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Pierre Frigon (4)

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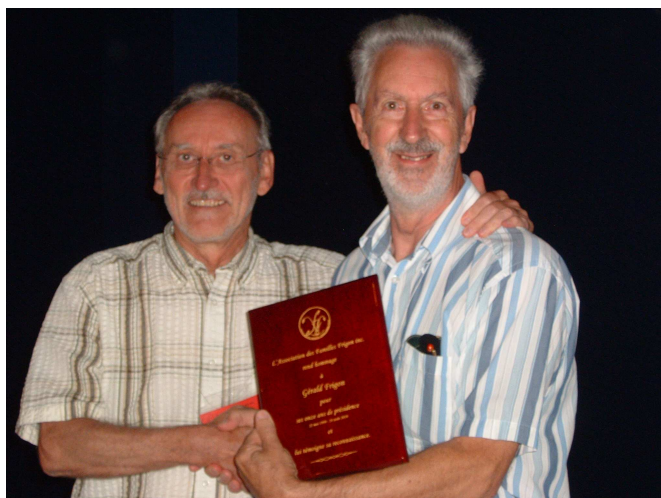
Presidents are like good wine, unassuming at first, they improve with time until they attain their full potential. Unfortunately, in the case of presidents, this is often the time when they leave.

Being president is a difficult task in any organization. All eyes and expectations converge towards him. We expect him to settle problems and please everyone; to have vision but not too much; to launch projects but with no guarantee of adhesion. We want leadership but we cherish our

veto privilege. In a word, the president that we elect is given a perilous task and our admiration goes to Gérald who has been at the helm for eleven years. He announced his resignation and we must accept it; we can appreciate his desire to pass on the torch after so many years.

In difficult times he has shown the poise of a real leader. He also showed a remarkable coherence during those long years, particularly with regard to valorizing the history of our ancestors. He promoted the writing of the Frigon family history: "*Les Frigon, histoire et généalogie*" (The Frigons, History and Genealogy) The planning of a site dedicated to the pioneers of Batiscan near the church that he presented to the Historical Society of

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Gérald (116) received a commemorative plaque of appreciation from Pierre (04)

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THE GÉRALD FRIGON RAILWAY STOP

Pierre Frigon (4)

Georges E. Frigon (93) told me about a railway stop that bears the name of Gérald Frigon, in the Ashuapmushan Wildlife Reserve, between La Doré and Chibougamau. Intrigued, I interviewed Gérald (116) about his participation in the development of this railway.

Pierre – A railway train stop in the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region bears your name. For whom was this railway constructed?

Gérald - This 2.75-mile railway was constructed for the logging service of the St. Raymond Paper Company's pulp and paper plant in Desbiens. The logging rights of this company were situated about mid-way between Chibougamau and Desbiens. This plant was the economic engine of the town until its closure in 1980.

Pierre – How did you get involved in the construction of this railway?

Gérald – In 1963, I was a student at Laval University and, as a summer job, I was in charge of a surveying team for the Canadian National. My mission was to find, in the swamps, a ridge that would permit the installation of rails. With the help of two woodcutters, we were able to locate the best route. Back at the office, I drew up the plans and estimated the construction costs. Once the work was completed, I heard no more about it for a long while.

Pierre - “Your railway” was actually constructed. How did you finally learn about it?

Gérald – It was my brother Roger who informed me that the project had been carried out. Then, in 1997, Ivanhoë Frigon (80) mentioned to me that a publication of the *Commission de toponymie* listed several “Frigons” of unknown origin. When I consulted this publication, I saw that “my” railway was there and bore the name of *Frigon*, but there was no further information. Therefore, I sent the proof of my work to Pierre Fortin, at the Commission de toponymie who, after checking with the Canadian National, was able to confirm, on July

14, 2008 that it is truly my name that is attached to the train stop on this line. The Commission de toponymie then added some data about me to their information about the site. That's the whole story!

Pierre – Did you know that the stop underwent a name change in 1968?

Gérald - Yes, beginning in 1963, it was called “Frigon Siding,” then, in 1968, it was renamed “Frigon.”

Pierre - In closing, is there something that stands out in your mind about this project?

Gérald – The most persistent memory, one that will stay with me until the end of my days, was the number of black flies that attacked us. Luckily, the woodcutters worked fast. I wonder if we could have survived many more weeks in that hell.

Pierre – Thank you for sharing with us this page of history and of your life.

It has been an interesting experience!

Source : http://www.toponymie.gouv.qc.ca/CT/toposweb/fiche.aspx?no_seq=23983





A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

2010 Grand Gathering

Pierre Frigon (4)

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This year we celebrated the third quinquennium of the founding of our Association. At the end of each five-year period, the Association always offers the members a two-day annual meeting. Montreal and Laval were chosen for this year's gathering.

The two days were splendid, warm, and sunny. The first day had a heritage theme. It opened with a guided tour of the Notre-Dame-de-Montréal Basilica, an impressive, important, and splendid monument of our heritage. This was followed by our annual meeting in one of the halls of the basilica. Then, under the guidance of very competent young guides, we visited the Maison St-Gabriel, where the King's Wards had been welcomed and housed, as well as the 17th-century style French gardens on the property. Sister Madeleine Juneau, director of the site, enriched our visit with complimentary information. This was followed by a much-appreciated conference by Claude Deslandes, veterinarian and history buff,

who painted a vivid picture of the domestic and farm animals in New France. The day ended at Notre-Dame Basilica with a light and sound show, which recounted the history of this important center of Montreal's religious history, projected on large white sheets in the form of naval sails, a most appropriate symbol. Combining past and future, the second day plunged us into spatial exploration at Laval's *Cosmodome*. Our two days were well filled, and punctuated by chartered bus rides to our different activities, a service that was appreciated by all.

Many thanks to Gérald (116), François (120), and Claudette Chevette-Naud (126) for the planning and organization of these days. Our gratitude also to Louise (83), Claude Vaillancourt, and René (75) for tending to the logistics and registration for the annual meeting, and to Lise Drolet for the sale of promotional objects.

THANK YOU, GÉRALD

2010 Grand Gathering

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Batiscan is remarkable for its unifying effect as it implies the participation of the associations of pioneer families. The erecting of a stone monument on the site of the ancestral land, a project that Gérald cherishes, will surely become a reality. It is with persistence that he invited members to gather a significant amount of family archives to illustrate the history of the Frigon families. He steadfastly searched ways to assemble family archives that would be available to all in a secure, easily accessible public place. Let us not forget the personal research that he has carried on ever since he became a member of the "retirees from the workplace club." Briefly, he leaves a heritage of projects for us to assume and bring to term.

Finally, many thanks to Lise Drolet, his wife, for receiving the members of the Board of Directors of the Association in her Laval home during all these

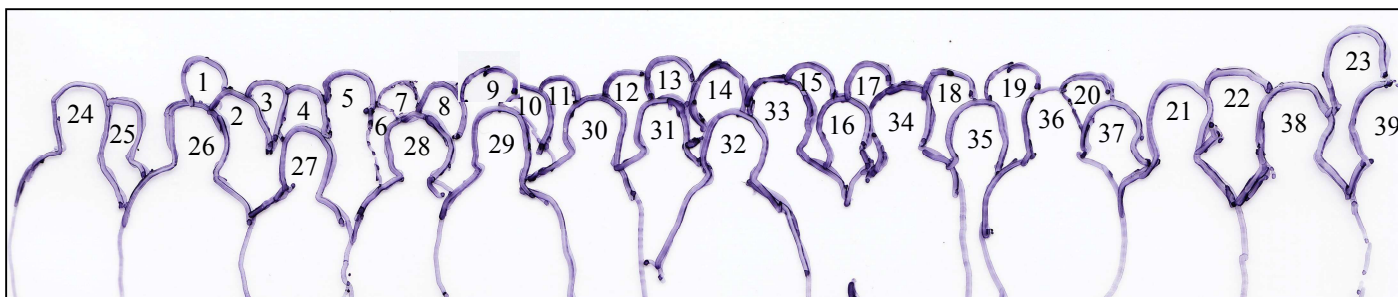
years. Everyone will remember her hospitality and the delicious homemade pastries that she prepared for these occasions.



*Lise Drolet
2010-08-28*

**Thank you
on behalf
of all the
Directors**

Grand Gathering, 2010 Montréal, Maison Saint-Gabriel

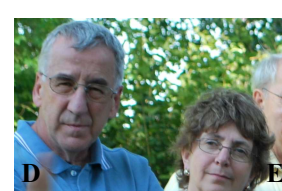
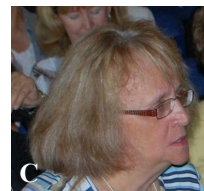


PRESENT FOR THE PHOTO

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| 1. Gérald Frigon, Laval | 14. Ghislain Frigon, Grand-Mère | 26. Rita Frigon, Laval |
| 2. Liliane Frigon, Shawinigan-sud | 15. Léonce Frigon, Laval | 27. Pauline Frigon Couture, Saint-Bruno de Montarville |
| 3. Claude Magnan, Shawinigan-sud | 16. Denise Melançon, Grand-Mère | 28. Lucie Frigon, Gatineau |
| 4. Marcel Guillemette, Montréal-Nord | 17. Pierre Frigon, Saint-Hyppolite | 29. Raymonde Frigon, Saint-Jérôme |
| 5. Richard Caron, Gatineau | 18. Hermine Trudel, Montréal | 30. Jeannine Vallée Boivin, Anjou |
| 6. Sylvie Frigon (see photo E) | 19. Bernard Frigon, Saint-Jean sur Richelieu | 31. Claude Saint-Germain, Montréal |
| 7. Céline Frigon, Pierrefonds | 20. Claude Deslandes, conférencier | 32. Thérèse Frigon, Montréal |
| 8. Ginette Frigon, Saint-Hyacinthe | 21. Sœur Madeleine Juneau, Montréal | 33. Louis-Georges Frigon, Montréal |
| 9. Yvan Boudreau, Saint-Jérôme | 22. Claudette Chevrette-Naud, Montréal | 34. Clémence Rivard, Montréal |
| 10. Gabrielle Perreault, Sainte-Marthe | 23. Guy Naud, Montréal | 35. Denise Frigon, Trois-Rivières |
| 11. Jean-Guy Boivin, Anjou | 24. Irène Frigon, Montréal | 36. Jacques Frigon, Ottawa |
| 12. Paul Frigon, Sainte-Marthe | 25. Dr. Hélène Guillemette, St-Jean | 37. Claire Renaud-Frigon, Ottawa |
| 13. René Frigon, Trois-Rivières | | 38. et 39. Guide |

Also present at the Maison Saint-Gabriel

- A) François Frigon, Laval
 B) Claude Frigon, Laval
 C) Murielle Dubois, Laval
 D) Bernard Naud, Cap-Rouge
 E) Sylvie Frigon, Cap-Rouge
 F) Sr Louise Frigon, Montréal
 G) Lise Drolet, Laval
 H) Jeanne-Mance Plourde, Laval
 I) Jeannette Archambault, Saint-Jean sur Richelieu





JOSEPH DÉSIRÉ FRIGON – FREGO

Pioneer of Massena, N.Y.

Roger Frigon (131)

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Joseph Désiré Frigon was born September 23, 1806 in Louiseville, QC. He was the third child of Olivier-Pierre Frigon and Judith Bantiac Lamontagne. Joseph Désiré is a fifth generation “Frigon” in Canada.

GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

François and Marie-Claude Chamois
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Jean-François and Gertrude Perrot
|
Paul Joseph and Ursule Lefebvre
|
Olivier Pierre and Judith Bantiac
|
Joseph Désiré and Émilie Lupien
gef (93)

Among the interesting things we have learned about Joseph Désiré is that, in the baptismal records, he was listed as the godfather of Edouard Désiré Frigon, born April 3, 1827, to Joseph Marie Frigon and Josephte Gravelle. Joseph Marie was the brother of Olivier Pierre. As if by happy coincidence, Émilie Lupien was the godmother.

Four years later, Joseph Désiré Frigon married Émilie Lupien on June 27, 1831 in Louiseville. This was the beginning of a new family that would eventually consist of 11 children.

1st child: François Frigon, born on February 1, 1832, in Louiseville. The godparents were François Frigon (brother of Désiré) and Marguerite Lupien. The family left Louiseville to settle on a new section of land, which they cleared and farmed, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, in Yamaska.

2nd child: Philippe Frigon, born January 12, 1834, in Yamaska. The godparents were Maxime Picote and Sophie Desauniers. A short time later, this section was incorporated into the new parish of St-David.

3rd and 4th children: These were twins who arrived on May 4, 1836, in St-David. The first was a boy,

Olivier Treflée Frigon and the second a girl, Marie Eugénie Frigon. The godparents respectively were Jean-Baptiste Dejarlais and his wife Marie Bibiane for the boy, and Joseph Pinard and Julie Vincent for the girl. Unfortunately, Marie-Eugénie Frigon died on August 15, 1837, at the age of 14 months.

5th child: Antoine Frigon, born August 20, 1838 in St-David. Moyse Dejarlais and Josephte Doyon were the godparents.

6th child: Pierre Frigon, born July 19, 1840 in St-David. Pierre Gélinas was the godfather and Marguerite Chrétien the godmother.

A major move took place between 1840 and 1842¹. For reasons unknown to us, the family left St-David to emigrate to the United-States, to Massena in the state of New York. Massena is situated in the northeast extremity of New York State. St. Regis Mission is located at the New York/Quebec border and a bit lower are Massena, Brasher, and Hogensburg on the south side of the St. Lawrence River facing Cornwall. There were several French-Canadian families in Massena around 1840.

We noted the presence of Désiré and Émilie as godfather and godmother at the baptism of Émilie Carrière, on January 11, 1842 at St-Regis Mission, NY. Émilie Carrière was born on December 9, 1841, daughter of Louis Carrière and Marguerite Duchesne.

7th child: Eli Frego, born in the first months of 1843. We have not found the exact date of his birth, for the parish of Massena was officially formed shortly after 1843. The 1850_Census permitted us to confirm this birth date as being 1843.

8th child: Amelia Frego, born December 22, 1844

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1. There is no official document to confirm the date of Joseph Desire's arrival in Massena (Georges E. Frigon).

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

October 2010

Victor S. Frigon, spouse of **Barbara Hodson**, died in **Midland, TX, USA**, on October 16, 2009 at the age of 88.

Victor Frigon was from the line of Joseph, branch of Joseph.

November 2010

Roger Paulin, son of the late **Henri-Paul Paulin** and the late **Germaine Frigon**, died in **Trois-Rivières**, on November 12, 2009, at the age of 64.

Germaine Frigon was from the line of Abraham, branch of Abraham.

Maurice Ratté, spouse of **Lucie Frigon**, died in **Longueuil**, on November 14, 2009, at the age of 54.

Lucie Frigon is from the line of Antoine, branch of Souleine.

Jean-Guy Frigon, spouse of **Lise Alarie**, died suddenly in **Saint-Edouard-de-Maskinongé**, on November 29, 2009, at the age of 56.

Jean-Guy was from the line of Paul-Joseph, branch of Olivier.

December 2010

Jean-Claude Lebel, spouse of **Aline Frigon**, died in **Trois-Rivières**, on December 22, 2009, at the age of 78.

Aline Frigon is from the line of Paul-Joseph, branch of Olivier.

Michael J. Frechette, son of **Paul Frechette** and **Lucille Frigon**, died in **Seminole, Florida, USA**, on December 24, 2009, at the age of 52.

Lucille comes from the line of Louis-Michel, branch of Louis.

Louis-Marie Demers, spouse of **Henriette Frigon**, died in **Quebec City**, on December 31, 2009, at the age of 75 years and 4 months.

Henriette Frigon is from the branch of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Antoine.

January 2010

André Frigon, died in **Senneterre**, on January 14, 2010, at the age of 68.

André was from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.

Antoine Couture, spouse of **Pauline Frigon**, died in **Greenfield Park**, on January 31, 2010, at the age of 70.

Pauline comes from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Sylvestre.

February 2010

Richard E. Heroux, spouse of **Barbara Ann Gaulin**, died in **Chicopee, Massachusetts, USA**, on February 5, 2010, at the age of 73. He was the son of the late Juliette Frigon.

We do not know the line or branch of Juliette.

Jeanne d'Arc Rousseau, spouse of the late **Rosaire G. Frigon**, died in **Saint-Narcisse**, on February 10, 2010, at the age of 79 years and 4 months.

Rosaire was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.

March 2010

Marie-Jeanne Germain, spouse of the late **Denis Frigon**, died in **Saint-Narcisse**, on March 11, 2010, at the age of 90 years and 10 months.

Denis was from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.

Martha Jo Hibbard, spouse of the late **Armand Edward Frigon**, died in **Concorde, North Carolina, USA**, on March 12, 2010, at the age of 79.

Armand Edward came from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Ignace.

Marguerite Mercier, spouse of the late **Henri Frigon**, died in **Shawinigan**, on March 13, 2010, at the age of 99.

Henri came from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Germaine Sicotte, spouse of the late **Armand Frigon**, died in **l'Assomption**, on March 13, 2010, at the age of 91.

Armand came from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Brady Ross Frigon, son of **Ryan Frigon** and **Kimberly Bulson**, died in **Syracuse, New York**, at a young age.

Brady came from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Toussaint.

André Frigon, spouse of **Yvonne Frigon**, died in **Prince George, British Columbia**, on March 24, 2010, at the age of 87.

Andre came from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Hubert.

Paul Fréchette, spouse of **Lucille Frigon**, died in

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Seminole, Florida, USA, on March 28, 2010, at the age of 81.

Lucille comes from the line of Louis-Michel, branch of Louis.

May 2010

Pierre Gagnon, son of **Henri Gagnon** and the late **Ursule Frigon**, died in **Chicoutimi**, on May 01, 2010, at the age of 70.

Ursule came from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Fabienne Jacob, spouse of the late **Maurice Frigon**, died in **Trois-Rivières**, on May 03, 2010, at the age of 93.

Maurice came from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Augustin.

Alan H. Roy, spouse of **Joyce Ann Frigon**, died in **North Smithfield**, Rhode Island, USA, on May 05, 2010, at the age of 69.

We do not know the line or branch of Joyce Ann.

Florence Lamothe, spouse of the late **Henri Frigon**, died in **Edmonton**, Alberta, on May 12, 2010, at the age of 90.

Henri came from the line of Joseph, branch of Joseph.

June 2010

René-Georges Paquin, son of the late **Arthur Paquin** and the late **Léonide Frigon**, died in **Saint-Elisabeth**, on June 06, 2010, at the age of 81.

Léonide came from the line of Olivier-Pierre, branch of Toussaint.

Thérèse Frigon, spouse of **Paul-Emile Hébert**, died in **La Tuque**, on June 08, 2010, at the age of 77 years, 5 months.

Thérèse came from the line of Pierre-Antoine, branch of Souleine.

JOSEPH DÉsirÉ FRIGON – FREGO

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in Massena and baptized the next day.

9th child: Joseph Frego, born April 11, 1847 and baptized at St. Regis Mission on April 18, 1847.

10th child: Mary Ellen Frego, born February 26, 1850 in Massena and baptized March 3, 1850 according to the records of Hogensburg, NY.

11th child: Marie Eleonor Frego, born March 30, 1853 and baptized April 1, 1853 in Massena.

This constitutes the large family of Désiré Frigon-Frego and Émilie Lupien.

Joseph Désiré Frigon-Frego died June 25, 1897 at the age of 90. Émilie Lupien (Malinda Frego) had passed away three years before, March 7, 1894.

Because of differences in linguistic consonances, the name "Frigon" took on different spellings: Frigo, Frego, Fregoe, Freego. All of these stem from

the same ancestor, "Joseph Désiré.»

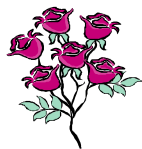
In future issues of the newsletter we will see what happened to Joseph Désiré's children².

The next research will be centered on the 7th and 8th generations, the grandchildren of Désiré, and their descendants. I have been finding really interesting things: on the children of François (b.1832), his 4th child Alexander (b. 1859) married Emma McElwain. Two of his daughters married in Nebraska and another in Montana.

There is much work to be done on the New York Frigons. This should keep me busy for the next year.

²Roger Frigon (131) used several research tools. He works with the following programs:

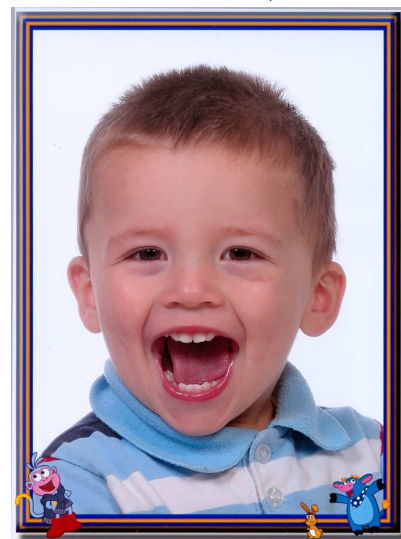
- Baptismal, Marriage and Burial Records
- Drain Collection, Family Search
- Ancestry, Root web, Google...



Antoine Frigon, born in Laval on September 7, 2008. He is the son of Jean-François Frigon and Marie-Eve Lavoie.



Xavier Garneau, born in Victoriaville on January 2, 2010. He is the son of Christian Garneau and Geneviève Frigon.



Charles Frigon, born in Trois-Rivières, on September 7, 2007. He is the son of Gilles Frigon and Anik Savoie-Lafrance.

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

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

(11th generation) Antoine and Xavier are linked to the Frigon families through their grandfather, François Frigon (130).

Antoine and Xavier come from the line of Louis-Augustin, branch of Hubert.

Thomas St-Amand, born on April 19, 2009, son of Philippe St-Amand and Audrey Boutet. He is associated with the Frigon families through his paternal great-grandmother, Suzanne Trudel (238).

Thomas comes from Pierre Antoine, branch of Olivier



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.

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Sylvie Frigon

