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What a wonderful reunion!

Saturday was a rainy day. But we were not bored, believe me! At the entrance was the splendid Andrée Perron, dressed as Gertrude Peros and accompanied by Renée (75) as Jean-François Frigon. Pierre (4), as Notary Trotain, out did himself as he presented the 1715 inventory of Jean-François' personal property. About 90 people attended the banquet. René-P. Dessureault, author of *Ceux de la Rivière (Those of the River)*, entertained us with stories about the people of Batiscan, the Amerindians' way of life and rendered a vibrant tribute to the "Filles du roi" (king's daughters), our courageous pioneers.

Luc Béraud from the *Batiscan Historical Society* donated about twenty copies of Jean-Paul Foley's book *Batiscan s'érige (Batiscan Grows)*, published by



René Frigon - Andrée Perron



Pierre Frigon

the Éditions du bien public. It is a real little gem of history. Luc Béraud and René Dessureault shared with us their historical knowledge and their pleasant company throughout the day. Many thanks to our two guests!

The official inauguration of the sign that marks



Ivanhoë Frigon, Cyrille Frigon, Colette Isabelle, Gérald Frigon, René Frigon, Andrée Perron

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Gérald Frigon (116)

As several different articles published in our present newsletter attest, our annual reunion was a great success. A commemorative plaque was unveiled at the entrance to the ancestral land. The following is the speech given at this unveiling:

Francois Frigon established himself at the junction of two communication routes of his time, the St. Lawrence River and the Batiscan River. These two routes led to fur trading, the major industry of that period. His enterprising and adventurous spirit can still be found today in his descendents. This explains why our forbearers left Batiscan preferring (the lure of) new industries and new businesses. But Batiscan stays anchored in our memory.

This plaque marks the birthplace of our family, the Frigon's. It shows our attachment to Batiscan. As Yvan Landry said in one of his books in the series Coin du Pays, "to introduce a friend doesn't mean to tell his height and his strength...it is above all to say his name. This name evokes a beginning and a history...the name becomes a landmark on the map, a sacred place, a memory, an origin, a face."



It is with pleasure and emotion that we unveil today this commemorative plaque, identifying the Frigon ancestral land.



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The Second Generation



Gérald Frigon and Georges E. Frigon



Gérald Frigon and Louis-Georges Frigon



Gérald Frigon and Lucie Frigon Caron

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our ancestor's land was a touching moment, for it was there that Marie-Claude and François toiled for so many years to clear the land, build their house and raise their children. When Marie-Claude undertook her long inheritance saga, they had been living there for 14 years, had six lovely children and about fifteen *arpents* of their land were probably cleared.

We honoured three eminent members of the Association, presenting them with souvenir parchment certificates: Georges E. (93), for his faithfulness in creating and maintaining the genealogical database for the last eight years; Louis-Georges (10), for his fruitful recruitment work during the first years of the Association; Lucie (56) for her involvement in the editing of the newsletter during several years and for the quality of the results of her research in France regarding

the origins of François Frigon dit Lespagnol.



Robert T. Hamilton et Ruth Baribeau
Photo; archives GEF(93)

And we had company from the States! Ruth Baribeau (155) and Robert T. Hamilton were present, as they had been in 2000.

And Mary Frego Coates (139), the faithful reviser



of our English publications, made the long trip from Kincardine, Ontario, with her husband, two of her three sons and an Italian exchange student staying with them. We were so happy to be able to meet them at last. And what can we say about Réjeanne (177) who brought along six participants!

On Sunday, the visit to the Ursuline convent in Trois-Rivières proved to be a time of meditation and fraternization. There we discovered another Frigon. Céline¹ is an Ursuline and she is

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Photos, kindly furnished by Jacques Frigon. To obtain these photos of the Grand Gathering, visit www.multifolio.com/galerie
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1. Several members have expressed the wish to communicate with Sr. Céline Frigon. With her permission, we are publishing her address; Sr Céline Frigon
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Pierre Frigon (04)

Your Association has published several documents
and produced some promotional articles since it was founded.



LES FRIGON and THE FRIGONS Newsletter

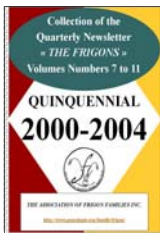
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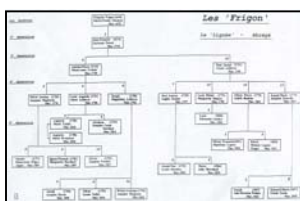
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XXII^e plaidoyer, D'Aguesseau (D'Aguesseau's 22nd Speech for the Defense) (Available in French only)



A document taken completely from *Œuvres de M. le Chancelier D'Aguesseau* published in 1761, and reedited in 1787. D'Aguesseau was the Crown Attorney, which adds to the dependability of his speech in favour of Marie-Claude Chamois. In this plea, he proves beyond all doubt, the identity of Marie-Claude Chamois who was accused by her mother, Jacqueline Girard, of identity theft when she claimed the inheritance left her by her father, Honoré Chamois, a king's secretary. 36 pages.

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10 Generations of Family History, Roger (130) (Available in French only)

Working document for researchers. Does not contain every name in the first 10 generations and may still contain a few errors. Your collaboration is welcome. 67 pages.

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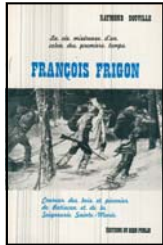
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**CD “Retrouvailles” (Grand Gathering), Edition 2005**

The slide presentation shown at the annual gatherings is updated regularly and offers a vast amount of genealogical information about the extended Frigon family. For the CD “Retrouvailles” slide presentation, contact :

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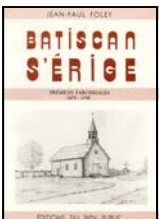
Raymond relates the drama created by the absence of Marie-Claude Chamois who, accused of identity theft, was detained in France, leaving her family to fend for themselves.

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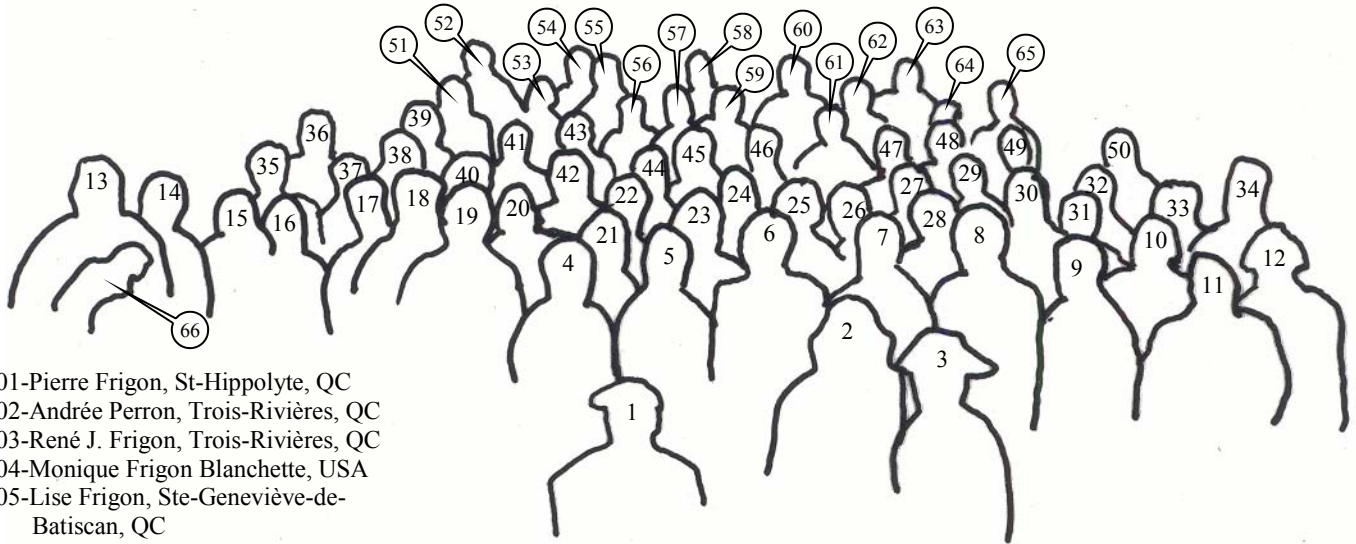
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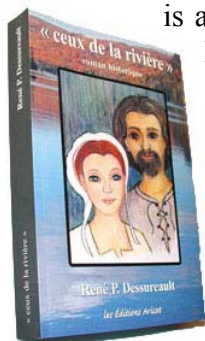


66-Tootsie

Jean-Pierre Frigon (194)

The readers of our bulletin will surely be interested by two publications evoking the woodsmen adventures of two of our ancestors: François Frigon who had left France to establish our lineage in Canada and Jean-François Frigon, his son, the one from whom we all descend.

The first book, by René P. Dessureault, is called “*Ceux de la Rivière*” (The Ones from the River). It is a historical novel published by Aricot Editions (pages.infinet.net/aricot/). This novel tells the story of François Dessureaux, the author’s ancestor, and of his children who had settled in the valley of the Batiscan River around 1670. In an unsophisticated style idealizing the past, the author seems well documented and he set his story in the locations and time periods in which our ancestors had lived.



For us, Frigon descendants fond of history, the interest lies in that it talks of our two ancestors, François and Jean-François Frigon. In pages 48 to 54, we can indeed read about the return of François Frigon from the highland of the Batiscan River where he had spent the winter trapping. “Petit Batisse”, son of the Algonquin chief “Batiscan”, accompanied him. He had come down to “La Pointe Fortage”, a few miles from the Batiscan River’s mouth, to trade his furs at the trading post held by François Dessureaux. In this highly credible excerpt taking place in 1672, our ancestor plays yet a minor role.



René P. Dessureault, author, during his speech at the GRAND GATHERING 2005 of the Frigon families.
Photo, kindly provided by Jacques Frigon (106) .

In pages 333 to 347, François’s son Jean-François Frigon has a leading part. The author tells of a trading trip taking place at the Great Lakes around 1705. Jean-François plays an important part as leader of the expedition and he is described as a fearless and experienced “traveler”. He is accompanied by his brother in law Joseph Moreau and François Dessureault junior. This excerpt is very racy and, on its own, makes it worth buying the book. In it, we follow the account of the expedition from Montreal to Fort Detroit going through the difficult portaging of Niagara Falls. It may be of interest to publish this excerpt in our bulletin.

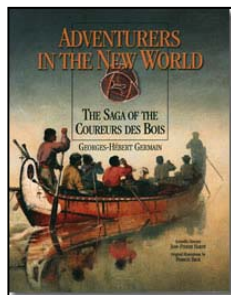
In pages 155 and 181, the author also mentions Jean-François Frigon and even the Frigon’s rooster’s singing. The author’s research is well documented and he supports his novel on true historical foundations that give it much credibility. For example, he writes in page 345: “Joseph Moreau, son of Jean Moreau (---), married Françoise Frigon, daughter of his great friend François Frigon legendary woodsman. (---) He did not return from his 1707 trip. His spouse is left alone with three children and without means. François Frigon paid all of his son in law’s debts and took his daughter back with him.”

To be noted also is that all the characters in the book really existed and could be found in the Batiscan historical account concerning our two ancestors. They were their neighbors or their relatives. Other than François and Jean-François, the author depicts their neighbors and relatives: Antoine Rivard, known as “Feuille Verte” (Green Leaf) (François’s son in law), Jean Moreau (Jean-François’s father in law), Jean Baril (second neighbor to the Frigons), several Guillet ladies (all connected to the Frigons by marriage), Pierre Guillet and Louis Guillet also known as St-Mars (connected by marriage to Françoise Frigon and descendants of my own spouse), the notary Trottain. He states also many other names that so often go along next to our two ancestors in the pages of our own bulletin. “*Ceux de la Rivière*” (The Ones from the River) is a very interesting

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novel for the descendants of François and Jean-François Frigon.



To conclude, allow me the pleasure of recommending to you another book that will without doubt interest any Frigon fascinated by the trading trips of our ancestors. This book written by George-Hébert Germain and published by Libre Expression Editions is called “*Adventurers in*

the New World, The Saga of the Coureurs des Bois” and is set at a level different than the previous one.

This book contains magnificent illustrations, very evocative of the life led by our woodsmen ancestors, along with well documented accounts covering all aspects of the woodsmen’s and traveler’s life. Pages 80 to 83 contain descriptions of the boatswain canoes and the crews. One can, without much effort, imagine François and Jean-François in these canoes at the beginning of the 18th century, canoes that had

replaced the small canoes in use at the end of the 17th century. On page 86, we find a description of Fort Michilimakinac, a place where our ancestor François stayed on many occasions. One can also read on page 60 about the life of Nicolas Perrot who was, for an extended period of time, Commander of Fort Michilimakinac and Governor of the “Pays d’en Haut” (in the Laurentide Region). This was at the same time as François’s trading trip. It is most likely that the two men met each other there. Moreover, could there also be a family link with Gertrude Perrot, Jean-François’s second wife? She bore him the male children from whom all the Frigons of America are descended. Here is a book that any well advised Frigon should have on his (her) bookshelves.

Translation: Nicole Frigon

Note from the person in charge of the Newsletter Committee:

1. *The author believes there could be a link between Gertrude Perro and Nicholas Perrot. Pierre Perrot, the father of Gertrude Perrot, is the brother of Nicholas Perrot. They are the sons of François Perrot and Marie Sirot or Sivot.*

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responsible for the administration of the convent and the school. What a place! It is immense and chock-full of historic treasures! Catherine Lemarier-Saulnier was the guide for our visit of this venerable building. Visiting these testaments to the past is always comforting, but it is always mixed with the fear that fire could one day destroy them.

At the *Forges du Saint-Maurice* we were treated to a fantastic tale about the devil and a very instructive visit...and the weather was splendid! Jean-René (75) found some excellent information about the husbands of Jean-François’ daughters who worked there, one as ironmaster (Jean-Baptiste Delorme) and the other as hammer man (Pierre Marchand).

In the course of this Grand Gathering, we benefited from the talents of Armande (88), known as *La Bonne Bouffe* (Good Food); Cécile Brunelle, known as *Madame Logistique*; Jacques our

photographer (106) alias *La lentille* (The Lens) ; Andrée Perron, Pierre (4), and René (75), *The Infernal Trio*; Jean-René, *The Projectionist*; Georges (93) and Roger (131) known as *The Genealogists*.

But what would this gathering have been without the reception committee: Alexandre Daigle and Marie-Josée Frigon, Colette Isabelle, Lise Drolet, Micheline Pinard and Madeleine Cyr, Raymonde (96), Nicole (191), Marcel Guillemette (236), Léonce (218), Daniel (34) Claudette Chevrette-Naud (126) and Guy Naud... **without our booksellers** Lucie (56) and Pauline (86), Louise (32) and Gilles (32)...**without our winemakers** Claude Vaillancourt and Louise (83)...**without our secretary for the meeting** François (130)...and **without our gardener** Louis, son of Cyrille (180) who financed and did the landscaping around the sign on the ancestral land?

A wonderful gathering!

We are already looking forward to the next one.