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#### AMOS 2006 Is it a long way to Abitibi? You bet! But it's worth the trip!

Around thirty participants happily enjoyed this memorable excursion. We will remember for a long time the delicious meals, Ivanoe Jr's widow, Ivanhoe III's father and the heartfelt friendships that developed during our bus tour of Amos and the surrounding area.

The stay in the *Complex Hotelier Amoshere* was the quality of a four star resort. Ivanhoe III received us like kings and we were able to meet the members of his family. This family's property is administered by *Gestion Anocinq*. The family business owns and administers the *Complexe Hotelier Amosphere* of which Ivanhoe III is the president, Jean-Pier the vice president and Johanne is one of the administrators. Their father is distanced from the everyday working of the organization, but I am sure that his opinion as head of the family counts significantly in important decisions, as well as that of their mother Irene, who was in the hospital at the time of our visit, and who is the accountant of all the compagnies (5).

Ivanhoe Jr. is said to have no interest in this hotel complex as he has given this over to his children, but he adds, with a wink, he has yet to be paid. This quick come back from an 84 year old gave us all a good laugh! At Sunday night's supper, we also met Jacques, a lawyer in Amos who is also an administrator of *Gestion Anocinq* (the secretary and

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judicial counsellor). In addition to being a lawyer, Jacques is also a promoter and "mine hunter" for his region. In addition, he was the first to find diamonds (Canton Le Trac) and was recognized for that by the Association of Mining Prospectors of Canada several years ago.

Saturday, Ivanhoe III rented a bus for the tour of Amos and served as our guide. This was both a tourist and family tour. Touristically we visited the Refuge Pageau (He Speaks to the Wolves), the cathedral of Ste\_Therese d'Amos (the largest freestanding cupola in America), the Marian Center of LaFerme close to the provincial house of the Clerics of Saint-Viateur. Of family interest, we also were able to see the two buildings founded at the beginning of the last century by Ivanhoe Sr, as well as the store founded by Ivanhoe Jr, and other buildings belonging to *Gestion Anocinq*. All of the tour was sprinkled with savoury

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- recruit members and resource persons
- organise gatherings and annual reunions with a view to creating bonds of friendship
- collect genealogical and historical information from the members and other sources in order to favour the promotion, development and the spread of Frigon history, genealogy and other ties between generations
- publish a Frigon Family dictionary
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- assure the preservation of the family archives

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#### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon (116)

Amos, created at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to be the center of rural development of Abitibi, was transformed into a city serving the mining region following prospecting along the Cadillac fault. This fault runs about 50 kilometres to the south stretching from Val d'Or (Quebec) to Timmons (Ontario) and is about 350 km long and 5 km wide.

Very welcoming, Ivanhoe Jr., his family and the hotel employees warmly received us as members of their family. In this region, people are open to strangers and conversation quickly becomes cordial and interesting. A visit to this area is stamped with human warmth which is communicative and kind. This connection weaves even stronger friendships between members and their family. All of the visitors appreciated their visit, which is now a happy memory.

Thanks to everyone in Amos!

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anecdotes. One of note was the moving day of the first store owed by Ivanhoe Jr on a beautiful muddy spring day. Another, the memories of Sunday obligation at the Marian Centre, when a motor boat was the means of transportation from the Frigon cottage located on the opposite shore of Lake Beauchamp.

We also visited the "*Cabane au Canada*" belonging to Ivanhoe III's brother Jacques. This magnificent log dwelling has been recently built on the shore of Lake Beauchamp on one of the lots owned by the family

- 01- Claude St-Germain, Montréal,
- 02- Marcel Guillemette, Montréal,
- 03- Normand Frigon,
- Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan
- 04- Jean-Guy Boivin, Anjou,
- 05- Jeanne Vallée Boivin, Anjou
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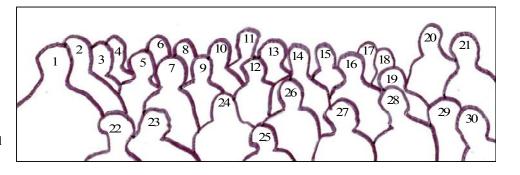
(*Gestion Anocinq*). What a log cabin! Many of the timber blocks are more than 30" (75cm) in diameter! We also visited a site on a mountain slope on the shores of Lake Gauvin where the Frigon's are intending to build a family recreation center for skiing and mountain biking. On the return, the more daring of us braved the rain and enjoyed picking wild blueberries, small but so tasty, on one of the family lands near the municipal campground in Amos.

Sunday was spent enjoyably at the gold mines Lamaque in the golden city of Val d'Or.

It was a busy and very enjoyable weekend!



A group of the participants during the visit to the Refuge Pageau



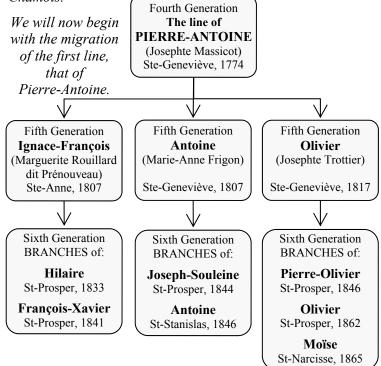
#### THE MIGRATION OF THE FRIGONS

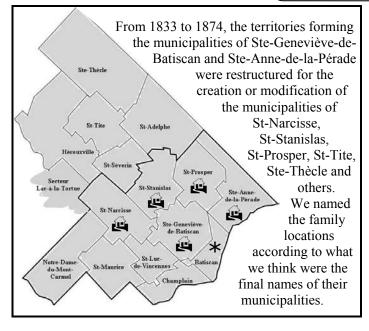
II- The line of Pierre-Antoine: 1774

Jean-René Frigon (11)

The second article in this series presents the migration of Pierre-Antoine Frigon's descendants from 1774 to the beginning of 1900. All the dates, unless specified otherwise, refer to the dates when the families settled in the places indicated, and correspond in most cases to the year that the couples were married.

In the previous article (Summer 2006 Newsletter) we saw that the Association's current database makes it possible to identify, after four generations, seven principal branches of the family tree of François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois.







SINCE FRANÇOIS FRIGON DIT LESPAGNOL 1665 - 1774

Already more than a century has passed since François Frigon known as Lespagnol arrived in New France, in the colony of Canada, and that his descendants have been Canadian. For the third generation, the replacement of the French Regime by that of the British and their laws in 1760, was a disappointing period of their lives.

At the beginning of 1774, the year of the settlement of Pierre-Antoine's line, the anxiety created by the establishment of the British Regime was dispelled and the changes announced were well received by the French-Canadians. In fact, the new leaders, eager to

insure the loyalty of the French-Canadians during the American Revolution, passed the *Quebec Act* which restored the French Civil Code and in part, the Seigneurial Regime. The *Quebec Act* also abolished discrimination regarding admissibility to the Civil Service by abolishing the obligatory oath contained in the *Test* that, for the French-Canadians, was the equivalent of a renunciation of their religion.

#### FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATIONS 1774 - 1865

Three generations of Frigons, including that of Pierre-Antoine, would remain in the immediate vicinity of Batiscan where their ancestor settled in 1670.

During this period, these families were found in the municipalities of Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Ste-Annede-la-Pérade, St-Prosper, St-Stanislas and St-Narcisse. (Continued on page 61)

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#### Sixth and following generations 1833 - to the beginning of 1900

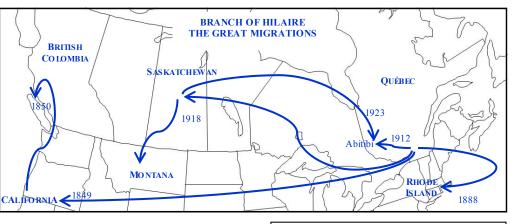
Even though the *Quebec Act* (1774) granted Quebec a vast territory in the St. Lawrence Valley, good agricultural land began to be scarce around 1850 and life became increasingly difficult. In brief, it can be said that poverty, over-population, debt and unproductive land pushed a large number of French-Canadians to undertake the great migration toward other places in Quebec, other Canadian provinces, the United States, and, as we will see in another branch of the family, toward Australia.

Since they all came from the agricultural milieu, they sought to establish themselves in other municipalities, on "*their own land*". Others, dreaming of a better, easier, more promising life, and the prospect of a better future, left their villages to settle elsewhere.

The following is a brief overview of the migration and, in chronological order, the establishment of the seven branches of Pierre-Antoine's descendants who assured the survival of the surname Frigon.

#### BRANCH OF HILAIRE FRIGON, ST-PROSPER, 1833 Hilaire and Marie-Ann Grant (five sons, six daughters)

**Édouard**, the eldest of the family, left home at fifteen to go to California, attracted, it seems, by the Gold Rush; this was in 1849. He spent a year there and the following year he was in British Columbia. In turn, he traded furs with the Indians, became the owner of a gold mine, the *Eureka*, and finally bought a hotel. We do not know of any descendants that he might have had. The *Frigon Islets* on the west coast of



Vancouver were named to honour the memory of "Old Ned Frigon ". It is interesting to note that Édouard took his trip to California at the same time as a distant relative from a branch of Joseph's line, Jean Frigon, 20 years old.

<u>**Hilaire**</u>, the second child of this family, was a farmer in St-Prosper, who later settled in St-Tite, and became a wood merchant. His present descendants are found in Montreal.

**Joseph-Alphée**, the third, was a merchant, post master and banker in St-Prosper. His descendants bear the family names Pepper and Whyte in Montreal, Frigon in Amos (Abitibi), Saskatchewan, Montana and the Montreal area.

**<u>Pierre</u>**, the fourth child, was married in Rhode Island in 1888. We do not know his descendants. It is possible that he helped and advised his cousin Anselme and his second cousin Télesphore who emigrated to Rhode Island in 1892 and 1905.

The line of PIERRE-ANTOINE 	The line of JOSEPH 
Ignace-François	Joseph
Hilaire	John Fregon
	(Jean Frigon)
Edward Frigon (Édouard Frigon) b: St-Prosper, 1834 California, 1849 British Colombia, 1850	b: Louiseville, 1829 California, ±1849 Australia, 1852

François is the fifth child of this family. We have no information about him.

*Eight (8) of our members are descendants of this branch: Ivanhoë Jr (135) of Amos, Ivanhoë III (80) of Rock Forest, Jacques (225) of Amos, John J. Pepper (149) of Montreal, Judith White Tanner (231) of Deep River, Kathleen Pepper Klein (140) of Westmount, Marguerite Pepper Whyte (226) of Ottawa and Paul Frigon (60) of Ste-Marthe-du-Lac.* 

#### THE MIGRATION OF THE FRIGONS II- The line of Pierre-Antoine: 1774

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**BRANCH OF FRANÇOIS-XAVIER FRIGON, ST-PROSPER, 1841** François-Xavier and Eulalie Gagnon (four sons, eight daughters) François-Xavier and Aurélie Vézina (seven sons, three daughters)

<u>Anselme</u>, the seventh child of the first marriage, settled in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade in 1874 and stayed there for eighteen years. He emigrated to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in 1892, with his family of nine (surviving) children. A daughter was born in their new place of residence. All his descendants are American. (This person is also called Onésime in the American records.)

**William**, the tenth and youngest child from the second marriage, settled in St-Prosper in 1904. We have little information about him other than he lived successively in Abitibi, in the region of Montreal and in Ottawa.

The Association has no members from this branch.

**BRANCH OF JOSEPH-SOULEINE FRIGON, ST-PROSPER, 1844** Joseph Souleine and Exilda Nobert (six sons and five daughters)

**Jean-Chrysostome**, the fourth child of the family, established himself as a farmer in St-Prosper. Two of his sons settled in the new territory of Abitibi around 1914. At that time, Abitibi was accessible only by railway or by water via Témiscamingue. His three other sons settled in St-Prosper and in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade.

**Ernest-Côme**, the fifth child settled at Lac St-Jean with his wife and children around 1898. We suppose that he made this big move at the same time as his brother Joseph-Onésime.

**Joseph-Onésime**, the ninth child of the family, was a farmer in St-Prosper. His first wife died in 1896; they had had nine children. He remarried, then left St-Prosper around 1898 to settle in Lac St-Jean, with his seven surviving children.

**Philémon**, the eleventh and eldest child, settled successively in St-Stanislas in 1884, in St-Prosper around 1888, in Ste-Thècle (Lac-aux-Chicots) around 1898 and finally in Landrienne in Abitibi around 1914.

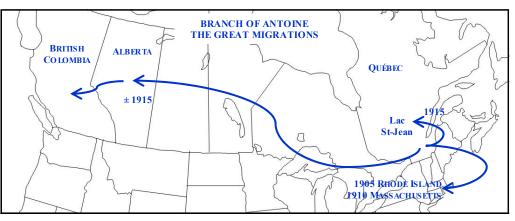
Twenty-four (24) of our members are descendants of Joseph-Souleine: Agenor (185) of Montreal, Alain (120) of Cap-Rouge, André (221) of Dubuisson, Annic (154) of Rouyn-Noranda, Armande (88) of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, Céline (79) of Pierrefonds, Gabrielle (98) of St-Eustache, Gilles (51) of Amos, Ginette (85) of St-Hyacinthe, Huguette (84) of Sherbrooke, Jacinthe (97) of Chicoutimi, Jean-Yves (62) of Brossard, Jeannine Vallée (172) of Anjou, Louise (83) of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, Lucie (174) of Longueuil, Marie-Claire (175) of Montreal, Marie-Paule (173) of La Doré, Paul-Floriant (90) of St-Romuald, Prudence (212) of Whitby, Robert (152) of Châteauguay, Roland (171) of La Tuque, Romuald A. (132) of Kanata, Sylvie (27) of Cap-Rouge et Ursule (111) of St-Prosper.

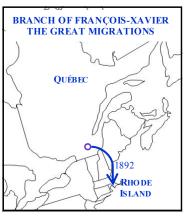
# BRANCH OF ANTOINE FRIGON, ST-STANISLAS, 1846, ST-NARCISSE, ±1854

Antoine Frigon and Louise L'Heureux (five sons, seven daughters)

**Hubert,** the seventh child of the family, settled in St-Maurice in 1881. One of his sons settled first in Trois-Rivières and later in Lac St-Jean. About 1915, Hubert emigrated to Alberta with a part of his family. One of his sons settled in British Columbia.

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#### THE MIGRATION OF THE FRIGONS II- The line of Pierre-Antoine: 1774

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<u>Télesphore</u>, the ninth child, settled successively in St-Maurice for three years, in Trois-Rivières for four years, and at Lacà-la-Tortue for ten years. He emigrated, in 1905, to Rhode Island for a few years and settled definitively in Massachusetts in 1910. He had sixteen children, four of whom died at an early age and were buried at Lac-à-la-Tortue. According to our information, all the descendants of Télesphore are American.

The Association has one (1) member, who is a descendant of Antoine: Lee A. Templeton (237) of Thousand Oaks.

#### **BRANCH OF PIERRE-OLIVIER, ST-PROSPER, 1846**

Pierre-Olivier and Émilie Théoret (two sons, one daughter)

<u>Théodore-Pierre</u>, the eldest of the family, settled in Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan and spent the first eight years of his marriage there. Then, he stayed in Ste-Thècle (Lac-aux-Chicots) for at least the next eleven years. He most likely finished his days in Témiscamingue. Today we still find descendants of his in Témiscamingue.

**François-Xavier**, the youngest of the family, settled in St-Geneviève-de-Batiscan and stayed there nine years. Later, he, too, went to establish himself in Ste-Thècle (Lac-aux-Chicots) where he lived until the end of his life. His descendants are found under the surname Frigon in the Greater Montreal Area and under other names in the region of Ste-Thècle.

Three (3) of our members are descendants of the branch of Pierre-Olivier: Carmen Chartier (235) of *Pontiac, Louise Frigon (242) of Anjou and Madeleine Frigon (161) of Angliers.* 

#### **BRANCH OF OLIVIER, ST-PROSPER, 1862**

Olivier and Virginie Vézina (nine sons, two daughters)

**François** is the second child of this family. We have little information about his descendants. We know that he lived in St-Maurice and St-Louis-de-France.

**<u>Philippe-Guillaume</u>** is the fourth child, and he settled in Lac St-Jean where we find his descendants.

**François-Xavier**, the eighth child of the family, settled in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade where we find his descendants.

<u>Marie-Louise</u> is the ninth child of this family, and founded a Trudel family in Ste-Thècle (Lac-aux-Chicots) in 1897. We find numerous descendants of Marie-Louise under different family names. Several still live in the area.

*The Association has four (4) members, who are descendants of the branch of Olivier: Daniel (34) of Champlain, Hermine Trudel (240) of Montreal, Léonce (218) of Laval and Suzanne Trudel (238) of Ste-Thècle.* 

### **BRANCH OF MOÏSE, ST-NARCISSE, 1865**

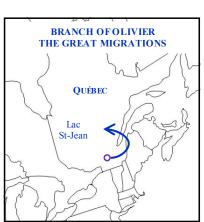
Moïse and Catherine Élisabeth Desjarlais (one son, four daughters)

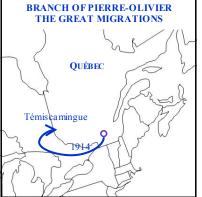
<u>Pierre-Électence</u>, fourth child of the family, probably married in Massachusetts. He lived about twenty years in St-Narcisse. He settled in Shawinigan around 1918. We find his descendants in the regions of Shawinigan and Montreal.

The Association counts five (5) members, descendants of the branch of Moïse: Benoit (8) of Québec, François (25) of St-Hubert, Jacques (106) of Montreal, Liliane Frigon (109) of Shawinigan and Pierre Frigon (4) of St-Hippolyte.

We have now come to the end of our admittedly incomplete description of Pierre-Antoine's branch of the family tree. Forty-five (45) members of the Association come from this line. It is a branch that is important and historically significant, and its members can be proud of their heritage.

The next article of this series will be about the line of Louis-Augustin.





Should you have information about the line of Pierre-Antoine, please get in touch with our genealogical archivist :

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### SOME FRIGONS IN FRANCE

Bais, 1693

Lucie Frigon Caron (#56)

After the marriages and funerals, here is a baptism that takes us back to Brittany, to the very parish where the marriage of the Frigon/Huet couple took place in 1696, as recounted in our Winter 2006 edition.

Three years earlier, that is to say on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1693, in Bais, Julienne Frigon, the daughter of Julien Frigon and Marie Roger was baptized. We are indebted to the *Cercle Généalogique d'Ille-et-Vilaine* (c.g.i.v.) for the copy of the baptismal certificate that follows. N.B. The mother's surname is the same as that inscribed in the document that follows.

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Furthermore, on May 9, 2005, the *Cercle Généalogique d'Ille-et-Vilaine* sent me the following document:

"The FRIGON or FRUGON or FURGON family seems to originate from the Bais Commune (Department of Ille-et-Vilaine in Brittany).

1	Julienne frigon daughter of Julien and marie Roger/Rouger/Rouget his
2	wife born on the last (day) of June one thousand six hundred ninety-
3	three was baptized on the first of July
4	of the same year by myself the undersigned pastor godfather
5	Jean Couesme and godmother Julienne robert who do not sign
6	J ? Ernault priest

Children of the Jehan/Jean/Jan FRUGON/ FURGON and Perrine COUAYMES/COUAIMES couple born at Bais (35): Perrine FRUGON, born 22/08/1541; Michel FURGON, born 28/03/1545; Jeanne FRUGON, born 26/08/1549; Toutesaincte FRUGON, born 01/11/1553.

Children of the Morice/Maurice FRUGON/ FURGON and Marie HUET couple born at Bais (35):

Olive FURGON, born 30/05/1558. Andrée FURGON, born 10/04/1561; Julienne FURGON, born 22/05/1563; André FURGON, born 18/02/1567; Jeanne FURGON, born 13/05/1569;

Olive FURGON, born 15/09/1660 at Bais (35), daughter of Jean FRUGON/FURGON and Jeanne MAHEUST.

Children of the Julien FRIGON/FRUGON/FURGON and Marie ROGER/ROUGER/ROUGET couple: Julien FRUGON, born 01/02/1690 at Visseiche (35); Olive FRUGON, born 11/04/1692 at Visseiche (35); Julienne FRIGON, born 01/07/1693 at Bais (35); René FURGON, born 24/04/1695 at Visseiche (35);

Toussainte FURGON and Julien COUPVREUX, both from Bais (35), promise to marry 02/08/1572 at Marcillé-Robert (35).

Jan FURGON and Bertrande PIERRE, married 08/01/1660 at Domalain (35).

Jan FURGON and Perrine TIREL, married 07/10/1660 at Domalain (35).

François FURGON (son of Jan) and Renée HUET, married 02/07/1661 at Domalain (35).

Jan FURGON and Françoise BOISHUS, married 15/05/1696 at Domalain (35).

Julien FRIGON, aged 36 and Jacquette HUET, aged 24 married 24/07/1696 at Bais (35)."

Here then is a document that suggests different variations of the surname Frigon that we will have to keep in mind in our search for the birthplace of our ancestor.