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Saint-Gabriel is a city of the administrative area of Lanaudière, Québec located near the lake Maskinongé. The city occupies a surface of about 2 square miles and gathers a little less than three thousand Gabriéloises and Gabriélois.

It is in 1837 that is born *Saint-Gabriel-du-Lac-Maskinongé*, later renamed Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon. In 1893, Saint-Gabriel is divided into two civil municipalities: Saint-Gabriel village and Saint-Gabriel parish, who is part of today's parish.

Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon and the brothers Henri and Joseph Éloi Archambault, sons of Francois, churches' builder, and Ozine Magnan of l'Assomption

***Family tree
of
Henri et de Joseph Éloi***

Jacques France around the 1629 Françoise Tourault

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Jean Notre-Dame, Montréal 06/04/1708 Cécile Lefebvre

Gervais Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montréal 02/06/1742 Charlotte Thouin

Gervais Longue-Pointe, Montréal 02/22/1773 Judith Lapointe dit Desautels

Gervais Saint-Jacques-de-Montcalm 11/24/1806 Louise Patris

François Xavier Saint-Jacques-de-Montcalm 08/18/1835 Adélaïde Richard

François Xavier L'Épiphanie 01/15/1861 Ozine Magnan

Henri et Joseph Éloi

Henri Archambault (1871-1948)

Doctor, Mayor of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon and County Prefect

D^r Henri Archambault was born in Pointe-Claire on March 4th 1871. His father, who was entrepreneur and church builder, normally resided in L'Assomption. But since he was building the Saint-Joachim of Pointe-Claire Church, he lived in that area during the course of its construction.

The future doctor completed his studies at L'Assomption College in 1891. He studied medicine at Laval University and was admitted to practice in 1895. After a few months of rest, he settled in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon in January 1896. He married Joséphine Cormier of Hartford (Connecticut) on January 18th, 1898.

D^r Archambault had a good clientele in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon and Saint-Damien where in May 1909, he opened an office at Ludger Peltier's place. He went there every Tuesday.

In 1909, he became the administrator of property left by his father, François Archambault (Monday Property) in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon.

The Parish Council also charged him with overseeing the application of hygiene rules in his area.

A fervent mutualist, he was named President of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Independents, the Artisans, the National Alliance, and of the Saint-Joseph Union of Canada. He was also the examiner of each of these societies.

He was one of those who contributed the most to the success of the town choir. He also took an active part in different political battles. He became Mayor of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon and County Prefect in 1915.

Under his leadership, Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon took a giant step towards progress by integrating electricity. He almost succeeded in making Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon the Berthier County capital. He died at age 77 and was buried in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon on June 14th 1948.



Photo: Richard Archambault

Photo of Henri's house taken in 2015

Joseph Éloi Archambault, Public Notary (1861-1916)

Joseph Éloi was born on December 3, 1861 in Saint-Jacques-L'Achigan, Lanaudière, Québec, son of François Archambault and Ozine Magnan.



Upon completion of studies at L'Assomption College, he went to Laval University and was admitted to notarial practice in 1885. He then settled in the Village of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon, Lanaudière, Québec.

Richly endowed with popularity, he became Mayor of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon, from 1895 to 1907, and Prefect of Berthier County from 1895 to 1900. Upon being appointed Montréal's Inspector of Weights and Measures by the Laurier Government, he served as a Liberal MP for Berthier in the Canadian House of Commons from 1900 to 1908. After 1911, he held the same public office under the Borden Government.

As a mayoral candidate for the village of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon, he won majority votes far beyond any that his competition, Mr. Beausoleil, could ever imagine.

The notary's home was destroyed by fire, on election night of 1911.

Being an entertaining singer, as well as a lover of music, he contributed enormously to the success of our choir of song.

It was under his administration as mayor, that an aqueduct was built to provide the village with water 365 days per year. Prior to that, the village water supply was sporadic and we could not imagine establishing a fire department.

He directed and assisted all companies who aspired to contribute to the development of the County and the Parish.

A serious illness forced him to request leave. He retired to Joliette where he died on December 23, 1916. He was buried at Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon.

He married Marie Anne Parent on February 9, 1886, in Plessisville, Centre-du-Québec. The three children born of this marriage were all born in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon.

The Children of Joseph Eloi and Marie Anne Parent

Rev. Odon Archambault, born November 18, 1886, was the first pastor of Crabtree, Lanaudière, Québec. The Crabtree city street named '*Archambault*' is in his honor. Graduate of L'Assomption College in 1922, he was founding pastor of Sacred Heart Parish of Crabtree Mills where he ministered for over 15 years. He later became pastor of *Saint-Pierre de Joliette*, and died there on March 28, 1950.



Cécile was born in Saint-Gabriel on January 24, 1888 and died in that city on February 3, 1962. On May 2, 1912 she married Rodolphe Girard of Ottawa, at Saint-Jacques of Montréal Parish.



Rodolphe, a native of Trois-Rivières, lived with his parents in Montréal from the age of 12. He attended Commercial and Catholic Academies, before becoming a journalist for *La Patrie* and *La Presse*. In 1900 he published his first novel, *Florence*. Four years later he published another novel, *Marie Calumet* that was condemned by the Archbishop of Montréal, Msgr. Paul Bruchési.

He lost his job as a journalist and left Montréal for Ottawa. He got a job at the newspaper “*Le Temps*” and became a translator of House of Commons proceedings. He was recruited into the Canadian Army during the WWI, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in WWII, before retiring in 1941. In his career as a journalist, he wrote four novels, hundreds of stories, and a dozen theatrical plays.

Berthe born January 5, 1890 and died the same year on May 24.



The Church of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon

On a pastoral visit to Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon on July 19, 1885, Msgr. Fabre ordered that necessary steps be taken to repair the portal and roof of the Church, the sacristy, the covered walkway and the rectory.

One of Msgr. Fabre’s secretaries was the Rev. Joseph Hector Alfred Archambault, who later became the first bishop of the Diocese of Joliette, which included the Parish of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon. Father Joseph Hector, church deacon, was the son of lawyer and Louis Archambault and Élisabeth Dugal.



Photo: Richard Archambault, 2015

On December 13, 1885, it was decided to redo with shingles or tinplate the roof, the sacristy and the covered walkway, to securely repair the portal, to cover the inner arch with three coats of paint, to whitewash the walls, to take measures to provide for an organ, a bell of approximately 690 kg (1,500 lbs), and give in exchange the two bells in the belfry for another in the belfry of approximately 454 kg (1,000 lbs) and to repair the rectory, etc.



It was François Archambault of L'Assomption, father of Henry and Joseph Éloi, who undertook the repair of the church. The repair work was actively pursued and finalized in 1887.

Moreover, François has also constructed, enlarged, decorated, and furnished twenty other churches in Québec from 1855 to 1890.

On August 17, 1887, Mr. Vicar-General Maréchal came to solemnly bless the bells for the Church. Joseph Éloi Archambault and his wife, Marie Anne Parent, were among the sponsors at the ceremony.

The Rev. Urgel Archambault, son of Jean-Baptiste and Amable Chartier, was among those who signed the registers. Father Urgel was at that time Pastor of Saint-Felix-de-Valois, neighboring Parish of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon. When Pastor of Saint-Barthélemy (1861-1879), his church was destroyed by fire, the Church interior and altars were later restored by Contractor François Archambault.



In June 1905, Bishop Joseph Alfred Archambault made his pastoral visit. He recommended the reconstruction of the church. On his pastoral visit of June 2, 1907, Bishop Archambault once again recommends the reconstruction of the Church.

On December 9, the freeholders of the parish sent the Bishop a petition with 277 signatures requesting permission to build a new church, the old one being too old to be repaired and too small. Needless to say, the Bishop concurred wholeheartedly with their request.



On January 29, 1911, Bishop Archambault presided at a Meeting of Freeholders. He was advised that construction costs for the new church totaled \$79,712: \$74,895 for Patenaude, \$3,744 for Venue and \$1,500 for other expenses.

On June 12, 1910, Bishop Archambault made another pastoral visit. He complimented the accountant and administrator of funds, as well as the parishioners, for the many sacrifices they were making for the construction of their church. The Bishop solemnly blessed the first stone for the church on that day.

On October 1, 1911, Bishop Joseph Alfred Archambault came to bless the church's three bells. The first, weighing 771 kg (1,700 lbs) was named *Pie*, the second weighing 590 kg (1,300 lbs) was named *Joseph Alfred*, and the third weighing 454 kg (1,000 lbs) was named *Pierre Joseph Francois-Xavier*.



The Sisters of Sainte-Anne Convent – Academy (former School)



The convent, being too small to accommodate its staff, Canon Sylvestre, Clement's successor, resolved to endow the parish with a more spacious and hygienic construction. To this end, he obtained a grant of \$1,000.00 from the Provincial Government, and donated \$500.00 to the cause. The parishioners of Saint-Gabriel subscribed generously, giving a handsome sum of \$2,860.00. And that was not the last expression of the pastor and his flock's zeal, as we shall see later.

Bishop Joseph Alfred Archambault solemnly dedicated the convent on August 23, 1903, in the presence of a large and friendly congregation. Construction costs had totaled \$23,000.00, and in spite of the generosity from the parishioners, the pastor and the Government, the nuns had to provide more than \$18,000.00. To help fill this gap, Canon Sylvestre authorized various games, wrestling matches, a fishing derby, etc., which he promoted by his presence and his own money. Several women

and distinguished ladies abetted his manner. Most of them were alumnae of the convent, who wanted to show their gratitude towards the nuns and their alma mater.

In 1905 a family debate took place between Annie Parent, wife of Joseph Éloi Archambault, J. A. Lambert, Ulric Roch, and Octavien Michaud. Annie Archambault settled for \$979.30. Although amicable, the bidding had not been the less ardent nor the less contested. Mrs. Archambault strayed no more than \$0.30 from her proposed winning bid.



The Convent is today the CLSD of Saint-Gabriel

Source: Histoire de Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon et de ses dénombremets: Saint-Damien, Saint-Didace, Saint-Charles-de-Mandeville, Saint-Cléophas, Saint-Edmond, etc.

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Obituary

Mme Pauline Caron 1925-2016

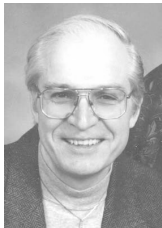


Décédée le 12 mars 2016, Pauline était l'épouse du regretté Aimé Archambault, membre de l'Association des Archambault d'Amérique depuis ses tout débuts. Pauline laisse dans le deuil sa fille Monique, membre du conseil d'administration de l'association.

Les funérailles ont eu lieu en l'église Saint-Jean-Berchmans à Montréal le 30 mars 2016.

Nos plus sincères condoléances aux enfants de Pauline: Pierre, Claude, Normand, René, Denis, Hélène Maryse et Monique ainsi qu'à tous les membres de leurs familles.

L'honorable juge Omer Archambault



Le 19 octobre 2016, est décédé à l'âge de 78 ans, l'honorable juge Omer Archambault, époux de Lorraine Saint-Arnaud de Gatineau. Omer a exercé sa profession surtout dans l'Ouest Canadien.

Les funérailles ont eu lieu de 26 novembre 2016 en l'église Saint-Médard, Aylmer, Gatineau. Outre son épouse Lorraine, Omer laisse dans le deuil ses trois enfants, ses 10 petits-enfants, trois sœurs et deux frères. Membre de notre Association depuis de nombreuses années, il était le fils de Rodolphe et de Marie Honora Courchesne.

Claude Brousseau 1942-2016



Le 13 mars 2016 est décédé à l'âge de 73 ans, M. Claude Brousseau époux de Micheline Lévesque, demeurant à Louiseville.

Les funérailles ont eu lieu le samedi 19 mars en l'église de Louiseville suivi l'inhumation au cimetière paroissial.

Claude était le frère d'André, conjoint de Nicole Archambault trésorière de notre association. Il était également le fils de Réal Brousseau et de Pauline Archambault. Pauline était la sœur de Maurice, membre de notre association depuis ses débuts.

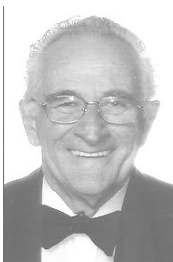
Guy Archambault 1931-2016



À Laval, le 5 avril 2016, à l'âge de 84 ans est décédé M. Guy Archambault, époux de Mme Paulette DeRoy.

Outre son épouse, il laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Ginette (Michel Demers), Pierre (Diane Boisvert) et Alain (Lucie Rivard), ses petits-enfants Mathieu, Lanie, Samuel, Guillaume, Sarah, Joël et Olivier, ses arrière-petits-enfants Kyliam et Logan, ses frères et sœurs, beaux-frères et belles-sœurs ainsi que plusieurs parents et amis.

Jacques Archambault 1928-2016



Au CHSLD du Piedmont à Saint-Jean-de-Matha, le lundi 14 mars 2016, est décédé, à l'âge de 87 ans, monsieur Jacques Archambault époux de madame Yvonique Champagne.

Jacques laisse dans le deuil, outre son épouse, ses enfants : Gaby sa conjointe Nicole Archambault, Bruno sa conjointe Johanne Delorme, ses petits-enfants : Roxanne, Maxime, Olivier, Catherine ainsi que leurs conjoints, conjointes, son arrière-petite-fille Luna.

To all afflicted families, the deepest sympathy from Les Archambault d'Amérique.

The activity of June 12, 2016



An acceptable number of Archambault responded to the invitation of the Board to meet in this very enchanting place that represents the Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon region. In fact, 59 people, despite the cool and uncertain weather, participated in this beautiful day. All exchanged in good mood. I must say that the place chosen by Léandre was enough to cheer them up because the Vignoble Saint-Gabriel has something to warm hearts.

The General meeting began on time by a welcome from our president, Raynald, who announced that the December newsletter will be on the Archambault of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon: their roles and achievements in the region. He also welcomed the presence of many of them among us that day.



In its annual report, the President recalled that last year, in Saint-Jean-de-Matha, the meeting allowed us to honor François, builder of the beautiful church of the premises and several others in Québec. He also announced that the Board of Directors prepares a special activity for Archambault in the festivities of the 375th anniversary of the founding of Montréal in 2017. He also recalled that succession is rare among the young, more or less the 40-50 years. He announced that a monograph on François will be published soon by the work of Jacques, author, Pierre, our researcher, Richard, our outgoing President and Aline, our translator. He thanked them for their efforts and many hours invested in this project.

Then he told us of an interesting new: Martin, a new member, proposed to launch and lead a Facebook group to attract young Archambaults and contribute to the promotion of our Association. At the time of this writing, the site is already functional. You can sign up by becoming a member of Facebook if you are not already a member.

At the end of his report, he thanked all those who are involved in the Association: Diane Chabot who will be replaced by Monique for the newsletter's layout, Richard, André A., Nicole, Pierre, Aline, Christine, Paul, Michel, Roger, Pierre Spérano, Marjolaine Lorrain, Jean Tourigny, Michel P., André G., Michel Jocelyne and Donia Loignon.

He concluded by recalling that build a succession is our priority so that the Association continues to grow. "It is a great challenge. I invite you to create interest and succession among the youth in your community."

After the president, Nicole presents his Treasurer's report. Our finances are healthy with assets of \$ 14,033.78. The number of active members is 175.

And our general meeting was closed on thanks to Pierre Girouard for the magnificent sculpture of the well and on the election of four members to the Board: Monique, Léandre, André A. and a new recruit, Anne-Marie.



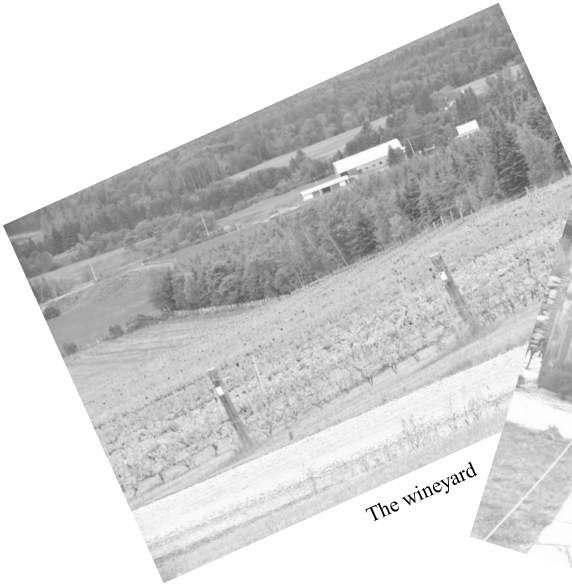
After the meeting, all gathered for a light lunch before continuing the day by visiting the museum of antique tractors, over a hundred, and the wine cellar built entirely underground. During the afternoon, several attended a free wine tasting of the vineyard and many bought. Courageous even borrowed the walking paths of 2 miles. After all these activities, a "méchoui" was served for the supper. What a delight! A nice surprise for all. A draw of five wine bottles closed this great activity.

As we say colloquially: it was worth the trip!



Léandre, meeting organizer and the owner of the vineyard





The wineyard



The wine cellar



Here, the wine aged



The draw



The chef



The museum



The tasting

Photos: Jean Tourigny and Éric Wilson

*The family of Robert Lefebvre of Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey,
“agricultural Family of the year 2015”*

Robert Lefebvre: a new agricultural champion.

Robert is a Archambault in his heart who holds this great family very dear. His mother, Théodora, was the daughter of Théodore Archambault from Valcourt in the Eastern Townships. As a farmer and breeder, Robert, Master Breeder for Holstein Canada, and his business won more than 20 prizes over the years. His children and their spouses take an active role in his business too.

The deserving Lefebvre family (Robert, his children and his in-laws), milk and beef producers in Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey, in the middle Region of Québec, was awarded the title of “Agricultural Family of the year 2015” by the *Fondation de la famille terrienne* (Foundation of the Landed Family). This homage, that comes with a 2000 CAN\$ prize, was given during a big celebration in Victoriaville, on April 23, 2016.

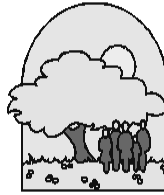
The *Fondation de la famille terrienne* aims to encourage the values that lead agricultural families in Québec to family, social and economical success. Proud of their business, multiple times prize-winners and very active in their region, all members of the Lefebvre Family bear witness everyday to the passion they have within for agriculture, living in harmony with the environment and protecting their lands for the generations to come. Devoted to milk production for four generations, Robert’s family runs the *Ferme Bois Mou* (Farm of the Soft Wood) with a passion for well-done work. And following in the steps of his own children, Mario, Nancy, Ghyslain and Annie, and their spouses, the first four of the twelve grand-children already envision a career in agriculture.

Robert, became a widow in 1996 and remarried in 2005. Robert and his wife Nicole Marcotte also dedicate themselves to wood joinery.

Our sincere congratulations to Robert and his family!



NDLR The publication of the following was graciously authorized by Robert Lefebvre whose mother was a Archambault. It was published by the *Fondation de la famille terrienne*. We wish to extend our thanks to them.



The Lefebvre Family from Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey, “*Agricultural Family of the year 2015*” celebrating in Victoriaville

The milk producers Lefebvre, in business for four generations, run with devotion and passion their farm in Central Québec.

The Robert Lefebvre farm entered a great deal of agricultural exhibitions and won numerous prizes over the years. Robert won a banner for best breeder in Sherbrooke, Richmond and Drummondville; three exhibitor banners and twelve breeder banners. He won the Regional Contest for their alfalfa fields in 1973 and the Cérés Contest in the Middle Québec Region. He got the fourth spot in the Medal of Agricultural Credit (Médaille d’or du mérite agricole) in 1981. He was the winner of the Young Elite Canadian Farmers Contest in Calgary, in 1983. In 1980, his farm was the very first one in the region to perform a successful embryonal transplantation, and in 1988, Robert became Master Holstein breeder. Following a terrible fire, the family picked itself up and built a new and more modern stable in 1991.



Very involved in his community, Robert Lefebvre is vice-president of the Agricultural Cooperative Society and participated to the creation of its management section. In 2008, the farm participated in the Open House Day on Québec farms and greeted 800 people. In 2012, it opened its door to the Holstein Club of Centre-du-Québec (Middle Region) and greeted more than 300 people. In 2015, the farm was awarded the Sustainable Development Prize for Milk Production by the Milk Producers Association of Canada.

In 1995, Robert’s son, Mario, bought 20% of the shares of the farm. Mario and his wife, Denise Joyal, bought the rest of the shares in 2001. Nancy, Robert’s eldest daughter, and her husband Marc-André Roy, own a dairy farm in Disraeli. They also sell hay.



Two of their four children decided to devote themselves to agriculture. Ghislain, second son of Robert, and his wife, Annie Boisvert, acquired a bovine farm in the town of l'Avenir in 2004 (the Annie's father business). They also produce hay; they work on the re-invigoration of their woods and transform the wood in planks for sale and for the renovation of the farm buildings. In 2009, they bought new lands and transformed the former family house in a bed and breakfast establishment. Annie, the youngest of the family is a childcare worker and works in a kindergarten in Kingsey-Falls.

Helping their community is part of the family values. The Lefebvre are very active indeed: cooperative association, Holstein Club, rural youth, cooperative savings bank, ice skating club, soft-ball club and hockey clubs, town's celebrations, the night of the homeless people, cycle lanes... All family members aspire to the well-being of their community. Even the grandchildren are participating to the collective effort, in their students' association, and as volunteers in an elderly people center and for the youth.

For the Lefebvre family, to be working in agriculture is a source of great pride. Swapping goods and services with their neighbours, making milk donations for the underprivileged, participating in the Open Doors Days of the UPA (Agricultural Producers Union of Québec) and greeting young people on the farm are all ways to an end: highlight the farming profession. Over time, the family adopted diverse measures to contribute to the environmental good practices, that is: sub-soil drainage and grading of lands, minimal work on soil before seedling, direct seeding, green manure, riparian strips, recycling of round bales and of leftovers of soya bean sprouts, etc.

From 2001 to 2003, they made heavy investments, and the business doubled its sales figure. Technological innovations and new constructions allowed for a better efficiency of the farming work. Over time, numerous Québécois and European interns, worked for the family business full time or part time. For the Lefebvre, all these people now form part of the family. This way of life allows them to take a vacation from time to time and keep a good life balance, because they do not want to have to sacrifice the quality of the family life, hobbies and a bit of leisure time.

The Lefebvre family has been dedicated to many sectors of agriculture for several generations. The first four of the twelve grand-children presently want to make a career in agriculture. This family is a living and daily testament to the passion that they have for agriculture. They live in harmony with the environment and protect their lands for the generations to come. *La Fondation de la famille terrienne* (Foundation of the Landed Family) is proud to proclaim the Lefebvre family, "Agricultural Family of the year 2015".

To the benefit of our readers, we add some information about that Foundation.

"Founded in 1956, the *Fondation de la famille terrienne* is dedicated to the promotion of the values that lead the agricultural families in Québec to family, social and economical success. Every year the Foundation awards the prize of the Agricultural Family of the Year to a deserving family in rural Québec. The Foundation has loyal partners in the Federate Coop, the *Fédération Desjardins du Québec* of the cooperative savings banks, the Association of Award-winning agricultural families and the UPA."

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Family tree of Robert Lefebvre

Jacques France around the year 1629 Françoise Tourault

Laurent Notre-Dame, Montréal 01/07/1660 Catherine Marchand

Jean Notre-Dame, Montréal 06/04/1708 Cécile Lefebvre

Joseph Pointe-aux-Trembles 01/29/1748 Agathe Beaudry

Jean-Baptiste Pointe-aux-Trembles 04/04/1785 Dorothee Debles

Jean-Baptiste Marieville 01/22/1816 Marie Anne Desnoyers dit Desmarais

Maxime Notre-Dame, Stanbridge 01/23/1855 Julie Dural

Théodore Sainte-Anne, Stukely 10/17/1898 Marie Louise Blanchard

Théodora Saint-Joseph-d'Ély, Valcourt 11/22/1941 Florian Lefebvre

Robert Lefebvre

Robert was born in Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey on December 2, 1944. After his primary and secondary studies, he entered the École d'agriculture de Bringham where he graduated in 1962. He married Jeanne d'Arc Letendre on August 3, 1968. They had for children, some will take over later: Nancy, Ghislain, Mario and Annie. He has 12 grandchildren. By his mother, Robert is the cousin of our president Raynald.

With his second wife, Nicole Marcotte (the first died in 1996), Robert founded the galerie *O Bois Parlant*, a cabinet making based on the creation of Louis XV style furniture and painter transparent parts. I invite you to visit his website: www.oboisparlant.com



Correction : bulletin n° 101

Page 19, note: Louis was the *great-grand-father* of Roger Archambault, Accountant and member of the Auditing Committee of our Association.

President's greeting

Dear Cousins:

Once again, here comes the Holiday Season announcing the current year ending and the arrival of the New Year. Let's enjoy it with a festive spirit. I hope that 2016 brought to you and to your families happiness and health, the most precious gift.

The end of a year is an appropriate time to offer our greetings, but also a time to sum up our achievements. In this respect, I am glad to report on realizations that occurred in 2016 for and by the Association des Archambault d'Amérique. The bulletins were carried on to inform and to establish friendship between the Archambault. Thanks to the determination and to the great dedication of those who gave their time for the preparation of the bulletins, therefore, a third bulletin # 101 was sent to you. In this respect, my gratitude goes particularly to Diane Chabot and to Donia Loignon. I take this occasion to express once again our great gratitude towards Diane who, for over fifteen years, took the responsibility of the bulletins' lay-out.

The activities at Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon were successful and highly interesting. The level of satisfaction of the participants was eloquent. In addition to the Annual General Assembly, we were able to point out the fact that the Archambault, by their presence and their role as builders, have contributed to the establishment and to the development of the municipality of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon. On October, 2nd, the gathering at the Edifice Louis-Archambault will be the occasion to pay tribute to the founder of "La société des Artisans Canadiens français". Incidentally, Louis Archambault passed away on this very same date, October, 2nd, 110 years ago.

Intense research projects in genealogy and archives were carried on to document the Archambault's works and to produce a monography, thus, drawing up plans for the important gathering of the Archambault in 2017 and to make known the historical contribution of our common ancestor in the foundation of Montréal. Energetic actions will be engaged to contact all the Archambault and their families, members and non-members and to invite them all to participate at this historical gathering. To all of you, do promote the event around your relatives and friends. In doing so, it could be an opportunity to attract the young generation of 25, 35, and 45 years of age to become members. Our Association could benefit from it to become stronger and dynamic. In 2016, a few members have joined the Association, but we have experienced some loss due to deaths or withdrawals. Building the future of the Association still remains our concern and our main objective.

We are now pleased to recall some positive events that happened in 2016. Monique, who has agreed to renew her three year mandate as a Board member, has offered to take over Diane's responsibility for the making of future bulletins. We thank her for taking on this new commitment. Moreover, André de Gatineau and Léandre have been elected for a three year mandate on the Board. A new member, Anne-Marie Archambault, joined the Board at the time of the Annual General Assembly. Martin, a new member, committed himself to build up and to lead the Association's Facebook page. We are very grateful towards Martin. Of course, we would like to see other volunteers like him. Finally, I point out the involvement of Paul from Maine and of Eric Wilson who are joining the team of translators.

It is with the dedication of all members of the Board and our precious collaborators that projects can be realized and that the Association is kept alive. They all deserve our gratitude. I wish to express my sincere thanks to them for their collaboration and their precious participation in various ways.


I also thank the members who have participated in our gatherings and who, year after year, have renewed their membership. We are counting on you and are looking forward to see you again in our 2017 activities.

As the tradition says, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2017. May your wishes be realised. May you enjoy them in good health.

Sincerely,

Raynald Archambault, eng. president, on behalf of the Board of Archambault d'Amérique.





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