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## THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING A WEEKEND OF PLEASURE

Already on Friday afternoon people were gathering to share hugs, an aperitif, and the joy of seeing one another again. The majority arrived in Quebec on Friday evening so that they could attend Robert Lepage's extraordinary audiovisual production "Moulin à images", an animated fresco portraying four hundred years of history, projected on a 630 m (2070 ft) wall. It was grandiose and absolutely beautiful.



point that we almost had to chase away the participants so that Jean-Yves could repack his equipment!

The visits in Quebec City, the meals, everything was perfect: well chosen, well planned and well organized by Sylvie Frigon (Naud). The Reception Committee, headed by Claude Vaillancourt and René Frigon, did a fine job. Many participants expressed their

On Saturday morning, about 50 people, 28 of whom were members, met for the annual meeting. For the most part, the faces were familiar, but we also had the pleasure of adding new ones. There were a few absentees, notably Ruth Baribeau and Robert Hamilton, and Sister Louise Frigon, C.N.D. whose presence we have had the pleasure of enjoying each year. The outgoing president and the entire Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected.

satisfaction with the event and I am pleased to transmit their appreciation to the organizers.

The location of the next annual meeting will be decided in the fall. It should be either Batiscan or Lac Saint-Jean. The decision will be published in the winter newsletter.

*Gérald Frigon (116) President  
The Association of Frigon Families*

After supper, Jean-Yves Frigon shared with us the fruit of several years of research through an audio-visual presentation of the Paris that Marie-Claude knew, and the very same sectors of Paris today. The topic was well presented and the participants reacted with great interest. The questions and discussions went on and on, to the

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1. The title of the presentation was "Marie-Claude Chamois' milieu and times".

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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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Five centuries ago, explorers from Europe believed they had discovered India or China. A half millennium later, we are rediscovering these two immense countries. Each has a population equal to that of Europe and the Americas combined. While the development of China is based on a hard-working and disciplined work force, that of India is based, like the West, on education and added value. For example, the number of engineers trained annually in India is equivalent to the total number of engineers in Quebec today. With the emergence of these two countries, the “developed” world will soon have tripled, multiplying cultural and religious bases in the process. We will no longer be the “centre of the world”.

Where will we stand in this universal movement? During the past forty years we have multiplied our administrative practices. Our governments have taken

on enormous proportions, bringing about an escalation in salaries. Our new competitors have policies developed on the basis of projects rather than on the basis of institutions. Their administration costs and salaries have remained low. Unless we change our approach as competitors, we are going to lose the battle, for a project-based model is closer to human realities that one based on institutions.

It is the same for an Association like our own. The enthusiasm of the volunteer workers is proportionate to the projects that have been presented. At Neuville we saw a good example of the effervescence and the dynamism engendered by Jean-Yves’ presentation. His research project met the interests of everyone. Do you have a project that you can share?

*Gérald Frigon, President*

**DID YOU KNOW THAT...?**

**THE FREGON STAR HOTEL OF BRUTHEN IN AUSTRALIA**



In an article by John Riddell published in the Spring Newsletter of 2008, we learned that the Star Hotel is the only Fregon building dating from the days of the family’s settling in Australia that is still

standing. This old hotel is now a private residence.



Until the death of John Fregon in 1886, John and Elizabeth McCoy owned and operated a general store in Omeo as well as the hotels. This photo was taken in 1910.

**RONALD FRIGON AND CYNTHIA SPANO, TEACHERS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**



Ronald Frigon and his wife Cynthia Spano are members of the faculty of Bell High School, in Bell, Florida.

Ronald teaches physical sciences. Previously, he had pursued a career first as a biochemist in medical research, and later, as a computer consultant. Ronald Frigon has a Bachelors Degree in chemistry and a Doctorate in biochemistry.

*Ronald Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

**MARGARET ANN FRIGON, MASTER-BREWER IN CALIFORNIA**



The Eel River Brewing Company, established in 1994, was the first American brewery to be certified as a producer of organic beer (2000). Margaret Ann Frigon and Ted Vivatson are the owner/operators. Located on the banks of the Eel River, the brewery was built on the historic site of Clay Brown Redwood Mill in the heart of the California Redwoods.

Vestiges of the former mill are still visible in the actual establishment. The 30 foot long bar is made entirely from recovered historic Redwoods and Douglas Firs.

Brewing began in 1995. The four beers produced by the brewery have won an impressive number of medals, awards, and recognition in the United States.

In 2007, the small brewery was relocated a few kilometres upstream. The new and highly ecological plant draws its energy from the biomass; that is to say, all the power used to brew the beer is derived from wood chips, bark, scraps of wood, and non-useful lumber.

A visit to the Eel River Brewery will give you a chance to sample their famous *Black Angus beef* that has been fed sweet alfalfa and other by-products of the brewing process.

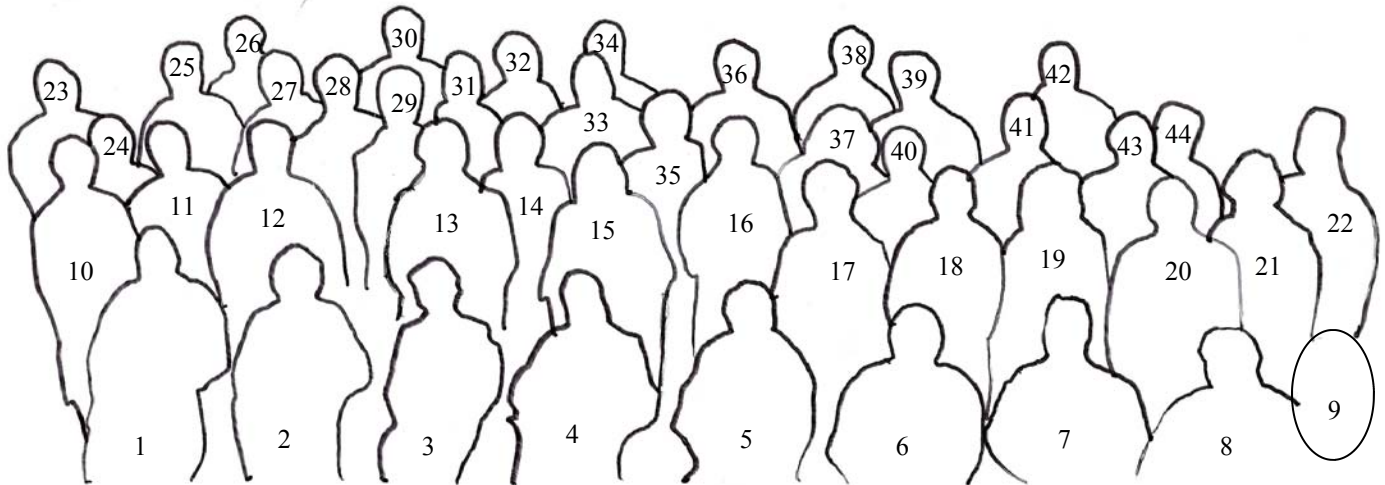
They are renown for the superior quality of their service and choice of food and drink.

*Margaret Ann Frigon comes from the line of Joseph Frigon, branch of Simon.*

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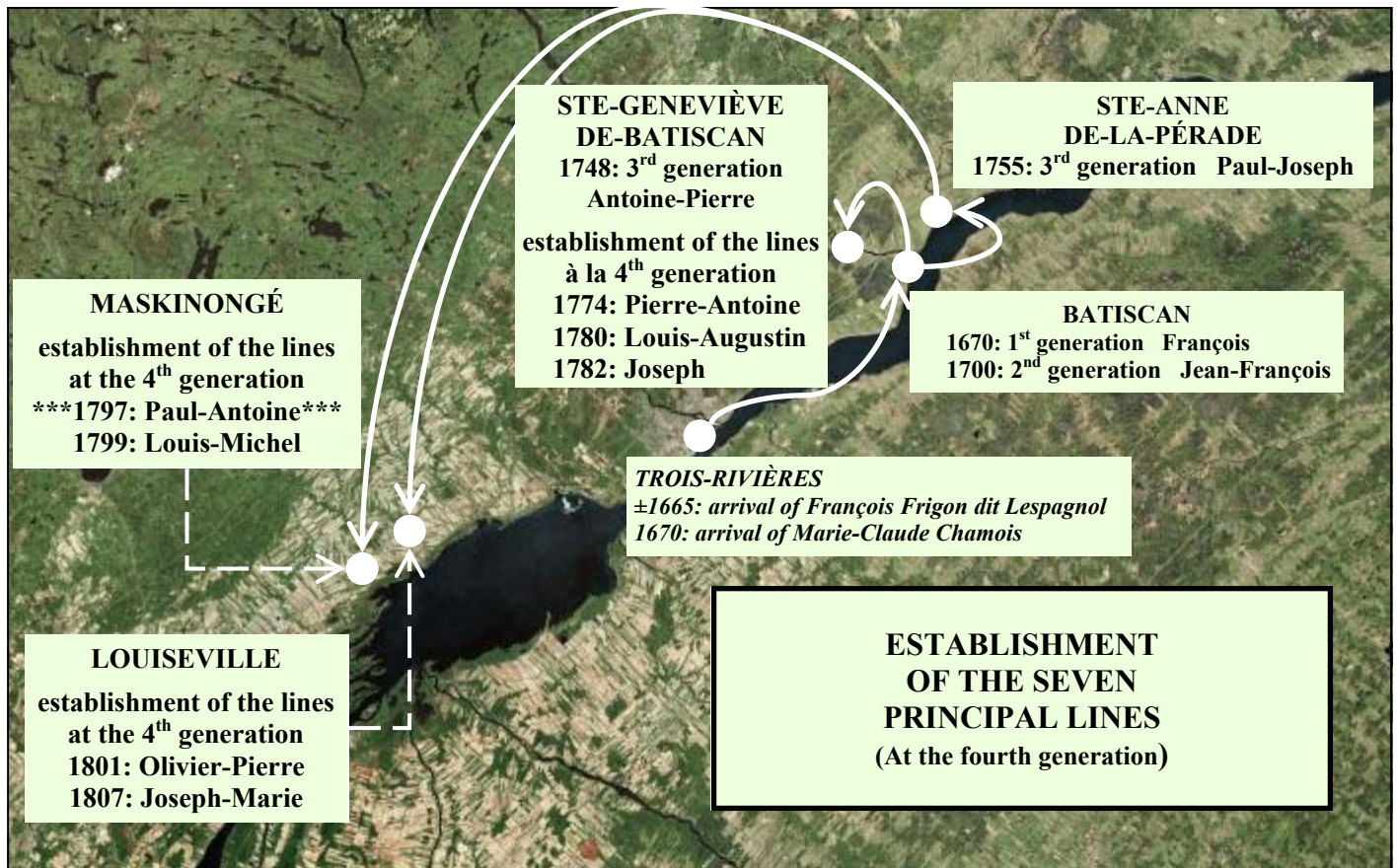
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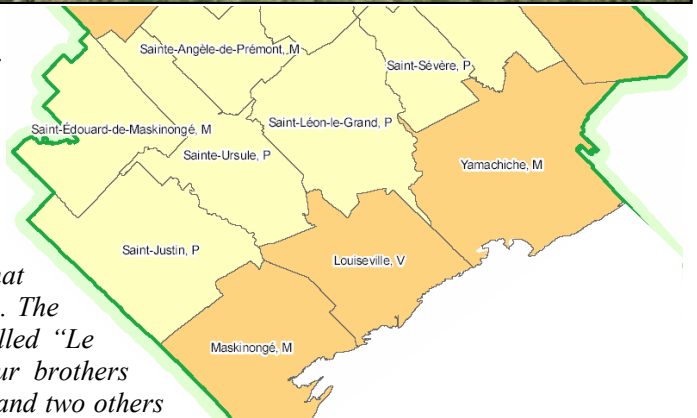


V- The line of Paul-Antoine: 1797<sup>1</sup>

Jean-René Frigon (11)



Let us recall that, using the Association’s database, we have been able to identify, after four generations, the existence of seven principal agnatic lines<sup>2</sup> stemming from François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois. We believe that all the descendants bearing the names Frigon, Frigone, Frego, Fregoe, Fregon, Fregone or Florentine<sup>3</sup> come from one or other of these lines.



In the preceding articles, we presented the first three lines that began in 1774, 1780, and 1782 in Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. The four other lines began in the region that Robert Frigon<sup>4</sup> called “Le Royaume de Carufel” (the Kingdom of Carufel), when four brothers settled in this region: two at Maskinongé<sup>5</sup> in 1797 and 1799, and two others at Louiseville in 1801 and 1807.

Here, then, very briefly, is the line of Paul-Antoine, the first of the four. Only two American members of our association come from this line. These members are the representatives of the American branch of Godfrey Frego<sup>6</sup>, the source of all the Fregos of the state of Minnesota and the Montreal branch of Arthur Frigon.

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1. All the dates, unless otherwise specified, refer to the dates when the families settled in the places mentioned and, in most cases, correspond with the marriage year.  
 2. An agnatic line is one established by tracing descent exclusively through males from a founding male ancestor.  
 3. Given the current stage of research on this matter, it is too soon to be able to assert that all the Florentines come from the line of Frigons. The research continues!  
 4. Robert Frigon (2) historian and researcher, founding member of the Association des Familles Frigon, died on November 21, 2006.  
 5. Of Amerindian origin, the municipality of Maskinongé got its name from the Algonquins. It means “deformed pike”. The pike called Maskinongé was very numerous in the Maskinongé lake and river.  
 6. See “The Frego Family of Minnesota” by Rebecca Jansen Frego, WINTER NEWSLETTER 2005.

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#### FOURTH GENERATION

##### PAUL-ANTOINE AND ANGÈLE GRENIER

It was in 1797 that Paul-Antoine Frigon of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade united his destiny to that of Angèle Grenier. They settled in St-Joseph-de-l'Ornière<sup>7</sup> in the Maskinongé region. The area was mainly agricultural, the plains being reputedly very fertile and the proximity to the Laurentians was favourable for the lumber industry. In the course of the next five years, his brothers came one after another to settle in Maskinongé and Louiseville.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### THE CHILDREN OF PAUL-ANTOINE AND ANGÈLE GRENIER

They had six children, but only two girls and two boys reached adulthood. The eldest of the family founded a Codere family, probably in Cowansville. The youngest, a girl, founded the Petit Bruneau family, but we know nothing more about her.

Paul, the oldest of the boys, established himself in Maskinongé, probably on a farm. Louise Bourdon, his wife, had fourteen children, but only three of them survived to adulthood, one daughter and two sons.

Pierre, five years younger than Paul, was sometimes referred to as a merchant, at other time as an innkeeper. From 1846 to 1854, he owned two of the three general stores of Maskinongé that are today classified as historical<sup>8</sup>.

In 1854, Pierre Frigon sold his general stores to his nephew, Jacques Roy, a young bachelor who, until then, had been a voyageur in "les pays d'en haut" (Laurentian region of Quebec). After the sale, Pierre then went to Montreal where he opened a business. We have found no trace of Pierre Frigon after this date.

#### SIXIÈME GÉNÉRATION

##### BRANCH OF GODFROID FRIGON (GODFREY FREGO), DAY-LABOURER IN DUNHAM QC, FARMER AND CATTLE MERCHANT IN PROSPER, MINNESOTA, U.S.A.

**GODFREY** and Mary Elisabeth Bates, 1860  
(four sons, three daughters)

In 1854, when Godfrey was fourteen years old, he left Maskinongé to find work on a farm in Dunham, a town in the Eastern Townships. He was probably hired by Georges Bates and got to know his daughter with whom he established a close relationship. On May 2, 1860, he married Mary Elisabeth Bates, a young "English Methodist woman".

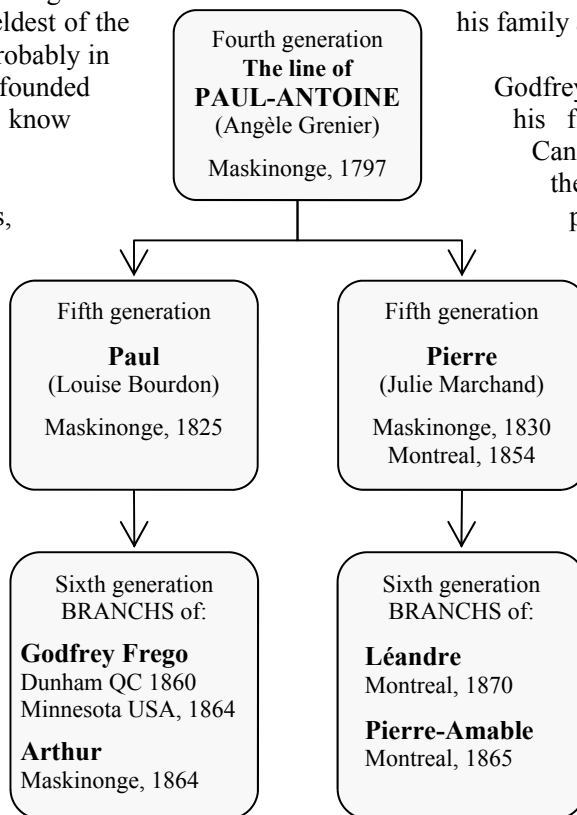
Did his family reject Godfrey when he followed his heart and chose Mary Elisabeth and the Methodist religion? Had he made a choice that was unacceptable to both his family and his community?

Godfrey stayed four years in Dunham and his first two children were born "in Canada". In 1864, Godfrey, Elisabeth, their two children, and Elisabeth's parents George (Bates) and Cynthia Call left Dunham, Quebec to settle in Prosper, Minnesota.

In March 1867, London enacted the British North-American Act, the official birth of Canada. Godfrey, in that same month of March 1867, asked for United States citizenship. The break is complete. He is now Godfrey Frego of Minnesota.

Godfrey Frego is the ancestor of the Frego families of Minnesota<sup>9</sup>. It is to be noted that the patronymic Frego also stems from other lines in other American states.

*One of our members is a descendant of the line of Paul-Antoine, branch of Godfrey Frego: Ronald Frego of Minnesota.*



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7. The river that winds its way nearby also bears the name of "l'Ornière" and is a tributary of the Maskinongé River. The name comes from the fact that there was an abundance of elms (ormes) in the area at that time. Today, this land is probably a part of St-Justin.

8. The first general store appeared in 1827. Eugène Trudeau, a patriot of the 1837-1838 Rebellion, built it. The second general store was built in 1803 by François Boucher, the last seigneur of the "Seigneurie de Carufel".

9. See "The Frego Family of Minnesota" by Rebecca Jansen Frego, WINTER NEWSLETTER 2005.

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**SIXTH GENERATION****BRANCH OF ARTHUR, A MASKINONGÉ MERCHANT**

**ARTHUR** and Clophire Fréchette, 1864  
(five sons, one daughter)

Even though Arthur and Clophire had fourteen children, only four sons reached adulthood.

The oldest, also called **Arthur**, made a career for himself as a federal civil servant. He was, for a while, personal secretary to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Later on, he became Chief Accountant at Her Majesty's Printing House in Ottawa. When he retired, he settled in Maskinongé, his native village.

His brothers, **Georges**, **Aldée**, and **Adélar**, all established themselves in Montreal where we find their descendants.

*One member of our Association is a descendant of the line of Paul-Antoine, branch of Arthur: Marie-Claire Frigon Doucet of Florida.*

**SIXTH GENERATION****BRANCH OF LÉANDRE, FURNITURE-MAKER IN MONTREAL**

**LÉANDRE** and Émilie Beaugrand, 1870 (one son)  
**LÉANDRE** and Virginie Deguire, 1876

We do not know who were the descendants of Léandre nor their stories, other than that one son, from the first

marriage, was married in Montreal in 1897.

*There is no member of our association related to the branch of Léandre, line of Paul-Antoine.*

**SIXTH GENERATION****BRANCH OF PIERRE AMABLE, OF MONTREAL**

**PIERRE AMABLE** and Aurélie Verdon, 1865  
(three sons, one daughter)

Pierre Amable married in Napierville, Quebec, but the family seems to have settled in Montreal. In the Association's database, we find descendants living or working in Montreal, Vaudreuil, Dollard-des-Ormeaux and Longueuil. For himself as well as for his brother Léandre, we have no information on this branch of Frigons.

*There is no member of our Association that comes from the line of Paul-Antoine, branch of Pierre-Amable.*

The following articles in this series will deal with the second line that took root in Maskinongé and the two lines that stem from Louiseville.

The Association has only one member from the second Maskinongé line and eight members from the Louiseville line.

*See you soon!*

**DID YOU KNOW THAT...?**

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**MARTIN FRIGON - TALES OF THE OUTAOUAIS**

In the fall of 2007, author Martin Frigon launched his book "*Contes, légendes et récits de l'Outaouais*" (Tales, Legends and Stories of the Outaouais), that was published by *Éditions Trois-Pistoles*.

*Le Droit of Ottawa* published an article about him on November 29, 2007. We learn that Martin Frigon comes from a family of storytellers and that he grew up in Aylmer, in the Ottawa Region.

He had accepted the mission entrusted to him by the well-known author Victor Lévy-Beaulieu, to gather all the stories about the Outaouais. This "mémoire du territoire" (memory of the territory) now finds itself preserved in the "*Contes, légendes et récits de l'Outaouais*".

Martin Frigon chose to highlight the heritage of the Algonquin *Anishnabek* and to give new life to the mythic character Jos.

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Montferrand and the period of log driving on the numerous Outaouais rivers.

In this book we find:

- the high points of a long-forgotten Tessouat, known as le *Borgne de l'Île* (one-eyed man of the island), a legendary figure who, from his Morrison Island near Fort Coulonge, controlled Outaouais River;
- the portrait of *Canard Blanc* (White Duck), which illustrates the dispossession of the Algonquins;
- the memoirs of the amazing Father Joseph-Étienne Guinard that the clergy had put on the Index because he did not camouflage reality in his writings.

This compilation "*Contes, légendes et récits de l'Outaouais*" is a dutiful memoir about a region that Martin believes has been doubly forgotten because of its location west of Montreal and at the border of Ontario, and also because it has lost its "moccasin roots".

*Martin Frigon comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

**January 2008**

Joseph-Albert Frigon, husband of Maria Riemslog, died in **Lasalle**, on January 28, 2008, at the age of 84.

*Joseph-Albert Frigon comes from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier.*

**February 2008**

Gabrielle Désilets, wife of the late Raoul Frigon, died in **Montreal**, on February 27, 2008, at the age of 91.

*Raoul Frigon comes from the line of Paul-Antoine, branch of Arthur.*

**March 2008**

Stephen E. "Toggy" Frigon, companion of Carol M. Richards, died in **Stoughton, Massachusetts**, on March 16, 2008, at the age of 69.

*Stephen Frigon comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

*Jonathan Fournier, companion of Laurie Frigon, died in Shawinigan-Sud, on March 17, 2008, at the age of 28.*

*Laurie Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

Fernand Frigon, husband of Louise Lamy, died in **Louiseville**, on March 24, 2008, at the age of 76.

*Fernand Frigon comes from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier.*

Terese Lee (nee Voyles), daughter of George Voyles and Lise Frigon, died in **Lewiston, Maine**, on March 28, 2008, at the age of 50.

*Terese Voyles comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

**April 2008**

Roger Proulx, companion of Renée Frigon, died in **Nicolet**, on April 6, 2008, at the age of 62.

*Renée Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Joseph.*

Marguerite Frigon, wife of Dr. Fernand Doyon, died in **La Sarre**, on April 6, 2008, at the age of 90.

*Marguerite Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

Anita Frigon, wife of the late René Tremblay, died in **Montreal**, on April 10, 2008, at the age of 78.

*Anita Frigon comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Olivier.*

Joseph Édouard Frigon, husband of Pierrette Blouin, died in **Montréal-Nord**, on April 10, 2008, at the age of 86.

*Joseph-Édouard Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Michel, branch of Isidore.*

Kathleen Margaret Stewart, wife of the late Paul Edward Frigon, died in **Nashville, Tennessee**, on April 16, 2008, at the age of 80.

*We do not know the line to which Paul Edward Frigon was linked.*

Joel Arthur Frigon, husband of Kathy Frigon, died in **New Bern, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**, on April 19, 2008, at the age of 66.

*We do not know the line to which Joel Arthur Frigon was linked.*

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**May 2008**

Gaston Frigon, a resident of the Cap-de-la-Madeleine sector of **Trois-Rivières**, husband of the late Hermance Mongrain, died in Trois-Rivières on May 13, 2008, at the age of 86.

*Gaston Frigon comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

Cécile Frigon, a resident of Normadin and previously of Sainte-Méthode, wife of the late Rodolphe Laliberté, died on May 28, 2008, in **Dolbeau-Mistassini**, at the age of 92.

*Cécile Frigon comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

**June 2008**

Madeline Frigon, a resident of Macamic, died in **La Sarre**, on June 29, 2008, at the age of 86.

*Madeleine Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.*

**July 2008**

Prosper Frigon, a resident of Saint-Félix-de-Dalquier, husband of Gisèle Lebvre, died in **Amos**, on July 28, 2008, at the age of 69.

*Prosper Frigon comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Elzéar.*

Antoinette Saccucci, wife of the late Armand Frigon, died in **Montreal**, on July 29, 2008, at the age of 83.

*Armand Frigon comes from the line of Paul-Antoine, branch of Arthur.*

**August 2008**

Marguerite Jean Marie (Margo) Borle (nee Frigon), wife of Arthur H. Borle, died in **Cranbrook, British Columbia**, on August 11, 2008, at the age of 79.

*Marguerite Jean Marie Frigon comes from the line of Joseph, branch of Joseph.*

Celia Mary Boudreau, wife of the late Harold E. Hewes, Sr., died in **North Attleboro, Massachusetts**, on August 21, 2008, at the age of 89. She was the daughter of the late Stephen Boudreau and the late Mary Frigon of Rhode Island.

*Célia Mary Boudreau comes from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Antoine.*

Marvin Kriley, husband of Elda (Ellie) Marie Kripp, died in **Plainville, Kansas**, on August 28, 2008, at the age of 60. He was the son of the late Harold Joseph Kriley and the late Lucille Grace Frigon.

*Marvin Kriley comes from the line of Joseph, branch of Joseph.*

Marie de la Chevrotière, wife of the late Robert Paquette, died in **Beauport, Quebec**, on August 30, 2008, at the age of 92. She was the daughter of the late Édouard de la Chevrotière and the late Emma Frigon of Ville-Marie, Témiscamingue.

*Marie de la Chevrotière comes from the line of Piere-Antoine, branch of Hilaire.*

**September 2008**

Pauline Belle-Isle, daughter of the late Paul Belle-Isle and the late Éliane Frigon, died on September 4, 2008, in **Trois-Rivieres**, at the age of 91.

*Pauline Belle-Isle comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Joseph.*