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PLACE OF ORIGIN OF FRANÇOIS FRIGON

1- Cretteville ou Coigny ?

Pierre Frigon (aff004)



A big step has been taken in identifying the place of origin of François Frigon with the discovery of three major documents by the French genealogist Jean-Paul Macouin. The latter forwarded these documents to the Quebec historian and genealogist Marcel Fournier, and to the secretary of the Association of Frigon Families, Claude Frigon (256). These documents are taken from the archives of Jean Carnot, notary in Paris¹.

The first document is a marriage certificate of François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois dated August 25, 1686, and signed by François Dupré, priest of the parish of Champlain. The second is a letter to Marie-Claude from the priest of Batiscan, Claude Volant de Saint-Claude, dated November 2,

1686 extolling the Christian qualities of the latter, and sympathetic to the precarious situation in which she finds herself. The third is a certificate of authenticity of the first two by Mgr. François de Laval, Bishop of Quebec dated March 7, 1687.

How did these documents end up in Paris? And why did they have to be authenticated?

We have known for a long time that during her lawsuit against her mother, Marie-Claude asked the court to suspend the proceedings on July 23 and August 9, 1686 in order for her to prove the validity of the documents she presented as proof of her identity.

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¹ANF, Minutier central des notaires de Paris, Me Jean Carnot (1667-1710) ET XCI 462, 07.03.1687 : remise d'extrait de mariage et autres pièces. ¹ (Cité dans Marcel Fournier, « Découverte généalogique, l'origine du pionnier François Frigon, maintenant connue », *L'Héritage, revue de la Société de généalogie du Grand Trois-Rivières*, vol. 39, no 3, automne 2017, p. 39-40). www.genealogie.org/club/sgmbf/Heritage/V39N3/v39_no3.pdf

Annual meeting - 2019 25th anniversary Gathering

Saturday, August 24

Meeting, visit and exhibition in Terrebonne on l'Ile-des-Moulins. Pontoon excursion on the river.

Sunday, August 25

Bus excursion in Lanaudière

Wine, cheese and more

Information in the Spring

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Here is the text of acceptance by the court of the August 9 petition. The text of July 23 is much the same.

42- As requested on August 9, one thousand six hundred eighty-six

43- what was the denial made by damsel

44- Jacqueline Girard, her mother, to be her daughter and

45- that it is certain that she is daughter of the said deceased

46- Chamois and said **Girard, she was allowed**

47- to prove her identity with both titles and witnesses [...]².

It is presumed that Marie-Claude sent a request to Canada by a ship bound for Canada in the early summer of 1686, or even earlier. Given the fact that the ships only came to Canada once a year, during the summer, and returned in the fall, it was concluded that the certificate written by priest François Dupré, and the letter of the priest of Batiscan signed respectively in the summer and autumn of 1686, arrived in Paris at the end of the fall. Then Mgr. de Laval, who was in Paris "for the business of his church," attests their authenticity on March 7, 1687 before notary Carnot, at "the seminary of foreign missions rue du Bacq" in Paris.

This explains why these documents ended up in France and were authenticated by Mgr. de Laval. Moreover, we know that, at the same time, François Frigon asked Anne Gasnier, widow of Jean Bourdon, former Attorney General of New France, to attest that Marie-Claude's mother knew perfectly well that her daughter was in New France. Anne Gasnier did so before a notary on November 5, 1686³. This document was probably sent to Marie-Claude with the other papers.

But the essential question here is the discovery of the place of residence of the parents of François Frigon mentioned in the marriage certificate found in Paris:

...François Frigon son of	<i>François Frigon fils de</i>
the deceased Yves frigon and of	<i>Yves frigon</i>
Marguerite Féré her	<i>Marguerite Féré</i>
father and mother of the parish	<i>parroisse de Saint-Vandril</i>
of Saint-Vandril in	<i>du village de Franquetot</i>
the village de Franquetot	<i>diocèse de Coutances</i>
diocese of Coustances in	<i>Basse Normandie</i>
Lower Normandy...	

Therefore, the parents of François Frigon lived in the Saint-Vandril parish in the diocese of Coutances. Let's check this information.

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²Archives nationales de France, Section ancienne, Parlement de Paris, X^{3b} 1662, *Sentences*, Requêtes du Palais, 21 juin 1688. Original document and transcript submitted by Hélène-Andrée Bizier.

³Notary François Genaple, Québec.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon (aff116)

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Adapting to new realities

The world is constantly changing. And the speed of change is accelerating. This is even more obvious since the last generation. It would be vain to rise against this evidence and to turn our backs on progress.

Our values, as a man, as a woman, and as a society, stem from our education and evolution in the community. In this ever-changing environment, we must continually review habits and prejudices. It's not easy to stay in touch with the changing reality.

The ultimate evolution of human history is thought. But man has been more successful at mastering the elements than his own nature. He is therefore in frequent opposition with industry. We often hear that we must "adapt to realities"! But shouldn't we, instead, adapt the industry to the human and let him be at the center of our concerns?

If several problems of the time (environment, immigration, transport, ...) were analyzed from this perspective, happiness would certainly be more accessible to all.

A FRIGON IN A RELIGIOUS ORDER

Sister Louise Frigon, cnd (aff032)

François (aff130)

The Sisters of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame

The Congrégation de Notre-Dame, first non-cloistered congregation for women in North America, was founded in the 17th century in Ville-Marie (which became Montréal) by Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, native of Troyes (France) « given to God in 1640 ».

At the request of Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, founder and governor of the colony, she sailed across the Atlantic in 1653 in order to devote her life to the education of French and indigenous children. To realize her mission in Montreal, she opened the first school in Canada in the Spring of 1658 in an abandoned stone stable.

Although all proper civilian and ecclesiastical permissions came much later in 1669, the congregation existed as early as July 2d, 1659 at the time when Marguerite brought her companions with her.

With the arrival of the *Filles du Roy*, 800 young women sent by Louis XIV between 1663 and 1673, the sisters played another role. Marguerite Bourgeoys and her sisters offered them their hospitality, and prepared them for their new life.

The school system set up in Ville-Marie by Marguerite Bourgeoys and her companions spread to all regions of Quebec. Later, the Church requested the

presence of the Congrégation de Notre Dame in Ontario, in the Maritime Provinces and in the United States. In the twentieth century, the sisters opened missions in Japan, Central America, Africa and France.

Today, in eight countries on four continents, nearly 1,000 sisters of the Congrégation and 900 associates work in many fields, including education, socio-educational services, vocational guidance, pastoral care, social justice, and protection of cultural heritage¹.

The archivist of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame, provided us with a list of sisters Frigon since the founding of the congregation in 1669.

⇒ Marie-Alice FRIGON (Sister Sainte-Olivine)
Born 1895-11-16, Saint-Narcisse, Comté de Champlain. Deceased 1995-07-02.

⇒ Lucile FRIGON (Sœur Saint-Hector-Marie)
Born 1911-09-26, Montréal, Saint-Louis-de France. Deceased 1987-07-25.

The first mother house
Ville-Marie (Montréal), New-France
between 1658 and 1673.

<http://www.archivesvirtuelles-cnd.org/galerie-des-archives>



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¹ This information was taken from: <http://www.cnd-m.org/fr/histoire/cnd.php>

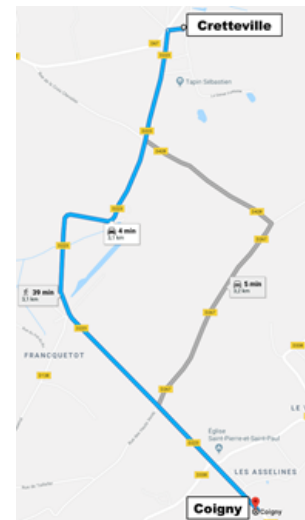
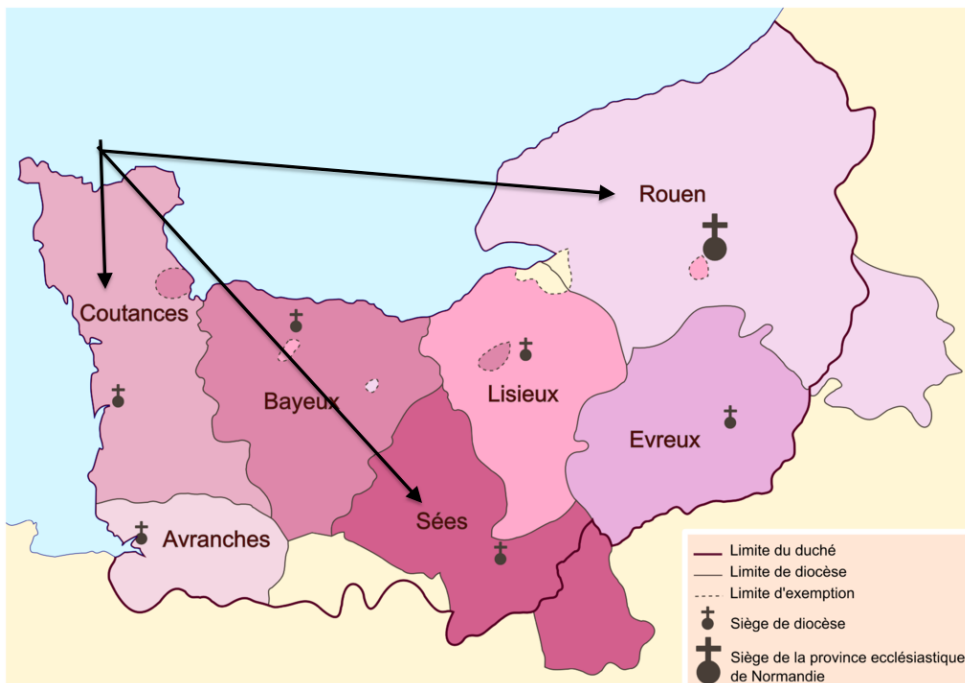
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Parish of Saint-Vandrille

Saint-Vandrille (or Saint-Wandrille) has been popular in Normandy since the seventh century. He was revered for his work of evangelization of the Rouen region, still pagan in his day, and for the founding in 649, in the diocese of Rouen, of the Benedictine monastery which will later bear his name⁴.

There does not seem to have been a Saint-Vandrille parish in the diocese of Coutances. On the other hand, two other parishes in Normandy also bore this name; one in the diocese of Rouen, and the

other in that of Sees (Seez). Let us check in a geographical and historical dictionary of the 18th century: "Saint-Vandrille [...], parish, in Normandy, diocese, parliament & *intendance* of Rouen, election & *sergenterie* de Caudebec. This parish includes 85 households (*feux taillables*)⁵. For the rest, we will avoid confusing the parish we are talking about here with another of the same name, also located in Normandy, but in the Diocese of Séez, *intendance* & election of Alençon. It is in this last parish, and not in the first one that the river Rille has its source. In the parish of Saint-Vandrille de Caudebec, there is a famous Abbey of the Order of Saint-Benoit [...] ⁶».



Three kilometers separate Coigny from Cretteville



Three possible places for the parish of Saint-Vandrille in the former ecclesiastical province of Normandy subdivided here into its dioceses⁷.

In addition, plaques on a wall of the Notre-Dame de Cretteville church demonstrate a devotion to Saint-Vandrille in this parish. According to Jean-Paul Macouin, Saint-Vandrille would be the old name of the church of Cretteville⁸.

<https://www.eglisesenmanche.com>

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⁴Saint-Wandrille : https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Wandrille

⁵Feu taillable : a family dwelling liable to pay a tax (la taille)

⁶Dictionnaire géographique, historique, et politique des Gaules et de la France, Les Librairies associées, Paris, 1761.

https://books.google.ca/books?id=OPA2c3XRzAC&pg=RA1-PR13&lpg=RA1-PR13&dq=%22Paroisse+de+saint-vandrille%22+France&source=bl&ots=Z41MITx2N&sig=QUfn8c0rT6f9z1WQMDs5h-d-cwA&hl=fr&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewi5psCXs_vXAhVfz2MKHfNXDSQQ6AEIKTAA#v=snippet&q=%22Saint-vandrille%22&f=false

⁷Source : https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dioc%C3%A8se_de_Coutances#/media/File:Provinceecclesiastique

⁸Letter dated July 24, 2017 sent by Jean-Paul Macouin to Claude Frigon (256), secretary, Association of Frigon Families.

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The village of Franquetot

The « village of Franquetot » makes undeniable reference to the fief of Franquetot, which is "sitting in the parish of Quetreville (aka Cretteville) and of Coigny-en-Bauptez"⁹. The existence of this fief goes back to the Middle Ages. Although the parish of Saint-Vandrille does not seem to exist in the diocese of Coutances, the "village of Franquetot" is undoubtedly located in this diocese. Which leads us not to take literally the mention of "parish of Saint-Vandrille" in the marriage certificate.

The archives and the family of François Frigon

With regard to the exact birthplace of François Frigon, it is unlikely that the birth, marriage and death registers of Coigny and Cretteville will ever be found for the years 1650, the probable years of birth of François Frigon. Indeed, Jean-Paul Macouin and the Departmental Archives of La Manche informed us that there are no parish or civil registry prior to those currently on the website of the departmental archives¹⁰. It appears that the oldest register of Cretteville dates from 1744, and Coigny from 1696. We cannot find anything on François Frigon. Note that we have systematically consulted all Cretteville and Coigny records on the Departmental Archives website to find the name

Frigon. Already we have made some findings and you will be kept informed in future articles.

Despite these constraints, there is still hope to find information on the Frigon family. Indeed, Mr. Macouin mentions that there are notarial acts of marriage or transactions in the archives of La Manche, in Saint-Lô. However, these archives have not yet been digitized.

In conclusion

We know for sure that François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois were married on November 6, 1670 by "a priest of the seminary of Quebec acting as parish priest of the coast of Batiscan"¹¹, that François was buried in the parish of Saint-François-Xavier-de-Batiscan on May 13, 1724, at the age of about 75 years¹², and that at the time of his marriage with Marie-Claude, his parents, Yves Frigon and Marguerite Féré, lived either in Cretteville or Coigny, or between the two since they lived in what was called at the time "the village of Franquetot". It is more likely that they were in Cretteville since the Château de Franquetôt was located on the territory of this locality.

⁹Notices, mémoires et documents publiés par la société d'Agriculture, d'Archéologie et d'Histoire naturelle du département de la Manche, volume 16, Saint-Lo, 1898, p. 128.. <http://gallica.bnf.fr/services/engine/search/sru?operation=searchRetrieve&version=1.2&query=%28gallica%20all%20%22bpt6k486565w%22%29&suggest=0>

¹⁰<http://www.archives-manche.fr/>. Dans la page d'accueil, sélectionner la section « Les archives numérisées... ». Puis « Recherche dans les registres paroissiaux et d'état civil ». Dans le moteur de recherche, taper Cretteville, ou Coigny dans la case « Nom de commune », cliquer sur « Chercher », puis dérouler la page vers le bas pour accéder aux registres.

¹¹Marriage certificate : ANF, notary Jean Carnot, *op. cit.* See also : *Sentences*, Requêtes du Palais, 21 juin 1688 *op. cit.*

¹²PRDH, vol. 4, p. 116, sépultures, paroisse Saint-François-Xavier-de-Batiscan.

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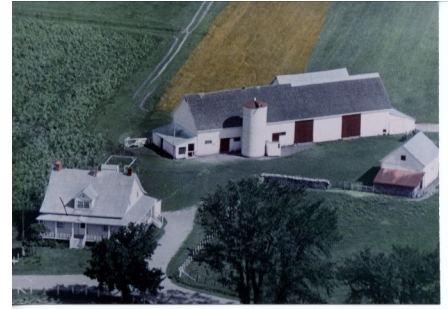
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Louise Frigon of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame

Her origins

Daughter of Clément Frigon and Laurette Rivard, Louise was born in Sainte-Geneviève, rang Village Jacob, in 1941. Her father owned the family farm from 1943 to 1966



Following some research in the Quebec Land Registry, we discovered the location of this farm. Lot 306 belonged to Joseph Alphée Frigon before 1900, and then to Elzéar, and was given to Philippe, Louise's grandfather. Unfortunately, there only remains today the house surrounded by huge silos. To know more about sister Louise, please refer to an article by Odette Frigon (aff052) in the Summer 1996 issue. See THE FRIGONS newsletter, volume 3, number 3¹.

Chronology of the highlights of her life

- 1957 : Departure from her home parish for studies in teacher training at the Normal School in Montréal.
 - 1959 : At the age of 17, signing of a first teaching contract with the Commission des écoles catholiques de Montréal
 - 1963 : Death of her mother. Back to teaching in the village school of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.
 - 1966 : Entering the religious order of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame of Montréal (now Dawson College).
 - 1968 : First vows. Teaching in a public school in Blainville.
 - 1970-1978 Member of the francophone Provincial Council of the Congrégation, Montréal.
 - 1974 : Co-founder of Terre-Soleil, an open areas school, in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Blainville.
Board member of the Pensionnat Les Mélèzes, in Joliette, and of the Museum-Chapel Bon-Secours in Montréal.
 - 1985 : Responsible for the formation of novices of the francophone section in Canada.
 - 1991 : Founder of La Petite maison des enfants soleil, in Montréal¹.
Opening of a small religious and secular community in the Centre-Sud of Montréal.
 - 2017 : Medal of Honour of the National Assembly of Québec, May 25².
 - 2018 : Golden Jubilee of religious life, celebrated at the mother-house of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame.
- Note : Certain dates overlap because some of the mandates were held simultaneously.

Source : Louise Frigon, January 2019

Her parents and a few facts on her family

CLÉMENT FRIGON (02405)

B.: 1909-06-13 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Mauricie
D.: 1986-03-06 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Mauricie

8th GENERATION

MARRIAGE

on 1939-08-24 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan,

LAURETTE RIVARD (02461)

B.: 1909-03-04 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Mauricie
D.: 1963-09-26

Laurette and Clément were married at an old age for the time (30 years). Laurette will give birth to five children, including four boys (Gilles (aff031), Yves (aff115), Réjean, René) and a daughter (Louise (aff032)). As we know, the latter will become a nun of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame in Montreal in 1968. For his part, her father worked as a farmer, carpenter, and lumberjack. More information on the life of Clément and genealogical information on her father and mother will be published in a future newsletter.



¹ THE FRIGONS Newsletter, Volume 3, Number 3. http://www.frigon.org/uploads/document/louise_frigon_c_n_d_of52.pdf

² THE FRIGONS Newsletter, Volume 24, Number 3, Fall 2017, page 71.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 50 YEARS



Claudette Frigon and Walter Giesinger celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 30 2018 in Laval. They have 3 children, Yves, Élisabeth and Pierre and 3 grandchildren.

Claudette (aff089) is the daughter of Robert Frigon and Marie-Rose Lefebvre. Her grandfather is Xavier Frigon. She is from the lineage of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.



Seated: Alicia and Luka (children of Pierre)
Standing: Pierre, Antonella Ianovalle (Pierre's spouse), Élisabeth, Claudette, Walter, Audrey (daughter of Yves Giesinger), Sébastien.



Claudette Frigon (02949) married Walter Giesinger (02950) on June 29, 1968 in Eglise Sainte-Bibiane in Rosemont. Father Henri Lauzon is the priest who celebrated the ceremony.

To learn about Claudette's genealogy, refer to page 104 « GENEALOGICAL NOTES » 9th generation.



Robert Frigon (02697) was born on May 31, 1900 in Saint-Prospér and died on May 31, 1983 in Longueuil (burial in Saint-Prospér). He married Marie-Rose Lefebvre (02706) on April 10, 1929 in Saint-Prospér-de-Champlain, Mauricie. They had 10 children, including Denise (aff145) and Claudette (aff089).



Xavier Frigon (02550) was born on October 19, 1847 in Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade, Mauricie and died on December 6, 1919 in Saint-Prospér-de-Champlain. He was married on June 12, 1871 to Zéphise Leduc who died on December 11, 1917. They had 21 children, including twins who died at birth on January 21, 1892).

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 60 YEARS



From left to right, Josée, Gérard, Denise, Sylvie and Lise.

Denise Frigon and Gérard Pelletier celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2018 at the Sagamité restaurant, Wendake.

Denise (aff145) is the daughter of Robert Frigon and Marie-Rose Lefebvre. Her grandfather is Xavier Frigon. She is from the lineage of Louis-Augustin, branch of Abraham.

Denise Frigon (02869) married Gérard Pelletier (02870) on June 28, 1958 in Saint-Prospere-de-Champlain, Mauricie.

50th anniversary in August 2008 in Trois-Rivières



Maximin Lefebvre (05897) and Herminie Fraser were married on April 10, 1929 (maternal grandfather).

GENEALOGICAL NOTES

France: Yves **Frigon** and Marguerite Ferre

François and Marie-Claude Chamois

Jean-François and Gertrude Perreault

Antoine and Marie-Anne Trottier

Augustin and Marie Lefebvre

Abraham and Josephite Dontigny

Abraham and Délima CINQ-MARS

Xavier and Zéphise Leduc

8^e Robert and Marie-Rose Lefebvre

9^e Denise and Gérard Pelletier (60 years) 3 children and 1 grandchild

9^e Claudette and Walter Giesinger (50 years)

3 children et 3 grandchildren

François (aff130)

FOR ALL THOSE YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR FIFTY YEARS AND OVER SINCE 2010

Send your wedding anniversary photos to the Association, your own, those of your parents or those of your grandparents.

Let all the members share the descendants of our Frigon families
Please get in touch with me. I will be happy to send you the details.

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