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THE ABITIBI PIONEERS

II - Ivanhoë Frigon jr

Pierre Frigon (4)

To complete our account of some of the events surrounding Ivanhoë Frigon II's life, the following is a text taken from a volume in the collection *Biographies canadiennes françaises*, page 103.

(Since we were unable to find this book at the National Library, more precision is not possible.)

Born in Western Canada, Mr. Ivanhoë Frigon Jr, a furniture retailer, was adopted by his uncle, Mr. Ivanhoë Frigon, a pioneer of the Abitibi Region, when he was hardly one year old and went to live with him in Amos, Quebec.

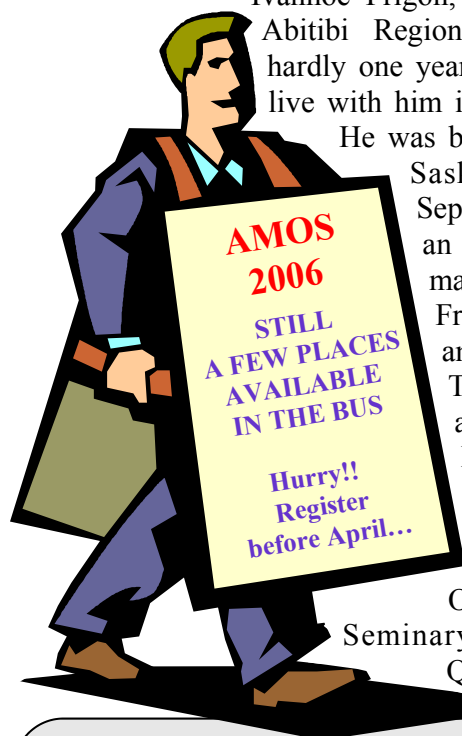
He was born in Domremy, Saskatchewan, on September 5, 1922, an offspring of the marriage of Rolland Frigon, a farmer, and of Geneviève Trudel. He attended Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Kindergarten, Mont Jésus-Marie in Outremont, the Seminary in Joliette, Quebec, St-

Laurent College in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa University in Ottawa, Ontario. He completed his commercial diploma in French and in English. Following his studies he worked for one year in Amos at his adoptive father's store, then as a clerk at Germain Samson's business in Preissac Afterwards he worked for two years in Oskalanee, as an accountant in the large forestry operations belonging to J.B.Lebel. The two years spent in the forest allowed him to save some money, which he later invested in a business, money that he obviously knew how to manage and multiply. Early in the fall of 1944 he opened a knick-knack and gift shop right in the heart of the commercial district in Amos. The

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The articles in today's bulletin bring us back to the heroic times of the pioneers.

To begin with there was the fur trade, the first commercial endeavour in New France. It is a well-known fact that the primary objective of expeditions like those of Cadillac, Radisson, Iberville, etc. was to find new suppliers of fur of the highest quality. Batiscan was a route towards the North, until the voyageurs began going up the Outaouais (River) to James Bay and towards the south via (Lake) Michigan to the Illinois (River) and as far as Louisiana via the Mississippi.

Then, there was the cultivation of the land (in its broadest sense), which, after the second term of Jean

Talon's intendancy, became an industry employing half of the country's available manpower, thanks to the people of New France's quest for self-sufficiency; this continued until the middle of the last century.

During the past century and a half, the mechanical industries developed and attracted a large number of Frigons in Quebec as well as in New England, for the descendants of François have a taste for making things (rather than talk).

One hundred years from now they will talk about the century of service and information technology that was ours. What will have been the contribution of the Frigons? Will we have left our mark?

THE ABITIBI PIONEERS II - Ivanhoë Frigon jr

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following year he added the whole line of furniture. The progressive and rapid growth of his business in 1940 gave him the possibility of constructing one of the most beautiful buildings of the region on 1st Avenue in Amos. He sold furniture, electrical appliances, various brands of radios, records and record players, motorcycles, motorboats and sports articles for an interesting clientele. Being a former baseball and hockey player who had known fame as a player, he sponsored sports of all kinds. Work was his favourite pastime. However he appreciated the time he could spend at his country home at Lac Beauchamp."



En 1987 Ivanhoë Frigon jr reçoit le prix Paul Harris Fellow.

Témiscamingue), we learn that he had the same concerns as his uncle, Ivanhoë I: "Always preoccupied with regional economic development, this former member of the Chamber of Commerce also involved himself socially in his community and was President of the Amos Rotary Club and founder of the Foyer Harricana, a residence for senior citizens."¹

The Rotary Club is composed of a group of businessmen and contributes to various social causes. "Today, the extended Rotary Family is involved in 157 countries and includes over one million members spread out in some 28,000 clubs."²

In *Des femmes et des hommes de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue* (Men and Women of Abitibi-

"On January 9, 1941, the 29 founding members of

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1. Francis Proulx, *Des femmes et des hommes de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue : personnalités dominantes qui œuvrent ou qui ont œuvré dans divers domaines* (Women and Men of Abitibi-Témiscamingue : Dominant Persons Who Work or Have Worked in Different Domains), Gens d'ici Collections, D'ici et d'ailleurs Ed., Val d'Or, 1992, p.174.

2. <http://www.rotaryamos.org/html/club/qualamos.html>.

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the Amos Rotary Club received the charter confirming their adhesion to Rotary International. Ivanhoë Frigon Jr was President of the Amos Rotary Club in 1963-64.

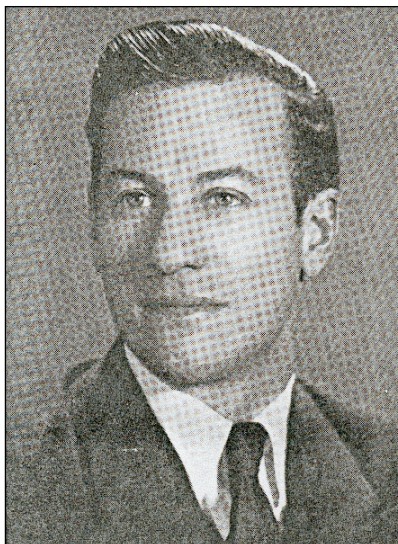
“Many projects came to be, thanks to the intervention of the Amos Rotary Club. Among others, there were the Paul Carrière Pavilion or the second ice rink of the Amos Sports Complex to which the Rotary Club granted \$70,000 in 1983; the Foyer Harricana bus, used to transport elderly people that received a donation of \$24,000 in 1986, and the Maison des Jeunes (Youth Home) that received \$35,000 in 1988-1989; the Fondation Hospitalière d’Amos (Amos Hospital Foundation) which was given \$100,000 to acquire a scanner.”³

In 1987, Ivanhoë Frigon Jr received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

We could not complete our survey without mentioning the contribution of Ivanhoë Frigon Jr’s spouse, Irène Dubois-Frigon.

Irène Dubois Frigon, born on December 26, 1926, is the daughter of Alphonse Dubois and of Marie-Anna Béliveau. Later on, her family went to live in St-Laurent, Manitoba, where she studied and completed Grade 12. Upon her return to Amos in 1944, she started to work for a telephone company, working there as a telephone operator until 1946.

After her wedding in 1947, Irène Dubois-Frigon



M. IVANHOE FRIGON, Jr.

Marchand de meubles, Amos

divided her time between her family and her husband’s businesses. She played a major role in their efficient functioning by looking after the accounting. During close to 45 years she was the accountant for Ivanhoë Frigon Ltd (1947-1970), La Sarre Propane Inc. (1972-1989), and Gestion Anocinq Ltd (1977-today). Since 1989, she has served as accounting supervisor for Amosphère (a hotel complex), for Hallmark Amos and for l’Entrepôt du Peintre (the Painter’s Warehouse).

Despite the many responsibilities that she assumed over the years, Irène Frigon always found the time to

be involved in her community. Concerned with its welfare, she was a member of the school Parents’ Committee, the President and Director of the Amos Red Cross Division, and President, for many years of the Red Cross Finance Committee. She was a warden at St-Thérèse Cathedral in Amos, treasurer of the Daughters of Isabelle (a women’s Church group). She also participated in the committee that prepared the Fiftieth Anniversary of Amos. Always a member of the Daughters of Isabelle, in 1970 Irène Frigon was awarded the Diocesan Order of Merit in recognition of her dedication.

Irène Dubois married Ivanhoë Frigon Jr on October 2, 1947. They have four (sic) children: Ivanhoë III, Jacques, Johanne, Ginette and Jean-Pier.”⁴

Coming up next: Ivanhoë Frigon, uncle and adoptive father of Ivanhoë Jr: his life as a pioneer.

Translated by Nicole Frigon

3. <http://www.rotaryamos.org/html/club/qualamos.html>.

4. Francis Proulx, *Des femmes et des hommes de l’Abitibi-Témiscamingue : personnalités dominantes qui œuvrent ou qui ont œuvré dans divers domaines (Women and Men of Abitibi-Témiscamingue : Dominant Persons Who Work or Have Worked in Different Domains)*, Gens d’ici Collections, D’ici et d’ailleurs Ed., Val d’Or, 1992, p. 173.

FAMILY NEWS

Georges E. Frigon (93)

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

*Sincere condolences to our members,
cousins and families who have lost a loved one*

Jacques Boisvert, spouse of Nicole Frigon, died in Montreal on November 29, 2005.

Yvon Frigon, spouse of Solange Desmarais, died in Montreal on December 31, 2005.

René-Paul Bellemare, spouse of Cécile Frigon, died in Trois-Rivieres on January 23, 2006.

Paul-Emile St-Arnaud, spouse of Yvonne Frigon, died in Shawinigan-Sud on January 26, 2006.

Irène B. Frigon, spouse of Joseph Courtemanche, died in Woonsocket RI, USA on January 30, 2006.

Barbentane, 1615

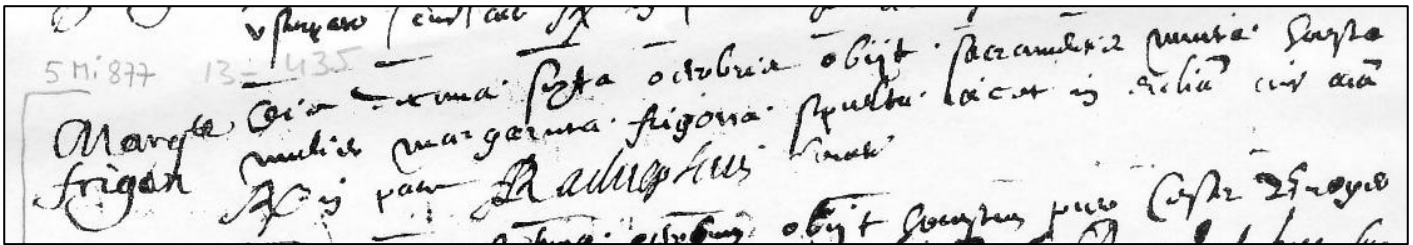
Lucie Frigon Caron (#56)

Today this chronicle brings you the death certificate of Marguerite Frigon. As was the case for the marriage certificates already brought to your attention, this one was obtained through an "Entraide généalogique" volunteer (genealogical sharing) who used the date and place as points of reference for the research.

To date, this death certificate constitutes the oldest proof of the existence of the patronymic FRIGON in France.

As you will notice, the handwriting on the certificate limits the comprehension of the text, except for the patronymic Frigon and the abbreviation of the first name which are easily identifiable in the margin. In the main part of the certificate, which was written in Latin, Frigon becomes Frigona.

Death certificate, Marguerite Frigon, October 16, 1615



Now, a few words about Barbentane, a typical old village of Provence which seems to have preserved its rich heritage. It was a *seigneurie* of the Archbishop of Avignon from the 12th century till the Revolution, and received the title of "city" in 1505.

Barbentane is situated a dozen kilometres south of Davignon, in Department 13 (Bouches du Rhône), Provence-Alpes-Côtes-d'Azur Region, Canton (district) of Châteaurenard.

Consult recent tourist guide books such as *Le Routard*; there you will find Barbentane. Among the interesting sites to be seen or visited are the *Hôtel de Ville* (City Hall) which is a 17th century building, the *Porte Calendrale* which controlled the entrance of the rampart during the Middle Ages, the Anglica Tower, the *Place de l'Église* (the church square), etc.

To complete this brief review, texts and photos are available on the following (Internet) sites.

<http://www.mairie-barbentane.fr/Default.asp>

<http://www.propamedia.net/bouches-rhone/barbentane.htm>

<http://www.propamedia.net/bouches-rhone/CANTONS/canton-chateaurenard.htm>

<http://www.provenceweb.fr/f/bouches/barbentane/barbentane.htm>

<http://www.mediterranee-france.com/villes/bouches-du-rhone/barbentane/index.html>



Marguerite's death certificate and the marriage certificates of Jeanne Rose¹ and Elisabeth² present a trio of Frigon women whose respective events took place in different parts of Provence.

1. *The Frigons Newsletter*, Volume 12 - Number 3, page 20 and 21.

2. *The Frigons Newsletter*, Volume 12 - Number 2, page 11, 12 and 13.

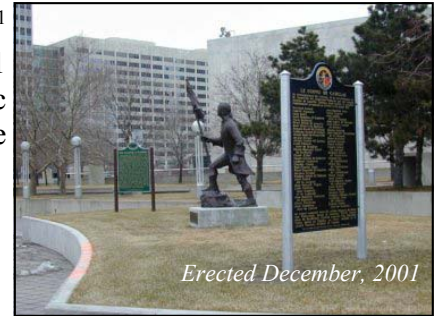
Jean-René Frigon (11)

On May 18, 2002, the *French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan*¹ dedicated a memorial plaque on which is engraved the names of the 51 French-Canadian Voyageurs who accompanied Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac in Detroit on July 24, 1701. This plaque was erected next to the Cadillac statue and the state historical marker in Hart Plaza, in the city of Detroit.

*The text engraved
on the plaque*

THE CADILLAC CONVOY

In recognition of the courage, perseverance and expertise of the French-Canadians who brought Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac to establish the first permanent settlement at Le Détroit on July 24, 1701.



Erected December, 2001

Bertrand Arnaud
Gabriel Aubuchon
Louis Babie
Louis Badaillac dit Laplante
Simon Baillargé
Henri Bélisle dit Lamarre
René Bénard dit Bourjoli
François Benoît dit Livernois
Guillaume Bonnet dit Deliard
Joseph Brault dit Pomainville
Jacques Brisset
Joseph Cartier dit Larose
Louis Chauvin, sieur de Beaulieu
Pierre-François Circé dit St-Michel

Pierre Collet
Claude Crevier dit Bellerive
Lambert Cuillerier
Charles Cusson
Paul-Charles Dazé
Pierre Desautels dit Lapointe
Jacques Durand
François Fafard dit Delorme
Louis Fafard dit de Longval
Jean-François Frigon
Louis Gatineau, sieur Duplessis et de Lameslée
Jean-Baptiste Gatineau dit Duplessis
Pierre Gauvreau

René Godefroy, sieur de Linctot
Jean-Baptiste Guay
Pierre Lagrave
Jean Latour, sieur de Foucault
Jean Lemire dit Marsolet
Jean-Alexis Lemoine dit Monière
Jacques Lemoine
Jean-Baptiste Monmellian dit St-Germain
Pierre Morisseau
Laurent Renaud
Pierre Richard
Claude Rivard dit Loranger
Mathurin Rivard dit Feuilletverte

Edmond Roy dit Châtelleraut
Michel Roy dit Châtelleraut
Pierre Roy dit Châtelleraut
Pierre Toupin
Jean Turcot
Jean-Baptiste Vanier dit Lafontaine
Louis Vaudry
Pierre Verdon
Jacques Viger
François Viennay-Pachot
Guillaume Vinet dit LaRente
Étienne Volant, sieur de Radisson

The convoy also included fifty French soldiers and Chacornac, baron de Joannès; Pierre Dugué, sieur de Boisbriant; Antoine Lamothe, fils; Alphonse Tonty, baron de Paludy; a Recollect priest and François Vaillant de Gueslis, S.J.

1. « Plaque and Sculpture for Detroit 300 » in *French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan*, Michigan FCHSM, January 1, 2006, <http://fchsm.habitant.org/>, (January 17, 2006).

STATE OF MICHIGAN²

“This region was originally populated by native American tribes, principally the Ottawas, the Potawatomis, the Miamis and the Hurons. The French were the first to colonize the territory. Their first establishment, St-Mary’s Mission, was founded by the Jesuit priest Jacques Marquette at Sault, in 1668. In 1701, the city of Detroit was founded by Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac. The region became an active centre for fur trading. It was part of what was then known in New France as ‘Les Pays d’en haut’ (the upper or upstream regions), and provided channels of communication between Canada (the St. Lawrence Valley), the ‘Pays de l’Ohio’ (the Ohio region), the ‘Pays des Illinois’ (Illinois territory) and Louisiana (see the map).”

2. LECLERC, Jacques. « Michigan » in *L’Aménagement linguistique dans le monde*, Quebec TLFQ, Laval University, October 11, 2005, <http://www.tlfq.ulaval.ca/axl/amnord/michigan.htm>, (January 17, 2006).



An invitation to make a gesture that could save the life of a Frigon "cousin":
Gilles Frigon (31) of Trois-Rivières, brother of Louise Frigon (32).

Gilles has been living with bone marrow cancer for the past 4 years. Medical specialists have practically exhausted the list of treatments they can give him. There remains, however, the possibility of performing an **allograft**, that is, a transplant of **stem cells** from a **compatible donor**.

The specialists are constantly searching in the International Blood Donor Registry for a **donor perfectly compatible** with Gilles, but without success.

Blood donated by a Frigon, 18-50 years of age, would increase the chances of compatibility.

The procedure is simple:

Fill in a form;
give a blood sample.

FOR QUEBEC RESIDENTS

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By Internet : <http://www.hema-quebec.qc.ca/>

Skip the introduction

Click on *Stem-Cells*

Click on *Stem-Cell Donor Registry*

Click on *How to Join*

Click on *Consent to join Registry Form (920 KB)*

Print the 2-page formula and fill it in.

By Telephone: 1-800-565-6635, local 279

Ask for a Registration Form and fill it in

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Donor-recipient compatibility

If a patient needs a stem cell transplant, who is the best donor?

The characteristics of the stem cells that are transplanted must be as close as possible to those of the patient. Since these characteristics are hereditary, we look first of all for a compatible donor, i.e., a person whose genetic tissue markers are sufficiently similar to those of the patient, in the patient's family (generally a brother or sister). The chances of finding a compatible donor in the family are approximately 25%, or one in four.

SOURCE: « Donor-recipient compatibility » in *Stem Cells, What are they ?, Héma-Québec*,
[\[http://hema-quebec.qc.ca/anglais/index.htm\]](http://hema-quebec.qc.ca/anglais/index.htm)
(February 14, 2006).

FOR CANADIANS OUTSIDE OF QUEBEC Consult the Web Site www.bloodservices.ca/

FOR ALL OTHER COUNTRIES Consult the Web Site www.marrow.org/

If your blood donation does not save Gilles life, it will certainly give the gift of life to someone else.

A heartfelt thank you to the extended Frigon family !

Louise Frigon (32)
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 Our descendants

Send us photos of your grandchildren or your children and savour the pleasure of seeing their refreshing little faces in the newsletter.

Let the members of the Association share the joys of your expanding family.

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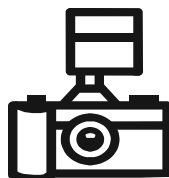
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Cécile Brunelle



Odélie Girard, born November 7, 2005 is the daughter of Carl Girard and Julie Lafrance.

She is linked to the Frigon family through her maternal grandmother, Aline Frigon (12).



Laurence and Camille Duquette, born April 9, 2005, are the daughters of Martin Duquette and Sonia Beaulieu.

They are linked to the Frigon family through their paternal grandmother, Monique Frigon (18).



Marc-Antoine Frigon, born March 30, 2005 is the son of Jocelyn Frigon and Cathy Jacob.

He is linked to the Frigon family through his paternal grandfather, Gérald Frigon (95).



Colin Thériault, born February 23, 2004 is the son of Alain Thériault and Marie-Josée Frigon.

He is linked to the Frigon family through his maternal grandfather, Gérald Frigon (116).

FAMILY HISTORY SHARING

Georges Frigon (93)



Geneviève Frigon

Our Association researchers are calling upon the members for assistance in linking this cousin whose picture was published in a newspaper.

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Louise Lacombe and her cousin Normande Lacombe are looking for Denise Lacombe, wife of Émile Frigon. The couple was married in the parish of St-Esprit de Rosemont in Montreal on September 29, 1962. Denise's mother is Germaine Otis and her father Henri Lacombe. Who is Denise Allard associated with Émile?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE OBITUARIES.

Natalie Ann Bearse, daughter of Régina Frigon, wife of Raymond Gauthier, died in Tiverton RI, USA on June 27, 2002.

Béatrice Corbeille, daughter of Marie-Rose Frigon, wife of Jophet Boucher, died in Woonsocket RI, USA on September 5, 2002. Jophet in the obituary.

Alice Laurence, daughter of Belvina Frigon, wife of Henri L. Brindamour, died in Warwick RI, USA on December 1, 2002