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REMARKS ON THE ORIGINS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIGON FAMILIES 1994-2014

Gerald (116), Pierre (4)



On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the AFF, Gerald and Pierre reminisce together.

RESEARCH IN FRANCE

Gérald

The archives of our Association show that Raymond did some research as early as the 1960s. A reply from the Embassy of France in Paris, dated June 7, 1967, provided him with information on the probable origin of the name "Frigon".

Beginning in 1984, he carried on a correspondence with Elaine Frigon of Allyn, near Seattle, and with Celeste Ann Frigon Crowe of Florida. These people exchanged the information they had regarding their respective genealogies and all wondered where François Frigon came from.

In 1990, he exchanged letters with Charles Hilaire Frigon of Edmonton, Alberta, who sent him copies of his correspondence with various municipalities of Brittany and Normandy, regarding the search for François Frigon's origin.

In 1991, Raymond traveled to Normandy and Brittany, but returned empty-handed on the matter of François' origins. He also corresponded with Gérard A. Frigon of San Mateo in California and mentioned to him that he would put aside his volunteer activities in order to focus more intensely on genealogy.

In 1991 Robert wrote to him, and organized a meet-

ing for 1992 with Raymond Douville (who had given him Raymond Frigon's address) in attendance. In '93 he corresponded with Jean-René and with you. How did your relationship with Raymond begin?



FIRST ENCOUNTERS WITH RAYMOND

Pierre

For my part, the relationship with Raymond began shortly before the Convention of the *Société de généalogie canadienne-française* which was celebrating its 50th Anniversary, in 1993. Raymond phoned me to say that he saw my name on the list of new members of the Society published in the *Mémoires de la Société de généalogie canadienne-française*. He shared with me his interest in the origin of François Frigon. Since I had the same interests, we agreed to meet at the convention scheduled for October 8, 9 and 10.

We discussed the possibility of convening the Frigon interested in this question. Quickly the money issue came up. To organize meetings and provide services, we had to raise funds. And to get money, we had to have an organization. And an organization would have to have an official status so that people would give to it with confidence. Therefore we agreed that we should found an association with a charter. Raymond undertook the necessary steps and registered the Charter on the following April 8th.

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A month later (May 7, 1994), Raymond invited several Frigon to a preparatory meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. Other than Raymond and me, two other persons were present: Robert (2) and Luc (3). During this meeting, we created the founding Board of Directors of the Association. Robert accepted the vice-presidency, Luc the treasury and I, the secretariat. An association without members leads nowhere. Also, it has to interest other Frigon to participate in the organization.

The second meeting of the Executive Council was held on September 17th, always at the Queen Elizabeth. Louis-Georges (10) and Jean-René (11) joined us. They committed themselves to recruiting members and Jean-René assumed the task of finding the best genealogy software available and of recording the existing data. Raymond took the responsibility for the newsletter and Robert agreed to provide articles on the history of the Frigon families. As for me, I would see to the paperwork and the organization of the annual meetings.

RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS

Gérald

This involved the issuance of membership cards. Was the response to recruitment efforts very encouraging?

Pierre

At that time, a new membership card was issued annually. Eventually this practice was abandoned because, over the years, it became a fairly heavy burden on management.

The recruitment efforts of Louis-Georges (10) were noteworthy. Indeed he compiled a significant list of Frigon and was especially active recruiting in the Montreal area. He created a computer file of names in collaboration with Marcel Guillemette (236). It is from this computerized list that invitations to the first annual general meeting were sent out. Jean-René, for his part, was very active in recruiting in

the Trois-Rivières region, as corroborated by the number of members in this region,

From the very beginning, recruitment was encouraging. Indeed, a large number of people participated in the first annual meeting of the Association, September 23, 1995, at the Penn-Mass Hotel in Cap-de-la-Madeleine. We already had more than 80 members. Indeed, our Past-President Louise's membership number is 83 and she joined the Association on that occasion.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH AND NEWSLETTER

Gérald

In 1994, Raymond received from Les Arseneau a fine text entitled "*La descendance de François Frigon aux Illinois*" (The Descendants of François Frigon among the Illinois), showing a very detailed lineage with several commentaries on individuals. But 1994 also saw the beginning of the publication of the newsletter. I imagine that the enthusiasm accompanying these new projects was contagious?

Pierre

I don't know what impact the Arseneau research had on that undertaken by the other genealogical researchers of the Association. However, Robert (2), Georges (93) and Jean-René (11), and later Roger (131), have been very active in genealogical research. They could undoubtedly better answer your question than I can.

You mentioned above the meeting between Robert (2), Raymond (1) and the historian Raymond Douville. The latter did quite extensive research on the Frigon-Chamois couple and their children which resulted in the publication of "*Vie misérable d'un colon des premiers temps, François Frigon, coureur des bois et pionnier de Batiscan et de la Seigneurie Sainte-Marie*" (Éditions du Bien public, 1978). (The Difficult Life of a Settler in the Early Days, François Frigon, Trapper and Pioneer of Batiscan and of the Sainte-Marie Seigneurie.) He also

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left Robert (2) a copy of his personal archives on the subject.

Raymond Douville manifested a strong desire to be able to someday see a complete genealogy of the offspring of the Frigon-Chamois couple. In fact, he wrote: "We give below the list of François Frigon's children and those of his son Jean-François. It is our hope that this brief summary will allow a descendant to draw up a complete genealogy of this fine family of our region." (*Difficult life* p. 28). He would certainly be very satisfied to see the current state of our genealogy database.

With regards to the newsletter, from the beginning we agreed that the best way to attract the interest of the members would be to provide a communication tool. The newsletter and the annual meetings have been the anchor points that have consolidated the Association over the years.

It was the "*Belle Époque*" of the paper. Raymond would send me a 'master' on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Then I printed it in 11" x 17" format. Then followed the folding, stapling, printing of labels, envelope stuffing, stamping, and gluing of the envelopes. Between 130 and 150 were shipped out. This called for a half day's work, not to mention everything that had been done up to that point. A bit winded, I asked for help. For a few years Claudette Frigon Giesinger (89) took care of the shipments. I was satisfied with printing and delivering the material to her home. What a relief this was! Then Cecile Brunelle and Jean-René took over. Finally, with the advances in computer technology, we turned to the mailing service of the *Fédération des familles souches*. This is still the case. What a wonder! We send them a file (by Internet) and presto! the newsletter is printed and sent out to the members.

THE GREAT GATHERING OF 1996

Gérald

I believe that the meeting of 1996 at Batiscan was a

turning point for the involvement of several members. Tell us about this organization.

Pierre

In 1996, it was the second Annual General Meeting. We planned a large gathering on the historic site of the Old Presbytery in Batiscan. It was a memorable event. There were about two hundred people in attendance, including Gaétan Frigon, who has always been a member since then.

As secretary, I organized the registrations and the annual meeting. But on *the* day, it was mainly Armande (88) and her team who made this an unforgettable day. She took care of the dinner in the Old Presbytery of Batiscan, the supper at the Parish Community Hall, and made a huge bonfire on the beach of the ancestral land. For his part, Robert (2) answered the genealogical questions of the families, 'a capella', one might say. It was really impressive to see him reply point blank to the participants' questions, without preliminary preparation. Volunteers of the historic site received participants in the Heritage Building and provided historical explanations. And there was the treasure hunt organized by my son François (25), an activity that really pleased the children.



In the spirit of service to the members, Jean-René (11), housed in his *Westfalia*, printed the family trees of those who asked for them. As far as I can recollect, this is one of the most successful gather-

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ings in the history of the Association's annual meetings. It is also the meeting that confirmed the maturity of the administration team.

Gérald

Do you remember any anecdotes about the annual meetings?

Pierre

There is the one about Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade in 2000. This was the year that Raymond published the first Quinquennial Collection (1994-1999). I had compiled the index and everything seemed under control so that he could arrive at the annual meeting with a finished copy under his arm. It was agreed that I would drive Raymond from Montreal to Sainte-Anne. But alas, although he had worked until the last minute, the document was not ready. And he was determined to finish it. As a result, he arrived very late in Montreal... without the document, if my memory is correct.

I had prepared the material for the registration. Everything was ready and running smoothly, as usual. But what good is material if it is not delivered on time? Louise (83), who had taken over the organisation of the day did not know which way to turn. Everyone wondered if an accident had happened. There were no cell phones at that time! To make matters worse, it began to rain and the meeting scheduled to take place at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan had to be moved to the the Community



René (75) and Louise (83) registering participants

Centre of La Pérade. And I still wasn't arriving... Finally, the reception was a disaster, but Louise and her team managed to control the situation and the day went very well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cécile Brunelle, who took charge of the registration and welcome for many years. I would bring the material, help to set up, and then she took over with several volunteers, including Claudette Chevrete Naud who always gave a hand at the annual meetings. Louise has also always been an unwavering supporter.

RAYMOND (1) RETIRES

Gérald

And in 1997, a Frigon branch was discovered in Australia. Jean Frigon, born in Louiseville in 1829, boarded a ship in Boston in 1852, that was bound for Australia where he married Elizabeth McCoy of Irish origin. They had 12 children, 4 of whom left descendants in Australia under the name of *Fregon* and one under the name of *Bradley*. In 1997, this lineage totaled 157 individuals, two of whom became members of our Association.

And in 1999, Raymond mentioned his intention of retiring from the Presidency.

Pierre

Yes. This was a difficult period for him. His health had begun to decline and he had to resign himself to turning over the leadership position to someone else. Upon his suggestion, I proposed you to replace him as president. I imagine you were surprised.

Gérald

No, it was in my plans, but I would have preferred to wait a few more years, after my retirement. I undertook very little during the first years. The bulk of the work in the Association was done by Georges, on the prodigious development of our database. After a few years, our plans included two

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important elements: a book on the Frigon and a monument for the ancestral land.

Pierre

These were huge projects that would be very costly and difficult to carry out without a strong team of writers... which unfortunately we did not have.

Gérald

This large-scale project explains why we always tried to increase our money in the bank beyond \$15,000. We did a lot of discussing about the production of the book and after 5 or 6 meetings, we came to the conclusion that this immense project could not be carried out by only 4 or 5 people. It called for more researchers. The different topics planned for this book were and continue to be published in the newsletter and/or on the website as soon as they are ready for production. With regard to the monument on the ancestral land, research remains to be finalized to find the exact location of the first piece of land where the Chamois-Frigon couple lived.

THE ANCESTRAL LAND

Pierre

Yes, it seems that the land identified as “ancestral” was not the first to have belonged to the ancestor François. The lot where we planted a sign faces the St.-Lawrence and was purchased from Jean LeMoyné in 1690. The land granted by the Jesuits to François is dated 1671. The conclusion; the land where we planted the sign is an ancestral land, since Francis lived there as of 1690, but it was not the first. Does your research on the subject lead you to this conclusion?

Gérald

Yes... No...

Pierre

The contents of the deed of concession of 1671 led you to conclude that it was the seventh lot from the river on the north side of the Batiscan River, and on

the river front.

Gérald

Yes, it is actually difficult to know if the land granted in 1671 is still the seventh lot from the river. Indeed, where was the boundary of the river 350 years ago? To be sure, we would have to reconstitute the list of acquisitions and sales of the 5 lots in the area from 1670 until today. And while doing this research, we might as well locate the land of Jean-François, of Feuilleverte and Jeanne Frigon, of Jean Prime and Madeleine Frigon, of Joseph Moreau and Françoise Frigon. This task could take a year of research and consultation of old notarial acts. These acts are available for consultation, but they must be cross-checked with the current cadastral plan which exists since 1860.

Pierre

So you have undertaken serious research on this topic...

Gérald

Indeed, but I am engaged simultaneously in 3 parallel studies: the local chronological history of the whole of Batiscan during the first 50 years, that is, from 1665 to 1715; the social life and business relations of the Batiscan inhabitants during those same years; and finally, the terrier (register of landed property) of Batiscan during those years. These 3 searches will eventually be available on our new website. Therefore, with these as a base, we will be able to continue the quest for the location of the ancestral land.

RESEARCH HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL

Pierre

That's work! May you have the courage and the stamina for the task!

But let's go back to the beginning of the Association. A lot of things have happened between the year 2000 and today. Among other things, Jean-René (11) took charge of the newsletter between 2000 and 2009 to replace Raymond. On the side of

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France, Lucie found a dozen Frigon who lived between 1400 and 1850. This marked an important step forward since no Frigon had been found in France before she took over this file.

Gérald

And Robert and you contributed greatly to the texts of the newsletter, almost all of which Claudette (126) translated into English. How are you doing with your latest research on Augustin Frigon, after "The Utility Poles of Montréal"?

Pierre

The extensive research on the history of the Electrical Services Commission was finally completed and indicated clearly, among other things, that during the period when Augustin was Chairman of the Committee, the network expanded more than in the previous period.

The collection of data for the biography of Augustin continues. It is long and tedious but absolutely necessary to produce a text that is based on solid facts. Because he worked on projects as diverse as electrical engineering (e.g. the hydroelectric dams of Grand-Mère and Saint-Jérôme), education (technical schools and l'École Polytechnic) and communications (radio, television), this research requires a deep and thorough investigation of a wide range of themes. This calls for a great effort when searching for sources. Did you know he was a captain in the Canadian Army?

I can provide a biographical summary of Augustin upon request, as well as the text on the history of the Electrical Commission 1910-1935.

REPLACEMENTS

Gérald

In 2010, François (130) took the responsibility for the edition of the newsletter. But we couldn't leave Jean-René (11) with time on his hands, so we asked him to create a new website. The 1997 version required the frequent input of a programmer, exper-

tise that none of us had. The new site should allow us to be autonomous.

Pierre

Not only the website changed hands. When I undertook the research on the Electrical Services Commission and Augustin, I gradually turned over all my Association responsibilities. And replacements were found!

I see that the Association is always as dynamic as ever, and that gives me a great feeling of satisfaction. It shows that it fills a need and is not simply an organization maintained artificially by a few individuals.

A special thank you to all those who took over where I left off, among whom are Claude (256), François (130), Louise (83) as well as those that I know less since they came on the scene more recently. I am taking this opportunity to invite those who are interested in historical and genealogical research to come forward.

To conclude, how you would express the expectations of AFF for the years to come?

IN CONCLUSION

Gérald

In conclusion, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Association and wish it long life. The presence of our members at Nicolet confirms that it has its place; but "les vieux," (the seniors!) need a respite. We leave you two mandates. The first is the simpler of the two: each of you must work to draw to the Association one other Frigon from among his parents and acquaintances.

The second will require more effort on your part: convince a member to get involved, either in research or in the administration of the Association or, if you do not succeed, become involved yourself. You have a whole year to achieve this goal.

The Association needs you!

MEMBERS EMERITUS

Pierre (4)

Over the years, tributes were published in the newsletter to highlight the important contribution of some members to the association or to society in general. Of course, the FFA and society have also benefitted from the talents of several other members who have not been mentioned in the newsletter. It could be a matter of time ...

For those who want to read some of those texts, they can be found in the newsletters listed below in chronological order.

Louise Frigon, Sister of Congrégation Notre-Dame, Summer 1996.

Sister Thérèse Frigon, s. p. (24), Winter 1997.

Eve Bélisle - a Frigon author, Winter 1997

A winner: Gaétan Frigon, Spring 1997.

Appointment of Gaétan Frigon at the Société des alcools du Québec, Winter 1998.

Laura Frigon (74) honoured, Spring 1998.

Gérald Frigon, our new president, awarded the Oriflamme prize, Summer 1999.

Raymond Frigon, our pioneer, Summer 1999.

William F « Bill » Frigon (66) 1928-2000, Winter 2000.

Luc Frigon, founding member, does us proud, Summer 2000.

Rosario Frigon (117), Consulting Engineer, 1912-1999, Summer 2000.

Richard J. Frigon (77) 1943 - 2000, Autumn 2000

Gaétan Frigon, our marketing wizard, Autumn 2000.

Thérèse Frigon, s. p., Spring 2001.

Cyrille Frigon, farmer and businessman, Fall 2001.

Thérèse Frigon s. p. (update), Spring 2002.

Thank you, Robert (2), Spring 2003.

Robert Frigon, career man and researcher, Winter 2007.

Marie-Jeanne Frigon (49), Forestville, Fall 2007.

Raymond has left us, Winter 2009.

Thank you Gérald, Fall 2010.

Pierre Frigon, Fall 2011.

Thank you Claudette!, Spring-Summer 2014.

Thank you, Louise!, Fall 2014

It is hard to remember the contribution of all those who participated in the development of the FFA for 20 years. So bear with me if your name is not mentioned; memory is unfortunately a very imperfect faculty.

At the annual meeting banquet of 2004, commemorative plaques were given to four founding members « for their great contribution to the creation of

the association » : Raymond (1), Robert (2), Luc (3) et Pierre (4). Scrolls were awarded to Jean-René (11) and the Arseneau family for their contribution to the database.



Reunion of August 31, 1996

Raymond (1) was the founding president of the Frigon Families Association. He was a passionate soul and convener who contributed most to the rise and influence of the association. He was president until May 22, 1999, leaving a young dynamic well established organization. He also faithfully published four newsletters annually from Fall 1994 to Winter 2000.



Robert (2) has been vice-president from the beginning of the association until his death in 2006. He has published several articles on the lives of our pioneers. He was our reference when it came to genealogy and family history of our pioneers.

Luc (3) was treasurer from 1994 to 1998.



Luc (3) and Pierre (4) at the August 16, 2014 meeting in Nicolet.

As secretary, Pierre (4) was the administrative base of the association. He also contributed greatly to the newsletter and provided administrative operation for the large reunions and annual general meet-

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MEMBERS EMERITUS

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ings from 1995 to 2007. He was secretary from 1994 to 2009 with a break between 1997 and 2000. During this period, Louise (83) replaced him as secretary at board meetings. He kept his other administrative responsibilities during this period. He was elected president in 2010.

At the banquet in 2005, commemorative scrolls paid tribute to Georges E. (93) for his contribution to the genealogical database, to Louis-Georges (10) for his contribution to recruitment and to Lucie (56) for her contribution to the newsletter and research in France.

Obviously many others have contributed decisively to the organization and influence of the Association. To name a few: Armande (88): dinners, banquets and fundraising at the reunions; Claudette Chevette-Naud (126): English translation of newsletter articles and assistance at annual meetings; Claudette Frigon-Geisenger (89): mailing out of the newsletters; Cyrille (180): meeting rooms for the board; Daniel (34): road logistics and fundraising during the 1996 and 2000 reunions; François (130): responsible for the newsletter; Gaétan (107): transmitting information about the trial of Marie-Claude Chamois he had obtained from Hélène-Andrée Bizier; Georges E. (93) responsible for the genealogical database and articles in the newsletter; Gérald (116): treasurer, president, articles in the newsletter; Ivanhoë III (80): buying back the ancestral land project, commemorative sign on the ancestral land; Jean-Claude (119): assistance in organizing the 2005 reunion; Jean-René (11): worked mainly on the genealogical database, coordination of large reunions in 1996 and 2000. He was responsible for the newsletter from 2001 to 2009; Jean-Yves (62): donation of ancient documents to the association and lecture at an annual meeting on those documents; Lise Drolet (wife of Gérald): hosting board meetings, assistance at the reception desk at annual meetings; Louise (83): secretariat, fundraising at the family reunions, President; Lucie (56): revision of texts for the newsletter and important contribution to research on Frigon in

France; Odette (52): participation in organizing the reunions, successful genealogical research in France and publishing articles in the newsletter; René J. (75) and Andrée Perron: fundraising at the reunions, wine for some annual meetings, role play during the 2005 meeting; Roger (131): genealogical research; Sylvie (27) and Cécile Brunelle (wife of Jean-René): responsible for the section entitled The Garden of Marie-Claude and François, and active participation in the organization of or at the reception desk at annual meetings.

The success of our association is due to the tireless work of each and all guided by a constant concern for the common good.

Plaques

The Association of Frigon Families inc. pays tribute to Raymond Frigon, president and founder, for his great contribution to the setting-up, orientation and development of our Association.

Heartfelt thanks. May future generations remember.
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*The Association of Frigon Families inc. pays tribute to Robert Frigon, its founding Vice-President, for his great contribution to the setting-up, research and development of the database of our Association.*

*Heartfelt thanks. May future generations remember.*  
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The Association of Frigon Families inc. pays tribute to Pierre Frigon, founding secretary, for his great contribution to the setting-up, research and development of our Association.

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*The Association of Frigon Families inc. pays tribute to Luc Frigon, founding treasurer, for his great contribution to the setting-up and development of our Association.*

*Heartfelt thanks. May future generations remember.*  
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The Association of Frigon Families inc. pays tribute to Gérald Frigon, for his eleven years as president

*May 22, 1999 - August 28, 2010
and extends its gratitude.*

MEMORIES OF THE 1996 FAMILY REUNION (LES RETROUVAILLES)

Pierre (4)

Every five years, the AFF organizes a major reunion. This is an opportunity to hold special events and it usually takes place at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan in memory of our pioneers.



The first reunion took place on August 31 and September 1st, 1996. The first day was held at the Old Presbytery. The Spring 1996 newsletter describes the event and provides interesting historical information about this place that was so important to our family.



Armande (88), in collaboration with Louise (83) and Daniel (34), organized a major fundraising

campaign involving local merchants to finance the event. Sponsors were entitled to space in a brochure for \$75. a page, \$50. for a half page and \$30. for a quarter page. The fundraiser was a great success. Each participant received the flyer and was invited to encourage these companies. For the occasion, Louise (83) and her husband Claude had prepared a batch of red and white wine *Cuvée Frigon*. Jacques Frigon (106) designed and supplied bottle labels. The Fall 1996 newsletter provides details on the organization of the activity. A video of the event shot by François Frigon (25) can also be found in the archives of the association.



On September 1st, mass and a guided tour of the church of Saint-Prosper were organized by Odette (52).



MEMORIES OF THE 2000 FAMILY REUNION (LES RETROUVAILLES)



In 2000, the reunion of September 2nd and 3d took place in the rain. However, members were able to enjoy the activities under shelter at the Community Centre of La Pérade. As with every reunion, announcements were sent to regional newspapers. That year, Robert (2) sent eighty-nine requests for publication. George presented a slide show of old photos which was very well attended. Gerald and Pierre paid tribute to Raymond, who had passed the torch to Gerald the previous year. Merchants were contacted to fund the event and a directory was published. It is available in the digital archives of the association. Robert (2) presented the cousins attending the event, by region, mentioning genealogical lineage.



The Autumn newsletter lists the names of the 120 attendees. During dinner, Alexandre Lacroix and

Pascal-Frédéric Saint-Yves performed 17th century music.



The banquet was held at Le Grand Duc restaurant, under the warm hospitality of Armande (88).

September 3d, following the mass at the St. Francis Xavier church in Batiscan, a brunch was held at Chez Roger, a nice sugar shack. That year, the sale of documents at the reunion brought in \$434, the sale of wine brought in \$1,154 and 9 new members were registered leading up to a total of 161 members.



1. Louise (83), Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade until 02/09/2000
2. Georges E (93), St-Boniface
3. Claudette (89), Longueuil
4. Thérèse (42), Montréal
5. Cyrille (180), Louiseville, CA+
6. Roger (131), Rimouski
7. René J (75), Trois-Rivières
8. Claudette ChevetteNaud (126), Brigham
9. Robert (2) vice-president, Charny
10. Gérald (116) president et treasurer, Laval
11. Jean-René (11), Trois-Rivières
12. Daniel (34), Champlain
13. Cécile Brunelle (181), Trois-Rivières
14. Raymond (1) founder and president, Ottawa
15. Pierre (4) secretary, Saint-Hubert

MEMORIES OF THE 2005 FAMILY REUNION (LES RETROUVAILLES)

In 2005, the family reunion was held on August 20 and 21 at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan under the theme « The 18th century families ». This occasion saw the inauguration of a large commemorative panel erected on the ancestral land and offered to the association by Ivanhoë (80). The landscaping of the site was donated by the son of Cyrille (180). Pierre (4), René (75) and his wife Andrée Perron were dressed in period costumes.



Retrouvailles 2005



Other pictures can be seen in Fall 2005 Newsletter, v. 12, no. 4

Collection of Jacques (106) photographer and brother of Pierre (4)

Pierre played the role of notary Trotain as he presented the slide show on the inventory of assets of Jean-François Frigon. George presented his slide show. Luc Bérard presented an historical overview of the various locations of the church in Batiscan.



Madeleine Cyr, wife of Ivanhoë III
Pierre (4), Saint-Hippolyte René (75), Trois-Rivières Andrée Perron, wife of René Ivanhoë III (80), Rock-Forest

Over 90 people attended the banquet. The *Cuvée Frigon* wine was once again offered to participants in order to help fund the event. As usual, door prizes were given to attendees. René P. Dessureault, author of *Ceux de la rivière* talked to us about settlers in Batiscan. Odette (52) offered one of her paintings for the draw.

On August 21, was a visit of the Ursulines convent where sister Céline Frigon is responsible for the management of the monastery and of the school. Its purpose was to commemorate the memory of Madeleine Frigon, Ursuline sister, daughter of Jean -François Frigon et Madeleine Moreau.



Retrouvailles des Frigon en 2005

Monastère des Ursulines de Trois-Rivières



Followed a visit to the Forges du Saint-Maurice. The Autumn newsletter provides a detailed account of the family reunion.

MEMORIES OF THE 2010 FAMILY REUNION (LES RETROUVAILLES)

In 2010, the theme of the reunion held on August 28 and 29 2010 was « Time and space ». We travelled to the country of the Filles du Roy. The annual meeting was held in one of the parish halls of the Notre-Dame Basilica in Montréal. A bus took us to the Maison Saint-Gabriel, where the Filles du Roy were staying at the time of our ancestors.



It was a nice sunny day for a tour with qualified guides in a calm and nostalgic site where we visited the house as well the garden and the vegetable patch.



The historian Jacques Lacoursière had to cancel his conference due to his participation in the annual historical activities in the old port of Montreal. Claude Deslandes, veterinarian and avid historian took over and presented a vivid picture of the introduction of domestic animals in New France. This day ended with a remarkable sound and light show at the Notre-Dame Basilica.

On the 29th, following a mass at the Sainte-Rose-de-Lima church in Laval, we visited the Cosmodôme and Space Camp in Laval. A group of approximately 40 people attended the events. A summary of the activities can be found in the *Word from the President* published in the Fall Newsletter.



Seated from left to right: Jacques (104), Louis-Georges (10), Irène Frigon, Rita (178), Raymonde (96), Denise (121), Jeannine Vallée Boivin

Standing from left to right: Ghislain (261), Pauline Frigon-Couture, Lucie Frigon (Caron) (56), Denise Melançon, Claire Renaud-Frigon (279), Claude (256) Murielle Dubois, René (75), Pierre (4), Hermine (240)