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## ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2023

Manoir de la Giraudière, Laval

Theme "Cousinage"

Gérald<sub>116</sub>



We had planned a day at the Montreal Botanical Garden for our annual meeting, with a group rate for visits to the various museums. However, the number of registrants was lower than expected, which would have prevented us from benefiting from the group rate. We have therefore cancelled the activity. Not being able, at the last minute, to organize another interesting activity, it was therefore decided to meet at the Manoir de la Giraudière and to bring in a caterer for lunch. 18 people have expressed their intention to attend this new meeting place.

The meeting went well. The new board will consist of seven members, six of whom are renewing their terms. Pierre Frigon<sub>309</sub>, a new member residing in Pointe-aux-Trembles, has joined the Board.

Also, having been unable to find a volunteer chartered accountant to audit our books, we created an audit committee, composed of three people who are not

members of the board, to audit the books at the end of the year. They are Andrée Perron, Claude Frigon<sub>256</sub> and Pierre Frigon<sub>4</sub>.

In addition, next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Association. It was proposed to hold our next annual meeting at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan in August 2024. In a few weeks, we will work on finalizing the organization and we will communicate the information to you quickly so that you can enter the final date in your diaries.

All in all, the meeting was very warm and everyone appreciated their presence.  
Gérald Frigon, pres.

Editor's note: We would like to thank our president Gérald<sub>116</sub> and his wife Lise Drolet for booking the room and the buffet.

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*Our next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan « Vieux presbytère de Batiscan ». The program of activities and the registration form will be published in June in the Spring-Summer Newsletter and on our Web site frigon.org. THEME: « SURVIVAL ».*

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Leafing through the chronology of the Frigons' history (*Chronologie des actes des Frigon*) on our website, we find miscellaneous, and even comical facts that deserve to be noted.

- The notary Trottain, who was a neighbour of François Frigon for 44 years, had 5 children, all girls. Three of them married a Rouillard (3 brothers) and one of them, Joseph, became a notary. At Joseph's wedding, the municipality's other notary, Michel Roy, was also present. Obviously, competition was not aggressive between notaries.
- Because of this proximity, François Frigon witnessed 77 notarial deeds, mainly by the notary Trottain but also by other notaries, and his son Jean-François was a witness on 27 occasions.
- On May 15, 1696, at the age of 38, François Frigon, son of Nicolas Frigon, was buried in the parish of Saint-Gervais in Paris, France. This is the same parish where, 40 years earlier, Marie-Claude Chamois, the wife of our ancestor François Frigon, was baptized.
- In 1737, the Chemin du Roy was inaugurated between Quebec City and Montreal. It had 13 bridges but 4 rivers still had to be crossed by ferry with a ferryman. Thanks to this route, the time to travel by land from Quebec City to Montreal was reduced to 4 days.
- On June 28, 1795, Charles Provencher de Bécancour, great-grandson of Françoise Frigon, drowned along with 3 relatives and friends, in the St. Lawrence River, when their canoe, carrying 7 passengers and 25 to 30 bushels of wheat, capsized in strong southeasterly winds.
- In September 1848, in Cluny, Martinique, a natural child was born, the daughter of Étienne Dulaurat, to whom the name of Aimée Frigon was given. Could it be the father's last name?
- In August 1861, in Saint-Prospér, Hilaire Frigon,

a lumber merchant and farmer, son of Hilaire Frigon and Marie-Anne Grant, married Clarina "Céline" Cloutier, daughter of Placide Cloutier and Héloïse Gervais. This marriage was rehabilitated in August 1863 following a dispensation of consanguinity in the 4th degree. They had 10 children, one of whom was born before August 1863.

- In March 1869, Philomène Vallée bought 3 pieces of land for a total of 182.5 arpents in Sainte-Clothilde-de-Horton, in the Arthabaska region. In May 1872, she married her neighbour, Joseph Frigon, who had been widowed by her sister Aurélie Vallée for 12 years and had been living in Sainte-Clothilde for 5 or 6 years as a sawmill operator. Joseph's father operated a sawmill in Saint-Prospér on the Rivière à Veillette. Two of Joseph's sons practiced the same trade, both in Beauce and in the Matapédia Valley. The 3rd son was a hardware merchant and lumber salesman in Nicolet. Joseph was also mayor of Sainte-Clothilde-de-Horton. In his will of November 1893, Joseph bequeathed all these assets, personal and real estate, to his wife. The seven children and 17 grandchildren are not mentioned in the will.

- On February 12, 1872, the marriage of three young ladies named Marie Fugère took place in Saint-Luc-de-Vincennes, all three of whom had different fathers. To choose the same wedding date, they had to collude with each other. Were they the same age and in the same class at school?

- In May 1923, after the death of his wife, Roland Frigon had to go to the Saskatchewan court to sell his property worth \$6,272, of which \$4,600 remained to be paid. In these proceedings, his lawyer was John G. Diefenbaker, future Prime Minister of Canada.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT

Jean-René Frigon<sup>11</sup>

Pierre Frigon<sup>309</sup>, joined the association in March 2023 and is our third member from the Louis-Michel (Ls-Mi) lineage. He is a first cousin of Christiane Pratte<sup>292</sup> also from this lineage.

The other member of this lineage, Elaine Bessette<sup>68</sup> from Massachusetts, died in 2017.

The Ls-Mi lineage, with these three people, accounts for around 1% of all our members.

In this lineage, we note:

- ◇ that Louis Michel Frigon's mother, Ursule Lefavre, was buried in the parish church of Louiseville

- ◇ that at the age of twenty, Louis Michel Frigon's great-grandmother, née Mercy Adams, a Protestant and English by birth, was captured with 26 others, during a raid by the French and Abenaki on an English colony in New Hampshire and taken prisoner at Fort Saint-François-du-Lac. Her father, her mother, two sisters and a brother were killed in the raid.

- ◇ Two and a half years after this raid, she was baptized under the name Ursule and adopted by Charles Antoine Plagnol, commander of Fort Saint-François and his wife Charlotte Giguère. Seven years later she married Charles Brisebois and had ten children.



It's been a year since Lise and I moved into a seniors' residence. We finalized the transaction at the end of summer 2022. It was at this moment that I said a final goodbye to our home that we had occupied for 32 years. But my wife remained attached to this house for another six months. She has always loved to cook and entertain family and friends. In her mind, she said goodbye to our former home when we sold the dining room set. That's when she started to let go.

In a lifetime, we have many opportunities to say goodbye: our first school, our first love, our first job, our university... We have to learn to let go and

look forward.

Our Association will be 30 years old next year. We are not ready to let go of our association. We had up to 144 members. We now only have 89. I hope that each of us will make an effort to encourage their children, nephews or nieces to come and share the pleasure of our meetings. Our next annual meeting will be held at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan on August 24, 2024. Speakers, treasure hunts and other games will liven up the afternoon.

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At the beginning of the 20th century, tonics were very popular. Among these, Dr. Montier's tonic elixir was frequently advertised in newspapers. This product was sold at depository stores across Quebec. In 1927, A. Frigon, a general merchant in Normandin, Lac-Saint-Jean, was one of them<sup>1</sup>.

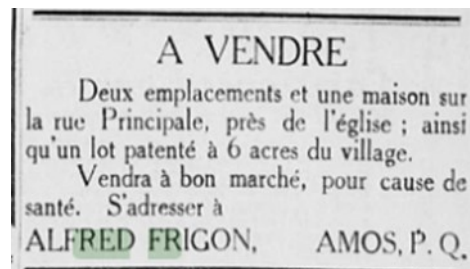
This elixir of the Compagnie chimique des Produits de France had been advertised in Quebec newspapers since at least 1913. In 1920, an advertisement in the newspaper *Le Sorelois*<sup>2</sup>, reads as follows: «the doctor prescribes, the pharmacist recommends Dr. Montier's tonic elixir because they know its composition and effects.» This is to show the seriousness of the product.



In addition, the advertisement was based on testimonials, including that of Dr. J. M. Aumont: «Dr. Montier's Tonic Elixir is the most effective remedy I have ever known for weakness, anemia, general debility and neurasthenia. I have experimented with it on myself and prescribed it to hundreds of patients with immediate results. »

Another advertisement in the same newspaper and on the same day mentions two testimonies of doctors and that of a nurse, elevated to the rank of «certificates from medical authorities». Nothing less.

We are now even more confident...In the land of colonization, in Abitibi, Alfred Frigon acted as a real estate agent. For example, he announced in the *Gazette du Nord* :



*La Gazette du Nord*, 12 avril 1923, p. 2.

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3554874?docsearchtext=A.%20P.%20Frigon>

In the days of large families, funerals were the occasion for imposing demonstrations of solidarity. Those of «Mme Alphée Frigon » (Dalina Pronovost) bear witness to this.

To read the article, click on the link below:

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<sup>1</sup>*Le Colon*, october 6, 1927, p. 3,

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3553841?docsearchtext=Dr%20Montier>

<sup>2</sup>*Le Sorelois*, january 9, 1920, p. 2 et p. 3.

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/4174259>





From left to right<sup>5</sup>:

1. Emery Frigon (02223).
2. Benoît Frigon (02224).
3. Honoré Frigon (02263).
4. Yvonne Frigon (02227) Sister-Marie Ludger, Sisters of Providence.
5. Jeannette Frigon (00113).
6. Béatrice Frigon (02549).
7. Anne (Blanche) Frigon (02548).
8. Gérard Frigon (02225).
9. Joseph Frigon (02483).



### **1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD: JEANNETTE**

Jeannette Frigon was born on March 7, 1894 in Saint-Narcisse, Mauricie. Her birth name was Marie Jeannette Indianna Frigon. At her baptism, her godfather was Onésime Marchand (maternal grandfather), her godmother was Adénise Houle (paternal grandmother). She married Jules Frigon (her first cousin) on September 21, 1946. She is 52 and he is 63. They had no children. After Jules' death in 1963, her niece Lise Frigon took care of her. She died on August 26, 1978 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan at the respectable age of 84. Attached is Jules Frigon's individual file<sup>6</sup> taken from the genealogical database of the Association des familles Frigon inc.

Jules and Jeannette with a baby of Gérard Frigon and Hélène Leduc in front of Gérard's house before he moved. According to the picture and the identification behind it, the baby is Huguette Frigon<sup>304</sup> (Source Lise Frigon<sup>288</sup>, 2022).



Jules and Jeannette accompanied by Jean-Marie Lefebvre and her first 3 out of 4 children.

Source: Lise Frigon<sup>288</sup> from Sainte-Geneviève, 2022.



Jules Frigon was born on February 17, 1883. His godfather is his uncle Guillaume Frigon, farmer, who signed as William Frigon. The godmother, his wife Jeanne Baril, also signed the document. Jules died on March 28, 1963 at the age of 80. He owned one of the thirty compartments of the crypt in the Saint-Joseph de Shawinigan cemetery, built in 1936. These spaces were sold for \$200 (single) and \$300 (double).



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<sup>5</sup>Other pictures of Jules and Jeannette and a picture of the Frigon family(SEE NOTE-5 IN <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/6e-et-7e-gnration-hubert-et-ludger-note-p16-50-1.pdf>)

<sup>6</sup>Copy of the *Fiche individuelle de Jules Frigon 00088* (SEE NOTE-6 IN <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/6e-et-7e-gnration-hubert-et-ludger-note-p16-50-1.pdf>)

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## 2<sup>d</sup> CHILD: JOSEPH

Joseph Frigon was born on May 18, 1896 in Saint-Narcisse, Mauricie. His birth name was Joseph Ludger Onésime Frigon. At his baptism, his godfather was Hubert Frigon (paternal grandfather). His godmother is Adèle Ebacher<sup>7</sup>, 2nd wife of his maternal grandfather Onésime Marchand. On April 11, 1923, he married Rose-Alma Belleville in Saint-Prospere-de-Champlain, Mauricie. Rose Alma gave birth to 14 children, 6 boys and 8 girls. The 13th child lived only 15 days and Claude

Frigon<sup>256</sup> is the 14th child of this family.



Probable wedding photo of Rose-Alma Belleville «commonly named Rose» and Joseph Frigon.

In the marriage contract No. 1953 dated April 5, 1923 between Joseph Frigon and Rose Alma Belleville, minor daughter of the late Gédéon Belleville and Mrs. An-

gélina Garneau, she is assisted by her mother and stepfather because of her age. They were married in separation of property, as provided for in the Civil Code.

As we described on page 5 of the history of notarial contracts, Ludger Frigon had acquired in 1921 several lots as per contract #75524 registered at ten o'clock in the morning on the twenty-eighth of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty. Here is an excerpt from the sales act: «This sale is made for the price of nine thousand *piastres*. The seller acknowledges that he has received 1,500 *piastres* and a discharge of the same amount.» In the said marriage contract of Joseph and Rose-Alma, Ludger Frigon gives to the said husband

- 1) A piece of land located in the said parish of Ste-Geneviève, being lot-316 having 2 arpents in width by 25 arpents with the buildings on it.
- 2) A square acre of land with the buildings on it being a part of lot-315.

Joseph had to pay a share of the debt of seven thousand *piastres*. This share shall be nine hundred *pias-*

On August 20, 1924, under registration number 81611, at the Champlain County Registry Office, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the sale of half of Lot-378 located on "La Baie" Road. The said half contains 1 arpent in width by 28 arpents in length for the amount of nine hundred *piastres* of which three hundred *piastres* are paid in cash.



Map reproduced by Claude Frigon <sup>256</sup>.



Picture of the farm of Joseph Frigon and Rose-Alma Belleville taken in 1954±

He farmed the land on lots 314, 315 and 316 next to the farm belonging to his father Ludger. Here is the data regarding the area of land owned by Joseph Frigon and Rose-Alma Belleville, at the time of the sale of the farm to Marcel Frigon:

Source: Claude Frigon<sup>256</sup>

Date	Vente de - à	Lot	Largeur (arpents)	Profondeur (arpents)	Superficie (Arpents carrés)
1964-04-29	Rose-Alma Belleville / Marcel Frigon	P-314	0,50	26,00	13,00
		315	1,50	26,00	39,00
		316	2,00	30,00	60,00

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<sup>7</sup>In the baptism certificate of Joseph Frigon, son of Ludger, Adèle Ébacher is named Adèle Boischer in the text but she signs Adèle Ébacher.



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**3<sup>e</sup> CHILD: ANNE-MARIE (BLANCHE)**

On her baptismal certificate, her name is Anne Marie Elisa Frigon. She was born on January 26, 1898 in Saint-Narcisse, in Mauricie. At her baptism<sup>8</sup> on the same day as her birth, her godfather is Aldème Frigon (brother of Ludger) and her godmother is Élise Gervais, wife of Aldème.

Blanche lives with her three brothers Emery, Benoit and Honoré in the family home in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. After the deaths of Emery (1968) and Honoré (1969), she stayed in the house with Benoit. They took care of each other until 1979 in the family home on Rang Jacob. Isabelle Frigon-Gravel welcomed them into her home for several years (from September 9, 1979 to April 19, 1990). ). In one of the many diaries (1982-2001) that Isabelle kept, we can read that on April 19, 1990 «Blanche enters the home in Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pérade at 2:30 p.m.».



On October 2, 1987, visit at the Sisters of Providence congregation on Salaberry Street in Montréal.  
 From left to right: Blanche, Benoit, Yvonne and Isabelle Frigon-Gravel<sup>176</sup>.



Isabelle Frigon-Gravel and Blanche in the living room

Anne-Marie(Blanche) and Benoit having dinner in the kitchen of Isabelle Frigon-Gravel<sup>176</sup>.

Here are a few examples of Isabelle's generosity towards our Aunt Blanche:

- ♦ On October 2, 1987, Germain and Isabelle take Benoit and Blanche to the Sisters of Providence to see Sr. Yvonne Frigon, their sister.
- ♦ On July 19, 1988, Blanche has fallen and Isabelle calls for the doctor to do stitches. Aunt in diapers. Blanche went to the hospital and she came back.



They moved to the seniors home in Saint-Anne-de-la-Pérade. They both died in the same year in 1992 as an old couple. Benoit took care of his older sister for over 25 years. She suffered from tremors, possibly due to a neurological problem from birth in addition to her deafness.

Also in Isabelle's diaries, we can find the following events:

- ♦ April 6, 1992, death of Anne-Marie (Blanche) at 8:25 am at the age of 94 in Trois-Rivières, Mauricie.
- ♦ April 8, 1992, funeral of Anne-Marie at 3 p.m. at the parish church of Saitne-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. The funeral home is open from 1 p.m.
- ♦ April 3, 1993, Aunt Blanche's funeral anniversary service at 5 p.m.

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<sup>8</sup>Note : the digitized documents can be found of the web: <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/6e-et-7e-gnration-hubert-et-ludger-note-p16-50-1.pdf>

- ♦ birth registration and the original birth certificate (NOTE 8) 1/4
- ♦ digitization of the original burial certificate (NOTE 8) 2/4 and the cost of burial (NOTE 8) 3/4
- ♦ Digitization of Anne-Marie Frigon's original will in 1983 (NOTE 8) 4/4

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**4<sup>th</sup> CHILD: BÉATRICE**

Béatrice was born on August 8, 1899 in Saint-Narcisse, Mauricie. At her baptism on August 9, 1899, her godfather was her uncle Napoléon Frigon and her godmother was Amanda Pronovost (wife of Napoleon). She died on October 27, 1967 in Saint-Prospère. She was buried on October 30, 1967 in the parish cemetery.

She was married on August 11, 1920 in Sainte-Genève-de-Batiscan to Aristide Lefebvre. Béatrice gave birth to 13 children, 9 boys and 4 girls. The 4<sup>th</sup> child lived less than a month. His name was André (1925-03-25/1925-04-20). The 9<sup>th</sup> child, Thérèse, lived one day (1931-01-17/1931-01-17). The 6<sup>th</sup> child, Pierre, was born on September 29, 1927 and lived his first 15 years with the family of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand in Sainte-Genève-de-Batiscan.

**THE CHILDREN OF BÉATRICE FRIGON**

Jean-Marie Lefebvre, birth: 1921-05-27, death: 2019-01-08.

Jacques Lefebvre, birth: 1922-07-03, death: 1990-04-16.

Paul Lefebvre, birth: 1923-06-26, death: 2002-11-14.

André Lefebvre, birth: 1925-03-25, death: 1925-04-20.

André Lefebvre, birth: 1926-06-25, death: 2003-04-22.

Pierre Lefebvre, birth 1927

Jean-Marc Lefebvre, birth: 1929-02-05, death: 1961-10-26

Joseph Lefebvre, birth: 1932-06-23, death: 2021-11-11

Thérèse Lefebvre, birth: 1931-01-17, death: 1931-01-17.

Thérèse Lefebvre, birth: 1933

Gertrude Lefebvre, birth: 1935

Louise Lefebvre, birth: 1937

Louis Lefebvre, birth: 1937-08-09, death: 2004-05-15.

Beatrice is an energetic, courageous, hard-working woman with «unwavering and quiet» strength. She has an iron fist in a velvet glove.

She wants those around her to be happy. She has a way of bringing her family together.

Source: Thérèse, September 2023



Photo of the wedding of Aristide Lefebvre and Béatrice Frigon, August 11, 1920



Louise Lefebvre, married Lionel Lamothe on May 22, 1972.



Thérèse will turn 90 in November 2023 and lives with her daughter Diane.



Wedding of André Duclos and Thérèse Lefebvre, Aug. 19, 1961



Denise Quessy and Louis Lefebvre.



Deux couples dont les femmes sont les deux soeurs viennent de fêter leur 30e anniversaire de mariage. Il s'agit de M. et Mme André Duclos (Thérèse Lefebvre) et de M. et Mme Jean-Guy Grondine (Gertrude Lefebvre).