

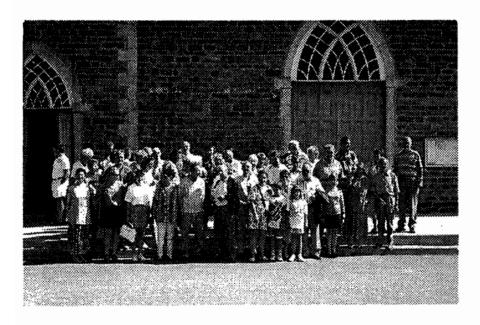
## THEFRIGONS

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### **RETROUVAILLES '96 - A GREAT SUCCESS!**



In front of the parish church in Saint-Prosper - Group of some 30 Frigons among 150 who attended the Retrouvailles '96

Photo: Émilien Ross

The Retrouvailles '96, the Association's first grand family gathering, was a huge success! On Saturday, August 31, under a waning but brilliant late-summer sun, on the great lawns of the *Vieux Presbytère de Batiscan*, some 150 Frigons and friends celebrated the 331st anniversary of the arrival in Canada of the ancestor of all Frigons in North America, *François Frigon dit L'Espagnol*. Cousins found cousins, new acquaintances were made, to names were put faces faces which seemed to bear a certain Frigon resemblance!

In the morning, in relaxing country surroundings, all gathered for friendly chitchats, until noon-time when corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs à la Batiscan, desserts and drinks, brought the crowd to long picnic tables on the presbytery's grounds. In late afternoon, the group gathered at the salle paroissialle de Batiscan for cocktails prior to the Annual General Meeting, which was followed by a banquet featuring Cuvée Frigon, a fine wine in red or white, especially made for the occasion. In the evening, a great camp fire awaited on the shores of the majestic Saint Lawrence. The next day, Sunday, appropriately, a good number attended mass celebrated at the parish church in near-by Saint-Prosper.

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### Retrouvailles '96, a great team effort!

Much of the success of the family gathering was due to the great effort put into its organization by members of the *Retrouvailles '96 committee*. Its chairman was Jean-René (11), with members Armande (88), Daniel (34) Louise (83), Odette (52) and Pierre (4). The committee met some dozen times in Trois-Rivières. Here are the principal tasks the committee took on:

Jean-René led the committee, assigned responsabilities and set-up a budget. The budget allowed the setting of a modest fee, but sufficient to cover all costs. In fact, a small profit was made! Also, on the day of the gathering, operating from his station wagon, he offered on-the-spot family trees from his computer.

Armande took on the task of canvassing supporters for funds. A professional caterer in her own right, she organized and provided the banquet catering at cost. She arranged for the great campfire on the shores of the Saint Lawrence. She also played a special role in establishing contacts in the Batiscan area..

Daniel lined-up several sponsors, took on the preparation of signs and helped with participant registration.

Louise, in concert with Bacchus, allowed us to partake in her excellent wine Cuvée Frigon, especially produced for the Retrouvailles.

Odette established contacts with people of the region, signed-up supporters, and especially, set-up the visits to the church and cemetery in Saint-Prosper. She also organized the lunch at the *Ferme La Bisonnière*, where the family reunion festivities ended on Sunday, September 1st.

Pierre took charge of the secretariat, registrations and the Annual General Meeting, which he chaired. He acted as M.C. during the banquet.

Finally, several board members helped the committee: Louis-Georges (10) assisted with the secretariat and registration. Luc (3) in setting-up facilities and at registration and Robert (2) hosted introductions of Frigons by region, with Odette (52). Emilien Ross, husband of Jeanne Frigon (49) and brother-in-law of Robert (2), volunteered as official photographer. Spouses of several members took part in receiving and registering participants.

All did an outstanding job! Objectives were reached and tasks were accomplished unfailingly!

To everyone, many thanks!





Labels for the red and white wines Cuvée Frigon, produced by Louise Frigon (83), our wine-maker in Sherbrooke, to celebrate, as shown on the label below, the 331st anniversary of the arrival in New France of François Frigon.

These labels were designed by Jacques Frigon (106) in his studios Cogitech Design Industriel Inc. in Montréal. For this work he used software Corel Draw and Corel Photoshop.



☐ In front of the Vieux Presbytère de Batiscan - A group of some 40 Frigons among the 150 attending the Retrouvailles '96

Photo: Émilien Ross

### Marie-Claude Chamois, wife of François Frigon, heiress of Honoré Chamois - V

Pierre Frigon (4)

## The identity of Marie-Claude Chamois and her right to the inheritance (Part 2, the witnesses).

"The witnesses who were heard, are all the more important because of the weight of their testimonies, rather than of their numbers. No one doubts of their sincerety; their depositions leave an impression of genuiness.

One of the witnesses is the Head of the Hospital, the Confessor of the defendant, who gave her first lessons in Religion, who received her at the Hospital, who saw her off to Canada. Can he be accused of betraying his ministry in a case involving iniquity and imposture?

Another is the husband of Marie-Claude's foster mother, falsely accused of insanity: he saw the defendant in her earrly age; he was informed of her leaving home; he had missed her; he stated his joy in seeing her again.

The third is the person du Rivault: she was aware of the family troubles the defendant was experiencing; she had brought her to the sieur Vicaire de Saint-Paul; it is through her help that she able to maintain self-respect and honour.

The last is Pierre Mareuil, the defendant's brother-in-law. The testimonies of parents carry a great weight in cases like this.

Everyone recognizes her, all remember having seen her at the time when she was always Marie-Claude Chamois.

The second and third offer the reasons for her having left the family. One testifies to the mother's harshnesses, and the other her brother's brutalities; the details given confirm the genuiness of their testimonies. Times, places and persons are stated. The King, to whom the person du Rivault says she brought Marie-Claude Chamois, has made a statement confirming the truth of the facts presented.

Finally, the Sieur Millet explains her time in the Hospital, the letters of the mother and daughter.(...) Thus, all the facts fit together perfectly. They are confirmed by the testimony of Dame Bourdon.

### □ The testimony of Jacqueline Girard

Jacqueline Girard's testimony does not stand up to d'Aguesseau's analysis. "If we answer these arguments that the defendant took on the name Chamois, because she heard it mentioned, when the appellant, feeling the loss of her child and looking for her everywhere, went to the Hôpital-Général in the hope of finding her; and that the person Marie Victoire having been introduced, she learned her name and thought she could use it as she wished in America, and that naturally having parents herself, she sought to acquire some through the contrivance of a presumption.

### 1st This fact is not proven

2nd If it is true that Marie Victoire was introduced to the plaintiff, at the time she was searching for her daughter, it is difficult to imagine that a mother, grieving over not being able to find her, would bring herself to divulge to a stranger her first and family names, and her own name. She claims that as soon as she saw Marie Victoire and knew that she was not her daughter, she immediately felt again the loss in her heart, and burst into tears. Is it likely that in the circumstances she would have spent much time in such conversation when, according to her own statements, she spent most of her time bemoaning her family troubles. Can one say that such a dismal exhibition would have convinced Marie Victoire to take on the name for the rest of her life?

### In conclusion

Thus the position taken by Jacqueline Girard is based on the implausible. Marie-Claude cannot logically be an imposter. The documents, the facts, the testimonies, prove it eloquently. Marie-Claude Chamois therefore had the right to Honoré Chamois' fortune. But did she morally also have the right to leave behind a family of 6 children, the youngest aged 6 months? This is an open question. For his part, Raymond Douville, the historian, is critical of this situation. What would be the view of some other historian? Part of the answer is to be found is the mores of the time, which took a different view of parental obligations towards their children. At fourteen, a child is almost an adult. Girls sometimes married at 12. Consider Hélène Boullée and Samuel de Champlain. In the 17th century childen 11 and 9 were considered capable of looking after themselves, as well as their younger brothers and sisters. Furthermore, d'Aguesseau identifies her as the defendant. Could she have legally left France to return home before the end of the trial?

#### ☐ Marie-Claude Chamois' fate

It is not known whether Marie-Claude was ever able to collect her inheritance or that anything was left of it after the court's judgement, nor that she returned to Canada to share her good fortune with her family. The only evidence that she returned after the trial is an undertaking to repay Nicolas Gillet, master wig-maker, mille livres, sworn on October 15, 1705, before notary François de Lacetière in Québec. Are we to understand that she did not receive anything of the inheritance? That she was ruined following the trial? Had she been in the colony several years before this undertaking. Was she only on a brief visit? Did she die in Paris in Saint-Gervais Parish, where she was born? Answers to all these questions may come out of future research.

This article is the last of the series Marie-Claude Chamois, wife of François-Frigon, heiross of Honoré Chamois. The series will be published during 1997, perhaps with additional text.

### IN SEARCH OF RELATIVES

From Marguerite Frigon (member #108)

I am looking for my son:

Joseph Émile Bernard Frigon age 44

I was obliged to offer my son in adoption in 1953.

He was born August 14, 1952 in Radway, Alberta and was baptized in the church of Immaculate Conception, 1830 96th Street, Edmonton.

He was adopted at the age of 2 by a family of French Canadian origin.

If my son recognizes himself from the above description, I eagerly hope he will get in touch with me. A big thank you to all who may help a biological mother find her son!

Marguerite Frigon 1854 Aird Avenue, Montreal, QC H1V 2V6 Phone: 514-256-3459

My sister, Jeanne Frigon-Blais and I, are in search of the following first cousins:

Jacques, Charles, Émile and Jean-Pierre Frigon

whose father was Arthur Frigon and grand-father Hubert Frigon.

Marguerite Frigon (at the above address)

Jeanne Frigon-Blais 144 Boulevard Morin, Route 11 Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, QC J8C 2W1 Phone: 1-819-326-5211 From Robert Frigon (member #2)

My brother, my sisters and I are looking for our first cousin

### Antoinette Jacques

daughter of Marie-Anne Frigon and Joseph Jacques, who lived in Fall River, Massachusetts, in the first half of this century.

Antoinette Jacques married Michel Keshura, and in 1950 had 3 children, Robert 13, Marie-Anne 11 and Michel 5.

Also, another first cousin, the late Georges Levesque, some of whose photos lead me to believe that there may still be brothers and sisters, descendants of Léonie Frigon, who married Augustin Lévesque, and who also lived in Fall River.

The main objective of my request is to complete my genealogical research of the Frigon families, who are all descendants of François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois. Further, our families wish to have the pleasure of meeting relatives living in the United States.

Sincere thanks to all who will respond to my request.

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### Where did François Frigon dit L'Espagnol come from? - II

### Raymond Frigon (1)

In the last issue, we explained how the judicial archives in Paris might help resolve the enigma of the place of origin of François Frigon, ancestor of all Frigons in North America. The judicial archives may contain copies of the marriage certificates issued when he married Marie-Claude Chamois in New France about 1672. These documents, which by custom showed the birthplaces of the bride and groom, served as exhibits at the trial of Marie-Claude in Paris in connection with her claim to the family fortune.

The marriage certificates - religious and notarial - have so far not be found in Canada. It is thought that Marie-Claude may have brought copies, or perhaps even originals, to Paris to prove her identity. The archives in Paris therefore seem to be the most likely place to find these documents.

We have already begun searches in the French archives somewhat haphazardly to be frank - guided by a rudimentary but increasing understanding of methods and procedures...

The first step, taken several years ago, consisted in reseaching the papers of Henri-François d'Aguesseau, kept in the Archives Nationales and the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris. At the time of Marie-Claude's trial, d'Aguesseau, a brilliant young lawyer, was avocat général - assistant public prosecutor - in the Parlement de Paris - court of last resort. He later became famous as Chancelier de France, thus assuring the preservation of his records in the national archives.

Though the genealogist we retained in Paris to explore the d'Aguesseau papers found no trace of the marriage certificates, she put us on the track of other avenues which may serve us later on. Besides, we now know that we should be researching the judicial archives.

Just recently, we received the results of a preliminary search of the judicial archives in Paris. The researcher found no trace of the marriage certificates which lawyer Thévart (lawyer for Jacqueline Girard, Marie-Claude's mother) and lawyer Joly de Fleury (lawyer for Marie-Claude) could have filed after the trial. The researcher suggested that the central records of Parisian notaries in Paris might be consulted. In making this suggestion he may not have known that the marriage took place in Canada and the notary's certificate would have been issued in Canada, and not, as he may have easily assumed, in France. However, we will be following up on the possibility that in fact it was the practice to file court exhibits in the notaries' central records in Paris.

These initial, tentative steps have taught that the land should be properly surveyed before venturing forth. We need to know the probabilties that such documents as court exhibits were indeed kept, and if so, where.

Next articles will explore such topics as: The clues provided by François' nickname dit L'Espagnol, and: The possibility that like his wife Marie-Claude, fille du Roi (King's Ddaughter), he may have come from Paris, or perhaps the Paris region. the Île-de-France, where in Boutigny-sur-Essonne in the 1600s lived some Frigons...

### The Frigons and friends on the Internet

Anthony Frigon (123), les îles Maldives
Charles Frigon (50), Edmonton, Alberta
Douald Frigon (110), Casper, Wyoning
Henry Frigon, Kansas City, Missouri
Gérald Frigon (116), Laval, Québec
Jean-René Frigon(11), Trois-Rivières, QC
Joan Traill, Boisdale, Vic, Australie
Jude Frigon, Burlington, ON
J. Frigon et Associés, Montréal, QC
Leslie(Les) Arseneau, Fountain Valley, CA
Lucie Frigon Caron (56), Hull, QC
Marlène Frigon, Montréal, QC
Paul Frigon (6), Nepean, ON
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### Pioneers of the "Quiet Revolution"\*

The advertisement shown below was published by consulting engineers Surveyer & Frigon in the July 1914 issue of the Bulletin de l'Ecole Polytechnique, a periodical published by the École Polytechnique, Engineering Faculty of the Université de Montréal. In 1914, Arthur Surveyer and Augustin Frigon, were young École Polytechnique graduates who were to become well-known in Canada as well as internationally one as a business-man and the other a public figure. \*They both were in the forefront of the Quiet Revolution - la révolution tranquille, a phrase coined to describe the driftaway in Québec between 1960 and 1966 from traditional values being imposed by the Québec government of the day.

Arthur Surveyer went on to establish the consulting engineering firm Surveyer-Nenniger-Chênevert (SNC), the forerunner of SNC-Lavalin, today a leader both in Canada and internationally in turn-key projects. At one time SNC was a member-firm of the Cansult group of Canadian Consulting Engineers operating internationally, whose founding-president was Raymond Frigon (1).

Augustin Frigon, on the other hand, during a career as a professor and Dean of Ecole Polytechnique, was appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting, and later in 1936, became General Manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In the same issue of July 1914 of the Bulletin of the École Polytechnique, it is interesting to read that "Monsieur Frigon professor in charge of the electricity laboratories will be spending a year in Paris where he will be studying at the Ecole Supérieure d'Électricité." Evidently, it was not possible at that time to foresee that war would break-out in a few months.

The war once over, Augustin in 1920, was able to realise his dream to study in France. He registered with the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité and moved the family to Paris - his wife Elsie Owen and their children Raymond (1) and Marguerite (5). It is in Paris that little Raymond, age 5 years, went to school at Institut Lafontaine in Auteuil and learned French...with a Parisian accent! Augustin, after two years of study was awarded the diploma of Electrical Engineer by the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité. For his thesis, presented before the Faculté des Sciences of the Sorbonne, entitled: Etude expérimentale sur les pertes d'énergie dans quelques diélectriques industriels soumis à une différence de potentiel sinusoïdale, he was awarded in June 1922, the degree Docteur de l'Université.

### ARTHUR SURVEYER, I. C.

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### A Frigon Family Reunion in 1951

# Des fêles à St-Prosper de Champlain

ST-PROSPER de Champiain, (Spéc.). — Les membres de la famille Frigon se sont réunis au chalet de M. J.-B. Frigon, maire, pour saluer le Frère Louis-Xavier, frigon), de la communauté des RR. FF. du Sacré-Coeur, avant son prochain départ pour le Basutoland, Afrique du Sud où il a déjà pasé quatorze ans.

Coïncidait ayec cette réunion, une fête surprise au R. F. Arcade (Frigon). de la communauté, des RR. FF. du Sacré-Coeur de Québec, qui compte, cette année, cinquante ans de vie religieuse. Le fête fut des mieux réussies, voici quelques-uns des noms de ceux qui assistèrent à ces fêtes:

Le Frère Arcade Québec, le

qui assistèrent à ces fêtes:

Le Frère Arcade, Québec, le Frère Léon, de Bromptonville, le Frère Léon, de Bromptonville, le Frère Pierre, des Eboulements, la R.S. Pierre Julien, de Montréal, M. et Mme Emery Frigon, M. et Mme Noël Forget, Miles Louise, Maria Leduc et Nolande ainsi que Gérard Frigon, de Montréal, On remarquait aussi M. Ferdinand Frigon, M. et Mme Raoul Martin, M. et Mme Raoul Martin, M. et Mme Raoul Martin, M. et Mme Rosaire Picard M. et Mme Gilles Fradette, Miles Mariette, Louise et Raymonde ainsi que Jean-Claude et Guy Frigon, MM. et Mmes Roméo Pronovost, de Sherbrooke, Julien Frigon, Miles Françoise, Anita et Réjeanne Frigon, de Ste-Geneylève, MM. et Mmes

W.-X. Frigon et J.-B. Frigon, Ferdinand, Gaétan, Odette, Géraid, Pierrette, Thérèse, de St-Prosper, Mme. Armand: Martineau, d'Amos, Mme J.-A. Jubinville, de St-Prosper, Mm. et Mmes Arsène Tousignant, de Plessisville, Rosaire Perreault, du Capè-de-la-Madeleine, Mile Thérèse Massicotte, de Salawinigan, M. et Mme Savier Gravel, Joachim, St-Prosper, Rita, Alice, Huguette et Clémence Gravel, de Gleine, Mile Hélène Gravel, de St-Elle, Mme Joseph Frigon, St-Prosper, M. et Mme Pauli-Henri Frigon, Josette et Julie, M. et Mme Damase Frigon, Pauline et Lucle, des Trois-Rivières, Mme Rosaire Fraser, Brigitte-F, et Mile Thérèse Frigon, de la Pérade, M. et Mme Léopold Frigon, Romuald Boisvert, Xavier, et Dollard Frigon, Maurice Cossette, St-Prosper, M. et Mme Benoît Massicotte, Robert M. et Mme Robert Frigon, Denise François, Claudette, Céline, Jean Sylvio, Maurice et René, M. et Mme Robert Massicotte, Ger Jean-Pierre, Mile Monique Cloutier, de St-Prosper et plusieurs autres dont les noms nous échappent.

Une messe d'action de grâces a été célébrée par M. et Chicoyne, à laquelle prit part, outre Se personnes cl-haut nommées, le

es personnes cl-haut nommées, le fersonnel du Collège du Sacré-joeur, de Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade. e chant a été très blen exécuté ju les membres de nos deux cho-les. M. le curé présenta au julaire ses mellieurs souhaits et

plaire ses meilleurs souhaits et jeux. "Après la messe, il y eut réunion itime des religieux à la résiden-ie de l'ainé de la famille, M. Wil-M.X. Frigon. Le Révérend Frè-Louis-Xavier, passera encore delques jours avec les chers siens quittera le pays à la fin du mois,

For this clipping from the Nouvelliste. our thanks to Marie-Berthe Frigon (#82).

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that Frère Arcade (Côme Frigon) was keenly interested in the history and genealogy of the Frigon family.

Among the 50 or so persons present were **Odette Frigon** (52), to-day a member od the board of directors of the Association, and her brothers Fernand (48), Gaétan (107), and Gérald and her sisters Pierette and Thérèse whose father Jean-Baptiste Frigon was mayor of St-Prosper, in whose home this grand Frigon family meeting in fact took place. Other persons we can identify as members of the Association are Gisèle (112), Rita (99), Marie-Berthe (82), Raymonde (96), Anita (22), Brigitte (38), Pauline (86), Lucie (56), Claudette (89). These persons have for common ancestors François-Xavier Frigon and Marie-Anne Cloutier, married in St-Prosper, August 9, 1871.

With a view to publishing articles in future issues, we invite our readers to help us add to the history of this family of the Mauricie and other Frigon families. Please send any information you have to: Lucie Frigon, 85 rue Bédard, Hull, QC J8Y 6L8 - Phone 819-778-1387 -E-Mail: richardc@inexpress.net.

### Light on the Past - V

### Robert Frigon (2)

Previous issues of the newsletter gave us the opportunity to establish with sufficient precision that our ancestor, François Frigon dit L'Espagnol was in the country by 1666. Censuses also showed his presence at Cap-de-la-Madeleine in 1967. He was the employee of Michel Peltier de La Prade. It is not known if a contract was signed between the two parties, but it can be supposed that he enjoyed his employer's confidence, as François, knowing how to sign his signature (savait signer\*), acted as witness in time and place for his seigneur and master on several occasions at the tabellionnage - notarial offices - in the district of Trois-Rivières.

Also in a previous article, a description was given, in the language of the time, of a section of land granted permanently to François on July 3, 1671 by Father Richard of the Jesuits, and authenticated by notary Jean Cusson. This deed does not show the exact location of the lot, but sets its dimensions at 4 arpents by 40 and its frontage on the Batiscan river. It is thus located just east of Batiscan, a rapidly growing village.

But two maps help us locate the ancestral land, cradle of all the little Frigons in North America. One is the map by Gédéon de Catalogne, well-known to researchers, drawn in 1709, the other is an unsigned map, redrawn by Jeremiah McCarthy in 1788, surveyor to the New Regime.

We paced the property on foot, on September 4 last, a lovely summer's day, as our ancestors François and his son, Jean-François, must have often done. This painful struggle through brush and cornfield, burned away much energy and, in terms of steps taken - for lack of another form of measurement - 2630 steps of 28 inches each were counted.

The purpose was commendable, the expedition's objective being to verify along an imaginary line, parallel to the dividing lot line, the distance separating the Batiscan river from the shores of the Saint-Lawrence, that is on lot 97 of the present cadastre in the old Seigneurie de Batiscan. We will let our readers do the figuring with conversion factors from an old formulary: 6 pieds = 1 toise, 3 toises = 1 perche and 10 perches = 1 arpent.

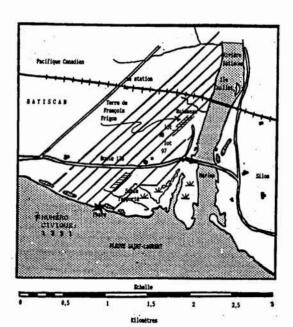
It took us several hours. Seven-foot cornstalks required climbing trees on two occasions to check our bearings. We were able to verify that the shores of the Batiscan are indeed mostly mud, sinking as we did to the knees, and that a brook crosses the ancestral plot in its northeast part. The author of this short article, bound to the desk as a writer, lost long ago the habit of forced walks in the woods. His aged muscles have memories and will remember.

Let us return to the purpose of this expedition. On February 20, 1733, the Reverend Father Claude Dupuis, representing the Compagnie de Jésus, enumerates the subjects living on the seigneury, in the presence of Gilles Hocquart, lieutenant. The seigneurial land register (papier terrier) is prepared. He certifies that Jean-François Frigon, son of the ancestor and sole heir to the land, donated to him by his father in 1710, owns a plot "deux arpens de front sur trente-cinq arpens de profondeur". (arpens without the "t" is an old spelling)

His neighbour to the east, Mathurin Rivard Feuilleverte, his brother-in-law, owns 33 arpents in depth, while Louis Gastineau, the other neighbour to the west, owns 37 arpents.

These are clues to the actual site. We now believe that most of the ancestral land lies on lot 98, at the lot line of lot 97, as shown on the drawing. We will be returning to the subject subsequently.

\* "Savoir signer" meant ability to sign one's name but not necessarily to write. It implied some familiarity with personal and business transactions.



### A Word from the President

The next Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place in Ottawa, Saturday, May 17, 1997. The place and date were chosen to coincide with the Tulip Festival held every spring in Canada's Capital. The city is studded with millions of tulips, spread along its winding parkways, in its parks and along the historic Rideau Canal. The grand tulip display got its beginning in a gift of 10,000 bulbs Queen Juliana of the Netherlands gave to express her thanks to Canadians for their hospitality during her wartime exile in Ottawa.

A family reunion organized by the Frigons of the Ottawa Valley - also known as Silicon Valley North - will allow cousins to meet cousins from near as well as afar. The long weekend of May 17 should encourage those coming from outside the area to make it a holiday excursion. Ottawa is a tourist's mecca, especially at tulip time!

We will keep you informed!

### Family News

### Deaths

- Madeleine Prévost Bourgoin (#43) died July 29, 1996 in St-Hyacinthe at the age of 72. Surviving her are her husband Marc Bourgoin, her daughter Mireille and her sister Sister Monique Prevost and. She was the daughter of Jeanne Frigon and Edouard Prévost. Her grandfather was Albert Frigon brother of Joseph Frigon, grandfather of Raymond Frigon (1) and Marguerite Frigon (5). Her great grandparents were Michel Archange Frigon (1798-1843) and Josephte Lafond dit Montgrain (1795-1843), the first known Frigon couple to have settled in Montreal.
- François Frigon died December 30, 1996 in Trois-Rivières at age 73. He leaves in mourning his wife Gertrude Croteau, his brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Pierre Frigon (Suzanne Godin), Madeleine Frigon, Jeanne Frigon, Denise Frigon, Guy Frigon (Gilberte Ricard), Angèle Frigon (Louis Roberge), Colombe Sévigny-Frigon, Florette Mailbiot Frigon, Rita St-Pierre-Frigon-Duhaime, Jeanne Croteau (Raymond Chainé), Clauderise Filteau. (Le Nouvelliste, le 3 janvier 1997).

François Frigon was the son of Lorenzo Frigon (1890-1948) and Germaine Garceau (1895-1995) married April 10/24 1916. His grandparents were Bruno Frigon (1856-1897) and Rose-Anna Arsenault Vincent, married August 4, 1889.

### Last Minute News

As we go to press, we have learned over the internet that there are Frigons in Australia. They are the descendants of Jean Frigon, born 1829 in Louiseville, Quebec, son of Joseph Frigon and Josette Savoie. He reached Australia in 1852 where he became John Fregon. His descendants all bear this name. More about these lost Frigon cousins in our next issue.

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