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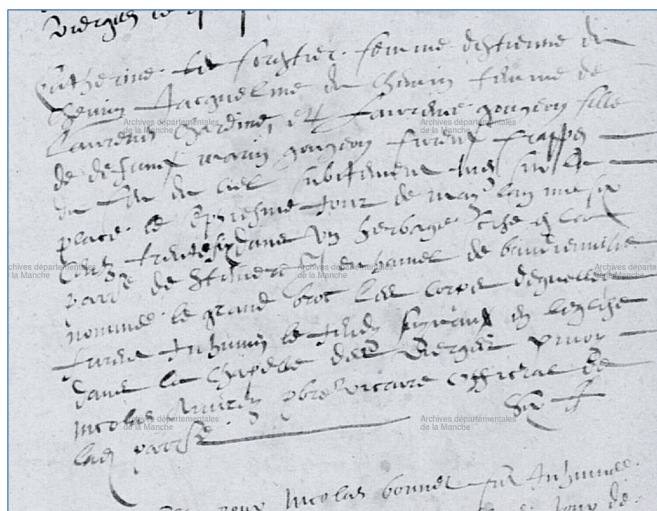
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THROUGH ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS --STRUCK BY FIRE FROM HEAVEN

Pierre Frigon,



Reality surpasses fiction.

When you read the following text, you'll be convinced!

Catherine le Forestier, femme d'Estienne du Chemin, Jacqueline Duchemin, femme de Laurent Chardine, et Laurence Gougeon, fille de défunct Marin Gougeon, **furent frappées du feu du ciel, subitement tuées** sur la place le septième jour de mai, l'an mille six cent trente-six dans un herbage sis en la paroisse de Sainte-Mère-Église/ (Duhamel?) (de Baudreville?)

nommé le Grand Broc. Les corps desquelles furent inhumés le jeudi suivant² en l'église dans la chapelle des [bergers?] par moi, Nicolas Auvrey prêtre vicair officiel de ladite paroisse six livres³

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¹<http://www.archives-manche.fr/ark:/57115/a011288085773cenv34H/4c911d3491>, item 60 of 114, right

page, 4th.

²The following Thursday. It was the day after his death, which occurred on Wednesday, May 7, 1636.

³Which corresponds to 40 sols per buried body. One pound = 20 sols.

Our next annual meeting will be held on Saturday August 24, 2024, at the Old Presbytery of Batiscan «Vieux presbytère de Batiscan». The activity sheet and registration form will be sent by email in mid-May and a second email will be sent at the beginning of June. They will also be available on our WEB site = frigon.org. The theme is "SURVIVAL".

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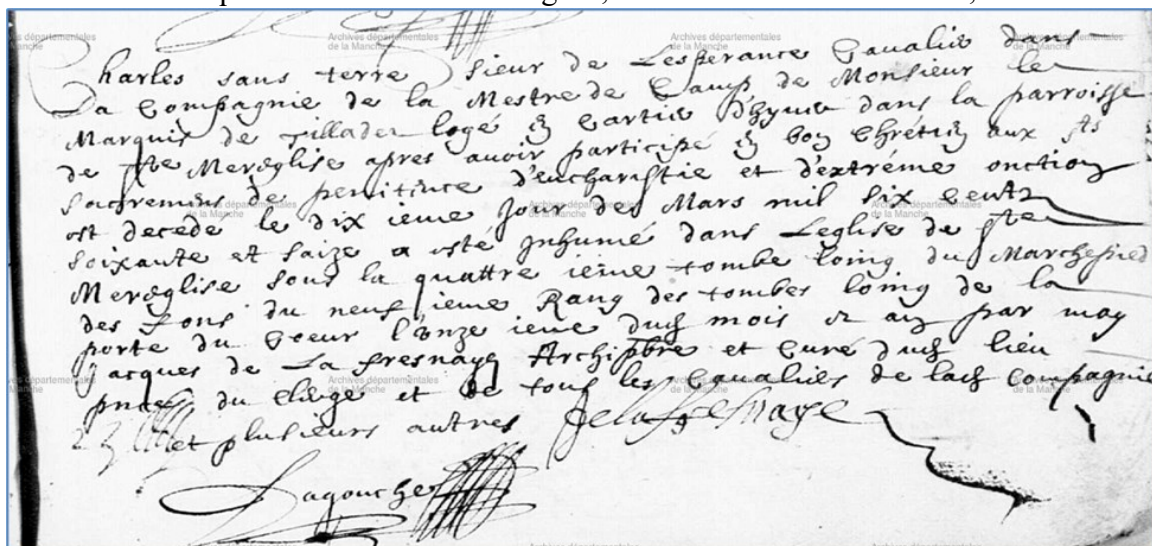
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In winter quarters at Sainte-Mère-Église, a soldier died on March 10, 1676.



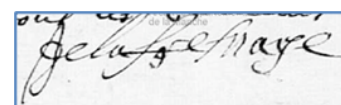
Charles Santerre was entitled to the honours of his office¹.



Charles Santerre sieur de l'Espérance cavalier dans la compagnie de la Mestre de camp de Monsieur le Marquis de Tilladet logé en quartiers d'hiver dans la paroisse de Sainte-Mère-Église, après avoir participé en bon chrétien aux saints sacrements de Pénitence, d'Eucharistie, et d'Extrême onction est décédé le dixième jour de mars mil six cent soixante-seize. A été inhumé dans l'église de Sainte-Mère-Église sous la quatrième tombe loin du marchepied dessous du neuvième rang des tombes loin de la porte du cœur le onzième dudit mois et an par moi Jacques de la Fresnaye archiprêtre et curé dudit lieu [en] présence du clergé et de tous les cavaliers de ladite compagnie et plusieurs autres.



[Denis] Lagouche



[Jacques] de la Fresnaye

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

Pierre Frigon⁴

In 1887, there was in Montreal a bailiff named A. Frigon¹.

¹La Presse, 20 décembre 1887, p. 1

<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3217701?docsearchtext=A.%20P.%20Frigon>

—Les noms suivants ont été ajoutés à la liste des huis-iers démis faute de se conformer à la loi : J M D Campbell, P A T De Montigny, J E Durocher, M Foley, L Fayt, A Godin, T Laurain, D Durocher, P Dussault, A Frigon, F E Garrety, P Girard, M Larose, J Delongchamps, G Darneau, J B Farrell, J A Fugère, J L Gervais, H Kelly.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon¹¹⁶

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Winters come and go, but they are not the same. The annual meetings of our Association follow one another but they are not alike.

In the past, up to 81 members participated, but only 12 last year. This year, for the August 24 meeting, the board has decided to cover the full cost of the lunch for members and their spouses. The intention, not hidden, is for you to invite your children, nieces and nephews to come to the meeting. For the cost of a membership card, they will have free lunches for themselves and their spouses. We

need to encourage membership. We need to develop a new generation of members to eventually pass the torch. The survival of our Association depends on it. This is the reason why the theme of this 30th Annual Meeting is « Survival ». This is the question we ask ourselves.

The oldest participated in the association. But, for various reasons and circumstances, they left one after the other. If we cannot find new members, it will be extinction...

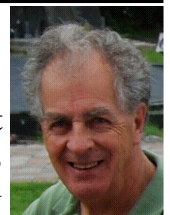
THE PARISH OF BATISCAN – HOUSE OF NICOLAS RIVART

Roger Frigon¹³¹

We are familiar with the marriage certificate of Marie Claude Chamois and François Frigon, dated November 10, 1670 and deposited in Paris, during the trial for the succession of Honoré Chamois. The list of witnesses on the marriage certificate includes the following people: Nicolas Rivart de la Vigne, Nicolas Crevier dit Bellerive, Robert Rivart, Michel Lemay and François Lory, all residing in Batiscan. The first chapel in Batiscan was erected in 1674. There is reason to believe that the marriage was celebrated in Batiscan, but where exactly. I think I have found the key to the enigma in the person of Nicolas Rivart de la Vigne. Let's take a closer look.

Who was Nicolas Rivart? Nicolas Rivart de la Vigne was born in Tourouve in France and baptised on June 10, 1617 in the Church Saint Aubin in Tourouve. He was hired on March 6, 1648 by Pierre Juchereau to work for Noël Juchereau in Trois-Rivières, for a period of 3 years. He landed at Québec in 1648 and from there went to Trois-Rivières. In 1656, Nicolas Rivart was appointed Captain in the Militia at Cap de la Madeleine. On March 7, 1661, the Governor of Trois-Rivières, Pierre Boucher, ceded to Nicolas Rivart a chapel that had been dismantled and rebuilt on his land at Cap de la Madeleine. On March 23rd, 1666, Nicolas Rivart received two dwellings from the Jesuits which he rebuilt on his lands at the Ile Saint-Éloy and in Batiscan. We have spoken of dwellings because on the l'Ile Saint Éloy, missionaries passing through could lodge there during their travels and hold religious services. In Batiscan, the first lands were purchased in 1666, often by residents of Trois

-Rivières or Cap-de-la-Madeleine. It took time to clear the land and rebuild, as there were not many carpenters and travel was slower. Nicolas Rivart was able to move in 1668.



Mgr. de Laval, Bishop, came to confer the sacrament of confirmation in Batiscan on May 25, 1669 in the home of Nicolas Rivart. Father Germain Morin, a missionary from the North Coast, was here to prepare the French and the indigenous people to receive this great sacrament. Mgr. de Laval, finding the location adequate to found a parish in Batiscan, asked Father Morin to see to its organization as soon as possible. On June 26, 1670, Father Morin summoned an assembly of settlers to the mass sermon, at the home of Sieur Nicolas Rivart de la Vigne, Captain in the Militia, to proceed with the election of the first churchwardens. Nicolas Rivart de la Vigne and Nicolas Crevier de Bellerive were elected to create the Church of said Batiscan. The first chapel was erected in 1674 and the parish registers of Batiscan started in 1674.

The originals of many notarial deeds prepared in these two dwellings were not recorded because their existence remained unknown. These documents previously kept at the Palais de Justice in Trois-Rivières have not been transferred to the national archives (Archives Nationales du Québec). This is why we are looking for them.

<https://www.famillesrivard.ca>

In 2000, a new and promising interior design company, Traffic Design inc., was born. Located on Saint-Urbain Street in Montreal, this young company is already showing great talent in its field. As the job postings on its website show, the company is growing rapidly and already has eight employees. Marie-Josée Frigon, owner of the company has a background in interior design.

Marie-Josée Frigon has a Well accreditation and resolutely applies its principles in the designs she offers to her clients and in the management of her team.

To obtain this certification, a company must demonstrate that it ensures the physical and well-being of its employees and that it fosters a sense of community.

Thus, the building must offer its employees good air and water quality and thermal comfort. Interior design, on the other hand, must offer sound comfort, healthy materials and a space that promotes movement. Particular attention must be paid to personnel management to earn the certification.

While putting these principles into practice, Marie-Josée Frigon and her team offer office designs.



The company also offers world-class trade show booths. Marie-Josée travels across Canada and the United States with her tailor-made solutions for her corporate clients..



Businesses also call on her services for the development of store spaces or showrooms.



She also has won numerous awards.

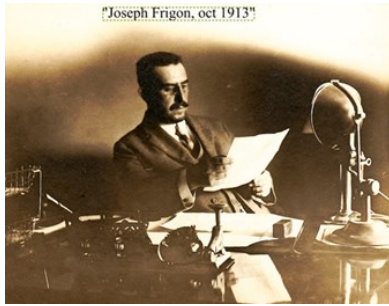
May the future be bright for dynamic young woman and her team.

A WORD FROM PAPOU-Music Gérald₁₁₆

In the past, music was a series of sound and silences perceived by the ear that appreciated its rhythm and harmony. Today, young people like to perceive music through the sense of touch; the floor has to vibrate, the eardrums have to be ripped. It has to hurt for them to feel the music.

Will the new generation suffer from hearing loss? This generation also risks losing sight by constantly staring at a small 5-inch screen.

Fortunately, the minituarization of headphones limits the energy that these gadgets can emit. Hearing could be saved by a side effect of modernization...



Athanase-Joseph Frigon, father of Augustin Frigon, was superintendent of public works in the city of Montreal.

Based on facts reported in the article, we conclude that Dupuis was a good guy, but did not have enough authority to effectively manage the work sites. At the death of Athanase-Joseph Frigon, the newspaper *Le Quotidien* of March 21, 1935 reported²:

“Mr. Athanase Joseph Frigon, residing at 11,881 Persiller St., in Bordeaux, died of a heart attack at 10 a.m. yesterday morning in a tram on the Bordeaux circuit. He was the father of Mr. Augustin Frigon, Director-General of Technical Training of the Province of Québec and director of the École Polytechnique.

A verdict of accidental death was issued by the Coroner's Court. Apparently in good health, Mr. Frigon succumbed to a heart attack. He was 69 years old.

Mr. Frigon had retired as superintendent of the north division of municipal public works exactly thirteen years ago. He had served the city of Montréal for thirty-seven years. The deceased, in addition to his wife born Anna Lizée, only leaves his son, Mr. Augustin Frigon, director of technical education in the province of Québec, born from a first marriage with Maria Lizée, sister of Mrs. A. P. Frigon³ who survives him today. The funeral will take place in Bordeaux, probably Saturday morning at a time which has not yet been fixed.»

The newspaper *Le Devoir*¹ relates an episode from his life as superintendent when he replaced Mr. Dupuis.



¹ *Le Devoir*, 24 octobre 1919, p. 3
<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/2800463?docsearchtext=A.%20P.%20Frigon>

² *Le Quotidien*, 21 mars 1935, p. 1 « Mr. A. J. Frigon died suddenly ».
<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3744016?docsearchtext=A.%20P.%20Frigon>

³ It should read « A.-J. Frigon (Athanase-Joseph) » and not « A.-P Frigon (Albert-Pierre) ».

DID YOU KNOW THAT

We saw in a previous article ¹ that a certain A. Frigon was a general merchant in Normandin, Lac-Saint-Jean, in 1927. In 1945, a Benoit Frigon was also merchant in Normandin². Are they from the same family? The latter was depository for the *Farines Régals* company.

Here is the add in question :

¹ <https://frigon.org/uploads/document/2023-v30n3-automne-final.pdf>

² *Le Colon*, 15 novembre 1945, p. 2.
<https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/patrimoine/details/52327/3554804?docsearchtext=A.%20P.%20Frigon>

OH! CE QU'IL EST SUPERBE!

LES beaux gâteaux d'anniversaire d'aujourd'hui seront d'heureux souvenirs plus tard. Ne dégoûtez jamais vos enfants en couvrant le risque d'avoir un gâteau d'anniversaire qui n'a pas bien levé ou qui est moins beau qu'on ne l'espérait. Faites vos gâteaux en toute sécurité et avec économie, en employant de la FARINE REGAL! Vous pouvez employer la FARINE REGAL blanche et fine pour toute votre pâtisserie et avoir continuellement de bons résultats. Faites donc vos menus des gâteaux dont vos enfants se souviendront toute leur vie! Employez la FARINE REGAL économique, pour usage général.

GÂTEAU ÉTAGÉ AU CHOCOLAT

4 œufs de chœul avec
1 tasse d'eau bouillante
1 tasse de beurre
1 1/2 tasse de sucre granulé
1/2 tasse d'huile de vanille
3 œufs, séparés

2 c. à thé de sucre à pâte
2 tasses de Farine Régals tamisée
1/2 tasse de lait
1/2 tasse de sucre à pâte
1/2 tasse de sucre à pâte
1/2 tasse de sucre à pâte

Faites fondre le chocolat dans une petite casserole à feu doux, et faites cuire au-dessus d'eau courante jusqu'à ce qu'il soit bien lisse. Crèmez ensemble le beurre et le sucre, ajoutez le chocolat, l'extrait de vanille, les jaunes d'œufs bien battus, la farine tamisée avec le sel et la poudre à pâte, et ajoutez le lait. Battez bien, incorporez les blancs d'œufs battus en neige. Divisez la pâte dans 3 moules à gâteaux étiquetés et enduites, et faites cuire vingt-cinq minutes à four chaud. Laissez refroidir et empilez en garnissant de glaçage blanc ou de glaçage au chocolat. Réservez avant de glacer sur le dessus de gâteau. Recette suffisante pour un gâteau à trois étages de grandeur ordinaire.

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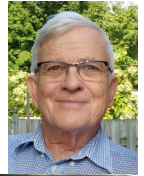
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J.-Emile Pouliot.....	Albanel G. Bussière.....	Normandin J.-B. Villeneuve	
Société Coop. Agricole. Albanel	Léo Clutter.....	Normandin	St-Elisabeth de Proulx
C.-A. Dufour.....	Dolbeau Benoit Frigon.....	Normandin	La Cie Gagnon, Ltée: St-Pélicien
Elzéar Gagnon.....	P. Hudon.....	Normandin	Soc. Coop. Agricole. St-Pélicien
Henri Laliberté.....	Mistassini E. Mailloux.....	Normandin	Maric. Lavole. Ste-Jeanne d'Arc
J.-A. Rainville Engr. Mistassini	J.-A. Painchaud.....	Normandin	P.-H. Guy.....
P. Morin.....	Normandin J.-A. Senechal.....	Normandin	Georges Laroche.....
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110 FAMILY OF LUDGER FRIGON AND ADIANA MARCHAND (Continued)
 The Children of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand François Frigon¹³⁰



8th CHILD: HONORÉ

Honoré was born on March 1st, 1905 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. His godfather was his uncle Ernest Baril farmer, who signed the document and his god-mother was his wife Marie Louise Frigon, who also signed the document. He died at the

Saint-Joseph Hospital in Trois-Rivières on October 19, 1969 at the age of 64. Burial held on October 22nd, 1969 on lot 103B in the cemetery of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.

Honoré was the owner of the family farm from 1952 to 1969. Like his brother Benoit, he worked in lumber camps for numerous years in order to provide for Ludger's family. In fact, all the money earned in the winter were given to his father. He lived all his life in his father's house and his occupation was farming. He never got married.



https://frigon.org/uploads/document/2004_v11n2_printemps.pdf



Family picture of the family of Ludger Frigon and Adiana Marchand, his spouse.

FRIGON, Mr. Honoré – At the Saint-Joseph Hospital of Trois-Rivières, on October 19, 1969 died, at the age of 64 years and 7 months, Mr. Honoré Frigon, bachelor, resident of Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.

Funeral will be held on October 22nd in the parish church of Sainte-Geneviève at 10 a.m.

His remains will be resting at the funeral home Bronsard et Frère, Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. The parlour will be closed from 5 to 7 pm.

Burial will take place in the parish cemetery.

He is survived by his brothers: Benoit, Gérard married to Hélène Leduc; his sisters: Miss Jeannette Frigon, Miss Anne-Marie, and Sister Yvonne Frigon; a sister-in-law: Mrs. Joseph Frigon; a brother-in-law, Mr. Aristide Lefebvre, a great-aunt, Miss Annette Marchand, and numerous nephews and nieces.



Standing: Henri Frigon, William Frigon, **Honoré** Frigon, Jules Frigon, Mrs. Marguerite Mercier (spouse of Henri), Mrs. Jeannette Frigon (spouse of Jules), Mrs. Alida Veilleux (spouse of William).
 Seated from left to right: Lise Frigon, Claudette Frigon, daughter of Henri Frigon.

Henri Frigon wrote a text on the life of his father William Frigon which was published in the Spring, Summer, Fall 2004 Newsletter. It can be found in the website frigon.org, tab « Bulletins ».



Aerial picture of the family farm in the 1960s (owned by Honoré Frigon from 1952 to October 1969)

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9th CHILD: GÉRARD

Gérard was born on November 19, 1906 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.

His godfather was Joseph Cinq Mars and his godmother was Emma Marchand, spouse of Joseph. On April 21st 1937, he married Hélène Leduc in Saint-Prospère-de-Champlain. Hélène gave birth to 10 children, 3 boys and 7 girls. The oldest is Lise and the youngest is Pierre.



Gérard acquired the farm of Arthur Marchand on December 11, 1941 under number 112690 and by judgment on December 19, 1942 as no.114602. The land has an area of 98 arpents and is located on lot-309 in the parish of Ste-Geneviève-de-Batiscan.



Mapping by Claude Frigon²⁵⁶

1953

During the night of December 14 to 15, 1953, Miss Annette Marchand, who resides in the house of Gérard and Hélène, says that she saw “big blue smoke”. Here is an extract from the newspaper “LA PATRIE” from Sunday, January 10, 1954:

« **TWO CONSECUTIVE SLIDES** seriously threatened a family of seven children and three adults in the Village Jacob rural road. The Frigon family who lived in a century-old house just above the slope, was almost submerged... »

On the morning of December 26, 1953, the house was carried 300 feet from the sinkhole..

To ensure the survival and education of his 10 children, Gérard worked on construction sites for a few years. Then, having relatives in Shawinigan, he started selling products from his farm. In the fall, he butchered chicken, an ox, and one or more pigs. He would then sell these products and vegetables harvested from his garden at the market in Shawinigan. On Thursdays, he stayed overnight at his sister's (Jeannette) place. To thank her, he gave her a huge basket of vegetables. Lise, the oldest daughter of the family, accompanied him for several years (Source Lise Frigon in 2019). Also for a few years, my father and his brothers Joseph and Benoit were housed by Henri's father (son of William Frigon) whose grandfather was there to receive and feed them. Yes, the Frigons can help each other without expecting money in return. My father was eternally grateful to them.

Excerpt from a tribute written by Huguette Frigon in September 2019:

« In fact, our parents had no money but they were rich in human values. This is our most precious heritage. Our mother, Hélène, was an angel of gentleness descended from heaven. Our father, Gérard, quite strict, with his weaknesses, but generous, a hard worker and a true believer. When he had problems, he used to pay for a mass and often obtained the favour requested. Today we call it trusting life and the universe. »



Here is a glimpse at the family farm before it was moved in 1950.

Editor's note : In Part 2, we will describe the family of Gérard Frigon and his children.

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10th CHILD: BERNARD

Bernard was born on August 30, 1908 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. His godfather was his uncle George Cloutier and his spouse Marie Desaulniers, godmother. Bernard is twin with Gertrude. He only lived 28 days. He died on September 28, septembre, 1908 and was buried on September 30, 1908 in the parish cemetery.

11th CHILD: GERTRUDE

Gertrude was born on August 30, 1908 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. Her godfather was her uncle Léopold Marchand and her godmother was Anny Baril, daughter of Ermile Baril. Gertrude was Bernard's twin. She only lived 33 days. She died on October 2, 1908 and was buried on October 4, 1908 in the parish cemetery.

12th CHILD: ELIZABETH

Elizabeth was born on December 23, 1909 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. Her godfather was her cousin Emile Frigon and her godmother was her sister Jeannette Frigon. She only lived 2 months. She died on February, 17, 1910 and was buried on February 19, 1910 in the parish cemetery.

13th CHILD: ANTOINETTE

Antoinette was born on April 28, 1911 in Sainte-

Geneviève-de-Batiscan. Her godfather was Omer Frigon and her godmother was Marie Antoinette Chartier. She only lived 14 weeks. She died on August 5, 1911 and was buried on August 8, 1911 in the parish cemetery.

14th CHILD: DANIEL

Daniel was born on July 13, 1912 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. His godfather was Albert Baril and his godmother was Anna Baribeau. Daniel was twin with Felix. He only lived 5 weeks. He died on August 21, 1912 and was buried on August 23, 1912 in the parish cemetery.

15th CHILD: FÉLIX

Félix was born on July 13, 1912 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. His godfather was Joseph Frigon and his godmother Stella Baril. Félix was Daniel's twin. He only lived 5 weeks. He died on August 18, 1912. Burial on August 20, 1912 in the parish cemetery. He died 3 days before his twin brother.

16th CHILD: URSULE

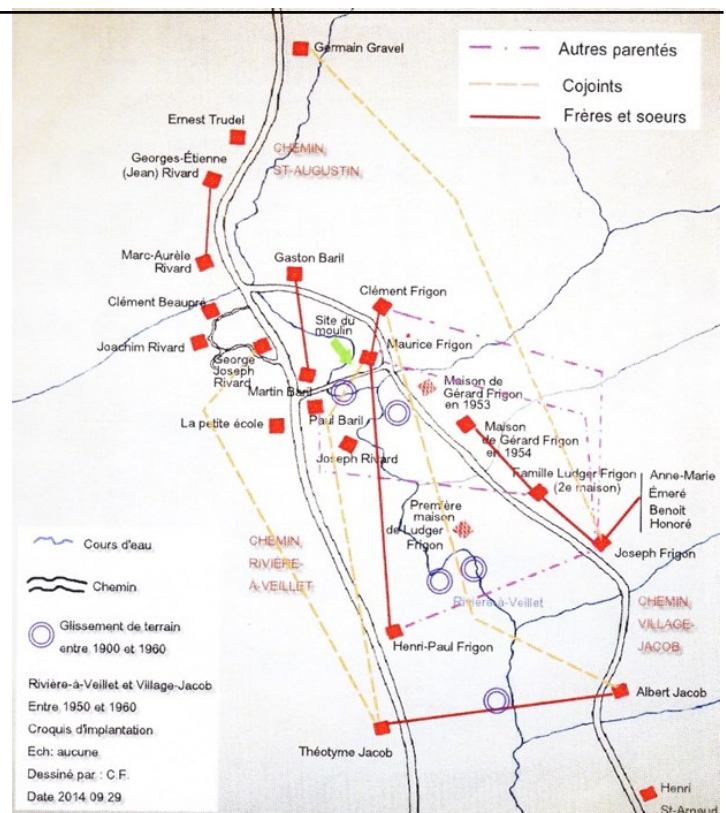
Ursule was born on April 6, 1914 in Sainte-Geneviève-de-Batiscan. Her godfather was Georges Rivard and her godmother was Annette Baril. She only lived 12 weeks. She died on June 28, 1914 and was buried on June 30, 1914 in the parish cemetery.

The map reproduced below was part of an historical research completed on September 29, 2014 by Claude Frigon²⁵⁶ on the family of Joseph Frigon and Rose-Alma Belleville, his parents.

The map shows the families that were established in the period 1920 ± to 1965 ± (the period contemporary with the family of Joseph Frigon and Rose-Alma Belleville) near Rivière-à-Veillet and Rang Jacob (Village Jacob).

On the 8 farms in the Jacob village, there were 5 Frigon families in the 1950s/60s who owned these farms. Gaston Baril's farm, known as lot-304, belonged to our great-grandfather Hubert Frigon; it had been built in 1814¹³ by Abraham Frigon, his father. On October 11, 1904, Hubert Frigon bequeathed by will the lot bearing registration number 42789 to William (Guillaume) Frigon (his son).

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



¹³According to research carried out in May 1969 by Claude Frigon²⁵⁶ as part of a work in art history presented to Mrs. Nicole Boily, professor of the course 108 Art 101.