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## The rights and duties of *censitaire*<sup>(1)</sup> François Frigon

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The *cens* (feudal *quit*), the *rentes* (revenues), the right of *lods et ventes* (transfer and sale) paid to the *seigneur* Pierre Frigon (4)

The *quits* and *revenues* claimed of our ancestor by the Jesuit Fathers, *seigneurs* of Batiscan, were the following: two *deniers*, two capon, or their value in money, a bushel of wheat. Are these requirements reasonable? An overview of the *seigneur's* rights will shed some light on this aspect of the contract.

The rights of the *seigneur* fell into two categories: the honourary rights, the rights to payment.

The honourary rights consisted mainly of ecclesiastical priviledges: at church, "a free pew, in the most prominent location, therefore in the first row on the right, and this pew had double the depth of ordinary pews. He and his family are named in prayers at the homily. He has precedence over the people: after the wardens, or even before them in some cases, he receives holy water sprinkling, he received the holy host, the candles of Candelmas, the cinders and the palms. In processions he comes first after the parish priest."<sup>(2)</sup>

In addition to horourary rights the *seigneur* also enjoyed the right to certain payments. "First among the right to levy certain payments came the *rentes*. Defined ahead of time in the concession contract, the *seigneur* was not free to increase them at will. Generally speaking, they are twentysols per arpent of frontage, which for an average lot (say three arpents of frontage) makes for a sum of sixty sols per year (or in today's currency about \$3.00) for land he had received as a gift. These *rentes* could vary from one *seigneurié* to another. For instance, at the Éboulements, the *rentes* were ten sols, plus half of a capon per arpent of frontage; in the La Durantaye →

"To these honours come added the civil honours. (...). Among these civil honours can placed the *cens* because the *cens* is basically a symbolic recognition of the *censitaire's* dependance on the *seigneur*: the rate of the *cens* was one or two sols per arpent of frontage; as the concessions were only two to four arpents of frontage, the *censitaire* paid only two, four or six sols per year that is in today's<sup>(3)</sup> currency something like \$0.20 or \$0.30 per year. A really symbolic tax."

Thus the two sols for the four arpents of frontage were clearly below norm. In fact, 12 deniers made a sol. François' land should have cost him from 4 to 8 sols annually.

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*about six livres (about \$6.00) yearly, but in no case can the charge be more than that agreed to in the concession contract.*

The Jesuit fathers never insisted on being paid in cash. They preferred capons and wheat. The bushel they requested was equivalent to about 13 litres of wheat.

Accepting wheat and capons instead of money showed consistency on the part of the Jesuits. In fact, they applied a policy to keep the settlers on their farms. In fact, it would be difficult to engage in trapping and grow wheat at the same time!. And as defaulting on paying the *rentes* could result in losing their properties, the settlers were more than obliged to operate their farms. It would be interesting to conduct a systematic study of the archives to establish if in fact settlers ever lost their concessions because of defaulting on tax payments.

Let us see what would have happened had he wanted to sell his concession. In his contract it was mentioned that “*all rights to transfer and sell, seize and fine*” apply in accordance with the *coutume de Paris*. Here is how the tax known as *droit de lods et vente* (right to transfer and sell) was applied:

*“The seigneur also enjoyed the right to transfer and sell. As the recipient of a seigneurie must pay the state the quint tax<sup>(4)</sup> so must the acquisitor of a concession remit to the seigneur the transfer and sale tax: thus one who purchases land from a censitaire must pay a tax which ordinarily would be one-twelfth the value of the land. As with the quint, the transfer and sales taxes had for objective to deter the sale of land, since it was given to the censitaire not for speculation but to be exploited.*

It is worth noting that concerning the *cens* and *rentes* taxes, the Jesuit Fathers were less demanding than other seigneurs in the colony.

Thus it can be said François and his fellow settlers in the *Seigneurie de Batiscan* enjoyed a rather favourable tax climate

1- *Censitaire*: land owner who paid a tax called *le cens* to the *seigneur*

2- All quotations not numbered are taken from: *Le régime seigneurial, Marcel Trudel, brochure historique*, published by the Historical Society of Canada, 20 pages, Ottawa 1967

3 - 1952 dollar

4 - Thus everyone, *censitaire* and *seigneur* alike, paid a *welcome tax*.

## Saint-Prosper-de-Champlain Parish 1848 - 1998 150 Years of History

Thus was the title of the program of festivities offered the hundreds of persons who last July 12, after a solemn mass, gathered under the capital to partake in a country-meal with many dignitaries.

The meal over, the citizens of Saint-Prosper (a town close to Batiscan, home of pioneer François Frigon), their relatives and friends were able to go back in time through an exhibition of photos, newspaper clippings, videos and repertoires.

Throughout its 150 year history, one finds Frigon families in the parish. Through various lists one can establish the following:

- List of baptisms: between 1849 and 1983, 49 Frigon couples had 243 children baptized. According to custom prevailing at the time, children adopted the father's name which explains why the figures do not take into account children whose mothers were Frigons. The first Frigon baptism was that of Zélie daughter of Hilaire and Marie-Anne Grant, celebrated on March 12, 1850. It is interesting to note that among the descendants of this are Rosario Frigon(117), Paul Frigon (60) Ivanhoë Frigon III (80) and Ivanhoë Frigon jr (135).
- List of marriages: between 1849 and 1984, 112 Frigon marriages, men and women, are listed. The first of these Frigon marriages is that of Hubert, widower of Sophie Cloutier, married to Délise Houle (Houde) on May 6, 1850.
- List of burials between 1849 and 1990: 120 Frigon burials, men and women. The first Frigon burial took place in 1850, that of a child, Guillaume, son of Cyrille Frigon and Julie Marchand, burial July 8

Having underlined the presence of Frigons in Saint-Prosper from the beginnings until today, may we mention that Midnight Mass, on December 25th next, will mark the end of the 150th celebrations.

**Lucie Frigon Caron (56)**

### Laura Frigon (74) receives Governor General's Caring Canadian Award

We recently learned through a friend that a member of the Association, Laura Frigon of Coquitlam, British Columbia, was awarded last June, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. Our sincere congratulations, Laura! You do us great credit.

The citation, which we obtained from Government House, reads as follows:

*Laura Frigon is very active in the Maillardville community, Coquitlam's francophone community -- the oldest in British Columbia. She belongs to many francophone groups and organizations and performs countless hours of volunteer work. She also helps out at Foyer Maillard, a retirement home, where she provides entertainment for the residents, never expecting anything in return.*

The Caring Canadian Award consists of a certificate and a lapel pin. The award symbol represents Canadians who selflessly give of their time and energy to others. The maple leaf symbolizes the people of Canada and their spirit. The heart depicts the openheartedness of volunteers and caregivers. The helping hand and heart support the maple leaf. The hand is outstretched to portray boundless generosity.

By her membership number - 74, it can be seen that Laura Frigon was among the first to have expressed interest in joining the Association during the inaugural membership campaign. Her application for membership mentions that she was born in Maillardville, British Columbia, the daughter of Rosaire Frigon of Saint-Maurice, Quebec and Éva Bruneau of Saint-Éphrème, married in Saint Paul, Alberta. From her marriage with Albert Croteau in Maillardville, son of Wilfrid Croteau and Idola Charland, were born her children, Jean-Marc, Marie Laure, Jacqueline and Wilfrid.



**The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award**

**François Frigon voyageur**  
**Pierre Frigon (4)**  
**II**  
**Chronology of the documents relating to the trading trips**  
**of**  
**François Frigon and Jean-François Frigon, his son**

**Editor's note:** This article is an excellent example of the use of Quebec's notarial records in constructing a person's history. Along with church records, they were often the only records of the lives of the early settlers. The documents listed are mainly records which Quebec notaries were obliged to keep by French law. An article in the Summer 1996 issue of this newsletter touched upon the subject. Dr. John P. Dulong of Berkley, Michigan, a specialist in French Canadian and Acadian genealogy is quoted as having written: *The notary was there when a person started his first job, married, purchased a farm, built a house, donated property, and made a will. At every point in life, when people made important property or monetary agreements the notary was called...Even deserters used a notary!* ". This quotation was taken from Dr. DuLong's article: *Notarial Acts of Quebec: Their Genealogical Use* published in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly March 1994 issue. Dr. DuLong has kindly given us permission to reproduce his article. Because of its importance in understanding French Canadian genealogy, we are including with this bilingual edition of the newsletter, a copy of the article for the benefit of our English-speaking members.

Most of the listings below have been left in their original French. A few, designated by □, have been translated as examples.

**Author's note:** The check mark ✓ following some dates means that we have in our possession copies of the original notarial act. Dates in plain face identify events that may relate to the fur trade. We would like to hear from anyone having studied François Frigon's trading activities and wish to provide further information and/or join in a collaborative effort to publish a monograph on the subject. Pierre Frigon (4), 304-2390, rue Henriette Céré, Saint-Hubert, QC, J3Y 9B6. Phone 450-678-9515 E-mail: pfrigon@cam.org

**1682, 6 avril ✓**

Accord de convention entre Mathurin Guillet et Louis Guillet, frères et François Frigon, de Batiscan. (Notaire Adhémar).

**1683, 16 mai ✓**

•Convention entre les sieurs Babie, Frigon, Nepveu, Desrosiers frères, Deneau, Jean, Jobin et Sauvage. (Notaire Antoine Adhémar, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome V).

•Dans Parchemin : "Convention entre Jacques Babie, marchand, de Champlain, **Jean Frigon**, de Batiscan, Adrien Nepveu, Jean Desrosier-Dutremble, de Champlain, Jacques Danneau, de Cressé, Vivien Jean, Charles Jobin, Antoine Desrosiers, Jacques Sauvage, de Champlain, et Mathurin Cadot dit Lepoitevin, de la rivière St Michel."

Les deux sources se contredisent. L'une donne Jean comme nom de famille et l'autre comme prénom. La signature est bien celle de François Frigon.

**1684, 25 janvier ✓**

•Quittance par Marie Chamois, femme de François Frigon (passé devant Ameau, notaire) (Notaire Antoine Adhémar, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome V).

•Dans Parchemin: "Quittance de Marie Chamois et François Grigon, son époux, **présentement absent**, de Batiscan, à Mathurin Guillet et Louis Guillet de Batiscan, son frère." "Observation: l'acte a été rédigé par Séverin Ameau et déposé dans le minutier du notaire Antoine Adhémar."

**1685-1686**

•Participation à un voyage relaté dans les Mémoires de Nicolas Perrot. Un procès les implique dans une affaire de marchandises de traite (JDBC, Tome III, p. 218) Re: Hélène-Andrée Bizier

"En 1685-86, il accompagne Nicolas Perrot dans l'Ouest." (Le Nouveliste, 13 octobre 1979, p.19)

Peut-être existe-t-il un acte notarié chez un notaire de Nicolas Perrot...Recherche à faire dans Parchemin.

**1686-1687; 1687-1688 ✓**

**1686, 26 mai ✓**

(Note : engagement de traite portant sur deux années)

•Traité de société entre François Poisset de la Conche pour Jacques de Fay, François Frigon, Jean et Antoine Desroziers. (Note : ce congé de traite a été signé par Cavelier de Lasalle). (Notaire François Genaple, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, tome VII)

•Dans Parchemin: : "Traité de société et vente de portions de deux congés par François Poisset de Laconche, marchand, au nom et comme faisant pour Jacques Defay, marchand bourgeois, de la ville de Québec, son gendre, à François Frigon, Jean Desroziers, de Champlain, et Antoine Desrosiers, de Champlin, frères."

**1686, 15 août ✓**

Engagement de deux hommes par François Frigon , Jean Desrosiers, Antoine Desrosiers et François Genaple de Bellefond, fils, pour les accompagner aux Illinois. (Note cet acte notarié est un complément au traité de société du 26 mai.)

**1686, 16 août ✓**

Dans Parchemin : "Obligation de François Frigon, Jean Desroziers, de Champlin, Antoine Desroziers, de Champlin, frères, et Jean-François Genaple de Bellefond, à Jacques Defay, à ce présent, stipulant et acceptant pour lui François Poisset de Laconche, marchand, de la ville de Québec, son beau-père" (Notaire Genaple de Bellefond, F., Trois-Rivières (1682-1709)

**1688, Lundi le 5 avril ✓**

Procès entre associés traiteurs de fourrures impliquant : Vivien Jean, Adrien Nepveu, François Frigon.

(Jugements et délibérations du Conseil souverain de la Nouvelle-France, Vol III, Québec, Imprimerie A. Côté et Cie, 1887, pp. 218-219)

**■ 1688, 26 mai**

Conveyance of Vivien Jean, of Champlain, of all his claims on the assets of Joseph Prieur, praticioner in Québec, in opposition to Jacques Babie and François Frigon because of pillage of a freight canoe looted by the Iroquois. (Notary Louis Demeromont, acte 22, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XXVI).

**1688, 13 juillet**

Testament de Jacques Babie, de Champlain. (Notaire Louis Demeromont, acte 24, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XXVI).

**1692, 16 mai ✓ (lié à la traite?)**

Obligation de François Frigon, Jean et Antoine Desrosiers et Jean-François Ganaple de Bellefond à Jacques DeFay.

**1692, 28 octobre ✓ (lié à la traite?)**

● Obligation de François Frigon, de Batiscan, à Jean Baril, de la somme de 210 livres tournois à la Saint-Michel. (Notaire Michel Roy dit Châtellerault, acte notarié no 229, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XXVII).

● "Le 28 octobre 1692, il hypothèque sa terre pour obtenir de Jean Baril un montant de deux cents livres afin de payer des dettes pressantes. Le 11 avril précédent, il avait obtenu du Père Raffeix, agissant au nom de la Société de Jésus, une commutation de rente de sa terre de Batiscan, parce que depuis qu'il l'avait achetée, il n'avait pas payé ses cens et rentes..." (Le Nouveliste, 13 octobre 1979, p. 19)

**1692, 2 décembre (lié à la traite?)**

Dans Parchemin : "Obligation de François Frigon, de Batiscan, à Jeanne Dandonneau, veuve de Jacques Babie, marchand, de Champlain." (Notaire Normandin, D. Trois-Rivières (1686-1729)

**■ 1695, 12 juin ✓**

During the trade trip in 1695, Antoine Trottier dit Des Ruisseaux agrees to support of the children of François Frigon. The participants in the trip: François Frigon, Jean-François Frigon, Charles LeSieur fils et Pierre Trottier. (Adhémar, and C29 Trials and decisions of the Supreme Court of New France, Vol III, Québec, Imprimerie A. Côté et Cie, 1887, tome IV, p. 1868, in French. Re: Hélène-Andrée Bizier

**1695, 12 juin ✓**

● Société entre François Frigon, Charles Lesieur et Pierre Trottier. (Notaire Antoine Adhémar, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome V).

● Dans Parchemin: "Société entre François Frigon, Jean-François Frigon, son fils, Charles Lescieur et Pierre Trottier, voyageur, de Batiscan."

**1695, 12 juin ✓**

● Obligation de François Frigon à Antoine Trottier. (Notaire Antoine Adhémar, dit Saint-Martin, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome V).

● Dans Parchemin: "Obligation de François Frigon, habitant de Batiscan, à Antoine Trottier-Desruisseaux, marchand, de Batiscan."

**1695, 13 juin ✓**

Obligation de François Frigon, Charles Lefebvre et Pierre Trottier à Antoine Trottier. (Notaire Antoine Adhémar, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome V).

Dans Parchemin: "Obligation de François Frigon, voyageur, de Batiscan, Jean-François Frigon, voyageur, de Batiscan, son fils, Charles Lescieur, voyageur, de Batiscan, et Pierre Trottier, voyageur, de Batiscan, associés, à Antoine Trottier-Desruisseaux, marchand, de Batiscan."

**1701, 27 mai ✓**

**Voyage à Detroit**

● "Nous avons tous les engagements qui ont été faits cette année-là pour aller à Detroit avec le célèbre officier gascon (*Lamothe-Cadillac*). Je les ai étudiés, et si j'ai eu le plaisir d'y trouver François Frigon, l'époux de la sympathique Marie Chamois, je n'y ai trouvé aucun Chevalier." (C21 Les cahiers des dix, vol 2, article intitulé : les aventures de chevalier de Beauchêne, Eugédius Fauteux, Les Éditions du bien public, Montréal 1937, p.30)

● Voyage à Detroit. Adhémar. Re: Hélène-Andrée Bizier

● "Jean-François Frigon est engagé Ouest du 1701-05-27 au 1705-05-30" (Dictionnaire généalogique Jetté).

● Dans Parchemin: "Engagement en qualité de voyageur de Louis Babie, voyageur de Champlain, Laurent Renaud, voyageur, de Montreal, Charles Dazé, voyageur, de la Riviere des Prairies, Jacques Lemoine, voyageur, de Batiscan, Claude Crevier, voyageur, des Trois Rivieres, René Besnard dit Bourjoly, voyageur, des Trois Rivieres, François Benoit dit Livernois, voyageur, de Longueil, Pierre Moriceau, voyageur, de Montreal, Charles Cusson, voyageur, de Montreal, Jean Lemire dit Marsolet, voyageur, de Montréal, Jean-Baptiste Guay, voyageur, de Montreal, Jacques Brisset, voyageur, de l'île Dupas, François Frigon, voyageur, de Batiscan, Pierre Lagrave, voyageur, de Montréal, Pierre St Michel,

voyageur, Michel Roy, voyageur, de Ste Anne, Edmond Roy dit Chatelreaü, voyageur, de Ste Anne, Simon Balliarge, voyageur, du Cap de la Magdeleine, Claude Rivard dit Lorangé, voyageur, de Batiscan, Mathurin Fuilleverte, voyageur, Jean Turcot, voyageur, de Charlebourg, Jean-Baptiste Montmillian dit St Germain, voyageur, de Québec, Pierre Desautels dit Lapointe, voyageur, Henri Belleisle, chirurgien et voyageur, Louis Fafart dit Lonval, voyageur, des Trois Rivieres, François Pancho, voyageur, de Batiscan, Jean-Baptiste Vanier, voyageur, de Charlebourg, Pierre Toupin, voyageur, de Beauport, René Lintot, voyageur, des Trois Rivieres, Joseph Cartyé, voyageur, Jacques Duran, voyageur, Pierre Colet, voyageur, de Quebec, Alexis Lemoine, voyageur, de Batiscan, Louis Chaüvin, voyageur, de Montreal, Gabriel Obuchon, voyageur, de Montréal, Latour, voyageur, de Montreal, Lambert Cuillerier, voyageur, de Montreal, Pierre Roy, voyageur, de Ste Anne, Louis Vaudry, voyageur, de Montreal, Pierre Richard, voyageur, de Montreal, Louis Badaillac, voyageur, de Montreal, Guillaume Vinet dit Larente, voyageur, Jean-Baptiste Gatineau, voyageur et Louis Gatineau dit Lameslée, voyageur, au Roi." (Notaire Adhémar dit Saint-Martin, A., Montréal (1668-1714))

Vérifier la signature sur l'acte notarié. Il est peu probable que ce soit François, étant donné son âge.

#### 1704, 28 juillet ✓

Dans Parchemin : engagement en qualité de voyageur de Antoine Pinard, de la Baye St Anthoine sur le lac St Pierre, Pierre Benoist dit Laforest, des Trois Rivieres, Antoine Salvay, de Saurel, René Beaujan, Pierre Desautels, de St Martin en l'île de Montréal, Pierre Bougret dit Dufort, de Boucherville, Pierre Leboeuf, de la fille de Villemarie, Robert Rivard, Charles Lescieur, Joseph Moreau, Jean Moreau, François Frigon, Joseph Couturier, Antoine Thunay dit Dufresne, Julien Lescieur, Mathieu Rouillards, Simon Rouillards, Joseph Rivard, de Batiscan, Louis Baribeau, Ignace Guyon, Jean Ricards, Charles Ricards, Edmond Roy dit Chatellereau, Pierre Richer, de Ste Anne, Antoine Donnay, Pierre Bourgeris, Denis Bourgeris, François Robert, Robert Lafontaine, Jacques Denoyons, François Denoyons, Pierre Puybarreau, de Boucherville, Albert Bosse dit Lagranchise, de Lachine, Gaspard Maignan, de Mouilepied, Pierre Edeline, Jean Cadieu, de Longueuil, Jacques Cardinal, de la côte St Pierre en l'île de Montréal, Adrien Senecal, de Varennes, Pierre Mauriceau, de Repentigny, Jean David, de la rivière Bécancourt, Paul Dumouchel, Toussaint Dardenne, Jean Campots, Jacques Campots, Pierre Garro dit Xaintonge, Jacques Vaudry, de la ville de Villemarie, Michel Messier, Alexandre Petit, du cap St Michel, Jean Tousignant dit Lapointe, Ignace Lemay, de Lotbinieres, Pierre Guignard dit Dollone, de Lanoray, Jacques Lemelin, des Grondines, Louis Fafard, Etienne Besme, Jean Mandeville, de Berthier, Joseph Sarrasin, de Charlebourg, Pierre Villier, de Quebec, Vincent Rodrigue, de Quebec, Jean Boyer, de la prairie St Lambert, Jean Houré, de Champlain, Jean Gariépy, de St François en l'île de Montréal, Jacques Pellissier dit Boisdamour, Claude Lamy, de Saurel, et Landreville, à la Compagnie de la Colonie. (Notaire Adhémar dit Saint-Martin, A. Montréal (1668-1714))

#### 1704, 11 août

Appel de Anthoine Trottier Des Ruisseaux contre François Frigon sur un jugement favorable à ce dernier.

(C28 Jugements et délibérations du Conseil souverain de la Nouvelle-France, Vol. IV, Québec, Imprimerie A. Côté et Cie, 1888, pp. 1069-1070)  
S'agit-il de François ou Jean-François?

#### 1704, 19 août

•Accord entre François Frigon et Anthoine Trottier Desruisseaux, tous deux de Batiscan. (Notaire Louis Chambalon, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XIX).

•Dans Parchemin : "Observation: l'acte a été rédigé le 19 août 1704.

#### 1704, 17 novembre ✓

Inventaire des biens de Joseph Moreau et de Françoise Frigon, sa femme, de Batiscan.(Notaire François Trottain, acte notarié no 103, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XXVII).

#### 1705, 30 mai

Dans Parchemin : "Engagement en qualité de voyageur de Charles Couagne, Jacques Hubert dit Lacroix, Jacques Cardinal, François Picard, Jacques Vaudry, François Brunet dit Lebourbonnois, Joseph Sarrazin, Pierre Garro dit St Onge, Maximilien Demers, Ange Cusson, Nicolas Legros, Louis Roy, René Buet, Jacques Tabaux, Pierre Coitou dit St Jean, Jacques Beaucham, Pierre Mauriceau, Louis Lefebvre, Jean Campot, Pierre Leboeuf, Pierre Cadieu, Jean Lemire de Marsollet, Jacques Filiatreau, Pierre Beaucham, Jean-Baptiste Lescieur dit Callot, Gabriel Gyart, Jean Merssan dit Lapierre, de Montreal, François Cosset, Joseph Moreau, Robert Rivard, Pierre Lescuyer, François Frigon, Jean Primo dit Lavanture, François Debroyeux, de Batiscan, Jean Boyer, Julien Bariteau dit Lamarche, de Laprairie, Denis Bourgery, de Laprairie, Jean Pepin, Jacques Duteau, de Champlain, François Marie dit Ste Marie, Gaspard Maignan dit Champaigne, de Longueuil, Adrien Senecal, de Contrecoeur, Edmond Roy dit Chastellereau, de Ste Anne et Antoine Guyart, de l'île de Montréal, à la Compagnie de la Colonie." (Notaire Adhémar dit Saint-Martin, A., Montréal (1668-1714)).

#### 1707-1708 (Hiver de)

Voyage au lac Érié. Accompagné de ses gendres Jean Prime dit Laventure et Joseph Moreau. Joseph Moreau y perd la vie. (Re: Hélène-Andrée Bizer)

"Joseph Moreau a été trafiquant de fourrures et associé à Lamothe-Cadillac. Il est décédé au cours d'un voyage à Michillimakinac, en 1708." (Jacques Saint-Onge, Le Nouveliste, samedi le 13 octobre 1979.)

#### 1708, 9 janvier (lien avec la mort de Joseph Moreau?) ✓

Obligation de François Frigon de Batiscan, à François Rivard Montandre, pour la somme de 175 livres. (Notaire François Trottain, acte notarié no 119, Inventaire des greffes des notaires du régime français, Archives nationales, Québec, Tome XXVII).

#### 1708, 10 mars (lien avec la mort de Joseph Moreau?)

Dans Parchemin : "Abandon d'une terre; par Jean-François Frigon, de Batiscan , à Pierre Trottier dit Desonnier, marchand, de Montréal, fondé de pouvoir de Desruisseau, tuteur, son frère, et Alexis Marchand, subrogé tuteur." (Notaire Normandin, D, Trois-Rivières (1686-1729))

## WHERE ARE OUR MEMBERS LOCATED?

Frigons are to be found across North America and in Australia! There about 1000 Frigon families, or say 3000 individual Frigons in Canada and the United States, and about a dozen families in Australia. Of these, 128 are members of our Association, or about 13%. On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting being held in September, listed here are the number of members by region. If you would like to promote the Association through recruiting the odd cousin or two, here is a list of our main objectives:

- recruit members and volunteers
- organize family reunions and other social activities
- gather genealogical and historical information from members and other sources: family trees, biographies; notes, recollections, newspaper articles, anecdotes, historical researches, etc.
- gather family news: marriages, births, deaths, accomplishments, etc.
- set-up a family history on computer
- publish a newsletter on the activities of the Association and its members
- publish and circulate monographs, biographies, family albums, historical research etc.

### Membership Distribution

#### **Canada**

Alberta	2	Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2
British Columbia	2	Total Quebec	94
Ontario	9	<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>107</b>
Quebec:			
<b>United States</b>			
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	3	Arizona	1
Bas Saint-Laurent	2	California	4
Charlevoix	0	Colorado	1
Chaudière-Appalache	0	Connecticut	1
Duplessis	0	Florida	1
Estrie	2	Hawai	1
Gaspésie	0	Kansas	3
Grand Nord-Baie-de-James-Nunavik	0	Massachusetts	2
Île-de-Montréal	21	New York	3
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	0	Vermont	1
Lanaudière	0	Washington	1
Laurentides	5	Wyoming	1
Laval	3	<b>Total United States</b>	<b>21</b>
Manicouagan	2	<b>Membership</b>	<b>128</b>
Mauricie-Bois-Francs	34		
Montérégie	13		
Outaouais	3		
Québec	4		

## A word from the President

With the onset of the 1998-99 new year, it seems appropriate to report on the status of some of the Association's projects. Firstly, the transfer of genealogical data on to Brother's Keeper family tree software is progressing steadily. An initial version of the Frigon family tree - expandable as fresh data is received - should be available by mid-year. We have been able to obtain through a bookstore a number of copies of the booklet *François Frigon, pionnier de Batiscan* by Raymond Douville, "the Frigons' historian". This basic work on our French ancestor will be available to members, at cost price, as soon as two supplements are ready for adding, one an English language abstract for our English-speaking members and the other, an update offering some new view-points on our ancestor's origins and life. Also, we are now able to offer reprints of the article "*The Notarial Acts of Québec: Their Genealogical Value and Use*" by Dr. John P. DuLong of Berkley, Michigan, as published in the March 1994 issue of the NGS Quarterly. Dr. DuLong, an expert in French Canadian and Acadian Genealogy, and the copyright holder, has graciously given permission to reprint this basic article, for the benefit of our members. Lastly, we plan to hold the next Annual General Meetings, in 1999 in Montréal, to celebrate the Association's fifth anniversary and to meet some of the many Frigons living in the great bilingual city, then in the magical year 2000, back to the land that we affectionately call "Frigonia" - Trois-Rivières, Batiscan and environs - from whence come all present-day Frigons, and where will be celebrated the 335th anniversary of François Frigon's arrival in *Nouvelle-France*, in 1665.

## Family News

**Died**, 17th of August, in Trois-Rivières, at age 86, **Florina Croteau Frigon (26)**, Association member since the beginning and spouse of the late **Henri-Paul Frigon**, son of **Philippe Frigon and Marie-Anne Pronovost**, of St-Prosper. She was the mother of **Jacques Frigon (104)**, member of the Board of Directors of the Association. Our sincere condolences to Jacques and his wife Claire Renaud, as well to Florina's other children: **Normand** (Monique Cossette) of Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, **Marcel** (Barbara Perreault) of St-Maurice, **Ghislain** (Céline Gariépy), of Ste-Flore, **Aurèle** (Nicole Noël) of St-Jean-Baptiste-de-Nicolet, **Denise** (Gilles Bordeleau) of Ste-Marthe-du-Cap, and her sisters and brothers as well her twelve grand'children and three great-grand'children.

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