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THE CHILDREN OF DÉSIRÉ FREGO

1– François Francis Frigon-Frego Roger Frigon (131)

François Frigon was born February 1, 1832 in Louiseville, QC. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1841. According to the records of Massena, N.Y., he was present at the baptism of Adie Carrière, January 11, 1842 and served as godfather. Adie was born on September 15, 1839. She was baptized at the same time as her sister Emilie, whose godparents were Désiré and Émilie Frego. We noted that a missionary occasionally visited the St. Regis Mission. During the following years, we found that Francis was present as godfather at several baptisms of relatives and friends.

Francis worked on the family farm. He married Mary Gadbois on April 22, 1852 at Hogansburg. The couple had 11 children. We found Francis

2011 - Annual Meeting in Deschambault

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August 27, 2011

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As for Mary Gadbois, she was born in 1830 in New York State. She is listed in the censuses of 1860-1870-1880-1900 and 1910. She passed away in

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1911 in Massena, N.Y.

François and Marie-Claude Chamois

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Paul Joseph and Ursule Lefebvre

Olivier Pierre and Judith Bantiac

Joseph Désiré and Émilie Lupien | | Francis and Mary Gadbois

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- create a computerized Frigon dictionary based on verified data from all sources
- publish the newsletter THE FRIGONS
- publish and make available monographs, biographies, family albums, and the results of historical and genealogical research
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New collaborators! That is our slogan for 2010-2011! Our dynamic team is aging and we must think in terms of eventual replacements. Already, we have a new secretary (Claude, 256) and a new chief for the newsletter (François, 130), two appointments that augur well for the future. As for me, the presidency for the year 2010-2011 will be my last term of office as an administrator of the association. Beginning next year, I will no longer accept administrative duties, thereby freeing myself to pursue historical research.

The priority for this year is the Association Web site, our window on the world and our link with the younger generations. Jean-René (11) has accepted the challenge of revamping the site and has the full support of the Board of Directors. Thus we hope to interest the members or Web explorers to participate fully in the life of the association, hoping thereby to

recruit a new generation of administrators and heads of committees.

Do not hesitate any longer! Join us and develop your talents in writing, historical research, the Web, genealogical research, palaeography, topology, data processing, organization of social activities and much more. Those in charge of the various activities will be happy to initiate you to genealogy, research in France, organization of annual meetings, translation for the newsletter and the Web site, etc.

The fifteen years I have spent on the Association's Executive Committee have enriched me in the field of human relations as well as in my own personal development. It has been a time of lasting friendships and great joys. This has undoubtedly been the experience of my companions who have also shared this adventure.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...?

On Friday, August 13, 2010, about 1800 cyclists arrived at the Polyvalente Hyacinthe-Delorme, the end of their Grand Tour. The 662 km, six-day bicycle trip took them from Glens Falls in New York State, to Saint-Hyacinthe. This was the 17th Edition of this Grand Tour organized by Vélo Québec.

Among the athletes was our cousin Ginette Frigon (85) who succeeded in completing the tour, a feat of which she can be justly proud. We are too!



Ginette Frigon (85) at her arrival at the PHD

In the heart of the Adirondacks "I rode seven kilometres without pedalling." recounts Liliane Allard. Indeed, those slopes that can be disheartening for beginners are the joy of seasoned cyclists, avid for challenges. Ginette Frigon, who was on her first Grand Tour, claims without hesitation this segment of the trip as her best moment. "It was a challenge, for I knew I was not usually good in hills."

She proved the contrary.



Ginette Frigon, 2nd from the left on this group photo, and Liliane Allard (last on the right) are among the members of the Saint-Hyacinthe Vélo Club who participated in the 2010 Grand Tour.

¹Source : Le Courrier de Saint-Hyacinthe, Simon Granger, Thursday, August 26,2010

VACATION MEMORIES

An unforgettable event!

Jean-René Frigon (11)



Note: On May 12, 2010, we were in Nashville, Tennessee for four days, making the most of our time there to rest. It had been 93 days since we left Quebec on a 112-day trip that would give us the opportunity to explore the southern-half of the United States. In addition, a one-month stopover in Donna, Texas had permitted us to make a few visits beyond the Mexican border.

The following are a few extracts from our Travel Journal for May 9th and 10th when, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma we lived through the passage of a "super-tornado", as the

locals called it. This is the story.

It was the morning of May 9th when we decided to leave New Mexico, cross northern Texas and head east. Since the television mentioned that the truce with the tornados was over and that *bad weather* was to be expected, we discussed the possibility of "staying put." Finally, the decision was made to continue our trip as planned since no precise tornado warning had been issued, only a vague *possibility*.

In the course of our journey along Highway 40 in Texas and Oklahoma, I pointed out to our traveling companions that I had counted no less than a dozen "tornado-chaser" trucks passing us on the road heading towards Oklahoma City. When we arrived in Oklahoma City, we learned that because of a tire problem on my partner's "Fifth Wheel" trailer, we would be obliged to stay there May 9th and 10th.

When we arrived at the KOA Oklahoma East Campground, the staff mentioned that a tornado alert had been announced for the next day, May 10th. Therefore, on Monday the 10th we went shopping for emergency provisions in view of a possible prolonged stay; we had time since the alert would be in force from 4 to 8 P.M.. I took a few precautions with the trailer so that nothing could become a projectile. Cécile prepared our EMERGENCY kit: passports, money, medications a flashlight, a blanket, important papers, etc.

"Tornado Alley"
Designates a region of the United States that covers several states where 60% of the 1000 annual tornado occur.

April, May, and June are the most active periods.
Oklahoma is renowned for having the most destructive tornadoes and Texas for having the largest number.

I was outside when the KOA camp manager mentioned that I should take shelter...the *bad weather* would be upon us in less than 45 minutes. Sirens began blaring, just as they did in wartime, I imagine. They were both impressive and reassuring. A meeting was held at the campground Community Centre and we were given our orders...just as a precaution. The television gave the tornado news, the commentators reporting the places that had already been struck and the sectors that were at risk. The sky was black and the wind light...so we rocked on the veranda, but the manager's orders were: "When I tell you to go inside...it's inside! Immediately! And as far back as you can in the shower rooms!"

Cécile and I were at the far end of the veranda and the hail began to fall, a lot of it, but the wind was not excessive. I asked Cécile if what I was hearing was really a train, for the sound was impressive. Then we remembered that an American had told us that an approaching tornado usually sounds just like a train. We hardly had time to look to our left when the manager said in a very forceful tone "Inside, NOW!" then ... "Oh, my God! It's near. It's very near!" Up to this point, she had seemed preoccupied, but now she was obviously very worried.

We went into the shower room, and the thought crossed our minds that the roof could fly off, but we felt safe because of the thickness of the cement-block walls. After a moment, the lights flickered on and off and then went

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VACATION MEMORIES

An unforgettable event

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out completely...for ten minutes that felt like an eternity. Then we were allowed to go outside, but only on the veranda, for a second tornado alert was in force. I walked to the other end of the veranda where I could catch a glimpse of our trailer: all was well, but it was dirty. A white car drove into the campground and passed in front of us: its windows had disappeared and terror was written on the

face of the passenger who seemed to be in a state of shock.

The alert was lifted; the sky became blue again with white clouds. We were told that nearby, just down the hill, the gas stations had been completely mowed down. We had filled our tanks at LOVE'S station barely two hours before. A few minutes later, we walked over to see the damage. While talking to the local American residents, we were told over and over again that the campers had been very lucky.



Photo of Love's Gas Station on the morning of May 11.

We spent the next night without water or electricity, the almost constant din of police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, and helicopters carrying far into the campground. In the course of this day, 15 to 20 tornados had raged through Oklahoma, killing five people. The tornado that struck near our campground was a mile wide and wreaked havoc over a ten-mile long path. It passed just a few hundred feet from our trailers, in a wooded area in the back. We came close to disaster.

This was a special and never-to-be forgotten experience, but we believe that in the future, it will be best to avoid such confrontations with the forces of nature.

These events in no way tarnished this magnificent trip. There were still two and a half weeks left to enjoy!



The four travellers

Jean-René Frigon (11), Cécile Brunelle, Louise Frigon(83) and Claude

Vaillancourt. Photo taken in New Orleans, May 23, 2010, in front of

St. Louis Cathedral in the French Quarter, on a "cold" day, 15°C.

For those who like statistics, here are the numbers for this memorable trip:

33 STAGES

1 hotel
32 campgrounds
2 provinces
22 American States
a bit of Mexico
20,472 km

112 DAYS

10 in Florida
5 in Louisiana
36 in Texas
4 at Tucson, Arizona
11 in California
(4 at San Diego)
(4 in San Francisco)
10 in the Canyons
(Zion Canyon, Utah)
(Bryce Canyon, Utah)
(Antelope Canyon, Arizona)
(Grand Canyon, Arizona)
5 in Tennessee
6 at Virginia Beach

5 among the Amish in Pennsylvania the rest in transit



May 2010

Jeanne Doris Frigon, spouse of **Michael P. Nespolo,** died in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, USA, on May 2, 2010, at the age of 45.

Jeanne was from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Toussaint.

June 2010

Mary Louise Frigon LeTourneau, daughter of the late Edward and Dorothy Frigon, died in Greenfield, Massachusetts, USA, on June 11, 2010, at the age of 65.

We do not know the line or branch of Mary Louise.

William A. La Rose, spouse of Matilda L Lawrence, died in Coventry, Rhode Island, USA, on June 18, 2010, at the age of 81. He was the son of the late Florette Frigon.

Florette was from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Toussaint.

July 2010

Gerald G. Frigon, spouse of **Shirley Innis**, died in Smithfield, North Carolina, USA, on July 8, 2010, at the age of 88.

Gerald was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Joseph.

Gilberte Frigon, spouse of the late Irénée Forget, died in Montreal, on July 13, 2010, at the age of 93. Gilberte was from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier.

Liliane Frigon, daughter of the late **Bruno Frigon** and the late **Rachel Giguère**, died in Shawinigan, on July 25, 2010, at the age of 90.

Liliane was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Roger Frigon, spouse of **Florence Girard**, died in Greenfield Park, on July 28, 2010, at the age of 84. *Roger was from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine*.

August 201

Yvonne Frigon, spouse of **Paul-Émile St-Arnaud**, died in Shawinigan, on August 10, 2010, at the age of 96.

Yvonne was from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Moïse.

Travis Todd Hilborn Jr., child of Travis Todd Hilborn and Courtney Frigon, died in Oswego, New York, USA, on August 25, 2010, Courtney is from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch

Courtney is from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier

October 2010

Georgia Cottrell, spouse of the late Jean-Paul "John" Frigon, died in Havre, Montana, USA, on October 4, 2010, at the age of 72.

Jean-Paul was from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Ignace.

Marcel Frigon, spouse of Armande Cossette and brother of Claude Frigon (256), died in Trois-Rivières, on October 8, 2010, at the age of 76.

Marcel was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Marcel Frigon, spouse of Pierrette Marion, died in Rigaud, on October 20, 2010, at the age of 87. We do not know the line or branch of Marcel.

Thérèse "Terry" Frigon, daughter of the late Roger Frigon and the late Liliane Laurion, died on October 25, 2010.

Thérèse was from the line of Joseph, branch of Pierre.

November 2010

Leslie "Les" Arseneau, spouse of **Louana Carol Saindon,** died in Fountain Valley, California, USA, at the age of 75.

Louana Carol Saindon is from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier.

December 2010

Roland Frigon, spouse of Thérèse Marcotte and father of Sylvie Frigon Naud(27), died in Trois-Rivières, on December 10, 2010, at the age of 85 years and 10 months.



LE POINT DU LAC SAINT-JEAN, Jean T r e m b l a y — Published December 27, 2010.

Left: Francine Jacques and Lévis Frigon, the parents of Marie-Josée

*Frigon*¹, saxophonist on (the T.V. show) Belle et Bum. She is accompanied by her companion Simon Bélanger.

It has been ages since Marie-Josée Frigon, a native of Saint-Félicien, achieved an important place on *Belle et Bum* as saxophonist. For the past eight years she has been a member of a group of ten musicians and of as many technicians who prepare the show each week. They have nicknamed her the "Bleuet" (blueberry) of the band, referring to her origins which she proudly acknowledges.

She studied at the Polyvalente des Quatre-Vents in Saint-Félicien, at the Cégep of Saint-Félicien and Saint-Laurent. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in "Jazz and Pop Interpretation" from the University of Montréal

¹Line of Pierre-Antoine, branch de Souleine Georges E (93)



LE JOURNAL DE CHAMBLY, Julie Quévillon Mantha, June 1, 2010

On Sunday, May 30, 2010, **Robert A. Frigon**¹ launched his memoirs "Du quartier Hochelaga 1932...À la mairie de Chambly 1971... " (From Hochelaga 1932...To City Hall 1971") He worked twenty months on his memoirs. He admits to having omitted events that could stir up a

storm. "I wanted no controversy, nor did I want to sing my own praises."

He grew up in a sector of Montreal called Hochelaga. Even if his family was not financially well-off, he always practised all kinds of sports, was a Boy Scout, and sang in choirs. He had the opportunity to play hockey with the *New York Rangers* farm club as goal tender.

In 1957, Mr. Frigon bought a piece of land in Chambly and built a house there in 1960. He was elected councillor in 1965, then mayor from 1971 to 1975. After his term as mayor, he was appointed judge for the Office of Property Evaluation, a position he held until his retirement in 1994.

¹Line of Louis-Michel, branch of Isidore Georges E (93)

THE CHILDREN OF DÉSIRÉ FREGO

1- François Francis Frigon-Frego

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1st Child:

Frank Frego was born October 22, 1853 in Massena, N.Y. Little is known about this son. He appears on the censuses of 1860 and 1870, and is listed as a student. He does not appear in the census of 1880, since he had died during the first half of the 1870s. This is confirmed by the fact that often when a child died, the same name was given to the next newborn of the same sex, which was the case for Frank, born in 1876.

2nd Child:

Catherine Freego was born in 1856 according to the 1860 and 1870 censuses. She married Joseph Tucker who was her elder by 18 years. Who was Joseph Tucker? He was born in 1837 and resided in Massena. In 1860, he married Sabra (born in 1842) and she gave birth to 4 children: Clarissa (1861), Nelson (1865), George (1866) and Jennie (1869). Sabra died around 1871.

It is plausible that Catherine worked (for them) as a servant at the beginning of 1871 and since it seems that Sabra was ill, she mainly took care of the children, the oldest of whom was 10 years old and Catherine was 16. Her good relationship with the children continued after Sabra's death with the result that, in 1874, Joseph married her; he was 37 years old and she was 19. Catherine also gave him 4 children: William (1875), Della (1876), Harry (1878) and Mary (1879). This entire family, the parents and the 8 children, was listed on the census of 1880. Catherine died May 5, 1889 in Massena at the age of 33. On the census of 1920, we note the presence of Nelson Tucker with his spouse Elizabeth and that of William Tucker with Grace. 3rd Child:

Phillip Frego was born August 17, 1857 in Massena. We find him in the censuses of 1860-1870 and 1880, but not on that of 1900, which

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1- François Francis Frigon-Frego

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leads us to suppose that he had passed away between times.

4th Child:

Alexander Freego was born on March 25, 1859 in Massena. He figured on the census of 1880 as single for he married Emma McElwain only at the end of 1880. The couple had 5 children. As for Emma, she was born in May 1854 in New York State of an Irish father and Canadian mother. She died in 1931 in Madison, Montana. Here are a few details on the children of Alexander.

Elwin Freego was born in September 1881, in Massena. He is listed there on the census of 1900 and on that of New York in 1905. He was not on the one of 1910. We have no other information about him.

Effie L. Freego was born July 30, 1883 in Massena. She appears on the 1900 and 1910 censuses. She married Frank K. Conkling on December 4, 1912 in Lexington, Dawson, Nebraska. She died in 1959 in Jackson, Montana. As for Frank, he was born in 1880 in Nebraska, the son of E.H. and Oella Conklin, and died in Montana in 1940.

Hattie E. Freego was born in August 1887 in Massena. She is listed on the 1900 census of Massena and on that of New York in 1905. She is not on that of 1910.

Ola M. Freego was born in September 1889 in Massena. She is present on the censuses of 1900 and 1910. She married Edgar T. Rahn on December 7, 1912 in Sidney, Cheyenne, Nebraska. She was then 23 years old. As for Edgar, he was born in 1879 in Ohio.

Iva Emma Freego was born in 1895 in Massena. On the 1900 and 1910 censuses, she is in Massena. She married Verne S. Radcliffe around 1910 in Jackson, Missouri. On the census of 1920, she is listed in Madison, Montana with her mother Emma. Her status was that of divorced. She then married Lloyd M. Love on March 12, 1923 in Sheridan, Madison, Montana. Lloyd was born in 1892 in Missouri.

5th Child:

Julius Frego was born in 1861 in Massena. He

appears on the censuses of 1870 and 1880. We have no other information about him. 6th Child:

Lucy Frego was born on March 18, 1866 in Massena. She figures on the censuses of 1870 and 1880. She married Jerry Sucese (Soucy) on June 5, 1896. As for Jerry, he was born in 1864. At the time of the 1910 and 1920 censuses, the couple resided in St-Lawrence, N.Y. They had no children but they raised Andrew Murray who was an orphan and Jerry's stepson. Lucy died on February 13, 1934.

7th Child:

John J. Frego was born January 8, 1867 in Massena. He appears on the censuses of 1870 and 1920. He married Delia Sharlow on May 20, 1888 in Massena. The couple had 14 children: Albert (1890), Laura May (1892), George (1893), Eva Albertine (1896), Dora (1898), Philip (1900), Hazel (1901), Chester (1903), John Lawrence (1905), Clarence (1907), Stella Mary (1908), Catherine (1910). John passed away May 16, 1931.

8th Child:

George Frego was born on January 3, 1870 in Massena. He figured on the censuses of 1870 and 1880. He died of consumption on May 4, 1891. He had remained single.

9th Child:

Louisa Frego was born July 16, 1872 in Massena. She appears on the census of 1880. We have no other information concerning Louisa Frego.

10th Child:

Electa Frego was born February 5, 1874 in Massena. She figures on the censuses of 1880-1900-1910-1920 and 1930. We noted that on the census of 1920 she was listed as married, but there was no spouse's name. Electa died March 21, 1944, and is buried besides her brother Frank in Calvary Cemetery, Massena, NY.

11th Child:

Frank Frego was born September 24, 1876 in Massena. He is listed on the censuses of 1880-1900-1910-1920 and 1930. He married Elizabeth Quenelle on November 25, 1913 in Hogansburg, St. Lawrence, N.Y. His sister Lucy was a bridesmaid. Frank died September 11, 1956. As for Elizabeth, she was born in 1880.