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## Marie-Claude Chamois featured in television series!



Marie-Claude Chamois (1656 - 1705?) (Interpreted by Maude Richer-Lanciault)

For the CBC television series **Canada - a Popular History**, Marie-Claude Chamois, wife of François Frigon, French ancestor of the Frigons, was selected to represent the some 1,000 *Filles du roi* sent by King Louis 14<sup>th</sup> to marry bachelors in the colony of New France. That Marie-Claude was selected is no doubt because, exceptionally, details of her life are to be found in the French judicial archives and the published works of Henri Daguesseau, Chancellor of France: *Oeuvres de M. le Chancelier D'Aguesseau*. The authors of the series used these sources to allow Marie-Claude to tell how she became a Fille du roi. Her story is told below as extracted from the book **Canada - a Popular History Volume I**<sup>1</sup>, through CBC's web site<sup>2</sup>:

"Between 1665 and 1672, Louis XIV, King of France, sent at his expense around 1000 young women to New France. These young women mostly came from the Paris area or the diocese

of Rouen. They were poor, abandoned, and with no future in France. The King bestowed upon them a dowry of between 50 and 300 livres to settle them in the colony and thus increase its population. Marie-Claude Chamois was one of these women. This is her story: Marie-Claude Chamois was the youngest of four children born to a well-off Paris family. In 1669 she fled her home. A priest took her in and placed her in a shelter for abandoned women, poor children and the mentally ill.

"I was taken first to the Hospital de la Pitié in 1669 and then brought to the Salpêtrière Hospital", she wrote: "I was baptized at Saint-Gervais de Paris, and raised by my mother until the age of 13 in the Faubourg St-Antoine," recounted Marie-Claude Chamois in remarks collected and published by Chancellor D'Aguesseau, "I had to flee to avoid the advances of my own brother who respected neither the Laws of Nature, Religion nor the Law." A year later, her life was turned upside down once more.

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"I was chosen to join a number of others who had to cross to America, and I would have rather renounced my homeland and take a perilous voyage to the New World than beg my mother's help. I resigned myself to silence in an alien land, with neither friends, assistance nor parents condemned to

a perpetual exile." She arrived in Québec in October 1670 and married François Frigon, a citizen of Batiscan. She was 14 years old. Marie-Claude Chamois and François Frigon had 7 children, They are the ancestors of every Frigon in North America."

- 1) See CBC book below
- 2) www.cbc.ca/history

**BOOK** 

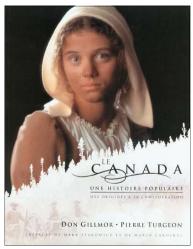
3) Canada - A People's History Volume I see book below



Filles du roi leaving Paris<sup>3</sup>

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### To know more about the Filles du roi

Georges E. Frigon (93)

Copied below is the translated text (our translation) of one of the 92 documents *Les Filles du roi, des femmes immigrantes* - The filles du roi, immigrant women \*\*\*\*:

They were more than eight hundred young women to cross the Atlantic to establish families and assist in populating the country between 1663 and 1673. Immigrant women whose leaving for the unknown was voluntary, they were sent to New France to meet the need to populate the colony.

" The filles du roi, like their predecessors, were courageous women. To emigrate to distant colonies, probably unsafe and of difficult climate, was an adventure suited to men, but at the time very badly seen for women " 1

They nevertheless went, leaving France to never return. They landed in a very young country where all was still to be done, where everything needed to be built.

A little more than half the young women were orphans, without dowries and thus without a future, and the majority were under 25. Most came from Paris, with the others coming from nearby provinces Normandy, Brittany and Île-de-France. Recruiting was carried out principally at *La Salpêtrière*, which sheltered destitute women and orphans. They were taught to read, knit, sew, embroider and to do lace work; they also received a sound religious education.

- " Once recruited, the filles du roi were sent to a sea port, either Dieppe or La Rochelle, where they took ships to Canada "  $^2$
- (1) Sylvio Dumas. Les filles du roi en Nouvelle-France, Québec, 1972
- (2) Jacques Lacourcière. Histoire populaire du Québec: des origines à 1792, Montréal, 1995.

### Ancestors of Richard J. Frigon

Richard J. FRIGON n. 1943-07-06, U.S.A. CT. Waterbury, m. 1970-01-24, à U.S.A. MA. Wellesley, St. Paul's, Sandra Elizabeth HARROD, n. 1945-05-19, U.S.A. MA. Pittsfield. Richard décès: 2000-04-07, U.S.A. MA. Medfield.

Armand Benjamin FRIGON n. 1914-01-18, U.S.A. CT. Waterbury, m. 1940-11-28, à U.S.A. CT. Waterbury, Blanche DUBOIS, n. 1916-10-12, d. 1975-11-04 Armand décès: 1996-03-10, U.S.A. TX. Houston.

Arthur "Georges" FRIGON n. 1881-06-26, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, m. 1910-09-05, à U.S.A. CT. Waterbury,Ste. Anne, Rébecca VEILLETTE, n. 1886-06-27, Canada, d. 1965-01-00, U.S.A. CT. Waterbury. Arthur décès: 1957-11-26, U.S.A. CT. Waterbury.

Alphée Adolphe FRIGON n. 1846-00-15, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviéve-de-Batiscan, m. 1872-02-12, à Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Délina PRONOVOST, n. 1854-11-08, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, d. 1926-11-09, Can.Qc. Shawinigan. Alphée décès: 1934-04-10, Can. Qc. Shawinigan.

Hubert FRIGON n. 1821, m. (1) 1842-08-09, à Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Sophie CLOUTIER, n. 1825-02-06, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, d. 1848-03-21, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, m. (2) 1850-05-06, à Can. Qc. St-Prosper-de-Cham plain, Délise HOUDE. Hubert décès: 1904

Abraham FRIGON n. 1794-03-03, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviéve-de-Batiscan, m. 1814-07-04, à Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Josephte LUCAS DONTIGNY, n. 1794, Can. Qc. Champlain, d. ? Abraham décès: 1860

Louis Augustin FRIGON n. 1751-09-16. m. 1780-01-10, à Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Marie LEFEBVRE, n. 1758, Can. Qc. Batiscan, d. 1847 Louis décès: 1834-05-16, Can. Qc. Ste-Genevieve-de-Batiscan.

Antoine Pierre FRIGON n. 1716-04-24, Can. Qc. Batiscan, m. 1748-02-26 à Can. Qc. Batiscan. Marie-Anne TROTTIER, n. 1721, d. 1786-04-21 Can. Qc. Ste-Genevieve-de-Batiscan. Antoine décès: 1802-05-21, Can. Qc. Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.

Jean-François FRIGON n. 1674?, m. (1) 1700-02-08, à Can. Qc. Batiscan, Madeleine MOREAU n. 1673? D. 1713-09-25, Can. Qc. Batiscan, m. (2) 1715-06-04, à Can. Qc. Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, Marie-Anne Gertrude PERROT, n. 1688-08-24, Can. Qc. Cap-Sante, d. 1773, Can. Qc. Batiscan. Jean-François décès 1755?

François FRIGON dit l'Espagnol n. 1648? France m. 1670 à Can. Qc. Cap-de-la-Madeleine Marie-Claude CHAMOIS, n. 1656-01-00 France Paris, d. ? France François décès 1724. 05-13. Can. Qc. Batiscan.

## Richard J. Frigon (77) 1943 - 2000



Richard J. Frigon (77)

Richard J. Frigon (77) of Medfield, Massachusetts, died April 7, 2000, age 56, after a long battle with cancer. We first heard

the sad news from Sandra, his wife of 30 years. At the time, we extended to Sandra and her family, on behalf of the Association, our deepest sympathies, which we now take the occasion to reiterate.

As shown in the adjacent genealogy column, Richard was the son of Armand Benjamin Frigon of Waterbury and Blanche Dubois, and grandson of Arthur Georges Frigon and Rébecca Veillette, both originally of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan and

later Waterbury. He married Sandra Harrod on January 24, 1970 in Wellesley, Massachusetts

His low membership number - 77 - shows that Richard was an early joiner of our Association. He was very interested in the history and genealogy of the Frigons and is known to have dubbed our newsletter as a "genealogy magazine". His enthusiasm for our Association was such that once, during a chance encounter with a Frigon cousin while on a cruise tour, lost no time to give her a sales pitch on joining the Frigon family association.

Following is an extract from his obituary as published in the *Waterbury American*, April 11,2000.

"Richard Frigon was a 1962 graduate of Keynor Regional Technical School and attended the University of Connecticut as a business major; Franklin Institute in Boston, where he received his associate's degree in mechanical engineering, and Northeastern University where he majored in management skills and business law. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

With over 38 years in the elevator industry, he most recently worked as senior sales engineer at Montgomery Kone Inc. in Braintree, Mass.

He was a member of the Medfield Lions Club, Beckwith American Legion Post 110, and a coach for Medfield Youth Soccer, and a Cub Scout pack leader.

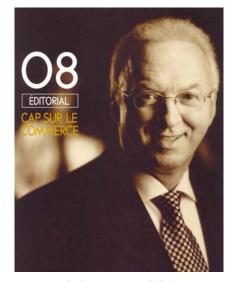
Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Jason C. and Aaron B. Frigon, both of Medfield, two brothers, George A. Frigon of Easton, Md., and Armand "Chuck" Frigon of Queensbury, NY; three sisters Jacqueline Ashwood of Spokane, Wash., Suzanne Harrington of Houston, Texas, and Rebecca Cusak of Newberg, Ore"

# Grand Family Meeting and Annual General Meeting, September 2, 2000 a briefing

- ♦ Because of threat of rain, the meetings took place in Sainte-Anne-de-La-Pérade, rather than Batiscan where a outdoor picnic-style meeting had been planned. All went well at the Community Center in La Pérade. Let's listen to what Gérald Frigon, our President, said of the meetings in the Summer 2000 issue of this newsletter: "In preparation for the Grand Family Reunion 2000, Robert (2), arranged for publication of articles and announcements in some 89 regional newspapers in Québec. The publicity resulted in many registrants for the event and some twenty new members. A warm welcome to these new members from Connecticut, La Tuque, Lac St-Jean and Greater Montréal. A thank you to Robert for this fine work.."
- ♦ The slide show produced by Georges Frigon was such a great success that Georges had to repeat it 3 times. The slide show is to be found on the CD-ROM reviewed in our Summer 2000 issue.
- **♦** La cuvée Frigon, a fine wine featured as always at Frigon family reunions, and produced by Louise Frigon (83), our vigneronne wine maker of La Pérade, celebrated this year the 335<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of François Frigon in Nouvelle-France. The cuvée Frigon label, shown in our Autumn 1996 issue on the occasion of the retrouvailles '96, states that the wine bears the signature of ancestor François Frigon.
  - ♦ The new board of directors, elected during the A.G. M. is shown on the last page of this issue.
  - **♦ Attendance:** 120 =>

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# Gaétan Frigon (107), our marketing wizard!

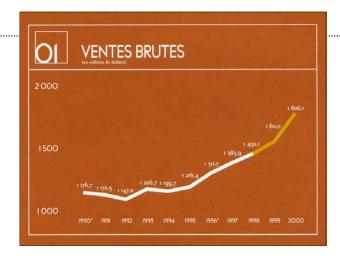


Gaétan Frigon (107) President and C. E. O. of S. A. Q.

It is anticipated that in fiscal 2000 ending in March 2001, SAQ. gross sales will reach 2 billion dollars, an increase of half billion dollars over fiscal 1998, the year before Gaétan took over.

In our Winter 1998 issue we were able to inform you of the appointment of Gaétan Frigon (107) as President and C.E.O. of the *Société des alcools du Québec*, the SAQ, the government corporation whose mandate includes the sale of alcoholic beverages in Québec. Now, hardly two years later, the SAQ is in full swing, thanks largely to Gaétan's marketing magic!

Proof is in the *chiffre d'affaires*, the turnover:



From SAQ Annual Report 2000\*



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Gaétan Frigon with the Board of Directors, Société des alcools du Québec - SAQ

\* Copies of the Annual Report 2000 - SAQ 2000 - La Nouvelle SAQ - *Cap sur le commerce*, can be obtained by writing:

SAQ. Service des communications, 905 avenue Delorimier, Montréal, QC H2K 3V9

# Augustin Frigon 1888-1952, my father Biographical Sketch

Raymond Frigon (1)

École Polytechnique, Montréal, 1909, ingénieur civil; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, 1910, graduate studies in electricity; École supérieure d'électricité, Paris, 1922; ingénieur électricien; Université de Paris (Sorbonne), faculté des sciences, 1922, docteur de l'université; Université de Montréal, 1943, docteur de l'université "honoris causa", those are the markers that define the foundations of my father's very full career. The citation read during presentation of the honoris causa doctorate at the Université de Montréal, eloquently expresses Augustin Frigon's contribution to the life of the country and to the first steps of Québec's révolution tranquille:

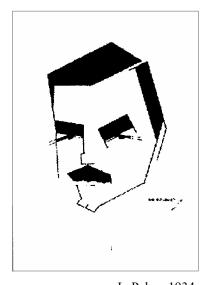


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## Citation\*

"It can be said that since 1905, Augustin Frigon has been identified with the École Polytechnique, first as a student until 1909, as professor from 1910 to 1923, and as President of the Corporation since 1935. If he sojourned at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, l'École Supérieure d'électricité in Paris, and the Sorbonne, and earned diplomas and doctorates, it was always in the interest of his institute.

He was not satisfied with being an expert in electricity; he had in sight a much broader horizon and was interested in theory and practice, in the whole field of education. At *École Polytechnique* itself, he gave a vigorous push to the study programs and gave them a new and beneficial orientation, more suited to the needs of the engineering profession. At the Council for Public Education, of which he has been a member since 1923, he has often intervened in the same way, that is with a view to increasingly adapt education to the needs of today.



LaPalme 1934

Very early, the city and the whole country called on him for his advice and dedication. Already, in 1910, he was a member of the *Commission des services publics*; in 1924, President of the *Commission des services électriques* of the City of Montréal; in 1928, he was one of the three members of the Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting, before becoming Assistant General Manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation\*\*; in 1935, he was on the *Commission d'enquête de l'Électricité de la Province de Québec*, etc. In addition, he was a member of the National Research Council of Canada, from 1923 to 1939; General Manager for Technical Education in Québec; from 1924 to 1935, member of *Commission catholique des écoles de Montréal*, director of

to 1935, member of Commission catholique des écoles de Montréal, director of the Institut scientifique franco-canadien, Director of the periodical Technique, and Secretary of Revue Trimestrielle canadienne.

This citation, with all that it implies of initiative, hard work and dedication will convince you that Augustin Frigon amply deserves the doctorate *honoris causa* of the *Université de Montréal* which we bestow on him today."

- \* Translation
- \*\* It is to be noted that Augustin Frigon later became General Manager or the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation from 1944 to 1951, which in today's nomenclature would be equivalent to President and CEO of the Corporation.

## **Augustin Frigon**

## A word from the president

This issue of the Newsletter is the last to be edited by Raymond Frigon. Since 1994, Raymond has accomplished the immense task of producing a diversified and interesting publication 4 times a year, both in French and English. The range of topics and the quality of the articles published in the past 6 years have put our Newsletter into a very respectable position in its category. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank Raymond for his courage and determination in fulfilling the mandate which he had given himself.

The standards of quality established by Raymond remain as a challenge for the new editorial team, under the direction of Jean-René. We feel certain that the members of the Association will support the new editor, and we wish him the best of luck.

For the coming new year 2001, we wish you, dear members and friends, warm and happy family reunions and the realisation of your most cherished projects for the new year.

# Gérald Frigon, President

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