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MARIE-CLAUDE'S JEWELS

Part 1

Pierre Frigon (4)

This article must be read carefully, especially the second part!

In one of Notary Ameau's documents dated October 16, 1670 and labelled: *Marriage contract between Pierre Forcier and Marie-Victoire Chamois*, we can read: "...Forcier declares that he is giving the sum of two hundred pounds...and jewellery worth two thousand pounds...".

Therefore, as soon as she arrived in New France, Marie-Claude received the gift of jewels worth 2000 pounds, plus 200 pounds in cash. It seems that she used these assets to travel and that her life was much more comfortable than it was once believed to be.



In this document we can also see the seal that Marie-Claude used to sign her official documents when she did not write her name.

Marie-Claude Chamois associated with important people and it was in company of the Lieutenant- General of Trois-Rivières¹ that she left Quebec in the fall of 1685 to claim her inheritance in France.

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1. Palace petitions, sentence, June 21, 1688 (summary of testimonies), lines 154 to 156 : "...she left this country under the authority and with the proxy of her husband to return to France in the company of Sieur (Boquillet? Lieutenant-general of Trois-Rivières in this country..."

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- 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 spread of Frigon history, genealogy and other ties between generations
- gather information from the members: marriages, births, deaths, awards, etc
- create a computerized Frigon dictionary based on verified data from all sources
- publish the newsletter *THE FRIGONS*
- publish and make available monographs, biographies, family albums, and the results of historical and genealogical research
- assure the preservation of the family archives

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For this issue of the newsletter, Pierre once again made history come to life for us with “Marie-Claude’s Jewels.» When she accepted to set sail for New France, Marie-Claude most certainly was not dreaming of the cosiness of a home as we think of it today; she was simply trying to get away from her past. But what did she have in mind? Even though she was conscious that she would have to adapt to new realities, did she realize that she was heading for a place where there was nothing but silence to be heard! In the Batiscan of 1670, neighbours were few and far between. For music there were the crickets in summer and the gusting wind in winter. Fifteen years of this routine, with a new child every two years, and a husband who would leave in his canoe for six months at a time, that left time for dreaming... Where was the ring of her dreams? Perhaps in an inheritance? Eventually she was seduced by her new fantasy. We will see...

Augustin was surely the most illustrious Frigon among François and Marie-Claude’s descendants, judging from the positions he held and his accomplishments. But François and Marie-Claude’s descendants do not all bear the name of Frigon: the Frigon women married Desilets, Lesieurs, Rivards, Massicottes, Lafonds, Daciers, Delormes, Langis, Moreaus, to mention only a few. Moreover, among their children, their daughters also changed names when they married. Their descendants of the 7th generation have as many of François and Marie Claude’s genes as did Augustin, who also was of the 7th generation. Research on the lines of these descendants of the first marriages could yield many surprises. Does this challenge speak to you?

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you and yours the joys of warm gatherings and pleasant activities with friends and family. May the New Year be kind to you, both health-wise and financially.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

MARLÈNE FRIGON, PH.D., PROFESSOR WITH TENURE



Marlène Frigon can be found in the Department of Mathematics of the University of Montreal. Her work concerns precise subjects in advanced mathematics. She has to her credit more than thirty-five articles in different specialized areas of mathematics besides being co-author of a book:

« *Topological methods in differential equations and inclusions* ».

« My work bears principally on the theory of fixed points and that of critical points as well as on the application of these theories to equations and ordinary or partial differential inclusions ».

Marlène comes from the line of Pierre -Antoine, branch of Souleine

DOUG FRIGON, DIRECTOR AT STONE & YOUNGBERG HOLDINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO



In March 2009, Doug Frigon was promoted to director in the firm of Stone & Youngberg, a private financial institution. Doug has twenty years experience in the industry and five years with this present firm. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Industrial

Design from the University of Kansas and an MBA from Pennsylvania State University.

Doug comes from the line of Joseph, branch of Olivier.

CORPORAL DAN FRIGON, FIFTH MISSION



In the spring of 2009, Corporal Dan Frigon, a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment, left for Afghanistan on a six to eight month mission. He joined the more than 1600 soldiers from the Valcartier military base who are taking part in this operation.

This is the fifth mission of Corporal Frigon’s military career, and his second in Afghanistan. He also served three times in Bosnia since 1992.

Dan is a native of Trois-Rivières but we do not know his ancestry. Please let us know if you have any genealogical information concerning Dan.

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You probably raised an eyebrow as you read the previous text...and with good reason.

It is a hoax!

Perhaps a source was tampered with, there were unfounded conclusions, invented facts, the whole sprinkled with insinuations, and, behold, a legend was born! Let's see if you have found the glitches in this particular text.

A truncated source

It is true that Pierre Forcier promised 200 pounds in cash and 2000 pounds in jewellery. However, the original text contained two words that were not included in the previous quotation: "...an inheritance in jewellery valued at two thousand pounds..." This can be interpreted as he would eventually receive these jewels as an inheritance, or that she would inherit them if he should die, or that he had already inherited these jewels. We do not know anymore about these famous jewels than when we started!

Unfounded suppositions

You were probably wide-eyed as you read the conclusion of the first paragraph of Part I.

With an expression such as "it seems that," one can slip in all kinds of peculiar hypotheses. It is evident that she received nothing, all the more so since she set aside her Pierre to marry François Frigon l'Espagnol.

Invented facts

It is true that she signed her marriage contract with Pierre Forcier by drawing a ring! That she

used a seal as her signature is pure fiction. At the time, people signed notarized documents either by writing their name, by making an "X" or by drawing a symbol, depending upon their level of education.

A little insinuation...

It is equally true that the Lieutenant General of Trois-Rivières accompanied her when she embarked for France... but it is unlikely that they left arm-in-arm. I hear some of you whispering "Not so sure"...Now, now, dear readers, a bit of respect for the ancestors...

This example is admittedly far-fetched, but it shows that "*historians live dangerously*," to quote Jacques Lacoursière² during a conference he gave at the *Musée des Civilisations* in Quebec City and later aired on the *Canal Savoir*!



It takes no more than a source that is incorrectly interpreted, a quotation error, a hasty conclusion, and a controversy erupts. What a relief not to have to face such a responsibility!

Actually, this story about jewels could be much more romantic. We can imagine a scene complete with a notary public, witnesses and the two lovebirds... One of the witnesses, Aalance, who cannot sign her name, draws a magnificent flower³.

Marie-Claude also signs with a drawing, a superb ring...

It is your turn to create a legend...

2. Jacques Lacoursière, historian, researcher, lecturer, radio and television broadcaster. He is well-known for his ability to popularize Quebec and Canadian history.

3. Symbol used by Aalance as it appeared on Pierre Forcier and Marie-Claude Chamois' marriage contract.

2010 - Grand Gathering in the Montreal Area

The organizers are hard at work preparing the 2010 Annual Gathering

**Two days for the Annual Meeting, socializing,
touristic visits and activities**

More information at the beginning of 2010

This conference highlights some of Augustin Frigon's motives and ideals, and illustrates the coherence of his professional path. It seemed pertinent to us to reproduce the complete report that was published in *La Presse* on April 13, 1926. We have added a few complementary footnotes.

The Value of Scientific Research

An Interesting Conference by Mr. Augustin Frigon to the Cercle Universitaire¹

For the industries

“The students of the School of Social, Economic and Political Sciences, as well as some professors and graduates, gathered for an intimate dinner at the Cercle Universitaire to hear Mr. Augustin Frigon, a bursary recipient of France's National Committee for Scientific Research and of the French Electricians' Society. He is also Director of Technical Education in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Frigon spoke about the value of industrial scientific research for the students of the École Polytechnique. The dinner was presided over by Mr. François-J. Leduc, chemical engineer, president of the student body.

Mr. François Leduc

In a short tribute to the lecturer, Mr. François Leduc not only spoke about what Mr. Frigon does for the students at the École Polytechnique, but he also highlighted his program for opening careers for the graduates of this school.

Mr. Laplante

Mr. Laplante, a senior student, presented Mr. Frigon by pointing out that he was able to prove, in just a few years, that the province's technical education could be advantageously directed by a French Canadian rather than by professors and technicians brought in from elsewhere, as was the case in the past². He also mentioned that the Director of Technical Education of the Province of Quebec is the only French Canadian member of the National Office of Scientific Research³.

Research

The expression “scientific research” has been very much in style for the past few years, said Mr. Augustin Frigon in opening his speech; for we have learned at our own expense that it is because Germany understood the importance of this kind of research that it has known such a prodigious economic expansion and has astounded the world by the formidable power of its war industry⁴.

Rational Studies

Although this expression has a literal sense, it designates, in a way, the product of one of the finest branches of human activity, the sciences. Mr. Frigon said “scientific or industrial research is the rational study, carried out by a person having as complete an educational preparation as possible, of a scientific problem whose solution must reveal a new fact, or at least must permit the use of new means to verify a fact that is already known or probable. The speaker pointed out that only a person with vast knowledge can correctly interpret the incidents, often not apparent, that occur at random during studies.

Mr. Frigon stated the principle that the simplest improvements in mechanics or elsewhere, are not generally produced by chance, but are rather the result of research and experiments that are often long and always carried out by a person with broad scientific knowledge.

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1. Augustin Frigon was president of the Cercle Universitaire de Montréal in 1931 and 1932.
2. Augustin Frigon was Director General of Technical Education for the Province of Quebec from 1924 to 1935.
3. Augustin Frigon was a member of the Canadian National Council for Research from 1923 to 1939.
4. Augustin Frigon was involved in the First World War as Director of the Canadian Officers Training Corps of the University of Montreal, and in the Second World War, among others, as Director of the Canadian Information Service.

Part 2

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Of great importance

Mr. Frigon said that the importance of scientific research increases considerably when applied immediately to industry. The research is carried out in a more restricted field, but the discoveries are especially numerous. As proof of the importance of these studies from an economic point of view, the speaker reminded his audience that all the large industries have their own research laboratories and find it profitable to pay exceptionally high salaries to their researchers.

Governments and industries have understood the importance of this field of research. The money invested for this purpose by several universities in England and the United States, where roughly 2,000 scholarships are given to students for this purpose, constitutes ample proof. In Canada, we have hardly begun to venture into this field. The budget allotted for this purpose is less than \$250,000 a year. Moreover, all the research work by French Canadians has yet to be organized. It is a question of getting started.

Deplorable facts

Mr. Frigon explained the objectives and the functioning of the National Council for Scientific Research that gives subsidies to scientists for research in definite fields. He deplored the fact that

there are not more French Canadian researchers and that financial aid is not often enough requested from this organization whose mission is to help such research.

Mr. Hugh de Martigny, manager of the Maison René-T. Leclerc thanked the speaker.

Mr. Édouard Montpetit

Mr. Édouard Montpetit⁵ praised the speaker, stating that Mr. Frigon has known how to modify the curriculum at the École polytechnique by directing it towards the practical.

Mr. Montpetit then announced that the University has just inaugurated the titles of Bachelor and Licensee in Social, Economic, and Political Sciences, and that a Doctorate will follow. It is even possible that a first doctorate could be granted this year. He closed with an explanation of the goals of the newly founded *Société d'économie politique*. All graduates of the École are admissible in this Society that proposes to do research in the field of economics.

Mr. Georges Pelletier then made a short speech in favour of opening a special library at the school. Then it was announced that the distribution of prizes to the current students will take place on May 29 and will be followed by a dinner to highlight the occasion.”

5. He was at that time director of the school that would later become the HÉC (Hautes Études Commerciales- Advanced Commercial Studies).

DID YOU KNOW THAT ... ?

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ODETTE FRIGON'S PAINTING GIVEN TO RENÉ FRIGON AND LUCIE GIGUÈRE

On the occasion of the 2009 Annual Meeting, our cousin and artist, Odette Frigon (52) generously offered one of her paintings to be raffled for the benefit of the Association

It was during a sale of Odette's paintings organized by Ivanhoë III that the draw favoured Lucie Giguère-Frigon and René Frigon.



René Frigon, Lucie Giguère and Pierre Frigon

Pierre (04) was the one to present the painting donated by Odette.

The photographer for the occasion was Gérald (116).

René Frigon comes from the Line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Moïse.

FAMILY HISTORY SHARING

Georges Frigon (93)

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Our Association researchers are appealing to the members for help in finding the ancestry of the Frigons whose pictures appear below.



*Sébastien Frigon,
kinesiologist,
of Trois-Rivières.*



*Corporal Dan
Frigon,
of Trois-Rivières.*



*Sébastien Frigon,
19 years old,
of Québec.*

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FAMILY NEWS

Georges E. Frigon (93)

DEATHS

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

May 2009

Roméo Frigon, spouse of the late **Gertrude Brisson**, died in Quebec City, on May 17, 2009, at the age of 87 years, 4 months. *Roméo Frigon was from the line of Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

June 2009

Elizabeth Rivard, daughter of the late Arthur Rivard and the late **Jeanne Frigon**, died in Trois-Rivières, on June 27, 2008, at the age of 88. *Jeanne Frigon was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.*

Raymonde Carmen Frigon, spouse of **Brian Mason**, died on June 29 (?), 2009, in Montreal, at the age of 65. *Raymonde Frigon was from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Olivier-Toussain.*

July 2009

Laura Odette Croteau, spouse of the late **Albert Frigon**, died in July 2009, in New Westminster, BC. *Albert Frigon was from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Antoine.*

Réjean Frigon, spouse of **Barbara Day**, died on July 10, 2009, in Val-d'Or, at the age of 70. *Réjean Frigon was from the line of Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

Josaphat Boutin, spouse of **Bertha Frigon**, died on July 15, 2009, in Roberval, at the age of 91 years, 4 months. *Bertha Frigon is from the line of Antoine, branch of Souleine.*

Conrad Frigon, spouse of **Thérèse Jarest**, died on July 17, 2009, in Saint-Hubert, at the age of 87. *Conrad Frigon was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.*

Ernest F. Frigon, spouse of **Charlotte Lee Rosa**, died on July 21, 2009, in Topeka, KS, USA, at the age of 85. *Ernest F. Frigon was from the line of Joseph, branch of Joseph.*

August 2009

Laurier Dupuis, son of the late Horace (Horacien) Dupuis and the late **Rita Frigon**, died on August 29, 2009, in Quebec City, at the age of 66. He resided in Saint-Raymond. *Rita Frigon was from the line of Paul-Joseph, branch of Olivier-Pierre.*

September 2009

Rita Frigon, spouse of the late **Jean L. Charbonneau**, died on September 2, 2009 in Worcester, MA, USA, at the age of 97.

Winter 2010



THE GARDEN OF MARIE-CLAUDE AND FRANÇOIS



Our Descendants



Lucas Poudrier,
born April 14, 2008,
son of Yannick Poudrier
et Renée Frigon.

Lucas Poudrier is linked to the Frigon families through his great-grandfather, Georges E. Frigon (93).

Lucas comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.



Pénélope-Lili Prieur,
born July 25, 2008,
Daughter of Pierre Prieur
and Renée-Claude Frigon.

She is linked to the Frigon families through her maternal grandfather, Gérald Frigon (116).

Pénélope-Lili comes from line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Joseph.



Luca Frigon
born August 18, 2005



Eva-Luna Frigon
born December 29, 2002

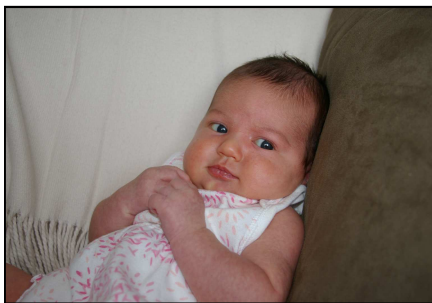


Gabrielle Frigon,
born January 22, 2000

They are the children of Pénélope Smith and Stéphane Frigon.

She is the daughter of Alain Frigon and Anabel Giraud.

They are all associated with the Frigon families through their paternal grandfather, Robert Frigon (152) and come from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.



Béatrice Rousselle,
born January 2, 2009,
daughter of Pierre-Yves Rousselle
and Rachel Frigon.

She is linked to the Frigon families through her maternal great-grandfather,

Maurice Frigon (158).

Béatrice Rousselle comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Send us the 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.

Keep in touch! It will be a pleasure for me to send you the details. **Sylvie Frigon**



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