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## LINKS BETWEEN THE LEVREULT DE LANGIS AND FRIGON FAMILIES

Robert Frigon (2)

*Note from the editor: This article by the late Robert Frigon (2), was written in 1998 as part of his "Glanures." We have changed the title.*

Before the Conquest, France possessed almost all of America, a territory dotted with forts and trading posts and crisscrossed by travelers from Lower Canada in search of fur. This large territory coveted by England changed allegiance after the "Seven Years War" which kept European powers busy. Given the considerable force of American and British armies on the continent, France had to capitulate and give up all American possessions, keeping only Louisiana. The final battle sealing the fate of Canada was fought on Quebec heights in the fall of 1759 and spring of 1760.

The historic report of these events that took place between 1756 and 1760 left by Antoine de Bougainville is as valuable for this period as were the writings of the Baron La Hontan half a century earlier. His diary, full of observations about Indians and Canadians, mentions a soldier, under various names: Sieur de Langy, Sieur Langy Montégron, Sieur Langy-Levreault and also Langy l'Ainé. We must assume that he refers to a single person, but perhaps there were three brothers, all three sons of Joseph Leon Levreau de Maisonneuve. This Langy was an ensign, a sort of lieutenant in charge of minor military commands<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Only sons of noble families were commanding troops under the French Regime. This changed after the conquest.

2016- Annual meeting and Family  
Picnic at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan,  
Saturday, August 27d  
<http://www.genealogie.org/famille/frigon/>  
More information in the spring of 2016

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Painting belonging to Fort Ticonderoga Museum. It pictures the Marquis de Montcalm acclaimed by his troops after the battle of Fort Carillon on July 8, 1758. The Knight Langy participated in this battle.

The very first time Bougainville mentions the Sieur de Langy in his account, he is said to be part of a reconnaissance mission with a group of Indians in the vicinity of Fort Oswego [Chouagan] in the summer of 1756 to assess enemy forces. Located south of Lake Ontario near the current Syracuse, Oswego fortifications were of real importance to both sides, this lake being the natural corridor used by traders and merchants.

Subsequently, Sieur de Langy appears to have been used as a "scout", responsible for avant-garde missions. At the head of troops composed of Canadians and Indians, he made many prisoners and gathered information on the British army. Of course, his warriors also brought back "scalps", over twenty of those during an expedition on Lake Champlain in December 1757<sup>2</sup>. According to Bougainville, the Knight Langy was also sent as a delegate to meet both British and American commanding officers.

In many ways, it is clear from the writings of Bougainville, aide-de-camp to the Marquis de

Montcalm, that this officer had unusual leadership qualities. He mentions his name as a scout leading the Indian troops over twenty times. The boldest of the three brothers was, apparently, Jean-Baptiste Levreau de Langy, husband of Madeleine d'Ailleboust. Although born in Canada, he went on to France in 1760. It was not healthy for him to stay in the country.

Joseph-Léon Levreau de Langy, husband of Marguerite Trottier and later of Marguerite Jarret of Verchères, arrived in the country with the troops in 1687. This ancient noble family was originally from Poitou. Since he died in 1740, he is not the one Bougainville refers to in his writings. Established in Champlain where his two wives gave him ten children, Joseph-Léon is the ancestor of the Langis family in Mauricie.

It appears from the writings of the time that four of the boys embraced the military career. Jacques-Joseph Langy (1708 - 1777), husband of Marie-Anne Chotel Dorvilliers, was an officer in the army, as well as Alexis, the "knight", who drowned in Longueuil in 1760. Antoine-Joseph de Langy was an aiguillette cadet, and finally, the boldest, Jean-Baptiste de Langy was an ensign in the Canadian army.

Our research on the Frigon family in Champlain lead us to delve on this military family. It seems likely that after the capitulation, the descendants of the ancestor Langy became farmers and military exploits were nothing more than memories.

Strangely, links are forged between the Langy and the Frigon families. And these links are durable as shown by at least four known marriages. Elisabeth Frigon, born in 1767 in La Pérade, first daughter of Paul Frigon and Ursule Lefebvre, was married in 1788 to Antoine-Léon Levreau de Langy, son of Joseph and Anne Dorvilliers. The wedding

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<sup>2</sup> "Adventure in the Wilderness". – The American Journals of Louis Antoine Bougainville, 1756-1760. The copy we have on hand is edited by the University of Oklahoma Press. The English translation is by Edward P. Hamilton. Here is a small excerpt : "The Delawares and the Shawnees have made many prisoners, brought back scalps, destroyed several houses, carried away cattle and even entire families. They have eaten an English officer whose pallor and plumpness tempted them".



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon (116)

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Our family picnic will take place in Batiscan in six months. We'll have two tents: a small one for inflatable games for young ones and a large one for the meeting, dinner and presentation of our new Frigon website. Teens will have the opportunity to participate in a treasure hunt. We are changing the format of our annual meeting to ensure that the event is more family-oriented, more fraternal, more friendly. We want to rejuvenate our approach and we also want to bring down the average age of our membership.

This is why I call upon you. Think of each of your children, your nieces and nephews; imagine how you could approach them, how you could interest them in attending our meetings and, perhaps, joining our association. Develop a plan for immediate action. Do not put off until later; you'll forget. Talk

immediately to those you have chosen to eventually participate in the association. The survival of our Association depends on us. Do not rely on others. It is preferable to have a nephew contacted by 2 or 3 of you, rather than being overlooked. The Association provides a pleasant pastime, presents interesting history and brings us closer to our family. In 22 years, the Association has conducted lots of research and published several results, but still there are many challenges for the next generation.

Our first challenge is to ensure renewal; and this challenge is the responsibility of everyone. We invite every family to play its part; every family must think about its own succession. The family picnic is a good opportunity to bring those that might be interested. Act now: book Saturday, August 27, 2016 for this picnic.



### **INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS AND DESCENDANTS OF FRIGON FAMILIES TO A LARGE FAMILY PICNIC TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2016 UNDER THE MARQUEE TENT AT THE OLD PRESBYTERY OF BATISCAN**

Registration in July or on-site, 10.00 \$ per participant aged 12 and up

A treasure hunt for teenagers – Inflatable games for younger children

Orchestra and storyteller

List of ascending ancestry for members

**Bring your own lunch**

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**



On July 20, 2012, the newspaper *Nouvelles Hebdo*<sup>1</sup> published this picture of Émilie Frigon<sup>2</sup> and Marie Josée Girard, founders of the restaurant *Dédélicieux*<sup>3</sup>, located in Normandin, Lac-Saint-Jean. The name was chosen to honour André « Dédé » Fortin, charismatic singer of the group « Les Colocs » and a native of Normandin. You can visit the restaurant's site<sup>3</sup> and consult menus of a healthy cuisine for breakfast and lunch. The restaurant does not offer dinner. The detour is worth it if you visit the region.



<sup>1</sup><http://www.nouvelleshebdo.com/%C3%89conomie/Affaires/2012-07-10/article-3026722/Le-Dedelicieux-ouvrira-ses-portes-a-Normandin-le-21-juillet/1>

<sup>2</sup> *Emilie Frigon (Régis et Christine Vadnais) is from the line of Souleine, branch of Henri /gef July 13, 2012*

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.dedelicieux.com/restaurant.html>



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ceremony was held in Joliette. Here is a bit of noble blood mixed with the blood of the ancestor François Frigon "said Spanish". In the records, Antoine Levreau Langy is said to be "escuyer".

Another Joseph de Langy, born in Batisca in 1744, son of Marie-Anne Dorvilliers, married Marie-Anne Roy around 1779. He is the brother-in-law of Elizabeth Frigon. One of his son, Jean-Baptiste Langis, born in 1783, married Madeleine Frigon in 1807 in Champlain. Later, Angèle de Langis, daughter of Elizabeth Frigon, married Pierre Frigon, brother of Madeleine Frigon in 1814 in Batisca. Very close links must have existed between the De Langy and the Frigon families.

It should also be noted that the family of the late Paul Frigon left Joliette around 1790 and moved to Rivière-du-Loup. It is also likely that a son of Olivier Frigon and Judith Banhiac, farmers in the de Carufel seigneurie, would visit family in

Editor's note: In the Frigon genealogical database, the name Langy is listed as Langis and Levreault as Levreau. In addition, Madeleine appears as Magdeleine.

François (130)

Batisca because Hilaire Frigon born in 1810 in Louiseville married in 1837 in Les Becquets, Adelaïde Godin, daughter of Archange Levreau de Langy (Archange refers to a woman).

According to the author of these lines, it is all very mysterious. It would be beneficial to find more information.

#### **<sup>4</sup> GENEALOGICAL NOTES**

**François and Marie-Claude Chamois**

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**Jean-François and Gertrude Peros**

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**Antoine and Marie Anne Trottier**

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**Joseph and Magdeleine Lefebvre**

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**Magdeleine Web (02352) and Jean Baptiste Levreau de LANGIS Web (06751)**

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**5 children: Christophe Emile, Emilie Christine, Louis, François-Xavier, Marguerite**

François (130)

#### **<sup>3</sup> GENEALOGICAL NOTES**

**François and Marie-Claude Chamois**

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**Jean-François and Gertrude Peros**

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**Paul and Ursule Lefebvre**

|

**Élisabeth Frigon Web (02769) and Antoine Léon Levreau de Langis**

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**13 children: Marguerite, Julie Judith, Héleine, Angèle, Antoine Pierre, Marie-Elie, Hermelan, Jean-Baptiste, Benjamin, Élisabeth, Hélène, Hermann, Archange**

François(130)

#### **<sup>5</sup> GENEALOGICAL NOTES**

**François and Marie-Claude Chamois**

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**Jean-François and Gertrude Peros**

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**Antoine and Marie Anne Trottier**

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**Joseph and Magdeleine Lefebvre**

|

**Pierre Web (02357) and Angèle LEVREAU de Langis (fille d'Élisabeth Frigon (02769))**

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**2 children: Elise et Eusèbe**

François (130)

The researchers of the association are asking members for their assistance in finding information on the

### Avis de recherche



Charlene Frigon with Jacob Sheehy and their 4-month-old daughter, Kelly-Ann, pose with Frigon's horse Sunshine outside their campsite in St-Tite.  
DARIO AYALA / MONTREAL GAZETTE

filiation of Charlene Frigon whose picture was published in the *MONTREAL GAZETTE* newspaper on September 15, 2015.

The picture was taken at the Western Festival of St-Tite held September 11-20, 2015.

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The researchers of the Association are asking members for their assistance in trying to establish the filiation of Eric Frigon whose picture was published on June 12, 2013 in LE COURRIER SUD.

The picture was taken at the launch of a project involving the planting of 10,000 trees and shrubs along



the Bécancour River thanks to a partnership between Tree Canada and the Alcoa Foundation. The reforested land of 4,41 hectares is the property of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (SPIPB).

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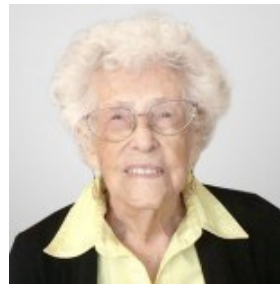
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Thérèse  
1932  
Anjou, QC  
December 2, 2015  
**Web (02487)**



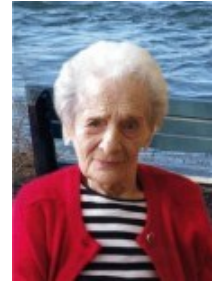
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Rachel Grandbois  
1917  
Saint-Hyacinthe, QC  
November 6, 2015  
**Web (02722)**



**FRIGON**  
Marie-Jeanne  
1927  
Forestville, QC  
October 27, 2015  
**Web (04681) AFF49**



**FRIGON**  
Gabrielle  
1915  
Saint-Eustache, QC  
October 21, 2015  
**Web (02878) AFF98**



**FRIGON**  
Marcelle  
1915  
Macamic, QC  
August 27, 2015  
**Web (03079)**



**FRIGON**  
Benoît  
1945  
Chibougamau, QC  
June 28, 2015  
**Web (04335)**



**FRIGON**  
Madeleine  
1927  
Trois-Rivières, QC  
May 31, 2015  
**Web (04398) AFF53**



**FRIGON**  
Roger  
1936  
Louiseville, QC  
May 21, 2015  
**Web (07026)**



**FRIGON**  
Sylvio  
1936  
Trois-Rivières, QC  
May 12, 2015  
**Web (02945)**



**FRIGON JR.**  
George J.  
1953  
Regina, SK  
April 24, 2015  
**Web (14607)**



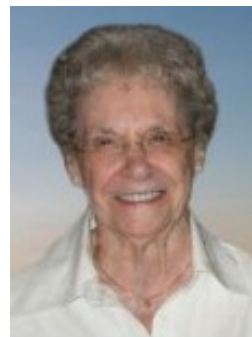
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Odette  
1941  
Montréal, QC  
April 7, 2015  
**Web (03024) AFF52**



**FRIGON**  
Adrien  
1922  
Québec, QC  
Marsh 13, 2015  
**Web (04380)**



**FRIGON**  
Paul-Emile  
1919  
Shawinigan, QC  
Mars 2, 2015  
**Web (02529)**



**FRIGON**  
Gisèle  
1921  
Trois-Rivières, QC  
January 25, 2015  
**Web (02844)**



**FRIGON**  
Diane  
1949  
Bécancour, QC  
December 30, 2014  
**Web (02964)**

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**VALLÉE-BOIVIN**  
Jeannine  
1930  
Anjou, QC  
October 31, 2015  
**Web (10538)**  
**AFF172**



**FRIGON-BURNS**  
Mildred G. « Millie »  
1917  
Topeka, Kansas, USA  
October 23, 2015  
**Web (11650)**  
**AFF189**



**FRIGON**  
Roger  
1936  
Sarahuata, Arizona  
March 29, 2015  
**Web (02826)**



**DUPONT**  
Rolande  
1932  
Shawinigan, QC  
March 5, 2015  
**Web (11697)**



**GRAVEL GAGNON**  
Céline  
1944  
Trois-Rivières, QC  
February 6 2015  
**Web (18503)**



**LAVOIE**  
Françoise  
1934  
Grand-Mère, QC  
February 4, 2015

**Web (07611)**



**DESMARAIS**  
Janet M.  
1937  
Dayville, USA  
January 29, 2015

**Web (27921)**



**BELLERIVE**  
Alfred  
1927  
Bécancour, QC  
January 8, 2015

**Web (09409)**



**CHARRETTE (FRIGON)**  
Suzanne Yolande  
1936  
Temagami, Ontario  
December 22, 2014

**Web (14834)**



**BÉDARD-FRIGON**  
Fernande  
1921  
Saint-Tite, QC  
December 15, 2014

**Web (04722)**



**FRIGON**  
Marielle  
1929  
Sainte-Anne-de-la-  
Pérade, QC  
December 14, 2014  
**Web (02753)**



**Frigon**  
Richère  
1942  
December 13, 2014  
**Web (22220)**



**Frigon**  
Irène  
1921  
Trois-Rivières, QC  
November 18, 2014  
**Web (03368)**



**DESCHÊNES  
(FRIGON)**  
Rita (1927)  
Louiseville, QC  
October 11, 2014  
**Web (03841)**



**FRIGON**  
Louis-Georges  
1924  
Montréal, QC  
September 17, 2014  
**Web (03041) AFF10**



**Frigon**  
Donald A.  
1953  
Dodge City, KS  
September 5, 2014  
**Web (07132)**

Reference: <http://www.lenecrologue.com/necrologie/recherche/?s=frigon&p=1>

For death notices, consult the Research section of our web site [frigon.org](http://frigon.org)



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