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## FRIGONS FOUND IN AUSTRALIA!

Raymond Frigon (#1)

In the last issue, readers were informed that news had come from Australia via the Internet that there are families of Frigons in that country of the antipodes! The E-mail message, on January 16, was from Joan Traill of Boisdale, Victoria, whose grand aunt, Augustina Hoppner had married a John Joseph Frances Fregon. Ms Traill had found us through a Charlotte Fregon in the United States, who we later learned was the mother of James E. Fregon of Topeka, Kansas, a member (#70) of this Association! It is he who put Ms Traill on our track! Her E-mail advised that the Australian Fregons were all descendants of a certain John Fregon, whose parents were *sic* "Joseph Fregon and Rosette Savoie". He was thought to be from Canada and that the family name was probably Frigon. With these clues we were able quickly to identify John Fregon as Jean Frigon, son of Joseph Frigon and Josette Savoie of Louiseville, Quebec. Thanks to detailed research done by Sister Veronica Roy<sup>1</sup> much is known of the genealogy and history of Joseph's and Josette's family. It was therefore fairly easy to place John within the family's tree. Three sons, Joseph, Simon and Olivier were known to have emigrated to Illinois around 1850. Jean's lot was an enigma - an enigma all the more puzzling because there was evidence in Kansas land records that a certain Jean Frigon had owned a homestead there in 1884!

Thus, what became of Jean is now known. What is more is that further information coming from Australia, shows that he did in fact own property in the United States, a puzzle we will explain in a forthcoming issue.

Jean Frigon was born on December 8, 1829, in Louiseville, Quebec. He arrived in Australia from Boston in 1852. Australian ship records show him as John Fregonie. Having adopted the name Fregon, he married, on an unknown date, Elizabeth McCoy and settled in Omeo, in the vicinity of Melbourne. From this marriage came 6 children of which 2 were boys. The boys' marriages are at the source of numerous Fregon descendants of varied origin, but mainly Irish, as shown in the listing of descendants on the following page. Incidentally, this computer-generated listing, was produced from genealogical data sent from Australia by E-mail in ZIP and GEDCOM code-form, via the modern miracle that is the Internet! John Frego died in Omeo on April 20, 1886. His son, John Joseph Frances (Augustina's husband mentioned above) corresponded during the First World War with a cousin, Flornes Frigon, born in St-Léon, Quebec, married in Michigan, son of Simon, and later known as Dr. Frank B.

Florentine, a well-known physician in Michigan. A few of his letters have been preserved. Eventually, from copious notes Ms Traill has sent us, we will tell you the fascinating story of the Australian Frigons. ➔

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<sup>1</sup> See article "Sister Veronica Roy, csj -1939-1995 - Our Kansas Genealogist" *The Frigons*, Volume 3 - Number 1, Winter 1996.

# Les descendants de John Fregon (1829-1886) en Australie

1 Jean Vanilles Fregon 1829 - 1886  
 .. +Elizabeth McCoy 1846 - 1927  
 2 Charlotte Elizabeth Fregon  
 2 Alexander Fregon - 1949  
 .. +Rose Kathleen Carroll - 1974  
 3 Helen Fregon  
 .. +C Colley  
 4 Peter Colley  
 .. +Julie ?  
 5 Michael Colley  
 5 Lee Colley  
 3 Carroll Fregon 1919 -  
 .. +Norma Simpson  
 4 Barry Fregon 1944 -  
 4 Brendon Fregon 1946 -  
 .. +Trena Strenke  
 5 Troy Fregon 1972 -  
 5 Shane Fregon 1974 -  
 4 Dianne Fregon 1947 -  
 .. +Rodney Field  
 5 Elizabeth Field 1982 -  
 4 Philip Fregon 1948 -  
 .. +Cheryl Lee  
 5 Nigel Fregon 1973 -  
 5 Kym Fregon 1975 -  
 3 John (Jack) Fregon 1922 -  
 .. +Jane B Winneke  
 2 Hosett Fregon  
 2 Hosett Fregon  
 2 Alice Mand (Mand) Fregon  
 2 Hosel Maie Fregon  
 2 Angus Semy Fregon - 1956  
 .. +Kato Elizabeth Duggan  
 3 Arthur John Semy Fregon  
 3 Brian Thomas Fregon - 1949  
 .. +Frances McLaughlin  
 3 Margaret Mary Fregon  
 .. +Anthony G Kennedy  
 3 Kathleen (Katie) Elizabeth Fregon  
 3 Charlotte Virginia Agnes Fregon  
 .. +Mario Zaetta  
 4 Gleanina Adèle Zaetta  
 .. +William Calvert  
 5 Suzanne Adèle Calvert 1977 -  
 5 Olivia Elizabeth Calvert 1978 -  
 4 Marina Elizabeth Zaetta  
 .. +Philip Smith  
 5 Jaclyn Elizabeth Zaetta Smith 1981 -  
 4 Nicola Antoinette Zaetta  
 .. +John Weekley  
 5 Luke Charles Weekley  
 3 Josephine Veronica Fregon  
 .. +Robert G Stone  
 4 Veronica Stone  
 .. +Paul Corbett  
 5 Jane Corbett  
 5 Jillian Corbett  
 5 Robert Corbett  
 4 Kathie Stone  
 4 Roberta Stone  
 .. +Thomas Moore  
 5 Ruth Moore  
 5 Daniel Moore  
 4 David Stone  
 4 Michael Stone  
 2 Eva Grace Vanilles Fregon - 1924  
 2 Frank Leny Fregon - 1917  
 2 John Joseph Francis Fregon 1866 - 1953  
 .. +Augustina Hoppper 1867 - 1934  
 3 Christopher (Roy) Alexander Fregon 1895 - 1917  
 3 Charlotte Elizabeth Fregon 1896 - 1966  
 .. +Laurence Smith  
 4 Maie Augustina Smith 1925 -  
 .. +Harry Spargo  
 4 Joan Mary Smith 1926 -  
 .. +John Crennan  
 5 Cathie Crennan  
 5 Paul Crennan  
 .. +Carol ?  
 6 John Michael Crennan  
 5 Michael Crennan  
 5 Lynette Crennan 1961 -  
 4 Laurence John Smith 1928 -  
 4 Gerard Francis Smith 1930 -  
 .. +Irene Angleton  
 5 Raymond Smith 1953 -  
 .. +Jennifer Martin  
 6 Daniel Smith 1979 -  
 6 Amanda Kate Smith 1982 -  
 4 John Francis Smith 1936 -  
 .. +Meryl Hamman  
 5 Graham Smith  
 5 David Smith  
 5 Kathie Smith  
 3 John James (Jack) Fregon 1898 - 1981  
 .. +Aileen Margaret Heasman 1912 - 1979  
 4 John James Fregon 1934 -  
 .. +Beryl Ann Wheeler 1939 -  
 5 Cathryn Ann Fregon 1960 -

+Anthony L. Smith 1956 -  
 6 Mark Anthony Smith 1983 -  
 6 Colin James Smith 1984 -  
 6 Alexander Mathew Smith 1987 -  
 5 Irene Patricia Fregon 1962 -  
 5 John James (Tom) Fregon 1963 -  
 5 Rodney Bruce Fregon 1966 -  
 .. +Kathryn Lloyd 1966 -  
 4 Dorothy Margaret (Margaret) Fregon 1936 -  
 .. +Barry George Weston 1932 -  
 5 Donna Marie Weston 1960 -  
 .. +John Long  
 6 Sarah Margaret Long 1983 -  
 6 Peter Joseph Long 1985 -  
 6 Maddeline Victoria Long 1988 -  
 5 Anthony James Weston 1961 -  
 5 Mary Louise Weston 1962 -  
 .. +Stephen Patterson  
 6 Natalie Louise Patterson 1986 -  
 6 Stephanie Margaret Patterson 1988 -  
 6 James Anthony Patterson 1989 -  
 5 Clare Margaret Weston 1963 -  
 5 Matthew Gerard Weston 1965 -  
 .. +Helen McIntyre  
 6 Samuel Jack Weston 1993 -  
 6 Tahnee Louise Weston 1995 -  
 5 John Francis Weston 1968 -  
 5 James Joseph Weston 1968 -  
 .. +Martine Goode  
 4 Peter Graham Fregon 1938 -  
 .. +Nola Cron  
 5 Mark Fregon 1963 -  
 5 Christine Fregon 1964 -  
 .. +Peter Kot  
 4 Patricia Mary Fregon 1941 -  
 .. +Thomas Sinclair  
 5 Jacinta Sinclair 1969 -  
 .. +Paul MacKinnon  
 5 John Sinclair 1972 -  
 5 Bernadette Sinclair 1974 -  
 4 Patricia Fileen Fregon 1911 - 1981  
 4 Frederick Roy Fregon 1916 -  
 .. +Jan Smith  
 5 David Fregon 1971 -  
 5 Peter James Fregon 1972 -  
 5 Joanne Fregon 1975 -  
 .. +Gregory Mark Fregon 1952 -  
 3 Ella Mordley Fregon 1899 - 1900  
 5 Mary Fregon 1901 - 1975  
 .. +Hugh Fraser - 1960  
 4 Hugh Thomas Fraser 1924 -  
 .. +Jessie McInnes  
 5 Peter Robert Fraser 1956 -  
 5 Helen Mary Fraser 1957 -  
 5 Alison Elizabeth Fraser 1959 -  
 .. +Peter John Smith  
 6 Naomi Louise Smith 1992 -  
 5 Braden John Smith 1995 -  
 5 Lorna Alexander Fraser 1960 -  
 .. +Mark Guthrie  
 6 Daniel Robert Guthrie 1982 -  
 6 Craig Stuart Guthrie 1984 -  
 6 Sally Alexander Guthrie 1989 -  
 5 Isobel Joan Fraser 1928 -  
 4 John Duncan Fraser 1928 -  
 .. +Lilian Lewis  
 5 Jennifer Dianne Fraser 1968 -  
 5 David Hugh Fraser 1970 -  
 4 Marjory Cecilia Fraser 1929 -  
 .. +Gerald IL Fitzpatrick  
 5 Sonia Marie Fitzpatrick 1955 -  
 5 Damien John Fitzpatrick 1957 -  
 5 Julian Thomas Fitzpatrick 1958 -  
 4 Marie Agnes Fraser 1931 -  
 3 Augustina (Margaret) Margaret Fregon 1902 - 1961  
 .. +Edward Ernest Donovan - 1975  
 4 John James Donovan - 1938  
 4 Joyce Josephine Donovan - 1937  
 4 Ray Richard Donovan - 1938  
 4 Edward Ernest Donovan 1930 - 1995  
 .. +Aileen Yvonne Farley 1938 -  
 5 Peter John Donovan 1957 -  
 5 Deborah Anne Donovan 1959 -  
 .. +Peter Williams 1958 -  
 6 Emily Williams 1985 -  
 6 Sarah Williams 1987 -  
 5 Jane Margaret Donovan 1966 -  
 .. +Daniel Lipman 1964 -  
 6 Jack Edward Lipman 1992 -  
 6 Whil Daniel Lipman 1993 -  
 5 Jacalyn Densay Donovan 1970 -  
 4 Margaret Mary Donovan 1934 - 1950  
 4 Agnes Augustina Donovan 1936 -  
 .. +John Malone  
 5 Mark Vincent Malone 1958 -  
 5 John Patrick Malone 1960 -  
 5 Fiona Margaret Malone 1962 -  
 5 Jennifer Margaret Malone 1965 -  
 5 Patricia Kathleen Malone 1971 -

4 Adrian Anthony Donovan 1940 -  
 .. +Margaret Hennessey 1944 -  
 5 Daniel Michael Donovan 1970 -  
 5 Margaret-Mary Anne Donovan 1971 -  
 5 Patrick Joseph Donovan 1973 -  
 5 Bridget Tara Donovan 1977 -  
 3 Irene Agnes Fregon 1904 - 1977  
 .. +Wallace Hansen  
 3 Veronica Ada Fregon 1907 - 1989  
 2 Henry Rachel Fregon 1874 -  
 .. +William Bradley  
 3 Frank Colborn Bradley  
 .. +Jean Cadye  
 4 Ian Bradley  
 4 Bruce Bradley  
 4 Peter Bradley  
 3 Elizabeth (Bessie) Bradley  
 .. +Henry Riddell  
 4 John Henry Riddell  
 .. +Shirley James  
 5 Fiona Riddell  
 4 Joy Elizabeth Riddell  
 .. +Henry Cunningham  
 5 Wayne Henry Cunningham  
 5 Gregory Clyde Cunningham  
 2 David Edward Henry Fregon 1884 - 1940  
 .. +Lillian Amdia Francis  
 3 Francis David Fregon  
 .. +Mary Slade  
 4 Margaret Fregon  
 .. +Douglas Treveltham  
 5 Nichole Treveltham  
 5 Justin Treveltham  
 4 Janice Fregon  
 .. +Douglas Lewis  
 5 Rebecca Lewis  
 5 Christian Lewis  
 3 Joan Caroline Fregon  
 .. +Cecil Sutton  
 4 John Sutton  
 3 Charlotte Lillian Fregon 1908 - 1957  
 .. +Kenneth James MacPherson  
 4 Keith MacPherson  
 .. +Norma Grigg  
 5 Mark MacPherson  
 5 Michelle MacPherson  
 4 Jean MacPherson  
 .. +Peter Wood  
 5 Melissa Wood  
 5 Cassandra Wood  
 4 Robert MacPherson  
 .. +Bill Conway  
 5 Campbell MacPherson  
 5 Ewen MacPherson  
 3 Olive May Fregon 1909 -  
 .. +Stewart Simson  
 3 Henry Walter Fregon 1911 -  
 .. +Lila McKenna  
 4 Jennifer Fregon 1945 -  
 .. +Peter Eyre  
 5 Hana Eyre 1971 -  
 5 Kirsten Eyre 1974 -  
 4 David Fregon 1947 -  
 4 Elizabeth Fregon 1956 -  
 .. +William (Bill) McFaster  
 5 Amie McMaster 1979 -  
 3 David Lindsay Fregon 1913 -  
 .. +Roma Ellis  
 4 John Fregon 1944 -  
 .. +Maude Brice  
 5 Matthew Fregon 1969 -  
 5 Sarah Fregon 1972 -  
 3 Gwendoline Elizabeth Fregon 1915 -  
 .. +Albert Jacobs  
 4 Judith Kaye Jacobs 1939 -  
 .. +Derek Coker  
 5 Liza Coker 1962 -  
 5 Katie Coker 1963 -  
 5 Marnie Coker 1968 -  
 4 Jillian Ann Jacobs 1941 -  
 .. +Sam ?  
 5 Adam  
 5 Bradley  
 4 Kerry Frances Jacobs 1943 -  
 .. +Robert Fudge  
 5 Louano Fudge 1966 -  
 5 Andrew Fudge 1968 -  
 4 Paul Stephen Jacobs 1946 -  
 .. +Carol Routley  
 5 Kym Jacobs  
 5 Asha Jacobs  
 3 Phyllis Maude Fregon 1920 -  
 .. +Jack Major  
 4 John Major 1945 -  
 .. +Wendy McKeon  
 5 Katie Major 1970 -  
 5 Danny Major 1971 -  
 4 Karen Major 1947 -  
 .. +Michael Cottrell  
 5 Kristin Cottrell 1972 -  
 5 Jarrad Cottrell 1981 -



## Biographical Notes on Ève Bélisle - A Frigon<sup>1</sup> Author

Monique Auger<sup>2</sup>

Ève Bélisle was born in Rimouski, Quebec. She spent her childhood on a farm where her father operated a small saw-mill. At twelve she had read all the books in the parish library and at fifteen, a first "literary" effort was published on the women's page of a Quebec City newspaper. She has kept a liking for writing ever since.

She studied at the Primary School operated by the Sisters of *Présentation de Marie de Saint-Hyacinthe* where she obtained her diploma in the humanities. She taught for a while and...then met the father of her seven children.

Her family brought up, she became involved in her community. She was "agente de pastoral" for AFÉAS (Women's Association for Education and Social Action) and associate member of the *Soeurs du Saint-Rosaire*. From 1973 to 1984 she published *Le grain de sénévé*, which tells the story of Christian life in the "Grande Place", where she lives. She also ran a "Centre Dieu". In addition, she studied at *l'Université du Québec* in Rimouski and got 21 credits in religious sciences.



Ève Bélisle

A second novel *Pension de famille* was published the next year. In spring 1985, she authored a collection of poems entitled: *En feuilles détachées*, and in the fall, her third novel *Comme les pas sur le sable* was published.

Happiness, hope, affection, and serenity are found in all her works.

In 1986, in the fall, she was awarded the Arthur Buies prize at the *Salon du Livre* in Rimouski.

But, on December 1st, 1987, a stroke came to disturb this serenity and brought to a halt her literary career. Yet, with courage, determination and intense physiotherapy, she can now walk, talk and write.

Other publications followed.

We leave to you the pleasure of discovering the richness of her writings.

### PUBLISHED WORKS

- *Le grain de sénévé*, a religious information publication written at the request of the parish priest of Saint-Germain de Rimouski for the people. Published from 1973 to 1984, bound in a 398 pages book.
- *La vie ne finit pas*, pamphlet for older people and the sick of the parish of Saint-Germain de Rimouski, written in collaboration with the parish priest and printed by the *Frères du Sacré-Coeur*.
- *La petite maison du bord de l'eau*, a novel published by Éditions Libre Expression in 1981. Second Edition in 1984. (Literary Prize)
- *Pension de famille*, novel (Sequel to *La petite maison du bord de l'eau*), published by Libre Expression in 1984
- *Prises spirituelles*, religious poems, Éditions Paulines, 1983
- *En feuilles détachées*, poems, La Maison des mots, in 1985
- *Comme les pas sur le sable*, novel, La maison des mots, 1985
- *Saisons d'espérance*, reflections, Éditions Paulines, 1988.
- *La rivière avait une âme*, novel, Québec Agenda, 1988
- *Philippe et le sortilège*, novel, Éditions Arion, 1995

<sup>1</sup> Ève Bélisle is the daughter of Onésime Frigon and Clémence Desrosiers. She is a sister of Jeanne Frigon Ross (#49) and Robert Frigon (#2).

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## A Frigon Family...

Soeur Thérèse Frigon, s.p. (#24)

Once upon a time... Thus, in our young years, started all the fairy tales! But there are "real" recollections which deserve to be remembered, because they add one to the other to form a precious collection of social or family memories.

The city of Saint-Tite has known and still knows numerous Frigons, proud of their origins and proud also of their Association.

May we be permitted to mention, among others, the family of **Émile Frigon**, husband of **Corrine Mercure**, which included nine children of which six - two boys and four girls - reached adulthood.

The four girls became *Soeurs de la Providence*, a Canadian community founded by *Mère Emilie Gamelin* in 1843. This community had a house in Saint-Tite where it operated a school and a home for the aged, in addition to home care for the sick, old and poor.

It will be of interest to you to know the names and activities of these four Frigon sisters who took the religious habit:

- **Aline**, the eldest of the family, entered the *Soeurs de la Providence* in 1927; after she had devoted most of her life to the deaf, she was named assistant-general of the community in 1970 and died suddenly on December 30, 1970.

- **Claire**, having entered the order in 1937, was first dedicated to teaching as a professor and boarding-school director, then took on her present role as the community's accountant, residing in the mother house in Montreal.

- **Thérèse**, having entered the order in 1941, was also professor in primary schools and at Saint-André-Avelin High School, until 1960, when she was put in charge of the Case for Beatification of *Mère Gamelin*, the community's founder. She was received by Pope John-Paul II, December 23, 1993, when the Venerability of *Mère Gamelin* was proclaimed, and by the Mayor of Montreal, Pierre Bourque, during the naming of *Emilie Gamelin Place*, in Montreal.

- **Laurette**, who entered in 1942, also spent many years with the deaf. She was later mother superior and then assistant-general, and is at present in charge of a "religious province, *Émilie Province*, with 350 sisters.



Pope John-Paul II receiving Soeur Thérèse Frigon, s.p. on the day *Mère Gamelin* was declared Venerable.

- Their two brothers, **Paul-Aimé** and **Lévis**, have died.

The first was involved with forest-product industries over a number of years, with Lévis acting as accountant, then together as owners of a hardware store in Saint-Tite, where two Frigon nephews, **Jean-Yves** and **Daniel**, ensure its continuity.

- The descendants of **Émile** through **Paul-Aimé**, include a member of the board of the Association of Frigon Families, **Jean-René**, as a director.

Thus in résumé is the history of a family among all those who bear with joy and pride the Frigon name, and descending from the ancestral couple, **François Frigon** and **Marie-Claude Chamois**.

## Désiré Frigon: pioneer in Massena, N.Y. - founder of the Fregoe Families

Robert Frigon (2)

*This article is taken from the introduction to a report on genealogical and histoical research on the Fregoe family in Massena, N.Y.. We plan to publish a resume of the research in a forthcoming issue.*

**Pierre Olivier Frigon, baptised September 12, 1775**, in Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade, married Judith Banhiac, daughter of François Banhiac and Marie-Anne Lemaître. Pierre Olivier died at age 67, and buried January 22, 1833, also in Louiseville.

This family, resident in Louiseville, numbered a dozen children. The boys worked earth and wood. Olivier, the father, was also a carpenter and built houses. Some left the large village of Louiseville for the Canadian West.

One of the boys, Olivier Toussaint Frigon, married Madeleine Lupien, daughter of Joseph Lupien and Agathe Chrétien. He settled with his wife on a farm in the vicinity of Louiseville. Désiré Frigon, his brother, younger by 5 years, married Mélanie Lupien, also a daughter of Joseph and Agathe Chrétien, thus his young sister-in-law. To be noted also that a daughter, Ursule Frigon, married Toussaint Lupien, another son of the same couple and his young brother-in-law.

Désiré Frigon and his wife Mélanie leave Louiseville around 1840 for Massena. It is known that a son, François Frigon, was born in Quebec on Fenruary 1st, 1832. He was baptized the next day in Louiseville. The other boys of Désiré nd Mélanie were born somewhere between Trois-Rivières and Massena.

The Catholic Church records in Lower-Canada make no mention of this family after 1832. Trace is lost of them. And for good reason, the family having left the country for economic reasons obviuosly.

We owe to Bob Harvey (#35) in St-Johnsville, New York, the discovery of the descendants of Désiré and Melanie, comfortable established in Massena, but known under the name of Fregoe. Bob Harvey, includes in his maternal ancestors, a grand-daughter of Désiré, Sophia Fregoe. His researches lead right back to the ancestor of all Frigons in North America, François Frigon.

The document to which this is a preface, is the product of Bob Harvey's researches. We have put into it, in a certain order, our present knowledge of the Fregoes. Their destiny is interesting. In connection with the change in spelling, it may be assumed that this occured by chance. And it is only in the catholic records that the change is found. A local priest not being able to spell properly a name given him verbally, would have written it as it sounded to him. The baptism certificate available over the years, gave authenticity to the new identity. Should it be a cause for concern?

Note: There are about 80 Fregoe households in the United States, according to phone books on CD-ROM. Most Fregoes live in New York State, with a dozen in the West, mainly in California and Missouri.

## Peter Fregoe of Massena, N.Y. - A Hockey Success!

### 13 Peter Fregoe



**Position: Forward**

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 170

Hometown: Massena, NY

Last Team: Des Moines Buccaneers

Birthdate: 7-17-78

In-Depth Interview

Pete is an exciting returning player from last season's team. Pete scored thirty points for the Bucs last season. He is a native of Massena, New York and his goal is to play Division I hockey. He is a former member of the Soo Hawks, of the Michigan National Hockey League. He spends his free time golfing and playing softball.

**Buccaneers Home Page**

<http://www.bucshockey.org/>

**96\_97/fregoe.html**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Association is still pushing forward. Membership now stands at 124, or 12% of the number of Frigon households in Canada, the United States and Australia. Members are to be found scattered throughout the continent, mainly in Quebec but also in Ontario, Alberta and British-Colombia, as well as in the states of Massachusetts, Kansas, Washington, Texas, New York, Wyoming, Colorado, Vermont, Hawaii, Missouri, California, Arizona, Florida and Connecticut. In Australia, we hope to recruit new members, more particularly in the Victoria region, where there are over a dozen Frigon families

Most of our members have remained loyal to the Association from the outset. Is their loyalty a reflection of a desire to support a cause, or is it the result of an active interest in the objectives of the Association? We cordially invite your comments!

## Family News

### Anniversary

**Mainville Frigon (#54)** and **Liliane Dubé** celebrated on May 4 their 50th wedding anniversary. Our congratulations! Mainville, born in Landrienne, Abitibi, is the son of **Omer Frigon**, pioneer settler in Landrienne, Northern Quebec, and of **Abertine Houde**, both of Saint-Prosper.

### Did you know that...?

**Lac Frigon** in Abitibi, in Bongard and Bourmont counties, were named after **Rosario Frigon (#117)**, who worked as a surveyor with a geologist party in the summer of 1937. He was on summer employment as a student from Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal. He became a prominent Montreal consulting engineer after graduation. Rosario is the son of **Rosaire Frigon**, born in Saint-Prosper, and **Alice Ouimet**, born in Montreal. **Paul Frigon (#60)** living in Cornwall, Ontario, is Rosario's son.

The Frigon siding on the CNR railway at Chibougamau gets its name from **Gérald Frigon (#116)** who was land surveyor on the railway project in the summer of 1963 as an engineering student from Université Laval. Gérald currently has his own practice as a consulting engineer. He is the son of **Onésime Frigon** of Mont-Joli and **Géraltine Richard** of Saint-Florence.

**Henry F. Frigon (#127)**, retired Chief Financial Officer of Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, was appointed in June last year as interim President of Compuserve. He was later replaced by a permanent President, while still remaining on the board of directors of Compuserve.

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## LATE NEWS!

**We're taking advantage of delayed publication of this issue to announce:**

### OTTAWA GATHERING MAY 17

#### ENJOYED BY ALL!

The weather - cold and rainy for weeks on end - cleared-up just in time for a cloudless, sunny day! Ottawa's tulips hurried into further bloom, the Tulip Festival got into swing, tourists flocked sunny streets...and the Frigon gathering, fifty-strong, got underway amidst the Museum of Civilization's usual bustle. The Friends of the Museum's Lounge proved to be a perfect venue for the family get-together and the Annual General Meeting whose often boring formalities were blunted by a relaxing *ambiance*. Lunch was taken in the Cafeteria a few steps away, with its amazing panoramic view of the Parliament Buildings, across the Ottawa River - *la rivière des Outaouais* - which in the days of *Nouvelle-France* served as a water highway for the intrepid *voyageurs* - including our ancestor François Frigon - who paddled-by in huge trade-canoes - upstream to Detroit and beyond to *les Pays d'En Haut* - the Upper Country - to trade for furs. A group photograph was taken in the Museum's Great Hall, with the Parliament Buildings in the background. A guided tour of the Museum proved to be a highlight - some 40 attended. In the evening, a group of 8 Frigon couples dined at the *Claire de Lune*, a leading restaurant in the market area, specializing in modern French cuisine. The dinner provided a moment of mild hilarity when our waiter did a double-take on discovering that our credit cards all bore the same Frigon name!

The some 50 Frigons attending came from near and afar, as shown below. Some came from near-by in the Ottawa Valley - *Silicon Valley-North*, as it is often called - home of many leading-edge enterprises including Newbridge and Corel/WordPerfect, as well as Paul Frigon's (#6) PSR Group, specializing in route optimization. The farthest and very welcome attendees were William "Bill" Frigon (#66) and wife Norma, who drove all the way from Enfield, Connecticut. Bill - one of our early members - is a Frigon family buff. Bill came with information that allowed Robert Frigon (#2), our Vice-President, to link Bill's Frigon branch with that of Luc (3) and Raymond (1) through Archange Frigon (1798-1843), reputed to be the first Frigon to have settled a family in Montreal. Bill and Norma were amazed at Robert's striking resemblance to Bill's father. They had no trouble identifying him as a Frigon in the hotel lobby where he was waiting for them! Let's hope that Bill's and Norma's example will be followed by more of our American cousins.

#### THOSE WHO CAME!

Anita(22) & Marcel Guillemette  
Céline(79)  
Fernand(48) & Lise  
Gérald(116) & Lise  
Ginette (85)  
Gisèle (112)  
Ivanhoë III (80) & Madeleine  
Jacques (104) & Claire  
Jean-René (11) & Cécile  
Louise (83) & Claude Vaillancourt  
Louis-Georges (10) &  
Luc (3) & Françoise  
Lucie (56) & Richard

Montréal-Nord Québec  
Pierrefonds Québec  
Laval Québec  
Laval, Québec  
Sainte-Rosalie, Québec  
Rockland, Ontario  
Rock- Forest, Québec  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Trois-Rivières, Québec  
Sherbrooke, Québec  
Montréal, Québec  
Baie-d'Urfé, Québec  
Hull, Québec

Paul (6)  
Paul (60) & Gabrielle  
Pierre (4) & Micheline  
Raymond (1) & Marjorie  
René (59) & Désirée  
René J. (75) & Ginette  
Robert (2)  
Roger (4) & Francine  
Romuald (132) & Jacqueline  
Sylvie (27) & Bernard Naud  
& Pierre-Olivier & Marie-Hélène  
Thérèse (42)  
*and last but not least!*  
William (66) & Norma

Nepean, Ontario  
Cornwall, Ontario  
St-Hubert, Québec  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Gloucester, Ontario  
Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Québec  
Charny, Québec  
Gatineau, Québec  
Kanata, Ontario  
  
Cap-Rouge, Québec  
Montréal, Québec  
  
Enfield, Connecticut