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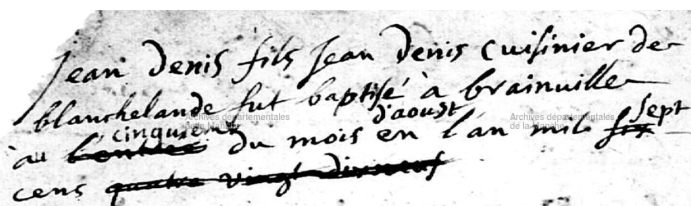
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THROUGH ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS - COOK IN BLANCHE LANDE

Pierre Frigon⁴

In the archives of baptisms, marriages and burial certificates, trades are sometimes mentioned. Here is one that particularly caught our attention in a register of the town of Mobecq, in Normandy¹.

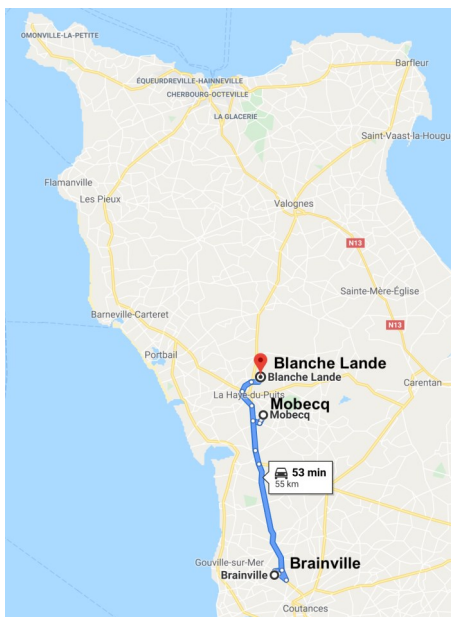


Jean Denis son Jean Denis, **cook of Blanchelande** was baptized in Brainville
On the fifth of August in the year one thousand seven hundred.

Apart from the curious idea of giving the son the same name as his father, there is nothing very original about it! But let's see what happens next.

Jean Denis senior was «cook of Blanchelande». This reveals that he practiced his trade at the abbey Notre-Dame and Saint-Nicolas de Blanche Lande, located in Neufmesnil 6.5 km from Mobecq, diocese of Coutances. This is not trivial and this unusual workplace deserves attention.

¹ Departmental Archives of la Manche, municipality (*commune*) of Mobecq.
<http://www.archives-manche.fr/ark:/57115/a011288085771UWH2QL/820c8c0ac0>, item 21 of 75.



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Lithographie de l'abbaye de Blanchelande, vers 1825

The monks of this abbey were subject to the rule of St. Augustine. They belonged to the Order of Canons of Prémontré, which also included a community of women and a **third order**³. The mission of the Premonstratensians was twofold: the apostolate (action with the faithful) and the Divine Office (religious ceremonies). The number of abbeys of this Order makes it the largest in France as shown in the list of locations⁴.



Castle built in the 16th century on the site of the abbey. Photo

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Here is what remains of the Abbey of Blanchelande; several buildings date from the 18th century. There is therefore not much left of the original buildings of the abbey.

Source : <https://www.flickr.com/photos/levalet/33862991080>

The huge abbey of Blanchelande, founded in 1154⁵, was occupied by the Order of Prémontré until the French Revolution. It is part of the religious heritage that was demolished during the Revolution. Most abbeys disappeared at that time. The property was confiscated and sold as «national property»⁶. What remains of Blanchelande Abbey was auctioned in 2010 for 290,000€. Finally sold in 2011 for 920,000€⁷ to former lawyer Jean-Luc Pipon, legal director of the Russian investment bank "Troika" and owner of the *Courrier de Russie*⁸. A strange historical twist for this place once dedicated to prayer and divine service!

Jean Denis practiced a very humble profession and his passage in this important place of his time would have left no trace, had it not been for the attention to detail of the officiating priest who certainly never imagined that anyone could be interested in it ... 320 years later!

²Source : https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbaye_de_Blanchelande.

³Third order : Association of the faithful inspired, most often, by the rule of a religious order.

⁴List of monasteries of the Order of Canon of Prémontré : https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_d%27abbayes_pr%C3%A9montr%C3%A9es_de_France

⁵https://books.google.ca/books?id=ceVEAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA19&lpg=PA19&dq=blanchelande+fondation&source=bl&ots=WwDemi18hH&sig=ACfU3U20gEx_3ywVJMdaASnsKX-x_7Z-5A&hl=fr&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi_vcPzppHjAhXYK80KHVuDgQ6AEwBnoECAkQAQ#v=onepage&q=blanchelande%20fondation&f=false

⁶Confiscation of property: Albert du Boys, *Des principes de la Révolution française*, 3^e édition, Lyon, J. B. Pélagaud et Cie, 1854, p. 93,94. <https://books.google.ca/books?id=XUHW6dLMVz4C&pg=PA93&dq=%22Fondations+paroissiales%22&hl=fr&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjdvMmPnbXjAhUNac0KHWZxAcS4FBD0AQg3MAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Fondations%20paroissiales%22&f=false>

⁷Auctions : <http://www.info-histoire.com/3890/vente-aux-encheres-de-l%e2%80%99abbaye-de-blanchelande/>

⁸[https://www.wikimanche.fr/Abbaye_de_Blanchelande_\(Neufmesnil\)](https://www.wikimanche.fr/Abbaye_de_Blanchelande_(Neufmesnil))



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon¹¹⁶

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Many thanks to the volunteers who maintain the liveliness of the Association. Many thanks to François, Pierre, Jean-René, Claire, Roger, Jacques, René and many others. Many thanks to all those who join us annually for our general meeting. Many thanks to those who pay their annual dues.

But your Association is asking a little more from you. Your Association would like to diversify articles published in the newsletter. New authors would come up with new topics. If you have a topic in mind, 10-15 hours would probably be enough

to do the research and write the article. 10 to 15 hours in a year is not much for you, but if 8 to 10 people give us that time, this would have a large impact on the newsletter. And, please, do not tell yourself that this message is addressed to others. This message is addressed to you, Quebecers, Canadians, Americans or Australians.

What happens to the Frigons, interests the Frigons, wherever they are. And we would be happy to receive your texts, in English or in French.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIGON FAMILIES - SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023

This year, the meeting will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, at the Chapiteau of the Montreal Botanical Garden, 4101 Sherbrooke Street East. See in red on the attached access map. After the meeting, you can visit the museum(s) of your choice (between Botanical Garden, Biodôme, Insectarium and Planetarium), as per your ticket purchased at the box-office. To obtain the entrance fee reduction ($\pm 35\%$), you will need to present our attached group passport. To obtain a digital copy of the passport, please contact our treasurer at francois.frigon@videotron.ca. Note that the Biodome and Planetarium are south of Sherbrooke Street (site map attached). Those who wish can have lunch in the garden cafeteria, but space is limited. You can also bring your own lunch. A restaurant will be suggested at the meeting for the group dinner (at your own expense).

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Since the creation of the Association of Frigon Families in 1994, the various managers of genealogical data have tried to facilitate the presentation of the mass of information held in the database.

Our annual gatherings quickly showed the interest members in situating themselves in relation to each other. The first person in charge of the database, Georges E. Frigon⁹³, established that the majority of Frigon, Frigone, Frego, Freego, Fregoe, Fregon and Fregone, could be classified under seven major lineages¹.

What about the distribution of our members² in the different lineages?

87% of the members are descendants of three brothers living in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, distributed as follows:

39% are identified with the Louis-Augustin lineage (Ls-Au), i.e. that they are descendants of Augusti Frigon and Marie Lefebvre;

30% are identified with the Pierre-Antoine lineage (Pr-An), i.e. that they are descendants of Antoine Frigon and Josette Massicotte;

19% are identified with the Joseph lineage (Jo), i.e. that they are descendants of Joseph Frigon and Madeleine Lefebvre.

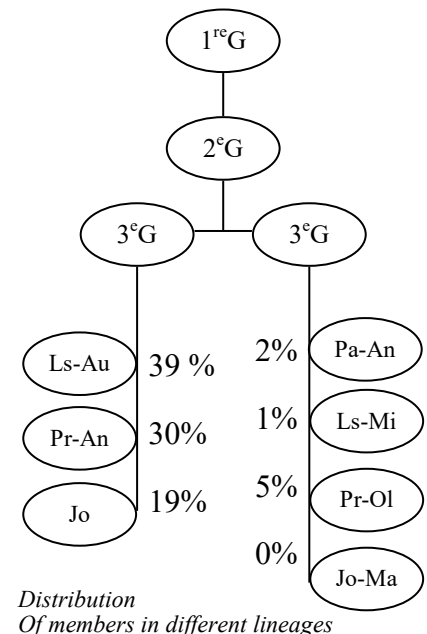
8% of the members are descendants of four other brothers living in Maskinongé and Louiseville, cousins of the first three, distributed as follows:

2% are identified with the Paul-Antoine lineage (Pa-An), i.e. that they are descendants of Paul Frigon and Angèle Grenier;

1% are identified with Louis-Michel (Ls-Mi), i.e. that they are descendants of Louis Frigon and Marguerite Masson;

5% are identified with Pierre-Olivier (Pr-Ol), i.e. that they are descendants of Olivier Frigon and Judith Banhiac said Lamontagne;

0% is identified with the Joseph-Marie lineage (Jo-Ma), i.e. no member³ is a descendant of Joseph Frigon and Joseph Gravelle.



We hope that this first article simplifies and facilitates the understanding of genealogical data and makes this mass of information easier to assimilate.

In the same spirit, we will focus in the next articles on the immigrant ancestors of the three lineages of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan and the four lineages of Maskinongé and Louiseville. We will also highlight intriguing anecdotes from individuals or families from the past and discuss the emigration that begins with the descendants of the 5th generation.

¹The seven main lineages are established in the fourth generation of the descendants of François Frigon dit Lespagnol and Marie -Claude Chamois.

²Since the beginning of the Association, 308 people have registered as members. However, we do not know the lineage for eleven of them.

³No member in this lineage, but we know that in the tenth and eleventh generations, at least a dozen people still bear the surname Frigon. On the other hand, these descendants being mostly women, the transmission of the name seems to be threatened for this lineage.

6th ASCENDANT GENERATION OF FRANÇOIS FRIGON₁₃₀

Part-I

François Frigon₁₃₀

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Hubert Frigon (00264)

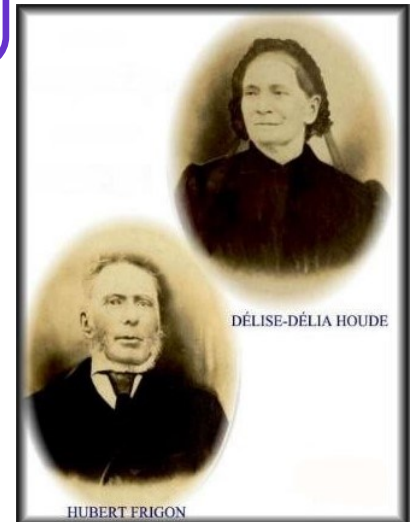
B. 1821-05-07
D. 1904-09-21
Trade: Farmer

MARRIAGE

1850-05-06
Saint-Prospere-
de-Champlain

Délise Houle (00266)

B. 1825-05-29
D. 1906-02-17
2nd spouse of Hubert



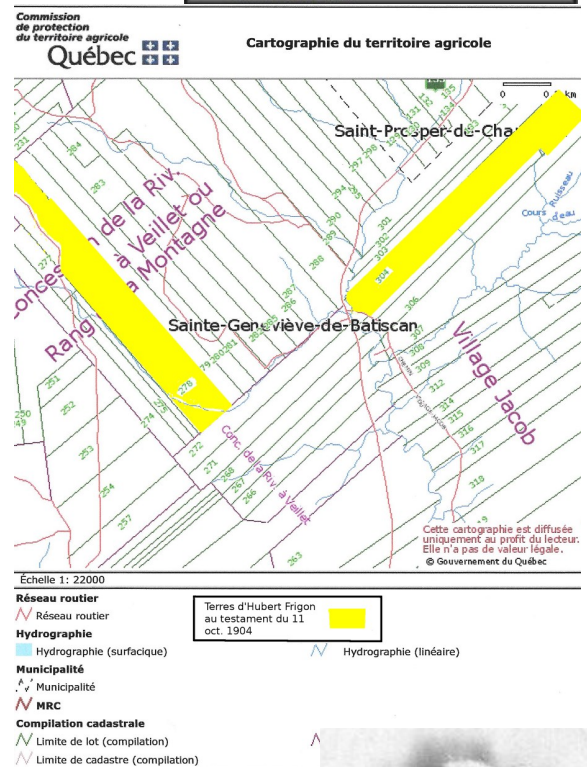
Délise (Adénise) gave birth to 9 children, namely 6 boys, 2 girls and 1 unknown name

1. Marie Frigon, birth : 1851-03-02, death : 1851-12-02.
2. Anonyme Frigon, birth : 1852-09-24 and death 1852-09-24.
3. Aldeme Frigon, birth : 1853-09-27, death : 1927-06-20.
4. William Frigon, birth : 1856-02-17, death : 1926-01-05.
5. Onésime Frigon, birth:1858-03-22, death : 1878-03-18.
6. Napoléon Frigon, birth : 1859-08-29, death : 1942-03-06.
7. Marie-Louise Frigon, birth : 1862-02-20, death : 1943-03-28.
8. **Ludger Frigon**, birth : 1864-05-07, death : 1939-08-23.
9. François-Xavier Frigon, birth : 1866-07-26, death : 1891-11-11.

When Hubert Frigon was born on May 7 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Quebec, Canada, his father Abraham was 27 years old and his mother Josephite Dontigny was 26 years old. He married Sophie Cloutier on August 9, 1942 with whom he had 1 son, 1 girl and 1 anonymous. He married, in a second marriage, Délise (Adénise) Houle on May 6, 1850.

He owned a farm (lot-304) in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, located on rural road Village Jacob, and lot-278 located on rural road De la Montagne. On Oct. 11, 1904 he bequeathed by will the lot bearing registration number 42789 to William (Guillaume) Frigon¹.

Lot-304 has an area of one hundred and sixteen arpents and forty perches, while lot-278 has an area of 160 arpents (4 arpents at the front by 40 arpents deep).



Farm located on lot-304² having belonged to Hubert, William and Simeon. Date unknown.

William owned his father's farm from 1904 to 1922. Donation on June 19, 1922 under the number 76928 to Siméon Frigon, his son.



¹ Copy of Hubert Frigon's testament registered in <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/testament-hubert-frigon-no-42789.pdf>

² Another aerial photo of the farm in <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/vue-aérienne-de-la-ferme-de-gaston-baril-fin-des-annes-1950.pdf>

LUDGER FRIGON (00257)

B. : 1864-05-07, Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan

D. : 1939-08-23, Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan

Trade: Farmer

Onésime Marchand
(07558) 1833-1895**Philomène Trudel**
(07559) 1839-1891**MARRIAGE**

1893-04-11, Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan

ADIANA MARCHAND (02262)

B. : 1875-11-01, Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan

D. : 1947-03-18 Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan

Ludger's family lived in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan, Mauricie, from February 9, 1900.



Adiana gave birth to 16 children, namely 8 boys and 8 girls. She had twins on 1908-08-30, Gertrude and Thomas, who survived for only a few days. Born on 1912-07-13, two other twins, Al-bert and Félix, lived a little over a month. Adiana's last 7 children lived less than a year.

1. Jeannette Frigon, birth : 1894-03-07, death : 1978-08-26.
2. Joseph Frigon, birth : 1896-05-18, death : 1960-05-21.
3. Anne (Blanche) Frigon, birth : 1898-01-26, death : 1992-04-06.
4. Béatrice Frigon, birth : 1899-04-08, death : 1967-10-27.
5. Emery Frigon, birth : 1900-07-19, death : 1968-06-10.
6. Benoît Frigon, birth : 1901-11-22, death : 1992-07-22.
7. Sr. Yvonne Frigon, birth : 1903-05-10, death : 1995-12-17.
8. Honoré Frigon, birth : 1905-03-01, death : 1969-10-19.
9. Gérard Frigon, birth : 1906-11-19, death : 1986-02-02.
10. Bernard Frigon, birth : 1908-08-30, death : 1908-09-28.
11. Gertrude Frigon, birth : 1908-08-30, death : 1908-10-02.
12. Elizabeth Frigon, birth : 1909-12-23, death : 1910-02-17.
13. Antoinette Frigon, birth : 1911-04-28, death : 1911-08-05.
14. Daniel Frigon, birth: 1912-07-13, death : 1912-08-21.
15. Félix Frigon, birth : 1912-07-03, death : 1912-08-18.
16. Ursule Frigon, birth : 1914-04-06, death: 1914-06-28.

Black and white photo colorized by
Claude Frigon₂₅₆ 31-10-2011.

Photo of July 15, 1929 of the house of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand located on lot³ Part-312 and Part-314 purchased on February 9, 1900 before the notary Philippe Trudel (registration number no. 36743) for the price of eleven hundred dollars.

- ⇒ 1936 Benoît Frigon #102348.
- ⇒ 1952 Honoré Frigon #144365.
- ⇒ 1970 Benoît Frigon #218862.
- ⇒ 1972 François Frigon₁₃₀ #227347.
- ⇒ 2018 FERME BARILO SENC.

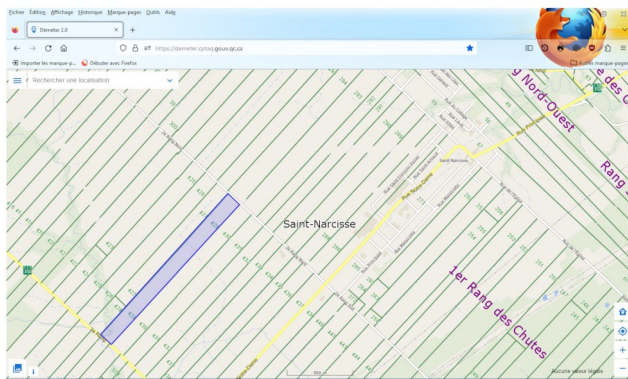


³<https://frigon.org/uploads/document/3-plan-cadastrale-de-la-ferme-de-ludger-frigon.pdf>

The first land acquired by Ludger was in the parish of Saint-Narcisse de Champlain on the 2nd rural road.

YEAR 1893

According to the marriage contract of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand signed before the notary Louis Deshaies on April 6, 1893 under the number XXXX, Hubert Frigon (his father) gives him lot-429 with buildings located in Saint-Narcisse. This lot is located on the 2nd rural road of the seigneurie of Champlain known and designated under No. 429. The lot measures two arpents in width by twenty-five arpents in length and is bordered in front by the public road, and reaches at the back the lands of the 3d rural road of the seigneurie of Champlain³.



YEAR 1900

In front of notary David Tancrede Trudel, contract No. 5211, Ludger Frigon sold to Omer Massicotte the lot No. 429 with a house and other buildings erected on it. Contract number 36709 registered by Philippe Trudel, *Dép. Rég.* at three o'clock p.m. on the twenty-fifth of January one thousand nine hundred.

Ludger Frigon buys land in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan in a sector known as Rivière à Veillet; the property is part of lots No. 312 & 314 (see photo on page 4) measuring two and a half arpents wide by twenty-three arpents on the south side, and twenty arpents on the other side. The said purchaser paid eleven hundred current dollars to the said seller who provided a receipt. The contract was registered by Philippe Trudel, *Dép. Rég.* at nine o'clock

a.m. on the ninth of February one thousand nine hundred under No. 36743.

YEAR 1921

Édouard Cinq-Mars farmer and Mr. Ludger Frigon the buyer dealt with A. J. Ovila Bergeron, notary of Sainte-Geneviève.

- 1) Part-314 : ½ arpent by 26 arpents in length.
- 2) Lot-315 : 1 ½ arpents by 26 arpents in length.
- 3) Lot-316 : 2 arpents by 30 arpents with a house and other buildings erected on it.

The three lots are located in the Village Jacob.

- 4) Lot-362 : 2 arpents wide by 40 arpents in length with a barn erected on it.
- 5) Part of lot-363 : 1 arpent wide by 40 arpents in length.

Lots 362 and 363 are located on the Chemin de la Baie.

This sale is made for the price of nine thousand current dollars. The seller acknowledges having received fifteen hundred dollars and issued a receipt for such an amount.

No. 75524 – registered at ten o'clock a.m. on the twenty-eighth of November one thousand nine hundred and twenty one and signed by J.E.E. Ma... reaux, *Dép. Rég.*

YEAR 1923

In the marriage contract between Joseph Frigon and Rose Alma Belleville passed before the notary A. J. O. Bergeron on April 5, 1923 under No. 1953, on April 5, 1923, the said Ludger Frigon (father) gives the following lands to the said spouses:

- 1) Lot-316 : 2 arpents by 30 arpents with a house and other buildings erected on it.
- 2) Lot-315 : 1 ½ arpents by 26 arpents in length.

YEAR 1935

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Public notice is hereby given that Thursday, November 28, 1935 at two o'clock in the afternoon a public auction is held at the door of the church of the parish of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.

First set of lots

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³ <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/terre-de-ludger-frigon-lot-429-saint-narcisse.png>

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- A. Part-314 : ½ arpent by 26 arpents in lenght.
- B. Lot-315 : 1 ½ arpent by 26 arpents in lenght.
- C. Lot-316 : 2 arpents by 30 arpents, with a house and other buildings erected on it.

Second set of lots

Part-312-314 : 2 ½ by 23 arpents on the south side and 25 ar-pents on the north side.

1st and 2nd sets are located in a sector known as Rivière à Veillet.

Third set of lots

A. Lot-375 : 1 arpent by 30 arpents in lenght, with a barn erected on it.

B. Part-376 : 1 arpent by 30 arpents in lenght, with only half a barn.

C. Part-376 : 1 arpent by 30 arpents in lenght and a stable build on the said land.

3rd set is located in a sector known as La Baie.

« This sale is made in accordance with section 45 of the Bankruptcy Act and the judgment of the Superior Court of the District of Trois-Rivières dated October 11 and has the same effects as a sale

made by the Sheriff ».

The first set of lots was retrieved by Joseph Frigon. The judgment dated November 12, 1941 with the number 112539 registered at two o'clock p.m. signed by Jr. F. Grant Reg. complies with the full possession of the said lots (thirty-year prescription).

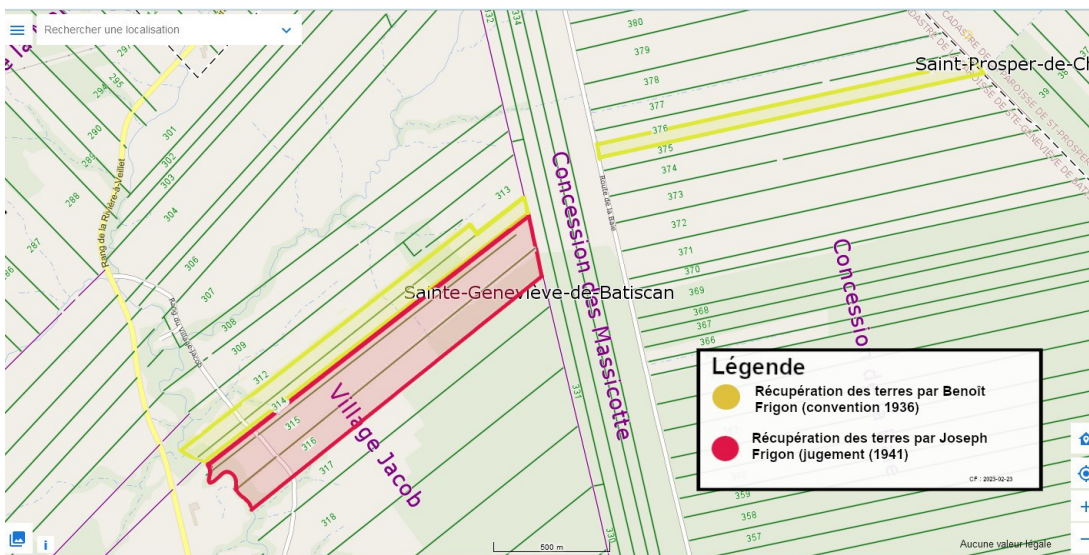
The second series of lots was retrieved by Benoît Frigon by agreement between Arthur G. Massicotte on October 26, 1936 and acquired by Benoît on October 30, 1946 under the registration number 124596. Payment was made for \$2,000.00 and interest before the sale.

With regard to the third series of lots comprising lot -375 and lot-376:

- ⇒ Lot-375 was acquired by Théotime St Arnaud on January 20, 1936, contract #101263, for the sum of \$75,00.
- ⇒ Part of lot-376 was acquired by Émile Noël Veillette, contract #101261, for the sum of \$75,00.
- ⇒ Part of lot-376 has been acquired by convention between Arthur G. Massicotte on Octobre 26,

1936 and acquired by Benoît on October 30, 1946 under Registration number 124596.

LAND RECUPERATION AFTER THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF NOVEMBER 28, 1935 IN THE CASE OF LUDGER FRIGON



Ludger and Adiana did not have an easy life, the last seven children lived only a few months after their birth. Also their house burned down in 1903. It was located south of the old road which was closer to the Rivière-à-Veillet stream. Yvonne was burned on her back when she was only a few months old. The other house was built in the fall of 1903, north of the new rural road Village Jacob.

Note : In the next bulletins, we will present the lives of the 9 children of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand

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Photo of Ludger and Adiana (1898)

Sitting on Ludger's lap, Joseph
Sitting on Adiana's lap, Anne-Marie (Blanche)

Between Ludger and Adiana, Jeannette