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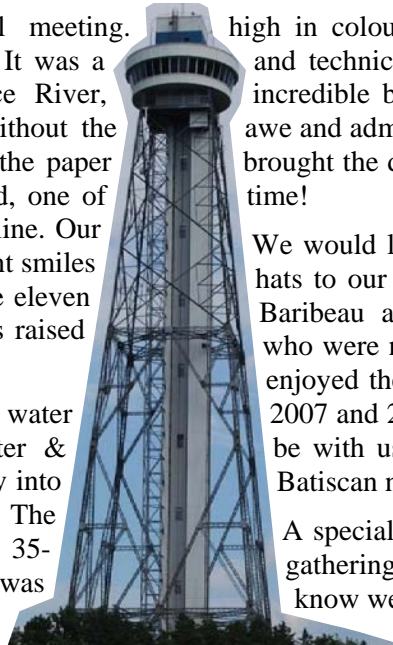
ENERGY IN ABUNDANCE !

Energy was the theme of our annual meeting. Hydrologic energy. The energy of youth. It was a splendid day for sailing the St. Maurice River, which is once again safe and peaceful without the floating logs that used to be destined for the paper mills. We even went around Frigon Island, one of the eight islands off the Shawinigan shoreline. Our ship captain's keen sense of humour brought smiles to even the most serious among us and the eleven Alcan chimneys spewing smoke and ashes raised many an eyebrow.

The impressive canalization that provided water for the turbines of the Shawinigan Water & Power Co., from the end of the 19th century into the 20th, is no longer a mystery for us. The panoramic view of the region from the 35-meter tower of the "Cité de l'énergie" was breathtaking.

Comfortably seated on a turning platform, we enjoyed a vibrant film projection, complete with artificially produced light rainfall that plunged us into the universe of native beliefs regarding the generosity of Mother Earth and her companion, the divine Sun. This was the moment of the day for philosophical reflection. At the museum we learned the scope of the discoveries and inventions of the genial Nikola Tesla (1856-1942), an Austrian....first cousin, it seems, of Claudette's (89) husband, known as "Sieur Giesinger."

As always, our joyful group thoroughly enjoyed the site and participated cheerfully and relentlessly in the activities. The day ended with "Eclyps," a show that was



high in colour, combining the acrobatics, pirouettes and technical prowess of a youthful troupe whose incredible beauty and boundless energy held us in awe and admiration. A magnificent fireworks display brought the day to a close. We had such a wonderful time!

We would like to take this opportunity to raise our hats to our faithful friends from Connecticut, Ruth Baribeau and her husband, Robert T. Hamilton, who were not able to be with us this year. We had enjoyed their presence in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008. It is our sincere hope that they will be with us for the Great Gathering to be held in Batiscan next year!

A special note of thanks to the organizers of this gathering. Everything went so smoothly. We know well the amount of work hidden behind the success of such an event. So, thank

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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
- publish the newsletter *THE FRIGONS*
- publish and make available monographs, biographies, family albums, the results of historical and genealogical research
- assure the preservation of the family archives

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Gérald Frigon (116)

The pioneers of our Association, Raymond, Robert, and Pierre firmly established the aims and objectives of our Association, which, I believe, is the principal reason for its dynamism and its recognition by the members. The efforts they invested in the quest for our ancestral identity marked out potential avenues to explore in order to one day know our origins. The efforts they invested in the quest for the different ancestral lines as well as the work of Jean-René and Georges, have actually served as the basis for lively and interesting presentations. The efforts they invested in recruiting many members have nurtured this great friendship, this great fraternity that one feels

so strongly during each of our gatherings.

We have paid tribute to them on several occasions, but on this 15th anniversary of our Association, we insist upon saying it again. Unfortunately, two of these pioneers are no longer with us to hear our praise, but we wish to reassure their families that they are always present in our memories. Pierre, whom we presented to the *Fédération des Familles Souches du Québec* as a candidate for its "Volunteer of the Year" award, was unfortunately not able to benefit from this action, for the Federation cancelled its annual contest shortly before the award date. However, he was able to count on the unanimous support of the Association Board of Directors.

THE NEWSLETTER CHIEF TAKES A BREAK



*Jean-René
Frigon (11)*

It was in the fall of 2000 that our founding-president, Raymond Frigon, passed on to me the responsibility for our newsletter, *The Frigons*. After working with a formidable team for nine years, I cannot but feel a twinge of pain as I, in turn, leave the newsletter crew. With this my final issue, I wish to thank each of you for your friendship and your collaboration.

François Frigon will take over the newsletter with the *Winter 2010* issue.



*François
Frigon (130)*

Jean-René Frigon

FAMILY HISTORY SHARING

Our Association researchers are appealing to the members for help in identifying the lineage of Francis Frigon Frego, who was born in 1813 in Quebec, and emigrated to New York State where he married Louise Coyer. His descendants have successively borne the names Frego and Fregoe. Francis is supposed to have been the first Frigon to buy a piece of land in New York State. In 1839, he acquired a lot in Raquette, near Massena. It was said that Francis Frigon was the cousin of Désiré Frigon, but we have not yet been

able to link him to our family tree.

What a challenging research project for some enterprising member!

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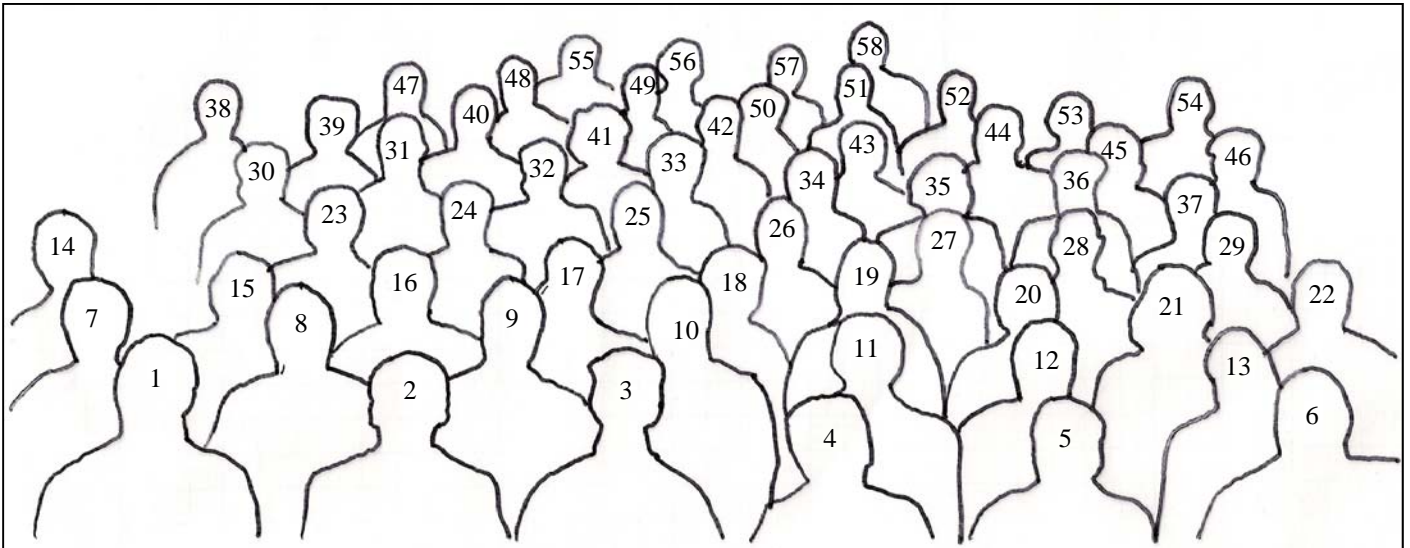
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you Louise (83), Claude (256), and François (130) for organizing the welcoming committee for the annual meeting. Thank you, also, Hermine (240) and Gérald (116) for organizing the day with the authorities of the "Cité de l'énergie." Thanks, too, René (75) and Andrée Perron and everybody else who welcomed us so warmly.

Odette (52), a Frigon artist, gave us a wonderful description of the training she received from Frère Jérôme who died in 1994 at the age of 91. This renowned artist and educator trained a whole generation of Quebec artists at Notre Dame College. Intuitive art was his forte. A sale of Odette's paintings, organized by Ivanhoë III (80), was a great success. Lucie Giguère-Frigon won a painting that the artist had generously contributed for the occasion.

Group Photo

Shawinigan 2009



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57. Claire Renaud, Ottawa
58. Gilles Bordeleau, Trois-Rivieres

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- Louis-Georges Frigon, Montreal
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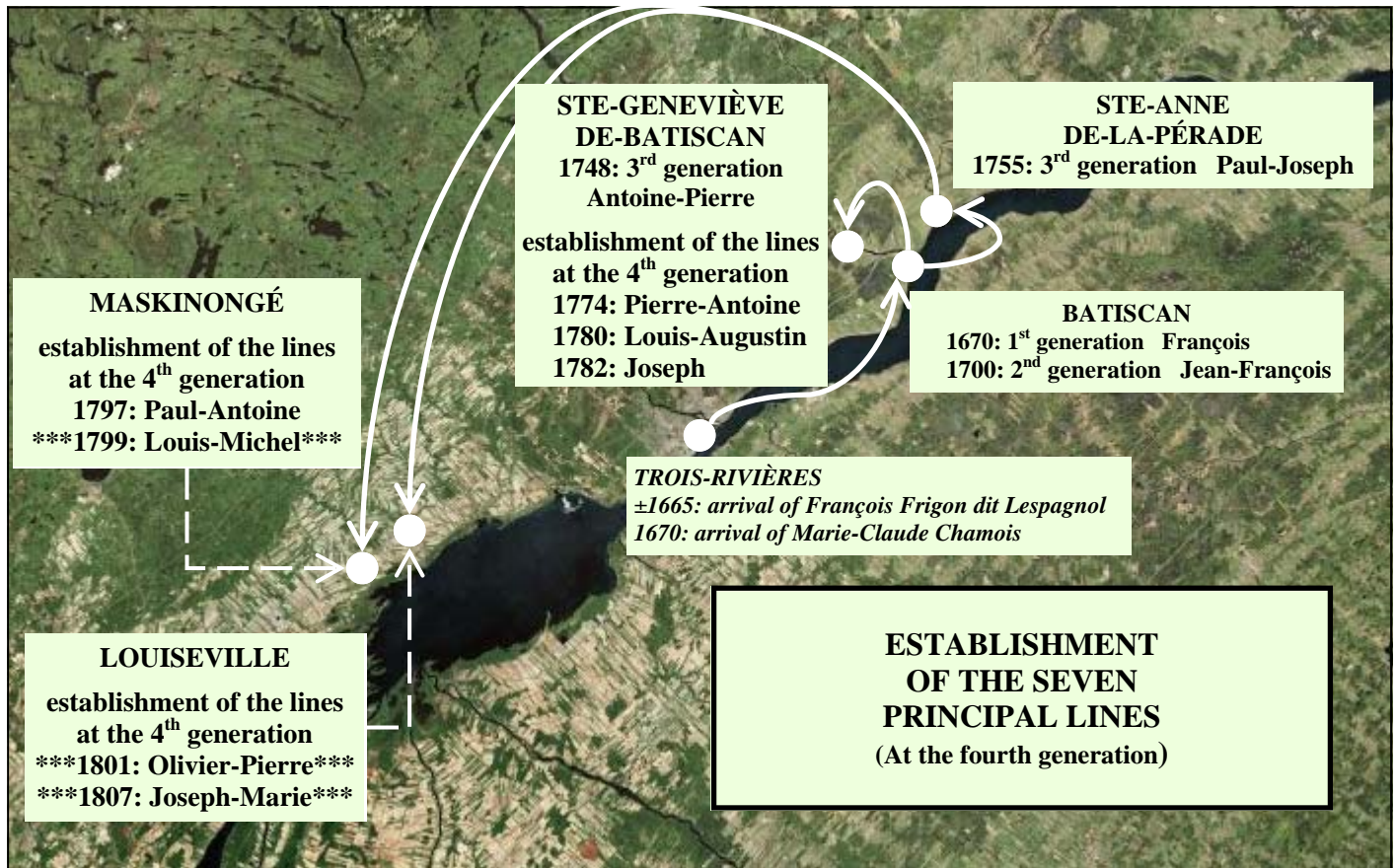
THE MIGRATIONS OF THE FRIGONS¹

VI- The line of Louis-Michel : 1799

VII- The line of Olivier-Pierre : 1801

VIII- The line of Joseph-Marie : 1807

Jean-René Frigon (11)

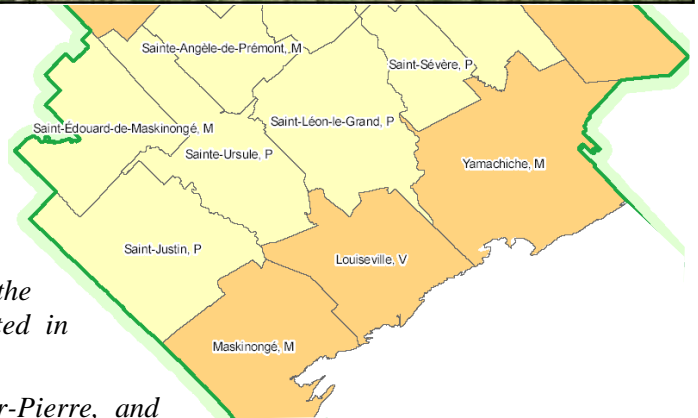


Let us recall that the Association has been able to identify, after four generations, seven principal agnatic² lines stemming from François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois. We believe that all the actual descendants bearing the names Frigon, Frigone, Frego, Fregoe, Fregon, Fregone or Florentine³ all came from one or other of these lines.

In this last article of our series “The Migrations of the Frigons”, we present the last three lines that originated in Maskinongé⁴ in 1799 and in Louiseville in 1801 and 1807.

So here, briefly, are the lines of Louis-Michel, Olivier-Pierre, and Joseph-Marie, all sons of Paul-Joseph Frigon and Ursule Lefebvre of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade. Four Canadian and five American members of our Association stem from these lines.

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1. All the dates, unless otherwise specified, refer to the dates when the families settled in the places mentioned and, in most cases, correspond with the marriage year.
2. An agnatic line is one established by tracing descent exclusively through males from a founding male ancestor.
3. The present state of our research does not permit us to affirm with certainty that all the Florentines have a Frigon ascendance. Our research continues!
4. Originally a native village, the municipality of Maskinongé owes its name to the Algonquians. The name means “deformed pike”. The “pike” called maskinongé was very common in Maskinongé Lake and River.
5. Previously called Saint-Antoine-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup, this town was renamed Louiseville in 1880, in honour of Princess Louise, the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria of Great Britain.

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FOURTH GENERATION, The Line of Louis-Michel, 1799

It was in 1799 that Louis-Michel of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pérade united his destiny to that of Marguerite Masson in Maskinongé and settled there. This region, reputedly fertile, had already welcomed his brother Paul-Antoine⁶. The two youngest children of the family, his brothers Olivier-Pierre and Joseph-Marie⁷, later settled in nearby Louiseville.

FIFTH GENERATION, LOUIS

Of their four children that we know about, Louis is the one who assured the transmission of the family name while the girls founded the Landry and Lebeau families. All of them settled in Maskinongé.

SIXTH GENERATION, THE BRANCH OF ISIDORE, 1857

In 1857 it was Isidore's turn to found a Frigon family in Maskinongé. From his union with Agnès Goulet came four boys and eight girls, all born in Maskinongé with the exception of the last one, Anna, who according to the records, was born in Massachusetts. Could this be an error in our database? All Isidore's children settled in Montreal.

SIXTH GENERATION, THE BRANCH OF NOÉ, 1866

The youngest of the family, Noé, founded his family in 1866, at Louiseville (Saint-Justin), having married Léocadie Ayotte. About ten years later, the family left for Massachusetts and the majority of Noé's descendants, if not all, are Americans.

From the beginning of its existence, our Association has always had one American descendant of Noé, Elaine Bessette Smith, among its members. A lover of genealogy, she published an article⁸ in the Fall 1998 issue of the THE FRIGONS. In this article we learned that one of her ancestors was both witness and victim of the war between France and England in North America between 1689 and 1763. In fact, during a raid carried out by the French and Indians at Durham, New Hampshire, Mercy Adams was captured and brought to Quebec. Every member of her family had perished during this attack. The Planiol family who renamed her Marie Ursule Planiol adopted her.

Fourth generation
**The line of
OLIVIER-PIERRE**
(Judith Banhiac Lamontagne)
Louiseville, 1801

Fifth generation
Olivier-Toussaint Frigon
(Madeleine Lupien)
Louiseville, 1826

Sixth generation
BRANCHES of:
Olivier Frigon
Saint-Maurice, 1857
Trois-Rivières, 1873
Louiseville, 1877
Toussaint Frigon
Louiseville, 1866
Warwick, RI, USA, 1881
Antoine Frigon
Louiseville, 1865

THE MIGRATIONS OF THE FRIGONS

Fifth generation
Désiré Frigon
(Emilie Lupien)
Louiseville, 1831
Massena, NY, USA, ±1840

Sixth generation
SEVEN BRANCHES
Six sons and one daughter
insured the continuation of
the patronymics Fregoe and
Frego
NY State, USA,
1850 - 1880

Fifth generation
Hilaire Frigon
(Adélaïde Godin)
Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets,
1837

Sixth generation
BRANCH of:
Jean-Baptiste Frigon
Destiny unknown

Fourth generation
**The line of
LOUIS-MICHEL**
(Marguerite Masson)
Maskinongé, 1799

Fifth generation
Louis
(Etiennette Landry)
Maskinongé, 1826

Sixth generation
BRANCHS of:
Isidore Frigon
Maskinongé, 1857
Noé
Saint-Justin, 1866
Massachusetts, ± 1876

VII- The line of Olivier-Pierre : 1801

FOURTH GENERATION, THE LINE OF OLIVIER-PIERRE

Second youngest of thirteen children, Olivier-Pierre of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade united his destiny to that of Judith Banhiac Lamontagne in 1801. They settled in Louiseville (St-Antoine-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup). He was said to be a carpenter and house-builder. The register shows that he was buried in the church.

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6. See *THE MIGRATIONS OF THE FRIGONS –Line of Paul-Antoine. THE FRIGONS, Fall 2008.*

7. See the lines of Olivier-Pierre and Joseph-Marie further on in this article,

8. A "Captive" among my Frigon ancestors, Elaine Bessette Smith, *THE FRIGONS, Fall 1998.*

(Continued from page 162)FIFTH GENERATION, OLIVIER-TOUSSAINT FRIGON

The oldest of the family, he founded his family in 1826 with Madeleine Lupien. They settled in Louiseville and had eight children, five boys and three girls.



One of his sisters, Éléonore, founded an Arseneau family in Illinois, in the United States. One of the first members of the Association, Les Arseneau, is a descendant of Éléonore.

SIXTH GENERATION, THE BRANCHES OF OLIVIER, OF TOUSSAINT, AND OF ANTOINE FRIGON

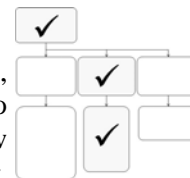
Two Association members stem from the branch of Olivier, Line Frigon of Longueuil, and Jean-Claude Frigon of Trois-Rivières. Olivier was a day labourer in Saint-Maurice, a farmer in Rivière-du-Loup (Louiseville) and “draveur” (log driver) on the Saint-Maurice River, at the Piles.

All the descendants of Toussaint’s branch are American. One member of the Association comes from this branch, Teresa L. Frigon, a member of the U.S. Navy. The couple Toussaint Frigon and Marie Proulx lived in Louiseville. They emigrated to Rhode Island, U.S.A. in 1881.

The branch of Antoine has one member in our Association, Cyrille Frigon⁹, a Louiseville businessman. Antoine and Caroline Frechette established themselves in Louiseville in 1865 and had fourteen children. We find most of their descendants in Louiseville and the immediate vicinity. The others settled in Montreal.

FIFTH GENERATION, DÉsirÉ FRIGON FREGO

It was in 1831, in Louiseville, that Désiré Frigon founded a family with Emilie Malvina Lupien, Madeleine’s sister. The family, which already had five sons, emigrated to the United States, to Massena, New York, around 1840. Désiré is renowned as a pioneer¹⁰ in St. Lawrence County, New York. He built his log house on the southern bank of the North Raquette River. He was a farmer. Like most of their fellow citizens of the time, Désiré and Emilie could neither read nor write. Therefore, the name Frigon was unwittingly changed when it was spelled Frego and Fregoe in the parish registers.

SIXTH GENERATION, THE FREGO AND FREGOE BRANCHES IN NEW YORK STATE

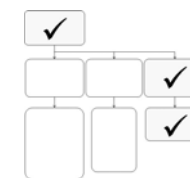
Six of Désiré’s seven sons guaranteed the continuation of the family names Frego and Fregoe, as did one daughter, Mary Ellen, who had three children under the name of Frego.

Three members of our Association stem from these American branches. Robert A. Harvey of St. Johnsville, N.Y. comes from the branch of Peter Frego. Cynthia L. Fregoe of Massena, N.Y. comes from the branch of Joseph Frego. Finally, Mary Frego Coates of Ontario, a precious member of our English newsletter staff, who hales from Madrid, N.Y., comes from the branch of Mary Ellen Frego.

We note that in 1917, the name Freego existed in Hogansburg, N.Y. stemming from the branch of Peter Frego. This spelling seems to still be in use today, and can be found in Canton, N.Y. Eventually, this patronymic will be added to the list appearing on the title page of the newsletter THE FRIGONS.

FIFTH GENERATION, HILAIRE OF SAINT-PIERRE-LES-BECQUETS

We have little information about this family that settled at Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets in 1837. During the two following years, 1838 and 1839, two children were born, a girl and then a boy. Our information comes to an end with this last birth, that of Jean-Baptiste in 1839. Where did they go?

SIXTH GENERATION, THE BRANCH OF JEAN-BAPTISTE

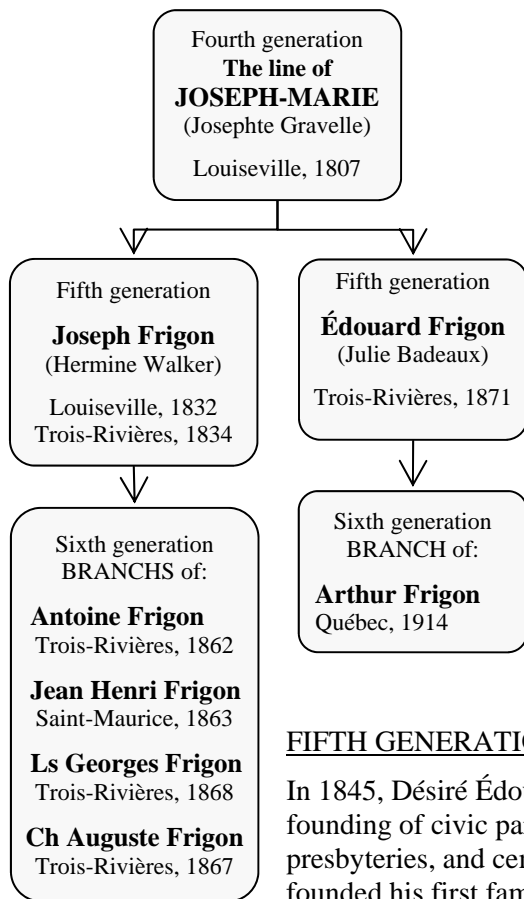
We cannot say for sure that there is a Jean-Baptiste branch. Extensive research will have to be done on this matter. The destiny of Jean-Baptiste and of his descendants, if there are any, is unknown to us.

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9. See “Cyrille Frigon and His Wife, Colette Isabel, Farmers in Louiseville” by Pierre Frigon, *THE FRIGONS*, Spring 1997 and “To Better Know One Another – Cyrille Frigon, Farmer and Businessman” by Pierre Frigon, *THE FRIGONS*, Fall 2001.

10. Désiré Frigon was not the first Frigon to own land in the State of New York. There was a certain Francis Frigon, whose lineage we have not yet discovered, who purchased a piece of land in the Raquette, close to Massena, in 1839. This same land was later sold to Joseph Désiré in 1860. See the chronicle “Family History Sharing” on page 159.

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FOURTH GENERATION, THE LINE OF JOSEPH-MARIE: 1807

There are no members of our Association linked to this line. Joseph-Marie, a Louiseville carpenter, and Josephthe Gravel had eleven children, two boys and nine girls. Three of the girls entered the religious life.

FIFTH GENERATION, JOSEPH FRIGON

The oldest of the family, Joseph founded his family in 1832 with Hermine Walker. In 1840 he was Assistant Notary Public. Established in Louiseville, they had nine children, four boys and five girls.



Sixth Generation, the Branches of Antoine, of Jean-Henri, and of Louis-Georges and Charles-Auguste Frigon

We know that:

- Antoine was secretary-treasurer of the city of Trois-Rivières;
- Jean-Henri was a squire and merchant of Saint-Maurice, judge of the peace and mayor of Saint-Maurice.
- Louis-Georges and Charles-Auguste were both merchants in Trois-Rivières.

FIFTH GENERATION, ÉDOUARD FRIGON

In 1845, Désiré Édouard Frigon was the commissioner responsible for the founding of civic parishes and the construction of churches, sacristies, presbyteries, and cemeteries. He was a shopkeeper in Trois-Rivières, and founded his first family with Eulalie Cooke in 1849. They had eleven children.



We do not know his descendants through this first marriage.

Édouard found a second family with Julie Badeaux in 1871. They had eight children

SIXTH GENERATION, THE BRANCH OF ARTHUR

The name he was given at birth was Georges Antoine Arthur Frigon. He was the last of nineteen children and, to the best of our knowledge, the only one who has descendants in the region of Sorel.

The table that follows presents and terminates the series of articles on the migrations of the Frigons. It shows the establishment of the Frigons and the surnames derived from "Frigon" right up until the beginning of 1900. They were both performers and witnesses as history was being written.

LIGNÉE	FRIGON SETTLEMENTS
Pierre-Antoine	Quebec : Abitibi, Lac-St-Jean, Mauricie, Temiscamingue. Canada: Alberta, British Columbia. United States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island.
Louis-Augustin	Quebec : Abitibi, Beauce, Matapedia, Mauricie, Montreal. Canada: New Brunswick. United States: Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington.
Joseph	Quebec : Mauricie, Montreal. Canada: Alberta, Manitoba. United States: Connecticut, Illinois (Frigon and Frigone), Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan (Florentine), Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota (Fregon). Australia: Omeo, East Gippsland (Fregon).
Paul-Antoine	Quebec : Mauricie, Montreal. United States: Minnesota (Frego)
Louis-Michel	Quebec: Mauricie. United States: Massachusetts
Olivier-Pierre	Quebec : Centre-du-Quebec, Mauricie. United States: New York (Frego, Fregoe, Freego), Rhode Island (Frigon)
Joseph-Marie	Quebec : Mauricie, Quebec City, Sorel.