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NEW!

See the Frigon Family Association's new Web site: pages 12 and 13.

See the Australian Fregon Families new Web site: pages 14 and 15.

Quickly, man the computers! Look up our new Web site, forerunner of an enhanced presentation featuring the Frigon family's history as well as most recent news. Please forward your suggestions to our Webmaster Georges E. Frigon <Georgesefrigon@moncourrier.com> or to his postal address: 6230 Lac-des-Six, Saint-Boniface, QC GOX 2J0.

The Webmaster for the Australian Web site, John Riddell, a direct descendant of John Fregon (Jean Frigon), can be reached at <jandmr@mailandnews.com> or at his postal address: P. O. Box 55, Nicholson 3882, Victoria, Australia

Don't forget

Grand Family Gathering 2000

in Batiscan

September 2 and 3, 2000

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François Frigon voyageur*

Pierre Frigon (4)

VIII Le traité de Société (Association Agreement)

We have written previously about the "Traité de Société" or Association Agreement, signed on May 26, 1686. The following is an abstract of the document written by notary Genaple de Bellefond and transcribed by Hélène-Andrée Bizier.

On the 26th of May, 1686, sieur François Poisset de la Conche, a merchant representing Jacques de Fay, his son-in-law, a bourgeois merchant, sells a part of his fur-trading permits to François Frigon, of Batiscan, and to the brothers Jean and Antoine Desrosiers, of Champlain. The contract is notarised by Genaple de Bellefond.

This "Traité de société" concerns an agreement for a fur-trading trip to the country of the Illinois. Through this agreement, the Sieur de la Conche commits himself to deliver to them their parts of the "congés de traite" (fur-trading permits) in Montreal by June. These permits are signed by the Sieur Cavalier de La Salles, governor and lieutenant-general of Louisiana. The Sieur de la Conche agrees to supply the equipment and the trading goods for two canoes and to share the profits. These canoes will be manned by six persons.

In return, the Sieurs Frigon and Desrosiers commit themselves to trade during two winters and to pay 1600 "livres" to the Sieur de la Conche for the permits at the end of the expedition.

The Sieurs Frigon and Desrosiers will enlist two men of their choice. Monsieur de la Conche will be represented during this trip by the Sieur de Bellefond, the son of the notary, for one more winter in the country of the Illinois. (This suggests that they had probably made a similar trip together the previous year.) The cost of the merchandise will be deducted from the load of furs that they bring back. The rest of the profits will be divided into two parts. The first will be divided equally among the boatmen, including the Sieurs Frigon and Desrosiers. This half of the profits covers the two year contract. The profits of the second winter will belong to the Sieurs de la Conche and Bellefond.

The Sieurs Frigon and Desrosiers commit themselves to deliver the furs to the house of Jacques de Fay in Quebec, where the shares will be distributed.

The contract was signed in Quebec at the house of the Sieur de Fay, where the Sieur de la Conche resided, during the afternoon of May 26, 1686, in the presence of the Sieurs Raymond Dubosq, merchant and René Senard, master-baker of the city (of Quebec), who signed along with the Sieurs Frigon and Desrosiers.

In the next article, you will read about the August 1686 enlistment of participants for this expedition.

*Translation: Claudette Chevrette-Naud

Léo Frigon, adventurer of the skies*

Georges E. Frigon (93)

Son of William Frigon and Alida Veilleux, Léo Frigon was born in Shawinigan, Quebec, on January 14, 1923. Married to Julienne Letendre on June 25, 1946, he is the father of 4 children: Denise (Roger Guertin), René, Claude (Danielle Levasseur) and Sylvie. The Frigon/Letendre couple now have 4 grand-children: Sébastien Guertin, Julien Guertin, Alexandre Frigon and Maxim Frigon.

Léo did his primary, secondary and technical schooling in Shawinigan. In 1941 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and after training in Canada was transferred to England. He served in the Second World War, seeing action in the European theatre until 1945 - the end of the war - in Belgium, Holland, Scotland and Germany.

Upon returning from the war, he completed his technical studies at Shawinigan Technical Institute and took courses in mechanical engineering at ICS.

In 1949, he joined Shawinigan Water and Power (now Hydro-Québec), mechanical department where he served until retirement in 1983.

As a hobby, he took up building an airplane, taking 7 years to assemble a “mini-cab” model. He had to do the wings in the living room, as there was not enough room in the basement!

No sooner was the “mini-cab” model finished, that he turned to an RV-4 which he completed in 2½ years.

Always persisting, after 8 years of work he came up with the little jewel of a Glas-Air shown in the photo.

Léo complements his airplane hobby with volunteer work at the community facility “*La Tablee Populaire*” in Cap-de-la-Madeleine, as assistant Chef.

Léo Frigon: Man of action! Man of heart!



Léo Frigon and his Glas-Air

* Translation from the French

Our interim Web site:
<http://www.genealogie.org/famille/frigon/>

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Association of Frigon Families Inc.

The **Grand Family Gathering 2000** will be held in Batiscan on September 2-3, 2000. Check this site for further details.

Mission, aims and objectives

Our mission

To inform all those whose names are Frigon and derivatives, Frigone, Frego, Fregoe, Fregon or Fregone, and their descendants either by direct lineage or by marriage, of the existence of the Association of Frigon Families Inc.

To promote family spirit and friendship between the members of the Association and the different family groups.

To foster reunions between the members of the Association and their families, and to ensure the presence, the support and the assistance of the Association at these gatherings.

Our aims and objectives

To organize meetings between the Frigon families, descendants of François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois, in order to become acquainted and to develop family ties and bonds of friendship.

To organize gatherings, family reunions, meetings, conferences, expositions, etc. that favour the promotion, the development and the circulation of Frigon history, genealogy and various materials pertaining to both past and present generations.

To facilitate the gathering and the preservation of all documents concerning the Frigons in order to construct the Frigon family history.

To publish a periodical to disseminate the results of genealogical and historical research concerning the Frigon families, and information gathered during reunions, trips, conferences, etc., with the aim of informing the members about the life and activities of the Association.

The Board of Directors

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Activities

At the present time, the Board of Directors is planning the programme for the Grand Gathering 2000 which will be held in Batiscan on the 2nd and 3rd of September 2000.

The schedule of events as well as the method of registration will be announced at a later date on this site and in the newsletter of the Association.

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Fregon Family in Australia

This site is dedicated to the memory of John and Elizabeth Fregon, their children, and families.

John Fregon was born **Jean Vantilles Frigon** in Louiseville, Maskinonge County, Quebec Canada on 2 May 1829 The [Frigon Family Association](#) based in Canada can provide a family tree with more than 10000 names and trace the Frigon lineage back to Paris in 1650. Jean Frigon anglicised his name to **John Fregon** on arriving in Australia in 1852. John found his way to Omeo in East Gippsland Victoria some 450 km north East of Melbourne where gold had recently been found and selected land at Tongio.

Elizabeth Mc Coid was born in Edinburgh Scotland on 9 November 1846. She emigrated with her family to Australia in 1855 and on arrival the family name was changed to **Mc Coy**. The **Mc Coy** family selected land in Swifts Creek East Gippsland Victoria and named their property **Scotsburn**.

Elizabeth Mc Coy and **John Fregon** were married in May 1863 when she was only 16 and a half. They subsequently had 13 children.

John Joseph Francois Fregon was born 11 Jun 1866 in Omeo Australia and died 5 Sep 1953

Charlotte Elizabeth Fregon was born 1869 in Omeo, Australia. Died Apr 1954 in Footscray, Victoria Australia and was buried 6 Apr 1954 in Brighton General, Australia.

Alexander Fregon was born 1871 in Omeo, Australia. Died 24 Feb 1949 in East Brighton, Australia.

Hoset Fregon was born 1872 in Omeo, Australia. Died 1872 in Omeo, Australia.

Hoset Fregon was born 1873 in Omeo, Australia. Died Feb 1877 in Omeo, Australia and was buried 3 Feb 1877 in Omeo, Australia.

Herely Rachael Fregon was born 26 Sep 1874 in Omeo and died 17 March 1960 in Camberwell Victoria and her ashes were interred in the Fawkner General Cemetery Victoria Australia

Alice Maud Fregon was born 1876 in Omeo, Australia. Died Jul 1889 in Omeo, Australia and was buried 31 Jul 1889 in Omeo, Australia.

Hoset Marie Fregon was born 1878 in Omeo, Australia.

Angus Semey Fregon was born 1880 in Omeo, Australia. Died 13 Feb 1956 in Red Cliffs, Australia.

Eva Grace Vantilles Fregon was born 1880 in Omeo, Australia. Died 21 Aug 1924 in Carlton, Australia and was buried 24 Aug 1924 in Brighton General Cemetery Victoria, Australia.

Francis Leny Flore Fregon was born 1884 in Omeo, Australia. Died 27 Jun 1917 in France.

David Edward Henry Fregon was born 3 Sep 1884 in Omeo, Australia. Died 30 Apr 1940 Oakleigh, Australia.

Fregon Family in Australia



John Fregon



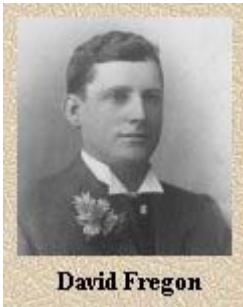
Elizabeth Fregon



Charlotte Fregon



Herely Fregon



David Fregon



Angus Fregon



Vantillies Fregon

A word from the president

The Frigon family data base is constantly expanding. It is interesting to note the increase in the number of entries for the 12th - and latest - generation of descendants of François Frigon. However, we have not yet received replies from many of you, the requested family information.

Georges has been editing his photos and historical notes for the gathering of September 2nd. His slide presentation, which will be shown throughout the day, will give a foretaste of the family history book which will be published eventually.

The Family Gathering Planning Committee also has a few surprises in store for you. We hope to see many of you at the gathering in Batiscan on Saturday, September 2, 2000.

Gérald Frigon

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