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We invite all recipients of this Newsletter to share with us items of interest to our membership. We will use them when space permits.

REMEMBER . . .

When corresponding to us, please use our own P. O. Box number and address. Mail should be addressed as follows:

NWTF & CHI
P. O. Box 26372
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Using our P.O. Box will eliminate our mail getting mixed up with the Minnesota Genealogical Society mail.

Thank you!

MARCH WORKSHOP will be held Sunday, March 9, 1986 — 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Minnesota Genealogical Library, 678 Fort Road, St. Paul. Fort Road (old West 7th St.) and St. Clair. Because of a lack of chairs, please try and bring a couple folding or lawn chairs.

NEW MEMBERS

- 883 Duncan Demers / 306-859 Thurlow St. / Vancouver, BC / Canada V6E 1W1
- 884 Patricia M. Barr / 4403 - 22nd Ave. W. / Bradenton, FL 33529
- 885 M/M Charles LaBar / 8499 South 27½ Mile Rd. / Cadillac, Mich. 49601
- 886 Mrs. Joyce Senne / 3511 - 18th Ave. W. / Bradenton, FL 33505
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- 889 Mrs. S. F. Cepelcha / RD 3 Stanhope / Redwood Falls, MN 56283
- 890 William B. Horn / 4511 Browndale Ave. / Edina, MN 55424
- 891 Allison Boisvert / 404 So. 8th St. / c/o Catholic Charities / Mpls, MN 55404
- 892 Helen Stange / 1633 Gardena Ave. NE / Fridley, MN 55432
- 893 Janet Evers / 8301 Thomas Ave. So. / Bloomington, MN 55431
- 894 Patricia Tedford / 1717 - 15th St. So. / Fargo, MN 58103
- 895 Darleen Stone / Unit 58 / Kinsey, MT 59338
- 896 Jan-Marie Breault / 4161 - 18th Ave. So. / Minneapolis, MN 55407
- 897 Beatrice Belair Lindquist / 2485 E. Seppala Blvd. / N. St. Paul, MN 55109
- 898 Tenna Weisz / Box 43 / Dover, Idaho 83825
- 899 Robert Magnan / 9 Hempstead Place / Madison, WI 53711
- 900 Joan Stodghill / 2681 N. English St. / Maplewood, MN 55109
- 901 Eloise Paradis Snell / 930 - 22nd Ave. So. / Moorhead, MN 56560
- 902 Rhonda Glofcheski / Box 1561 / Sioux Lookout / Ontario / Canada POV 2T0
- 903 Jeannine Rachner / 12700 Fernbrook Lane / Dayton, MN 55327

PLEASE NOTE — This was omitted from the Belle Prairie Cemetery listing in the December issue of Cousins et Cousines.

The oldest marker is the Racicot family

RACICOT, Dominique; died March 17, 1883 age 80 years

---, Marie Millette; ep de Dominique Dec. a la ce de 81 ans 1885

RACICOT, William; 1826—1915 — Civil War Veteran 7th Minnesota Volunteers

RACICOT, Wm. N; Dec. a la ce 23 ans 1888

RACICOT, Adolphe; Dec. a la ce de 6 ans 6 M 1861

RACICOT, Louis A.; Dec a la ce de 19 M. 1863

ADDRESS CHANGES:

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McMinnville, OR 97129

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Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Charlene Craigle — No. 728
5026 Oakcliff Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73135

George William Belcourt — No. 756
7535 West Tenn. St. — Box 229
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Members at the NWTF&CHI workshop meeting December 14, 1985 and the names they are researching.

Kevin R. LeVoir — Maple Lake, MN — LeVoir/Bouley/LeVeillie/Laramie
John L. Schade — Minneapolis, MN — Hudon/Beaulieu/Bellecourt/Lemay/Soulier/
Cloutier
Jan Langevin — Shoreview, MN — Langevin/Potevin/Arpin/Dupre/Capistrant
Mickie M. Hulteen—Mpls., MN — Trahan/Desloges/Doucet/Bourgeois/Daussy/Leblanc
Mary Lou Pates — W. St. Paul, MN — Gauthier/Clarmont/St-Aubin
Earl Belisle — Minneapolis, MN
Justa Cardinal — St. Paul, MN — Archambault/Dion/Menard/Langelier
Rita Schmidt — St. Paul, MN — Metis researcher
Rose Lalancette Johnson—St. Paul, MN — LeBouvier/Bellerose dit Rivot dit Rivoir/
LeMoine/Hus dit Paul
Audrey Nadeau Flaherty — St. Paul, MN — Lizat/Peltier/Rauleau
Barbara Fisette Lambrecht—Mpls., MN — Fiset-Fisette/Berthiaume/Bousquet/
Girouard/Bourgeois/Loiseau/Rouillard/Roy
Huberta Bennett — St. Paul, MN — Auger-Auge/Gagne/Morrisette/Bibeau/Baudreau
Mary Ann Galvin Nelson — St. Paul, MN — Langevin/Lessard
Beverly Simmelink — St. Paul, MN — Gauthier/DeLisle/Fernette/Claremont
Dave Chatelaine — Brooklyn Park, MN — Francis LaBrie/John Baptiste LaBrie
Pat Brosseau — Cottage Grove, MN — Brosseau/Caron/Couture
Medrick Forkey — Plymouth, MN — Belloin/Blouin/Besaw/Bisson
Joyce Holcomb — Minnetonka, MN —Guertin /Chiniquy/Fraser/Perreault/LaGuen
Dorothy Chandler — St. Louis Park, MN — Papineau/Dontigny/Gagne/Godin
Al Dahlquist — Brooklyn Park, MN —Bibeau/Vadnais/Pariseau/Dalpe
Jan-Marie Breault — Mpls., MN —Brault/Breault/Richer/Richie
Judy Palmquist — Mpls., MN —Crevier / Graveline / Baudreau/ Sirsis
Nancy Doerfler — Brooklyn Park, MN — LeCount/Brunelle/Atkins
Elmer Courteau — St. Paul, MN
Ray Bissonnette — St. Paul, MN
Ruth Charest — New Hope, MN

DONATIONS

Al Dahlquist	Justa Cardinal	Medrick Forkey
Lloyd Bellefeuille	Jan Langevin	Betty Rheume
Joyce Senne	Freda Taranto	Jan-Marie Breault
Joseph Brouillard	Dorothy Chandler	Marie Pearce
Patricia Barr	Florence Meron	Rhonda Glofcheski
Mrs. Elizabeth Hoaglund	Dave & Mary Chatelaine	Thomas Auger
Wayne Kelly	Mickie M. Hulteen	

DUPLICATE BOOKS FOR SALE OR TRADE

The Parishes of New Hamps/
Repertoire Des Mariages Bat
Mariages de Loretteville, St-

age

Repertoire Des Marr Ste-Gertrude, Comte Nicolet 1849-1920
Repertoire Des Marr Ste-Monique, Comte Nicolet 1844-1965
Repertoire Des Marr Ste-Angele-De-Laval, Comte Nicolet 1870-1960
Repertoire Des Marr De Nicolet 1719-1960
Repertoire Des Marr N.D. de L'Esperance De Giffard 1962-1976
Repertoire Des Marr St-Joseph, Ottawa 1856-1984
Repertoire Des Marr Ste-Anne de Sudbury 1883-1983

QUERY SECTION —

- Q136 For Leo Beauchamp. Would like to make contact with the family of MELINA BEAUCHAMP b. 10 Sept. 1851, dau of AUGUSTINE BEAUCHAMP & ZOE BEAUCHAMP, St-Jerome, Que. Melina marr MARCEL BRUNET 3 Nov. 1868 St-Jerome, d. 2 June 1913. Know of 3 daus only have name of one, MARIE ANGE. Planning FAMILY REUNION of descendants of Augustine & Zoe on July 12 & 13 at OLGA, ND. Please write or call collect (evenings only). LEO BEAUCHAMP, Olga Route, Box 110, Langdon, ND 58249 USA 1-701-549-2797
- Q137 For Trudy Belcher. Desire parentage and siblings of PIERRE BONNEAU (also used BERNO) b. ca 1800. Son Julius b. 1827, d. 22 May 1874, Texas, Ohio, Marr Bridget Clark. Who did Pierre marry and were there other children?

Who were the parents of MARY BLANCHE BONNEAU, marr 1890 Illinois to EDOUARD PARMENTIER. She had brothers Joseph and Fred. All their children b. in Clark Co., WA. I have death cert but parents names omitted. Any help greatly appreciated.
- Q138 For Ione Kilgore. Need info about ZOE PEPIN dit LACHANCE who married MOISE LA FONTAINE 14 Jan. 1840. These are my grandparents on maternal side. Also need vitals on MARGUERITE PERET dit LAPENSEE? She married JOSEPH PATNODE 4 Nov. 1848, St-Martine, Chateaugauy.
- Q139 For Trudy Belcher. Need death info on my grandfather, METHUEN W. JONES who supposedly died in a train wreck in 1910. He was married in 1886, Minneapolis, MN to EMMA STEPTOE.
- Q140 For Robert Trudeau. LOUIS DAVID TRUDEAU, need help tracing him to Drouin or Tanguay. b. 22 Mar 1854 d. 3 Nov. 1927. Marr Margaret Allard. He poss came from Medicine Hat, Alberta. Also looking for b. date and place of ALEXIS TRUDEAU. His father Francois came from Chambly, P.Q. Alexis marr ISABELLE DALGLISH need info on her too. Need b. dates and locations for three of their children. Alfred Edward, Arthur Ovid and George.

Last but not least need any info on FRANCOIS TRUDEAU who marr ZOE POUDRET dit LAVIGNE.
- Q141 For Eugenie Fellows. Need b. or Bap., death dates, places and parents for CHARLES CARON (1834-1905) and MARGUERITE MORIN (1839-1909), also date, place of marr of Charles and Marguerite. Their son OLIVIER CARON marr ca 1890 (maybe Mich) JULIA BENOIT. Olivier and Julia with children resided Huot, MN 1898. Dau Clara b. 3 Mar. 1891 Calumet, Mich.
- Q142 For Gloria Clement. Need the children of GODEFROI CLEMENT who marr GENEVIEVE SICARD 26 Aug. 1851 Maskinonge. Any descendants please contact me.

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QUERY SECTION (Continued) —

- Q143 For Janet Evers. Seeking info on the parents of HENRY BELAIR 1831-1904 and his wife ELLEN SNYDER 1834-1916. Came to MN about 1866 from the Hogansburg, NY area. The Belair family came to NY from Quebec. Janet would also like to correspond with anyone who has info on ADELINE JESMER 1843-1906 who came to Mille Lacs Cty., MN with husband NELSON (NARCISSE) GROW in 1869 from either St-Lawrence or Franklin Cty., NY.
- Q144 For Francis A. Doucette. Searching for dates and birthplaces of DAVID DOUCETTE my grandfather and his siblings. He was b. 1833 somewhere in Ontario. Also looking for any info on Pierre Edward or Edward DOUCETTE who may be my gr grandfather. He was a pioneer of Lafontaine settlement in 1830's not far from Penetanguishene, Ontario. Think Pierre's wife was Genevieve Kennedy. Can anyone out there help me? My only info comes from a priest in Toronto who sent the following: Pierre David Doucet and Marie Madeleine Doucet, both bap 18 Jan. 1836 at Penetanguishene, Ontario. Children of Edouard Doucet and Genevieve Kennedy. I have no proof these are the ones I am searching for.
- Q145 For Jeannine Rachner. Need parents and location of JOSEPH VICTOR DuBOIS b. 9 Mar. 1888 marr 16 Feb. 1909 at New Liverpool, Que. to LAURA M. CADORET b. 1 Aug. 1888. (Research comm has never heard of New Liverpool, Que. only Liverpool, Nova Scotia.) Can anyone out there help?
- Q146 For Rhonda Glofcheski. Need the following marriages, locations, etc. FRANK LEROUX to VALERIE WOLFE ca 1895-1900 Also ALEXIS WOLFE & MATHILDE PERREAULT (parents of Valerie) Also JOSEPH KENNY to EULALIE PERSONNE-LAFOND. New York members please check your files for these. Could be Quebec or New York.

Request from researcher RUTH CHAREST. Someone borrowed my ANCESTOR CHART BOOK. I am in need of it. Please return it or call me.

ATTENTION DuPUIS MEMBERS —

GASTON LUCIEN DuPUIS, of the Centre de la Genealogie de Montreal/C.P. 724, Succ. "C" / Montreal, Que. Canada H2L 4L5, sends a letter concerning the DuPuis line and all variations in spelling. He has amassed more than 70,000 sheets dealing with 80 different "roots" from France to Acadia and later to the USA. He would like to exchange information on the DuPuis families. He writes that any small detail, stories, photos, etc. would be appreciated and any variation in the DuPuis name would help. Each letter will be answered. He also states that research exclusively on DuPuis families are FREE at all times.

P.S. Attention Louisiana members . . . he also needs your help. He is an Acadian descendant of those deported from Acadia in 1755.

CORRECTION — In the December issue of Cousins et Cousines, page 286, Holy Family Church Cemetery, it states that among the graves without markers are those of Lyle and Viola Zettel. We are pleased to report that Lyle and Viola Zettel are alive and well in Little Falls. Thank you Lloyd Bellefeuille for setting things straight.

BOOK DONATIONS

Histoire de Gerlais / DesJarlais 1665—1985
Compiled and donated by member Philip DeJarlais

CELEBRATING THE ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

WINDSOR — The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) will be 25 years old in 1986, and part of the year-long celebration will happen at its annual May convention.

The province-wide genealogical group, with a membership of more than 4,500 people across North America, will be holding Seminar '86 at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, May 23, 24 and 25, 1986.

Everything begins Friday evening with a "costume ball," as delegates come 'as their favorite ancestor.'

This year's theme is, "In The Footsteps Of The Habitant." Included among the scheduled speakers are P. William Filby of Maryland, author of more than 22 books including "Passenger & Immigration Lists," James L. Hansen of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Colin Chapman of the Federation of Family History Societies in England and Joy Reisinger, editor of "Lost In Canada." The sessions will include French-Canadian, British, Cornish, Indian and Mennonite research, genetics, War of 1812 losses, death causes based on the 1871 censuses, municipal records, and more.

For further information and the registration brochure, write to: OGS Seminar '86, Tecumseh P.O. Box 3351, Windsor, Ontario N8N 3C4 or call (519) 944-6148.

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GABRIEL FRANCHERE

Gabriel Franchere Jr. was born in Montreal, 3 Nov. 1786. He was a trader, voyageur and author of "Relation." In the spring of 1810, he was hired for a five year term by the Pacific Company, founded by John-Jacob Astor of New York. He worked on the Tonkin Ship, commanded by Jonathan Thorn. In April, 1811 they landed on the southern bank of the Columbia River. The Astoria Post was erected there, named after the promotor of the expedition. It was located about 15 miles from the mouth of the river.

The War of 1812 forced the American Corporation to join with the Northwest Company in order to save her commercial stock from the plundering of the English Frigates. Franchere accepted temporary service and declined more advantages offers, then departed to Montreal. He made his way across the continent as far as Athabaska and paddling on the rivers as far as the Great Lakes he reached his destination in September of 1819. In 1820 he published his "Relations D'Un Voyage A La Cote Nord-Quest De L'Amerique Septentrionale 1810-1814;" which was edited by M. Bibaud. This English version was achived by J.V. Huntington in New York.

Gabriel Franchere Jr. died at his son-in-laws home, 12 April 1863 in St. Paul, Minnesota. His son-in-law was the Mayor of St. Paul.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CEMETERY (Continued from last issue)

Marker Inscriptions:

SIMMONS, Edward; 1896-1983
----, Olive; 1898-1972

SONTAG, Joseph A.; Jan. 12, 1908-Aug. 22, 1983
----, Catherine T.; May 21, 1922 _____Married Sept. 14, 1942

SPEIKER, Robert J.; Nov. 11, 1889—Dec. 19, 1953
----, Gladys; Sept. 10, 1904—Apr. 9, 1955

SPECKER, Sadie E.; Nov. 7, 1902—Sept. 27, 1973

STONER, Eugene H.; Apr. 9, 1937—Sept. 21, 1982 Army—Korea

ST. ONGE, Alma; Nov. 7, 1893—Oct. 24, 1962
----, George; Dec. 1886—May 27, 1957
----, Charles; 1898—1965
----, Aurora; 1899—1983

ST. ONGE, Rose; 1891—1929 (mother)

ST. ONGE, Jule Sr.; Nov. 8, 1861—Apr. 24, 1947

ST. ONGE, Jule W.; Sept. 19, 1893—Dec. 13, 1964
----, Regine; Sept. 9, 1893_____

ST. MARIE, Josephine; Apr. 1804—Nov. 1918

ST. MARIE, Regina; 1907—1945

SURA, Lawrence T.; Aug. 8, 1885—Sept. 17, 1950
----, Catherine H.; Sept. 10, 1890—Jan. 18, 1976

STROMENGER, Alfred E.; 1912—1965
----, H. Eldora 1917_____

TSCHIDA, Michael; Sept. 29, 1900—Sept. 2, 1968
----, Emma; Feb. 5, 1905—Mar. 21, 1964

TURMELL, Mrs. Admir; Dec. 24, 1892—Dec. 10, 1918

TUZENSKI, Edward; May 10, 1920—Oct. 28, 1980 U.S. Army W.W. 2
----, Victorial; Dec. 17, 1919_____

TWHOLSKY, Edward E.; Mar. 24, 1907—Jan. 27, 1982
----, Margaret; Aug. 1, 1912—Jan. 28, 1972

VALLEE, Phillip; Dec. 13, 1873—Mar. 11, 1882
----, Clara; Dec. 14, 1867—Mar. 3, 1882
----, Israel; May 1, 1870—Mar. 6, 1882

VALLEY, Albert O.; 1898—1978
----, daughter Lucille; 1924—1943

VALLEY, David E.; Apr. 1, 1899—Nov. 3, 1918
 ----, Edward W.; Feb. 29, 1919—Apr. 3, 1919

VALLEY, Louis; Apr. 23, 1864—Dec. 18, 1942
 ----, Josephine Bisson; July 19, 1864—Oct. 22, 1928

VALLEY, William; 1885—1972
 ----, Exina E.; 1888—1957

VALLEY, Marie Eroux; 1898

VAN DENHEUVEL, Joseph J.; May 20, 1917_____
 ----, Dorothy M.; (Pasch); Sept. 1, 1922—Oct. 26, 1984

VERLEY, Arthur R.; June 10, 1903_____
 ----, Selma O.; Oct. 24, 1900—July 24, 1983
 Married Nov. 28, 1928 Parents of DeAnne

VORNBROCK, Joseph; Feb. 3, 1895—Aug. 29, 1961
 ----, Catherine; Jan. 9, 1901—Nov. 13, 1982
 ----, Margaret Ann; Oct. 25, 1922—Apr. 21, 1946

WAGNER, Lewis Robert; Oct. 20, 1887—Sept. 10, 1943
 ----, Agnes Marie; Oct. 25, 1896—July 31, 1936

WALSH, George C.; 1900—1981
 ----, Maude M.; 1906—1980

WALSH, Michael L.; Sept. 2, 1912—Nov. 4, 1977

WALSH, Father; 1865—1936
 ----, Mother; 1873—1946
 ----, Edmund; 1902—1950

WALSH, Francis; 1941_____

WARMUTH, John W. U.S. Army W.W. 1 May 17, 1892—Apr. 2, 1977

WEBER, George C.; Apr. 13, 1896—July 7, 1960
 ----, Monica C.; Mar. 4, 1905_____

WHITE, Mrs. Francis; illegible old metal cross

WINTERQUIST, Carl R.; 1900_____
 ----, Winnifred C.; 1899—1974

WINZENBURG, Frank J. Oct. 2, 1874—May 5, 1847
 ----, Elizabeth C.; July 18, 1876—Sept. 16, 1951

WIRTZ, Charles J.; 1887—1966

At the east end of the cemetery are the graves of priests and nuns who served at Holy Name Church and convent.

Father Henri Pellet; Apr. 9, 1881—Aug. 3, 1955

Pastor of Belle Prairie Parish from June 1916 to June 1949

Marie Pellet, sister of Henri; Oct. 1, 1869—Nov. 8, 1946

Rev. Barras; died Nov. 10, 1915 — Age 52

Sister Mary Gemma King; died Apr. 19, 1912

Sister Mary Ursula Cavinard; died Feb. 5, 1920

Sister Mary Edmund Flynn; died July 14, 1932

Sister Mary Angela Farrell; died Aug. 14, 1943

Sister Mary Stephanie O'Brien 1906—1965

Sister Mary Consilia Williams 1913—1962

Sister Mary of the Angels O'Sullivan 1916—1955

DONATIONS TOTTALLING \$73.00 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Leo BEAUCHAMP, Cathy BLOUIN, R. BOHNSACK, Jeanne BERGEON BUTKUS, Dorothy CHANDLER, AI DAHLQUIST, H.R. DESCHENE, R. L. GAGNE, Dean Milton PETTIS, and David M. SCHMIT.

CHARPENTIER FAMILY LINE

The Charpentier Family by Robert R. Charpentier/Rt. 1 Box 464B/Stoneville, NC 27048. Price \$20.00 postage paid.

Robert Charpentier was kind enough to donate a copy of his book to NWTF&CHI. His line goes back to Cyprien Charpentier of Veulette-en-Caux, Normandy, who married Catherine Therelle. The book has 172 pages including a very good index. Nice work Robert!

NOTE: Robert would like to hear from others with the Charpentier line and has promised to answer their letters. Wouldn't hurt to enclose a SASE as there are a lot of Charpentiers out there!

BOOK LIST

Submitted by Eugenie Fellows, 21 Williams Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL 34249

Tanguay Vo. I

Leboeuf

La Population du Canada en 1663

by Marcel Trudel

Les Ancetres Beauportois (1634-1760)

by Michel Langlois

The Leriget Family by Meurgey de

Tupigny, Chartres, 1964

Les Anciennes Familles du Quebec

Descendants of David Letourneau

Nos Ancetres, Vol. I and II by

Gerard Lebel

Mariages de Boucherville

Annentafel of Maurice E. Jarvis

(Gervais-Gervaise)

Mariages du Comte de
Laprairie

Mariages du Notre-Dame
de Laprairie

Mariages du Comte de
Napierville

A History of Red Lake
County, Minnesota

Clement Lerige, son origin
et sa famille en France
by Roger D. Parent

Clement Lerige et sa des-
cendance by Parent

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HISTORIC ACADIA

Acadia — today the word usually refers to those areas of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island inhabited by French-speaking Canadians whose history in the Maritime provinces goes back several centuries. In the past the word referred to a smaller area, mainly the shores of the Bay of Fundy and its inlets where French colonists established their farms in the 17th and 18th centuries.

In this isolated corner of North America there evolved a community unique in North America. The Acadians were basically an agricultural people but, unlike other settlers on this continent, they cleared no forests nor broke any prairie sod. They chose instead to exploit the rich soils of the tidal marshlands of the Bay of Fundy; by raising large earthen dykes along the shore they kept out the high tides and drained the land for agriculture. On the former marshlands the Acadians grazed large herds of cattle and grew prolific crops of hay for their livestock, as well as grain for their own use; they also kept productive orchards and vegetable gardens.

Acadia Different

Acadia also differed from the French colonies on the St. Lawrence River and in Newfoundland in that furs and fish were not the most important products of its economy. Fish and game were plentiful and occasionally the Acadians caught a surplus for trade, but generally they were no more than a supplement to their economy. There were small settlements on the St. John River and the Strait of Canso and at Cape Sable, however, which depended on fur-trading and fishing.

In contrast with most European settlers in North America the Acadians generally experienced congenial and cooperative relations with their Indian neighbours. There was some inter-marriage between the two groups and most of the Micmacs converted to Christianity. Acadians were quick to discover that their enemy was not the Indians but other Europeans.

Frequent Attacks

Over the years Acadia suffered frequent attacks from the English colonies to the South. Some of the attacks were the work of men hoping to seize Acadia in the mistaken belief that it held a rich treasury of furs. Others were the work of pirates knowing that the Acadians were easy to plunder.

Most serious, however, were the clashing interests of the British and French empires. The Acadians were a border people inhabiting a crucial zone coveted by two powerful neighbours. The two forces did not fight over Acadia for its agricultural wealth but because it occupied a strategic position between New England and Canada. Acadians were usually the first to suffer whenever hostilities arose between the imperial powers. For example, whenever France went to war with Britain in Europe its officials in Acadia would outfit privateer ships and Micmac warparties to raid the English colonies; Acadians were seldom involved but it was they who suffered when the New Englanders retaliated.

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**NORTHWEST TERRITORY FRENCH & CANADIAN HERITAGE INSTITUTE
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1985
Submitted by Dorothy M. Chandler
1 January 1986**

For the Quarter Ended	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31	Year Total
Balance on Hand (Beginning)	\$1,233.31	\$1,151.61	\$1,018.35	\$1,081.15	
Receipts:					
Membership Dues	134.51	105.00	228.00	265.50	\$ 733.01
Donations	101.00	86.00	95.00	244.00	526.00
Book Sales	1,199.00	217.50	201.00	489.00	2,106.50
Misc. Sales & Fees	11.70	4.00	59.00	4.00	78.70
Reimbursements	—	25.00	23.40	—	48.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,679.52	\$1,589.11	\$1,624.75	\$2,083.65	
Disbursements:					
Books & Library Materials	\$ 167.65	\$ 392.67	\$ 282.38	\$ 136.25	\$ 978.95
Postage	134.63	72.85	98.86	142.84	529.77
Printing	1,167.90	71.85	137.50	188.30	1,565.55
Speaker Fees & Meeting Expenses	35.00	—	—	50.00	85.00
Supplies	22.73	25.33	24.86	20.00	92.92
Bank Charges	—	8.06	—	—	8.06
Memberships & Subscriptions & Fees	—	—	—	33.50	33.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,527.91	\$ 570.76	\$ 543.60	\$ 570.89	
BALANCE ON HAND (Ending)	\$1,151.61	\$1,018.35	\$1,018.15	\$1,512.76	

The following Poem is reprinted with the permission of Trudy Belcher. We thank her for sharing this with us.

ALL YOU CAN LEAVE FOR YOUR
HEIRS THAT WILL COUNT
ISN'T CASH, SOCIAL STANDING
NOR FAME
FOR THE SKELETONS THAT HIDE
IN YOUR CLOSETS FALL OUT
AND ALL THAT REMAINS
IS YOUR NAME
WE ALL ERR AND STUMBLE,
WE FALL MANY TIMES
BUT THE ACTION WE TAKE
IS WHAT COUNTS

FOR HONESTY, CARING — THE
PRIDE OR DECEIPT
MAKES THE GUILT DISAPPEAR,
OR IT MOUNTS
SOMEWHERE, THERE'S SOMEONE
WHO'LL WALK IN YOUR SHOES
ONE WHO THINKS THERE'S
NO WRONG YOU COULD DO
SO HE PATTERNS HIS LIFE WITH
THE PATTERN YOU LEAVE
AND WHAT YOU MAKE IT —
IS ALL UP TO YOU

---Trudy Belcher

AN INTERESTING ANCESTOR – MOISE DUPUIS

Submitted by Eugenie Fellows, No. 488, 21 Williams Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL 34249

Dupuis is a very common surname among French-Canadians and there are many bearing this name in the United States as well as many having a Dupuis among ancestors. Some members of NWT&CHI may have this particular Dupuis as an ancestor, as I have.

Moise Dupuis is one of the subjects of an article in *Memoires*, journal of the Societe Genealogique Canadienne–Francaise, (April-May-June 1966), "Les deux families Dupuis, de Laprairie." In this article, by Jean-Jacques Lefebvre, is related what M. Lefebvre had found about the marriage of Moise Dupuis to a "Dutch" woman. His article relates that Moise participated in raids into the Dutch-held territory around what is now Albany, N.Y. (called Fort Orange then) and Schenectady (called Corlaer), N.Y. and is assumed to have brought back a female prisoner, whom he had married, Marie-Anne-Louise Christiansen. Lefebvre states that she was baptised in Montreal in July 1699. As Lefebvre found no record in the Montreal Archives of the marriage of Moise and Marie-Anne, he assumes the couple may have been married in the Corlaer area.

Several of us who are descended from this interesting couple have been researching recently and have found data as well as formulated theories. The material that follows is based on consolidation of these research efforts.

In the *Records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany, New York of 1683-1809*, is the following entry under marriages, 1697: "July 21. Moses De Puis, y.m. from Canada, and Annetje Christiansz, y.d., both 1. here." (This is an English translation of the original Dutch, made for the book cited. In this, y.m. means young man, y.d. means young damsel, and 1. means living.) This appears to verify the date and place of the marriage of Moise Dupuis and Marie-Anne-Louise (Annetje) Christiansen. She received the names Marie and Louise as part of the baptismal ceremony in Montreal in 1699. In this baptismal record is a statement that she was about 23 or 24 years old, which indicates a birth date of about 1675 which has been used for her.

Due to the fighting on both sides of the present Canadian-American border during the 17th and 18th Centuries, many records were destroyed, or have never been found. It is assumed, with good reason, that Marie-Anne Christiansen was born in Corlaer (Schenectady). There are records of the person assumed to be her father buying land there in 1671. In *Genealogies of the First Settlers of Schenectady*, 1973, the author, Jonathan Pearson, states that the original village (Corlaer), settled about 1663, was entirely destroyed 8 February 1690, with inhabitants killed or scattered and the records of the early years probably burned in the destruction of the minister's parsonage. Therefore it is very likely that the records of the birth of Moise Dupuis' wife will never be found.

Although Lefebvre, in his article, wonders if it was during that raid that Moise captured his future wife, my research suggests that it was not. First, if he had captured her in 1690 (he would have been 17 and she 15 years old), why did they not marry until 1697? Secondly, I have reviewed published lists of persons captured, persons killed, persons receiving aid after the massacre, persons surviving, etc. and have found no Christiansens. Further, there is a listing of the baptism (Dutch Reformed Church) of a child of the persons assumed to be the parents of Marie-Anne, in 1685 in Albany, as well as the fact that the marriage record of Moise and Annetje states, "both living here." Therefore, while Moise may have captured Annetje on some other raid, shortly before they were married, it seems to me more likely that they met while Moise was in Albany on business connected with the fur trade and that they were married after a normal courtship.

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There is some doubt among the various authors who have published books containing data on the origin of Christian Christiansen who is assumed to be the father of Annetje, with some evidence for a Dutch origin and some for a Scandinavian origin. My research indicates that there was a good deal of traveling back and forth between the various countries of Europe bordering the sea so that a person born in one country might well have taken ship and emigrated from another country.

One ancestral line, published in *Virkus' Compendium*, attributes the parentage of Christian Christiansen to Jan Christiansen, son of Hendrick Christiansen, an early ship master and explorer of the Hudson River area. And the close ties of the family assumed to be that of Marie-Anne with the Dutch Reformed Church supports the theory of Dutch ancestry. Several children of Christian and his wife Maritie Ysbrantsen Elders were baptised in the Dutch Reformed Church, Annetje and Moise were married in Albany in that church, and there is record of the membership of Ysbrant Elderszen, grandfather of Marie-Anne, as a member of that church in Albany 1683, as having transferred his membership to a branch of that church in Bergen, N.J. in 1690, and as having died there as a member of that church in 1696. Of course, it would have also been acceptable for a person from another country and religion (Christian?) to have married a Dutch woman and joined the Dutch church. We will probably never solve all the puzzles in the ancestry of Annetje nor in how she and Moise met.

Descendants of this interesting couple can be found from the following marriages of their children listed in the marriage repertoire of Notre-Dame de La Prairie de La Madeleine:

Anne	to Hilaire Girardin
Charles	to Therese Tremblay
	to Josephte La Porte
Charlotte	to Pierre Laporte
Marie	to Guillaume Beaudin
Barbe	to Paul Leriger (my ancestors)
Francois	to Marie-Anne Roy
Marie-Anne	to Nicolas David

The following information was submitted by Pat Ustine, 8811 W. Stuth Ave., West Allis, WI 53227.

If the NWTF&CHI society doesn't have in its book collection, *Le Dictionnaire des Familles de Saint-Didace 1820-1968* and *Le Supplement de Dictionnaire de Familles de Saint-Didace 1820-1970* both by Gabriel Sarrasin, o.m.i., I'd be willing to share information for your query committee.

St. Didace, Maskinonge Co. Quebec is where my grandfather Joseph Gagne came from. The books are indexed and the supplement is also indexed by female surname.

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