



LOUISE FRIGON (1845 - 1933)
The Seventh Generation of Frigons in North America
Married Leon Hebert January 19, 1869

Verso

"Let it be preserved in the annals of the family as a sacred treasure. The time has arrived when it is necessary to perpetuate their names and lineages. We owe this to them as well as to ourselves. Monuments of stone may crumble, but not their lives recorded in history."

- Parish History of Ss Peter and Paul, Kankakee County, IL, 1919

{Photos from Original Charcoal Drawings: Rita St. Peter Roberts}

Louise Frigon était blonde ^{ou rousse} aux yeux bleus
avec taches de rousseur dans le visage. Sais pas
d'où proviennent ces gênes. La seule autre per-
sonne connue ayant cette texture était mon
père! Blond, yeux bleus, texture rougeâtre.

D'où ça vient ?? J'ai vu un vieux William
Frigon à St Genevieve qui avait la même ap-
parence que mon père. N'ai pas réussi à lui
parler marabout !!!

Selon Sister Veronica Ray, Louise Frigon
s'est toujours refusée à parler ANGLAIS !!!
Brave ma Louise. Elle était petite et
délicate mais avec une volonté d'acier

Toutes ces personnes du Kansas se voisi-
naient aux Fêtes Champêtres. Hebert
marié à Frigon, Frigon épouse de Hebert,
Moren + Hebert + Frigon étroitement liés
par alliances, extraordinaire !!! De nos
jours, plus aucun(e) de ces Frigon et
Frigon comprend le Français, la langue
de leurs pères!

THE AMERICAN WAY

Les Fregon de Kansas [DAMAR], du moins celle
lignée, descendent de Joseph Fregon + Josette
Savoie. Ils quittent Louisville vers 1855
avec famille pour BOURBONNAIS. Puis
un fils, JOSEPH FRIGON + MATHILDE
POULIN, émigrent au Kansas vers 1868.

Devant à son jeune frère, Charles Fregon (les
Américains le baptisent "CALLUM") (font le
faire ooooo), il se marie avec Eugène Sobrie
et ce couple émigre au Dakota du Sud
[THURTON]. Le couple élève une belle famille

Autre lignée * OLIVIER FRIGON, oncle fils de Joseph
et Josette Savoie né en 1835 à Louisville, épouse
Clementine Soucy [1870] à Beaverville, Illinois.
Une dizaine d'années plus tard, ce couple se
trouve au Kansas à CLAY-CENTER. Ce
centre est à 55 miles de DAMAR. Assz cu-
rieusement, Sister Roy ne parle pas de
tout de cette lignée du Kansas. Je pense
même qu'elle ne le savait pas !!, ou
bien il y avait autre chose.

Nombreux descendants au Kansas.

THE DREAM AT LOUISEVILLE

As she stepped off the train a blast of hot air almost ripped off her bonnet. It only irritated her more. Fourth of August 1856. It's got to be the hottest day of the year she thought to herself. The trip was unhuman. Two nights in this August heat, dust and a hard narrow bench. Why did she have to insist on making this trip with her two brothers? Certainly she wanted to leave that dump in Maskinonge County. But a trip like this was beyond anyone's imagination!

Cousin Marie wrote excitingly about this place as if it was paradise. Her brothers claim it to be the place to get rich. They said there would be jobs and maybe even some free land.

"Gad, it's hot today," she complained to herself. Not a shade tree in sight. Only a few small shacks near the depot. This heat and dust is too much. Kankakee is long from her notion of paradise. This hot wind is enough to dry up one's patience and fill a gut with dust. Not a familiar soul in sight. She bit her lip, holding back tears.

She wanted a life of her own. Surely life is more than doing chores day after day and taking care of younguns. Often she woke in the night wondering about a constant dream she had. She dreamed of her own small house on main street. She would be setting on the porch watching the young people go by.

In her dream she could hear them laughing, talking and playing in the streets. She could see from her home a large church at the end of the street piercing the sky with its towers. Would she have a family? A home of her own? Would she ever had a life like that? Do dreams come true?

"Well, ain't you coming?" her brother Joey hawked at her. "Let's get this stuff over there by the depot."

There he goes, hollering at her again. She asked herself again why had she come. She was sixteen. Life was a rut back there. All those kids on one house. Constant chores to do. Ma and Pa always hollering. This place has got to be better. Any place would be!

Last Monday morning she and her two brothers, Joey and Caulum, boarded the train in Louiseville. Their Pa drove them there the day before after church. Staying in that old depot overnight at Louiseville was enough make her want to go back home.

Her mother pleaded for her to wait and travel with the rest of the family. But she insisted so much on going with her brothers. She wasn't about to give up and have everybody call her cry-baby. To have to put up with all that jeering over the years was enough. "I'm never going back to that," she told herself. She picked up her sack and followed Joey and Caulum into the hot depot. - Father Duane Roy, OSB

DUANE ROY, Frère de Sister Veronica.

LOUISE FRIGON HEBERT

Louise Frigon was born 1845 at Maskinonge County, Louiseville, PQ, Canada, the daughter of Joseph and Mathilde Poulin Frigon.

{Source of Information: IGI file of Church of LDS}

The picture on the right of Louise shows her in her youth; so it may have been made in the area of Beaverville, IL where she grew up and married.

The colored charcoal drawing shown on the first pages of this book may have been drawn from this photo. A small print of the original charcoal is on a previous page 79.

Louise had red hair, no freckles, a beautiful skin and blue eyes. In her last years of life, in the mornings, she would quickly roll up her hair in a bun. All her dresses were alike - long dresses with high neck tops and long sleeves. She was always very neat.

{Sources of Information: Theresa St. Peter Winters, Genevieve St. Peter Burton}



LOUISE FRIGON

{Photo: Theresa Winters}

Discrepancy of Dates of Her Birth and Arrival in Illinois

Her tombstone at Damar, Kansas is carved with her birthdate of May 22, 1848. The 1880 Census listed her as 34 years old, thus born in 1846 or in 1845 if the Census was taken before May. As already noted, the IGI file records her birthyear as 1845.

According to the 1885 Census, Louise 50, came to the United States to Illinois at 13 years of age or about 1858-1861. The Frigons were listed on the 1860 Illinois Census; so the earlier date is favored. The 1900 Census shows that Louise came to the U.S. in 1856 (which would be at 8-11 years of age). From this is estimated that the Frigons arrived between 1856-1858.

Another piece of the puzzle is that the youngest brothers of Louise, Helaire was born in 1852 in Canada, and Athanas (also known as Dennis?) was born in 1855 in Illinois. Their father purchased land one half mile north of Martinton on January 27, 1855. Thus the year 1855 is used for the Frigon's arrival to Illinois.

Over The Lake

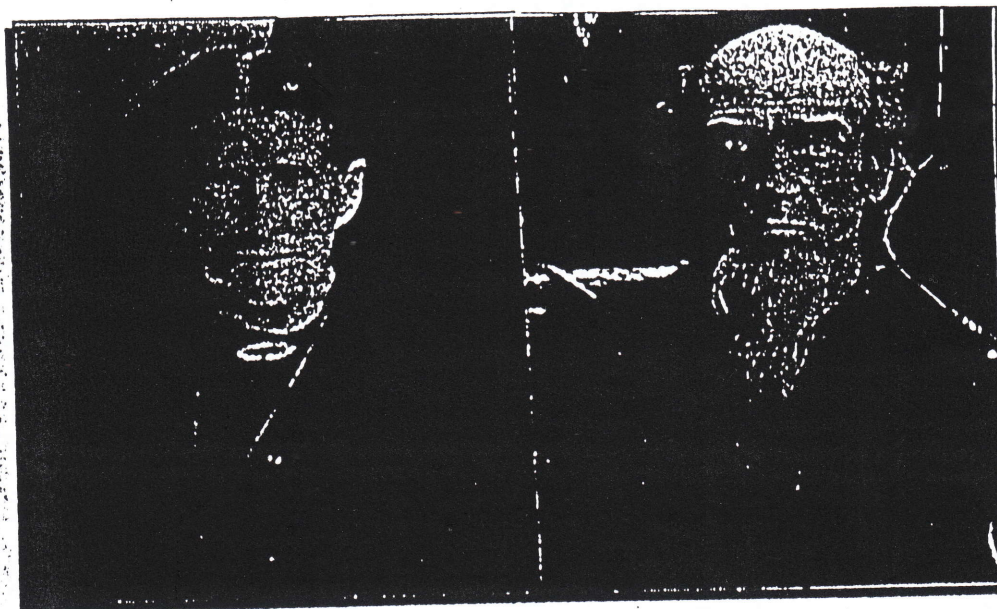
Her husband to be, Leon Hebert had immigrated to the U.S. to Beaver-Iroquois County, IL with his family about 1852-1856, probably in 1856. The Heberts were from St. Laurent, which is a northwestern section of Montreal.

The Frigons came from Batiscan, Louiseville County, which is east of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River. Some families migrated 'over the lake' when they came to Kankakee and Bourbonnais.

MA FAMILLE

Hebert dit Larose- Frigon - St. Peter - Morin - Senesac

The Hebert, Frigon, St. Peter, Morin and Senesac Families Originally from Damar, Kansas USA



(Photo: Rita St. Peter Roberts)

LOUISE FRIGON AND LEON HEBERT

THEIR ANCESTRY

The Hebert and Frigon Families Since the 1660s in North America

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

The Hebert, St. Peter, Morin, Senesac and Frigon Families of Damar, Kansas USA

1660 - 1994

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