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## A Terrific Annual Gathering

There was magic in the air at the *Village Québécois d'Antan* in Drummondville! More than fifty people fraternized in this lively village on the banks of the St-François River. Dozens of children, adolescents and adults in period costumes welcomed us warmly as they went about their daily 19th and early 20th century chores. The day was warm and humid and had begun with a heavy downpour, but the rest of the day was fine...until the very last minute of the evening show *La Fantastique Légende AO*. At that point, the sky opened up and there was a real deluge, as if the gods who had looked after us all day had gone off duty!



Vaillancourt (251) registered the new members, Louise (32) and Jeanne d'Arc Fortin were in charge of selling our publications, CDs, and other items. Claudette Chevrette-Naud (126) distributed the meal and show tickets. We must not forget Claude Vaillancourt (251) who served as Election President and Ivanhoë (80), secretary for the annual

meeting. What a fantastic team!

Gérald (116) was re-elected president. The members elected to the Board of Directors for 2007-2008 were: Claude Vaillancourt (251), Claudette Chevrette-Naud

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Our cousin Ruth Baribeau (160) and her husband Robert T. Hamilton, from Stratford, Connecticut, ever faithful to the Association, were present as usual. Eight hours of driving to come to the annual gathering! How many of us could do as much? It was a real pleasure to welcome them once again!

Many thanks to all those who worked on this fourteenth annual reunion. Gérald (116) took care of the reservations at the Village and Roger (131) compiled the housing information. Léonce (218) distributed the programs for the day; Cécile Brunelle and Georges E. (93) were at the reception, Louise (83) took care of membership renewals, Claude

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- retrace the families bearing the surnames Frigon, Frigone, Frego, Fregoe, Fregone et Fregon
- recruit members and resource persons
- organise gatherings and annual reunions with a view to creating bonds of friendship
- collect genealogical and historical information from the members and other sources in order to favour the promotion, development and the spread of Frigon history, genealogy and other ties between generations
- publish a Frigon Family dictionary
- publish the newsletter *THE FRIGONS*
- publish and make available monographs, biographies, family albums, the results of historical and genealogical research
- assure the preservation of the family archives

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*Gérald Frigon (116)*

In his article entitled "A Terrific Annual Gathering", Pierre thanks all those who contributed to the success of the Annual General Meeting in Drummondville. It is now my turn to thank him personally for his contribution, which is always immense, generous and unlimited. The secretary's main task is to maintain an up-to-date membership list, and, consequently, to handle all correspondence with the members. The importance of Pierre in our organization is not limited to his secretarial tasks: he is an extraordinary transmitter of knowledge, always eager to disseminate the latest information he has acquired, and always enthusiastic about helping us to discover his most recent findings.

Such men have a primordial value in inspiring and stimulating a genealogical organization such as ours.

Genealogy, like history, is not a simple accumulation of dates (birth, marriage, and death), but an instrument of knowledge, one that lets us renew our view of our common history, interpret its evolution, and, eventually, better understand our society.

Our thanks to Pierre and to all of you who contribute, in one way or another, to the vitality of our association.

### A Terrific Annual Gathering

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(126) François (130) Hermine Trudel (240), Jean-René (11), Léonce (218), Louise (83), Marcel Guillemette (236), Pierre (04), Raymond (1), Raymonde (96), René (75), Roger (131), and Sylvie (27). The team faces its new term of office with enthusiasm and with many projects on the drawing board.

The day ended with a terrific show written by Raoul Duguay and set to music by Michel Cusson. *La*

*Fantastique Légende AO*, a symphony of colours, costumes, songs, special audio and visual effects, illustrates the intimate bonds that exist between mankind and nature. The work also shows humanity at the mercy of its excesses, a humanity that must put its hope in its children, symbols of the future, and its artists, the guardians of beauty in the world. This show is profound and touching, but entertaining and dynamic as well. It was a delight for all age groups, an intense experience because of its power of suggestion.

## 2008 Meeting "In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors" (August 16 and 17)

We have started preparing a meeting to be held in Quebec City during the summer of 2008. The Annual General Assembly will

take place at the Manoir de Neuville, followed by several activities in Quebec City. Chartered busses will transport the

participants from Neuville to all the activities. An insert with a list of possible accommodations has been included with this newsletter. We urge you to make your reservations for lodging as soon as possible.

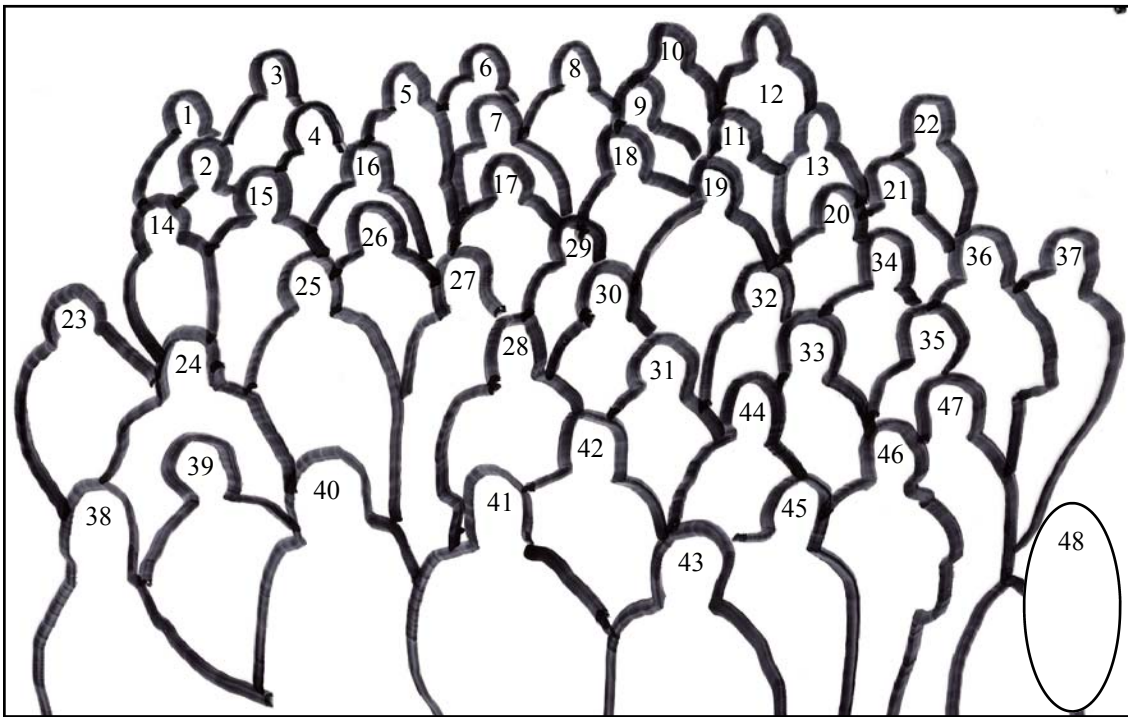
*There will be more detailed information in future newsletters.*

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47. Denise Frigon, Trois-Rivières  
 48. Jean-René Frigon, Trois-Rivières  
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#### ALSO PARTICIPATED

49. Marie-Jeanne Frigon (Ross), Forestville  
 50. Ginette Frigon, Saint-Hyacinthe  
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## REPORT ON RESEARCH IN FRANCE

Gérald Frigon (116)

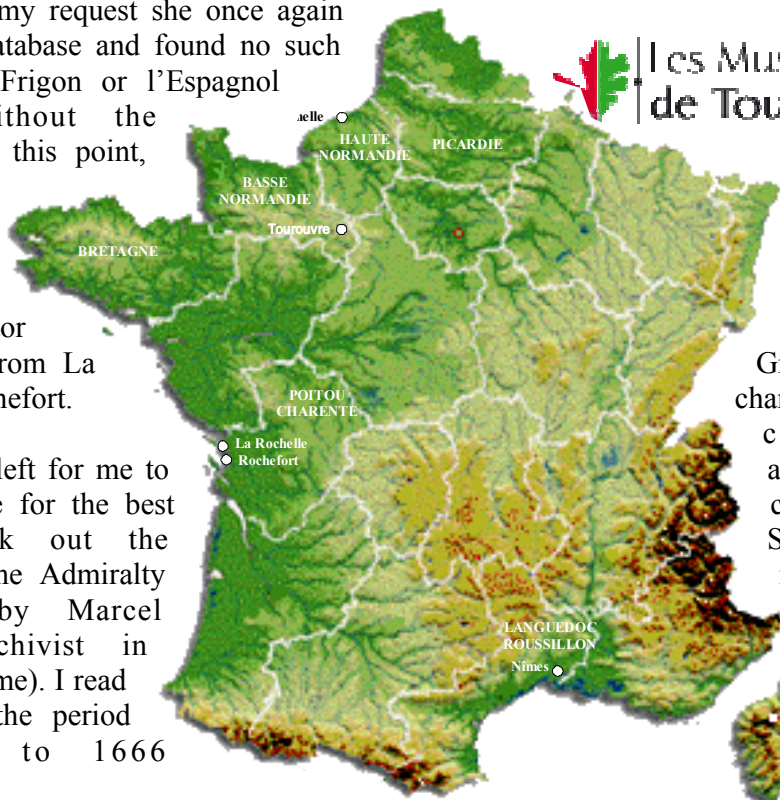
### A Visit to the Departmental Archives of Charente-Maritime at La Rochelle



On June 18, 2007, I met the archivist at the Departmental Archives (17 Charente-Maritimes). After explaining to her the purpose of my visit and mentioning that we are familiar with the documents of Michel Langlois and Yves Landry, she consulted her database of emigrants who sailed for New France from La Rochelle or Rochefort, and found no Frigon or L'Espagnol or Lespagnol listed. We then talked about the *contrat d'engagement* (enlistment contract) and she mentioned that the processing of the notarized acts of all the notaries of the "Département" is practically finished (the period that concerns us has already been completed). At my request she once again consulted the database and found no such contract for a Frigon or l'Espagnol (with or without the apostrophe). At this point, she admitted **b e i n g** "practically convinced" that our ancestor did not leave from La Rochelle or Rochefort.

The only thing left for me to do was to hope for the best and to check out the documents of the Admiralty (inventoried by Marcel Delafosse, archivist in Charente-Maritime). I read the index for the period from 1663 to 1666

inclusively, and noted 4 articles to be consulted on microfilm concerning ship incident reports; none of them proved to be pertinent to our research on François Frigon. I also consulted the same index for the year 1697 and made a note of 13 articles pertaining to some orders and certificates of presence for the 12 ships whose microfilms had been read: there was neither a mention of Marie-Claude nor a detailed list of passengers. According to this archivist, in all probability, Marie-Claude would have left from Dieppe between 1697 and 1704, and she advised us to consult the Archives of the Département de Paris, 18 boulevard Service, Paris 19th, Tel: 01 53 72 41 23, e-mail dac.archives@paris.fr open on Monday between 13:30 and 17:30 and on Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 to 17:30.



Les Muséales  
de Tourouvre

### A Visit to the Maison de l'Émigration française au Canada

On June 20, 2007, I visited Les muséales de Tourouvre (a centre concerned with French Emigration to Canada) and met the director, Madame Anne Griot, archivist. She has been in charge since November 2006 and claims that the former administration had given the centre's project a very poor start. She put aside the old files (which included our Spring 2006 letter requesting research assistance through the Fédération de familles souches du Québec) and re-

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Marie-Jeanne Frigon (49), Forestville

On June 8, 2007, the *JOURNAL HAUTE CÔTE-NORD OUEST* reported that Marie-Jeanne Frigon of Forestville was honoured on June 3, 2007, during the 26th investiture of the "Ordre<sup>1</sup> du Mérite Nord-Côtier" in Sept-Îles. Marie-Jeanne is the daughter of Onésime Frigon, a railroad maintenance section chief, and Antoinette Roy, a teacher.

*This is what they wrote.*



"This honour was intended to highlight her devotedness and her indisputable qualities as a pioneer. A woman with a big heart, a woman of action for whom human, social, and religious values are important, Mrs. Frigon is the perfect example of the totally dedicated volunteer, ever ready to fight for the advancement of her community. These are the qualities that incited the *Centre d'Action Bénévole Le Nordest* to propose Mrs. Frigon as a candidate for the Ordre du mérite Nord-Côtier

Marie-Jeanne Frigon was born on June 29, 1927 in Routhierville, in the beautiful Matapedia Valley. She married Émilien Ross on August 23, 1958 in St-Robert de Rimouski. Three children were born from this union: Lina, Julie and Brigitte. She attended the village school, and then went on to take a commercial course given by the Sisters of Charity in Rimouski. She earned several diplomas over the years: for psycho-cultural courses, Internet courses and a certificate in the field of community cultural activities.

In the work place, she sometimes held two positions at the same time, such as secretary-accountant in Rimouski and Sept-Îles, secretary for a notary and secretary-accountant for a general insurance firm, and, finally, in Forestville, at the Polyvalente des Rivières, where she did research on school absenteeism and dropouts. Marie-Jeanne became a member of the *Cercle des Fermières* of Forestville in September 1961. She was very active in this organization. Among the multitude of projects she piloted was the study of the *Bird Report* whose chapter "The Woman and the

Family" was sent to the provincial council of "Les fermières" for their collection. After organizing a trip to Montreal for the Cercle (des fermières) in 1972, she was in charge of an information booth at the *Salon de la femme*. Study days, a meeting with Minister Claude Charron about leisure activities, exterior relations and publicity, the publication of the book "Des femmes se racontent" (Women Tell Their Stories), the production of a mural by the "Cercle" which is kept at the Museum in Baie-Comeau, various conventions in Quebec City as well as in Montreal where she was a delegate. This brief resumé covers many years of involvement. She even went so far as to publish one of her soup recipes called "Crème de courgettes jardinière" (Cream of garden squash) in the "Fermières" cookbook "Qu'est-ce qu'on mange?" (What are we going to eat?). We can add to this long list of accomplishments the preparation of the study on Day Care Centres, which was presented to the Minister of Social Affairs.

Marie-Jeanne was the first woman school commissioner of Forestville in 1968. She had the opportunity to attend the ACELF convention (Canadian Association of French-language Education). The study on Children with Special Problems was also one of her important involvements...as was the grouping together of the Baie-Comeau School Commissions. Elected to the Municipal Council of Forestville in 1970, she was Acting-mayor for a few months in 1972. She had the



Marie-Jeanne Frigon surrounded by the honorary co-presidents Urgel Pelletier and Jeannine Pelletier.

#### GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

François and Marie-Claude Chamois

Jean-François and Gertrude Peros

Antoine-Pierre and Marie-Anne Trottier

Louis-Augustin and Marie Lefebvre

Augustin and Marie Trudel

Joseph and Aurélie Vallée

Onésime and Jeanne Benoit

Onésime François and Antoinette Roy

Marie-Jeanne Frigon

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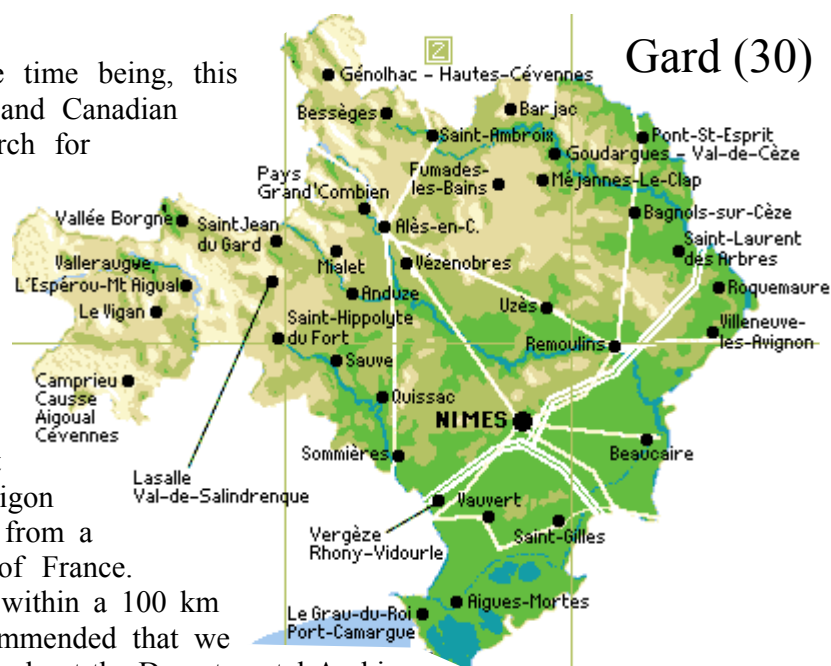
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1. The "Ordre du Mérite Nord-Côtier" was founded 23 years ago and honours people who have played a role in the development of the region.

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started the program from scratch. For the time being, this research centre (funded jointly by French and Canadian organizations) will concentrate on the search for emigrants who left from Haute-Perche. When all the pertinent documents have been examined, the research will be extended to Normandy, Brittany and Picardy, and, then from province to province until the whole of France has been processed (in 20 or 40 years...)

Then, we discussed certain known facts about the Frigons that have been listed by Lucie Frigon of Gatineau). Madame Griot herself comes from a small village near Donzère in the south of France. Noting that 4 of the 6 Frigons were found within a 100 km triangle in the vicinity of Nîmes, she recommended that we concentrate our efforts in that region, particularly at the Departmental Archives in Nîmes. When I commented that the name Frigon is guttural and could be German in origin, she replied that the consonance of these two syllables can also be found in the south of France.



P.S. At the meeting held on September 29, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Frigon Family Association authorized the disbursing of the funds needed for research on the Frigons in the region of Nîmes (Gard). This is a first step that we hope will lead us to the discovery of the origins of François Frigon.

## FAMILY NEWS

Georges E. Frigon (93)

## DEATHS

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

### August 2007

Isabelle St-Pierre, wife of Florian Paul Frigon (90) died in Lévis, Qc, on August 22, 2007, at the age of 70. *Florian Paul Frigon is of the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

Jeannette Gignac, wife of the late Victorin Frigon, died in La Tuque, Qc, on August 28, 2007 at the age of 91 years 7 months. *Victorin Frigon is of the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

### September 2007

André B. Cloutier, spouse of Thérèse Frigon, died in Saint-Stanislas de Champlain, Qc, on September 3, 2007, at 89 years 6 months. *Thérèse Frigon is of the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of François-Olivier.*

Liliane Frigon, wife of Gilles Deschamps, died in Sept-Iles, Qc, on September 11, 2007, at the age of 69. *Liliane Frigon is of the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

Médard Duguay, spouse of Lucie «Mimi» Frigon, died in Tracadie-Sheila, NB, on September 12, 2007, at the age of 64. *Lucie Frigon's lineage is unknown.*

Jacqueline Pronovost, daughter of the late Emile Pronovost and late Maria Frigon, died at the Health and Social Services Centre of Vallée de la Batiscan, Batiscan, Qc, on September 15, 2007, at the age of 85. *Maria Frigon is of the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Elzear.*

### October 2007

Ursule Frigon, wife of Henri Gagnon, died in Trois-Rivières, Qc, on October 5, 2007, at the age of 89. *Ursule Frigon is of the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

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special honour of welcoming the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Pierre Elliot Trudeau who was visiting the area.

Marie-Jeanne began her volunteer service with the Canadian Cancer Society in 1970. She became Regional President and participated in a vast inquiry into oncological needs on the North Shore. Upon her request for a cancer detection trailer to send to the remote regions, the mobile clinic "Clara" was sent out on Quebec roads in 2001. Conventions, colloquiums, newspaper articles, awareness-building programs of all sorts, this was her great contribution to women's health on the North Shore. Marie-Jeanne collaborated with the Centre d'action bénévole, le Nordet, to initiate a new service, "L'amicale des compatissants" (a support group), with volunteers to work with those experiencing cancer, death and grieving. At the women's centre, she helped with the activities, gave workshops, collected testimonies. At the socio-cultural committee, she participated in

gathering together the local artists and in the re-opening of the library; she collaborated with the pottery and enamel-on-copper workshop by hiring teachers. Introductory courses for the Internet, the SADC (Société d'aide au développement), Plaisir de lire and Multi-Partage Inc. are all causes that Marie-Jeanne adopted. It is impossible to give an account of the numerous honours, certificates, plaques of appreciation, and expressions of gratitude received in the course of these years.

Here is a woman with a big heart, a woman of action, a woman for whom human, social and religious values have great importance. Marie-Jeanne remains for our people a model, an example of devotedness and a grand pioneer. Cultured, generous, altruistic, well-informed, supportive of her people, she is a perfect example of a totally dedicated volunteer, ever ready to fight for the advancement of her community."

Source : Thérèse Brousseau.

**GIVE OUR YOUTH A SENSE OF PRIDE!**



Through its work, the Association contributes to the preservation and the development of the heritage of the Frigon, Frigone, Frigo, Fregoe, Fregon and Fregonne families.

The Association includes 148 members found as follows: 75% in the Province of Quebec, 9% in other Canadian Provinces, 15% in the United States of America and 1% in Australia. Admittedly, ours is a small family association. For this reason, it is important to plant the necessary seeds to insure its survival. We must stir up the interest of our youth in their family history and their roots.

**LET US GIVE THEM A MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIGON FAMILIES**

Your participation is of utmost importance. It is the best way to honour our past, to serve the present and to prepare our future, with

respect and pride in our roots. We will thus insure the continuation of our family's history. Our children and grandchildren will be able to explain to those who come after them their origins and how they got their name. It will also give them a sense of identity and will help them to take their place in our family history.

**LET US INSURE THE CONTINUATION OF OUR HISTORY**

Let us transmit to our descendants our pride in our origins so that they, too, will want to keep our heritage alive. Let us see to it that they are proud of their ancestors and of what they worked for.

*No (family) history is insignificant.  
No history should be silenced and unappreciated.*

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