert we saw many animals dead from starvation, thirst and fatigue. These animals were swollen. We could also see where some immigrants were so starved that they had sliced meat off their oxen. When the animals were too exhaused to go on, the people would just abandon everything—animals, wagons, harnesses, etc etc; and take their blankets and provisions, bundling them on their backs, so as to try to make it to the Carson River where there was good water.

After our rest of 2 hours, we started walking to arrive early that night at a little village located on the Carson River. The village was built only of canvas tents. There was much good grazing, so the immigrants rested themselves and their animals. After a few days rest at Rag Town we continued our journey and soon arrived at some mines. We stopped only for a short time to watch the miners work, and then we continued on our way. Upon arriving at the foot of the Sierra Neveda Mountains we camped for the night, because the next day we were going to try and cross the Sierras and the route was rocky and plenty of forethought would be needed so as not to break our wagons on the big rocks. Not being able to cross over in one day, we camped on the summit near Lake Bigler. In a small valley of the mountain, near the lake, there was lots of perpetual snow where the sun rarely shown. It was more than 20 feet deep. To descend the mountain on the California side the trail was rather good. Arriving at the bottom of the mountain, we were amazed to see such big trees. We measured an oak that was 17 feet at the base, one cedar measured 9 feet, a pine of 10 feet. . .

Arriving at the Valley of the Strawberries, we stopped for an instant so we sould contemplate the beauties of the Sierras which we had just descended. The panorama was magnificent; and here and there on the small ridges, the foliage of all the colors really stood out against the peaks of the mountain. We arrived at Log Town, El Dorado County California on October 1, 1850. After a few days rest we had to get some work. We went to see the Canadians who worked at the mines, and among them there were quite

a few that we knew from before; such as Dr. Eusebe Larocque, N. Coleman, and others.

We were anxious to mine; so after setting up our tents and our beds, we took over a plot of land to mine. During the first days of practice we worked harder; because the more buckets of sand that we washed, the bigger the payment——and if we washed less, less money was made——so we washed as much as possible.

Not being accustomed to this kind of work, we found it very hard, our hands had plenty of blisters and often the skin would stick to the handle of the pick and the shovel. Once our hands hardened, we did not feel it so much and the ambition to make our fortune stopped us from griping about our little aches. Julien, Sophroni and Isaac Marchesseau worked together, and the others formed groups of two and three with other miners and worked the mines.

When autumn arrived we all dispersed to different mining camps. In 1851 the three Marchesseau brothers went prospecting to the mines of Northern California along the Yuba River. We found some good prospecting at Long Bar, but the gold was, so fine that it made it very difficult to save enough to make some money. Not satisfied with the results, we moved further up the river to Donney-ville. Here we prospected the area and mined until the autumn of 1852. Isaac Marchesseau then decided to go to the gold mines in Australia and Julien Marchesseau went to Sacramento where he became a partner in a soda company. After making a little money, he returned to Canada with his family. Sophroni Marchesseau stayed at the mines and opened a little store. Olivier Cheffre and Alex Marchand stayed in California. Charet, Cartier and Prairie returned to Canada.

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#### LE COIN DE NOS ANCÊTRES

# MARIN CHAUVIN, GILLETTE BONNE AND JACQUES BERTAULT By Lucille Rock (65)

French Canadians are one of the few people in the world to have preserved their archives almost in their entirety. For this reason and also because of the diligent and untiring research of many devoted Canadians, we can research our genealogies secure in the fact that we will find our ancestry. In a rare case, the two records of the marriage act and the record of the marriage contract will have been lost. Such is the case for the ancestor, Marin Chauvin.

When research was done in the notarial contracts in Tourouvre, France, an important document was discovered concerning Chauvin. On March 8, 1648, he signed a three year contract to work in New France for Noel Juchereau, for forty pounds a year. On this contract, he gave his residence as St-Mard-de-Reno. Research was done in this parish and the birth of a Marin Chauvin, son of Jehan Chauvin was found dated February 24, 1609. However, in the neighboring parish of St-Victor-de-Reno, the birth of another Marin Chauvin was discovered dated March 16, 1625. This one was the sone of Nicolas' Chauvin and Catherine Piedgars. Perhaps a document will be found in the future which will reveal to us which of these two is our Canadian immigrant.

Toward the end of 1648, or in 1649, Chauvin married Gillette...

Bonne, daughter of Marin Bonne (Baune) and Isabelle Boire of Argences,
Normandy, France. One child, Marie, was born from this union on
Sepetember 8, 1650 in Trois-Rivieres. This daughter married Robin
Langlois in 1664 and became a widow within a few months. On July
20, 1665, in Trois-Rivieres, she married Jean Denoyon, son of Jean
Denoyon and Jeanne Francfort of St. Pierre, Rouen, Normandy, France.
From this marriage, nine children were born, thus perpetuating
Chauvin's blood line.

Chauvin died before July 27, 1653, because it was on this date that his widow, Gillette Bonne, signed a marriage contract with Jacques Bertault, son of Thomas Bertault, merchant, and Catherine Coulonne from Essarts (Vendee), Poitou, France.

Bertault was a locksmith and spent his life in Trois-Rivieres, where he owned the following property: a parcel which had been gran-

ted to his wife by governor d'Ailleboust on June 7, 1650; one-seventh of Ile St-Christophe, which he had been granted by Father Gareau, S.J. on March 9, 1655; a third parcel, which he had been granted by Father Delaplace on the 4th of June, 1656.

The Bertault's had six children:

- 1. Jacques b. Trois-Rivieres (TR) 11/25/1654; d. before 1666.
- 2. Marguerite b. TR 12/21/1655; m. (c. Ameau 1/6/1668) to Denis Veronneau; d. Boucherville (B) 11/21/1687.
- Suzanne b. TR 12/18/1657; m. 1. TR 9/24/1671 to Jean Husse;
   B 11/24/1677 to Jacques Brunel; d. Chambly 5/2/1739.
- 4. Elisabeth b. TR 1/23/1659; m. 1. TR 8/12/1671 to Julien La-Touche; 2. B 11/6/1673 to Noel Laurence; 3. Repention 3/1/1688 to Jean-Baptiste Pilon dit Lafortune.
- 5. Jeanne b. TR 3/27/1660; m. 1. Cap-de-la-Madeleine 9/1/1680 to Vincent Verdon; 2. B 12/5/1688 to Mathurin Richard; 3. B 8/18/1698 to Nicholas Vinet; d. B 12/20/1698.
- 6. Nicholas b. TR 2/26/1662; d. before 1672.

Jacques Bertault and Gillette Bonne were to finish their lives tragically. Their daughter, Elisabeth (sometimes called Isabel), had married an alcoholic by the name of Julien Latouche, sieur de Champlain, on August 12, 1671, in Trois-Rivieres. This son-in-law habitually assaulted their daughter, who was only twelve years old at the time.

The three of them devised and executed a plan to poison Latouche. On the 8th of June, 1672, the Lieutenant-General civil and criminal of the Provostship of Cuebec, condemned Bertault and his wife to be strangled and hanged. The Sovereign Council, showing compassion for Elisabeth's tender age, did not condemn her to death. But her sentence would be one she would remember for as long as she lived; she was condemned to witness her parents' executions.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, on the day of the executions. Jacques Bertault, Gillette Bonne and their daughter, Elisabeth, were led, rope around their necks and torch in their hands in front of the parish church in Trois-Rivieres. There, Jacques Bertault, bareheaded, a sign of disgrace, and in his undershirt, his wife and daughter also in their undershirts, knelt to the ground and begged God, the King, and the courts of justice forgiveness for the crime they had committed. The executioner then led them to the town square where scaffolds had been erected for this purpose. Jacques Bertault

was placed on a cross of Saint-Andre (an oblique cross in the form of the letter X), and was struck with a bar. He was then led to the scaffold and strangled in the presence of his wife and daughter. With a bar, he was struck again on his arms and on his thighs. Gillette Bonne was hanged next. The body of Bertault was then placed on a wheel in the town square to serve as an example.

Because of their crime, the estate of the Bertault's had been seized by the King. From this estate, a fine of sixty pounds had to be paid to the Recollets (comparable to the Jesuits) for prayers for the repose of the soul of Latouche, whom they had murdered. The remainder of the estate was divided equally between their two minor children, Nicolas and Jeanne. Elisabeth for her part in the crime was left destitute.

Having one child to support, Elisabeth remarried at the age of fourteen to Noel Laurence in Boucherville. They had six children. Laurence died November 14, 1687.

Elisabeth married a third time four months after the death of her second husband, to Jean-Baptiste Pilon dit Lafortune. The ceremony was held in Repentigny on March 1, 1688. Three children were born from this marriage.

Misfortune seemed to follow Elisabeth and she was to face another traumatic experience. On August 22, 1702, Therese, her daughter from her first marriage, committed suicide by throwing herself in the river.

This is a bizarre seventeenth century case and it would be a mistake to judge all our ancestors by a few isolated cases. It would also be a mistake to judge the Bertaults' too harshly. Details of their crime are sparce and punishment in that era was not only cruel, it was also excessive.

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#### LIBRARIAN'S MESSAGE

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#### Robert Michaud (30)

The library of the American French Genealogical Society is presently in possession of more than 120 repertoires as well as a number of assorted genealogical, historical, and biographical works. These have been obtained through purchases made by the Society from the dues of the members, as well as from donations of either money, books, or material being lent to us so that we might obtain a xeroxed copy.

The Society is constantly endeavoring to increase the library so that the Southern New England area may be able to boast of an excellent genealogical and historical library for Americans of French descent. We will be purchasing more materials as the new year's dues come in from our members as well as from new members. We will do the same with the funds raised by our raffle. Also if any one has any repertoires, historical works, genealogical works (family or general) a historical works (on Canada, France, French-Americans etc.), family histories, diaries, etc. we would greatly appreciate it if you would either donate them to the Society or lend them to us so that we may xerox them and we will return them to you under insured mail.

We wish to thank all who have donated materials in the past year as well as those who will donate in the future. Because of the large number of people who have made donations we fear to attempt a listing lest we inadvertently omit some name(s). However, in future publications we will acknowledge all donations. We must, however, acknowledge the major effort of Jack Valois (129) who drove ever 150 miles to donate over \$200.00 worth of materials.

The library is endeavoring to form a file of obituaries of all people of French/French-Canadian descent. Presently, some of our members are clipping them from the "Providence Journal", "Pawtucket Evening Times", and the Meridan, Connecticut newspapers. If other members would do the same with their newspapers and mail them to the Society, we would appreciate it. They will be placed in our files.

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- 1. Robert Quintin (4) has compiled and published the repertoire of marriages of Notre Dame de la Consolation (Now known as Our Lady of Consolation), Pawtucket, R.I. (1895-1977).
- 2. Alfred Gaboury (5) and Gerald Camire (2) have compiled the marriages of St. Mathieu Parish, Central Falls, R.I. (1912-1977) and expect to publish the work in the fall of 1978.
- 3. The Society is in the process of compiling the births, marriages, and deaths of Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur, Central Falls, R.T. (1873-1977). This is being led by a team by Alfred Gaboury (5).
- 4. Robert Quintin (4) is in the process of compiling and publishing the marriages of St. Anne Church in Fall River, Mass. (1869-1977).
- 5. Eucille Rock (65) and Pauline Lemire (98) are extracting the records of Fournier and Fournier Funeral Home in Woonsocket, R.I. This information will be published by Robert Quintin (4) when finished.

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- 4B. St. Simon, St. Dominique, Ste Rosalie, St. Liboire
- 4C. St. Damase, Ste. Madeleine, St. Pie de Bagot

#### Comte Beauharnois

6A. St. Clement de Beauharnois

#### Comte Bellechase

- 7A. St. Michel (Necrologie)
- 7B. St. Gervais (Mariage & Necrologie)
- 7c. st. Charles (Mariage & Necrologie)

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- 8A. Ste Genevieve (Berthier en Haut)
- 8B. St. Antoine de Lavaltrie (Mariage)
- 8c. st. Antoine de Lavaltrie (Necrologie)
- 8D. Le Dictionnaire des Familles de St. Didace

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- 10A. Cantons de L'Est, St. Etienne-Bolton, Sutton, Knowlton, Adamsville, Masonville, St. Benoit du Lac, Brigham, Abercorn.
- 10B. Adamsville 1873-1919 (handwritten record)

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- 33A. Riviere Ouelle
- 33B. St. Louis de Kamouraska

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- 37A. St. Philippe, St. Constant, Caughnawaga, St. Isidore, St. Jacoues, St. Mathieu, Sacre Coeur, Delson, Ste. Catherine, Bonsecours, Christ-Roi, St. Alphonse, Condiac, Brossard, St. Jacques Le Mineur
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38A. La Purification de Repentigny

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- 39B. Ste. Dorothee, St. Elzear
- 39C. St. Martin
- 53C. St. Celestin
- 53D. Gentilly
- 53E. St. Pierre
- 53F. St. Gregoire

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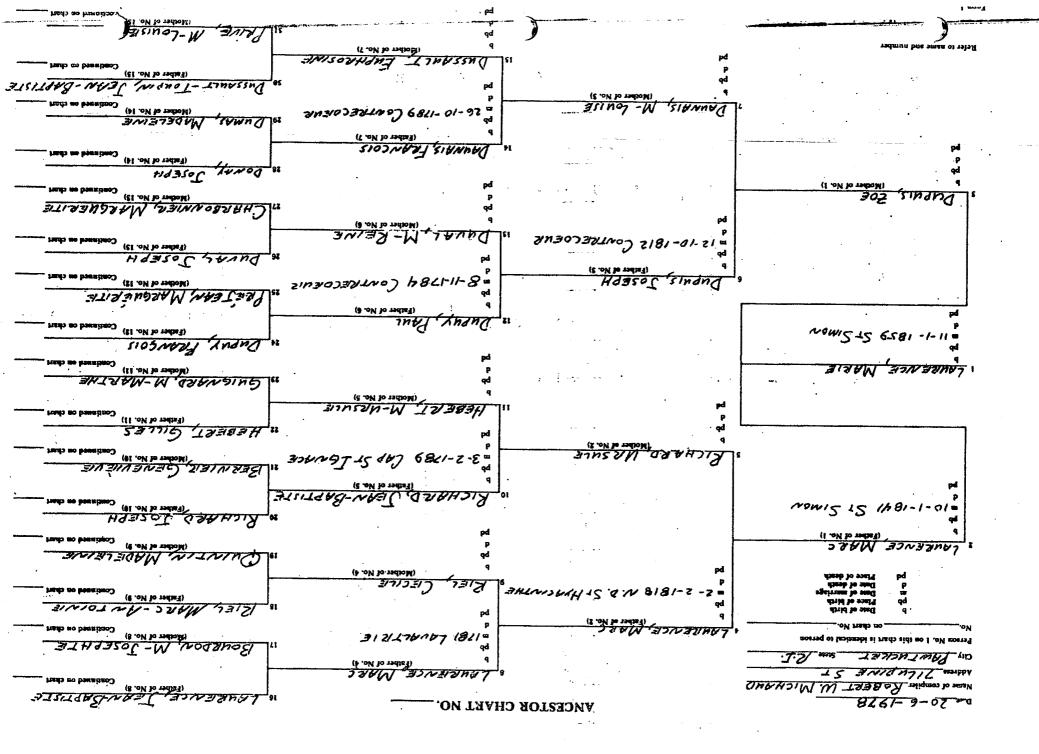
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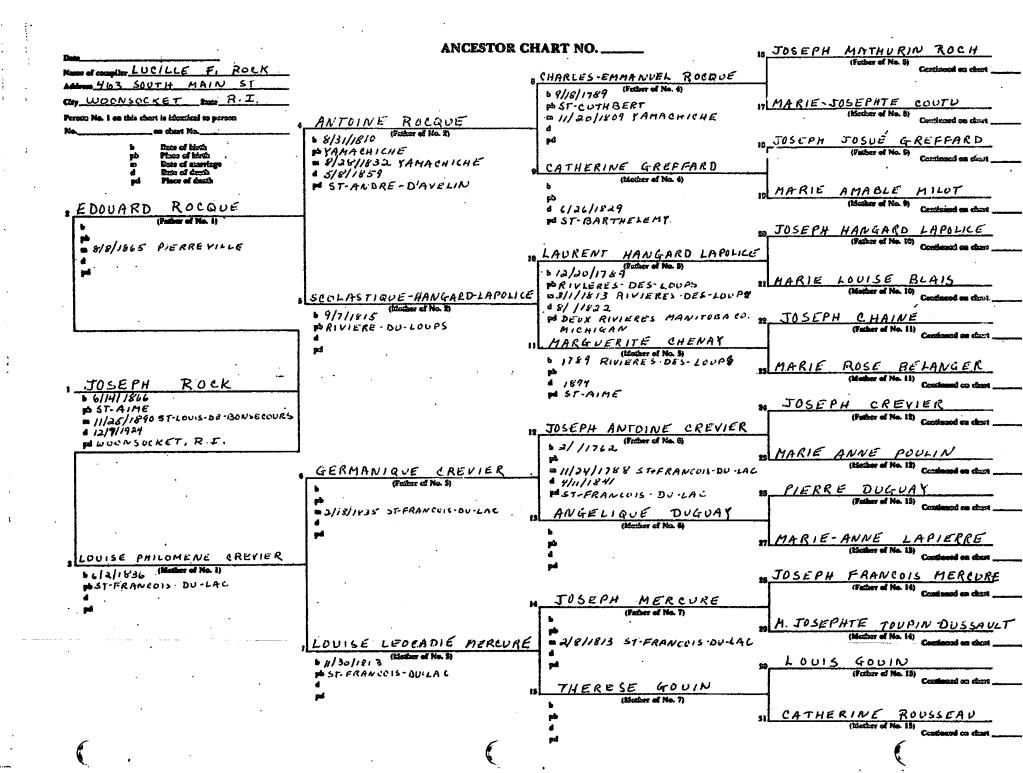
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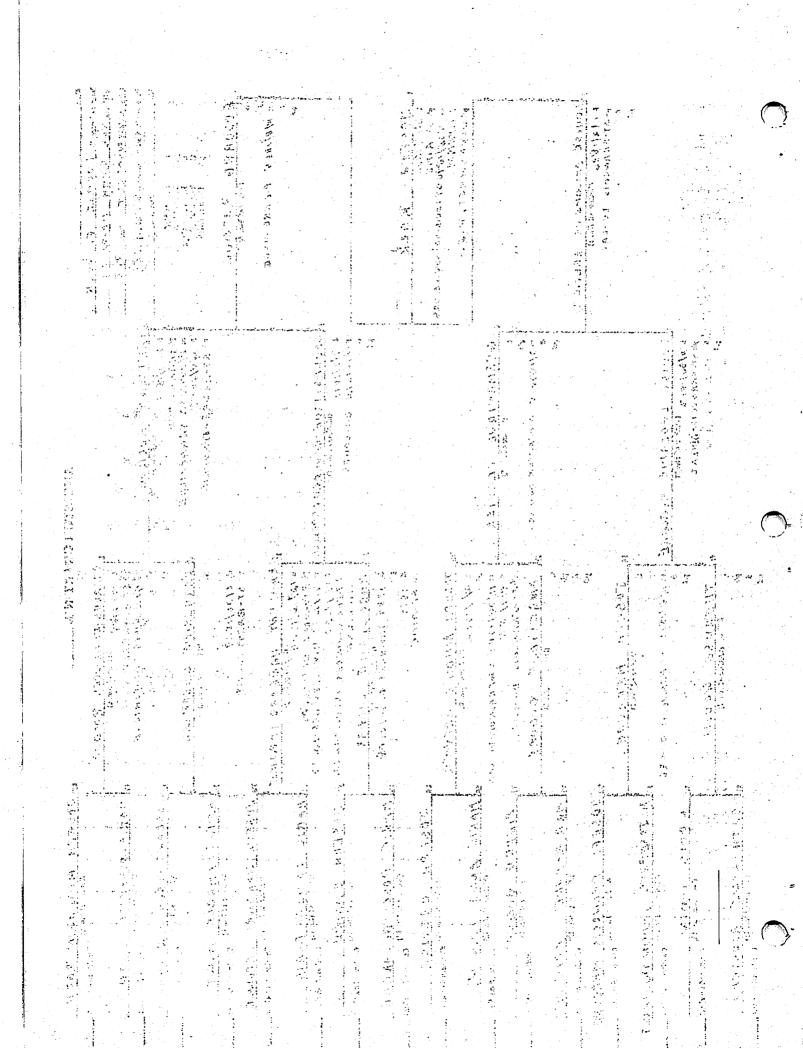
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- \*\*\* THAT A SILVERSMITH NAMED APOLLOS RIVOTRE FATHERED A SON NAMED PAUL LATER
  TO BE CALLED PAUL REVERE?
- \*\*\* THAT 13,000 ACADIANS WERE DEPORTED BY THE ENGLISH IN 1755?
- \*\*\* THE MOTHER OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS OF FRENCH ORIGIN?
- - 1. Rub the wart with a piece of pork and then bury the pork! As the pork rots the wart will dissappear.
  - 2. Tie a silk thread tightly around the base of the wart and allow it to remain until the wart falls off.
  - 3. Moisten a finger with saliva and salt it. Then rub the finger around the wart seven times in each direction.
- \*\*\* PIERRE MENARD WAS ELECTED THE FIRST LIEUTENANT OF ILLINOIS IN 1816?
- \*\*\* JACQUES PORLIER WAS THE FIRST TEACHER IN WISCONSIN?
- \*\*\* PIERRE LACLEDE AND PIERRE CHOUTEAU FOUNDED THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS?
- \*\*\* NANTUCKET WAS NAMED THE ISLAND OF FORTUNE BY CHAMPLAIN?
- \*\*\* THE POPULATION OF NEW FRANCE IN 1650 WAS 675?
- \*\*\* THE FIRST MASS SAID IN RHODE ISLAND WAS SAID IN 1780 FOR THE FRENCH SOLDIERS IN NEWPORT?
- \*\*\* OF THE 50 STATES, 31 WERE ORIGINALLY DISCOVERED, COLONIZED AND SETTLED BY\*
  THE FRENCH?
- \*\*\* THE PERIOD OF FULL MOURNING FOR A SPOUSE WAS TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE 1930'S?
- \*\*\* THE PERIOD OF FULL MOURNING FOR A PARENT WAS ONE YEAR?
- \*\*\* THE TRADITIONAL CURE FOR JAUNDICE IS TO TAKE SHEEP DUNG AND MIX IT WITH BUTTER AND SPREAD IT ON BREAD. THEN GIVE IT TO THE PATIENT WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE.
- \*\*\* ANTOINE LECLERC FOUNDED THE VILLAGE OF DAVENPORT.IOWA?



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# AMERICAN FRENCH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOX 2113

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PURPOSE: TO COLLECT, PRESERVE AND PUBLISH GENEALOGICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL MATTER RELATING TO THOSE OF FRENCH ORIGIN; TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, FOR THE USE OF ITS MEMBERS, A LIBRARY, AND TO HOLD MEETINGS FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND PLEASURE OF ITS MEMBERS.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY:

- \* MONTELY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH EXCEPT DURING JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER. SPEAKERS ARE ARRAIGNED FOR EACH MEETING.
- \* ONE YEARLY BUSINESS MEETING IS HELD IN OCTOBER FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- \* PUBLICATION OF A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL, JE ME SOUVIEWS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.
- \* RESEARCHING SERVICE, AT A NOMINAL FEE, FOR THOSE UNABLE TO COME TO THE LIBRARY.
- \* PUBLISHING OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS WITHIN THE AREA.

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- \* THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TO MEMBERS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AND AT OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.
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