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*The old house of Zélia, Duhamel Lake
in Mont-Tremblant (Laurentides, Québec)*



“On August fifth of 1855, I am out in a mission at about nine leagues West of the tiny village of Sainte-Agathe (Laurentides, Québec), and accompanied by three guides, two of them being settlers from Sainte-Agathe: Jean-Baptiste Lajeunesse and Guillaume Thibault, the third one is an Algonquin: Mathias Chichippe. We cross a river in the “great burnt”, Mathias calls the Soutana or Bad Spirit, and then, about three leagues West, we come face to face with another river, with a waterfall about 150 meters long by 40 meters high. Upstream this waterfall, at about one league, we visit an Algonquin village of about 100 inhabitants or more.

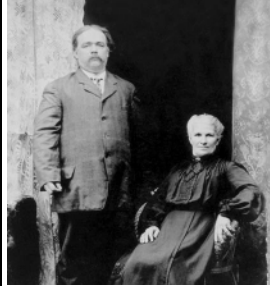
“In that village there is illness that seemed to be smallpox. I understand that there was a tragedy, one Algonquin woman called Mary Jane Commanda lost her man, one Michel Maconce, who supposedly drowned in the waterfall mentioned.

“Furthermore, suffering from illness, she had lost four of her six children, because of illness. She asks that we accept as a present the youngest of her remaining children, a little girl, 13 moons old, that she calls Wabana (Morning Star). The child is in a precarious state, Jean-Baptiste tells me that he can bring this girl to his house and bring her up like his own. Considering her precarious state, I baptize the child. At Jean-Baptiste’s request I give her the name Salomé, which is the name of his wife. During our journey back, we feed the child partridge broth and wild plants provided by Mathias Chichippe.

“The Lord assists us up to our arrival at Jean-Baptiste Lajeunesse's residence; the little one seems in good health. Jean-Baptiste and his wife announce that they will keep this child as if she were their own.

“It was the October 18th of the year 1855.”

-Excerpt from the *Mémoires* of Father Samuel Guénard, Sulpician missionary (p. 68, Part IV).



Guillaume et Wabana

Guillaume Thibault — one of the first settlers to live in the Mont-Tremblant region following the colonization initiative led by the Father Labelle — got married on September 9th 1878 to Wabana Maconce and they went to live right away in the house that Guillaume started to build around 1874, a house *pièce sur pièce* at Duhamel Lake, Mont-Tremblant. They will have 14 children in that 25' by 25' house.

Today, the house belongs to Chantal and Denis Archambault, son of Jean and Thérèse Brosseau¹, president of the Association of home owners of Lake Duhamel. They gave it the name *The old Zélia's house*, in honour of the maternal grandmother of Denis, Zélia Dufour, daughter of Antoine and Marie-Anne Bergeron, married to Rosaire Brosseau.

Zélia had bought it in 1960. She and her companion, Conrad Rochon, "contaminated" Denis with their passion for this house, as Denis recalls.

I was about 6 or 7 years old when I asked my dear adoptive grandfather why he worked so hard on the old house. He brought me inside and lifted me up in his arms. He had me caress one of the wood beams and asked me: "Do you feel the axe strokes on the beam? It means that one day somebody worked very hard to build this house and that, one should never forget". Bearing that in mind, I started in 2003 to salvage this house and I extended it in 2005 taking as a reference two similar houses in the St-Michel-de-Bellechasse region (Chaudière-Appalaches, Québec).



Zélia âgée de 16 ans

Zélia, who was born in the Éboulements (Charlevoix, Québec), had fallen in love with the house in the Fifties. Its architecture resembles a lot the little houses that can be found in Charlevoix.



This house is the only one remaining from the colonization period in the region.

Thanks to the restoration of this old house, Denis discovered his story, a beautiful one, but also the one of the first settlers that he respects so much, who were genuine geniuses in their own rights!

by Denis Archambault.

1. Pierre Archambault, *Dictionnaire généalogique des Archambault d'Amérique*, vol. 6, p. 195.



*Denis Archambault, owner of the old house of
Zélia at Duhamel Lake, Mont-Tremblant, tells...*

... In the days when my house was built, there was a race between Catholics and Protestants for the conquest of land.

A way of identifying to whom the visitors were dealing with, Guillaume whitened his house, painted the door and windows in blue with blueberries and painted the contour of the windows and gables with an ochre yellow and flowers.

Blue meant you were dealing with a French-Canadian. White and ochre yellow, the papal colors meant the inhabitants were Catholics. Thus, from afar, you knew you were dealing with French-Canadian Catholics.

by Denis Archambault.



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Painting given to Chantal, Denis' wife for her anniversary.

From left to right, Denis, Chantal, Catherine and Patricia.

Son of Jean and Thérèse Brosseau, Denis was born in the Rosemont district of Montréal in 1961. It's there within this modest family who possessed no car, where Denis would study and perform his favorite sport, Hockey. He played up to the juniors as a goalkeeper.

This great passionate individual has foremost, a Jovitian's spirit. It is at Duhamel Lake near Saint-Jovite (Laurentides, Québec) in the old house with no hot water, of his maternal grandmother Zélia Dufour that Denis blossomed. He spent all his summers there with Zélia and her boyfriend Conrad Rochon that he always considered as his grandfather. They made him responsible and respectful for the environment, our heritage and the ancestors.

Denis has also another mentor, is uncle Lucien Brosseau. One of the first actuary of Quebec, he was the Chairman and CEO of La Survivance a mutual life insurance and was approached by Daniel Johnson (dad) to eventually become minister of finance.

Denis' greatest achievement was his wedding with his lovely Chantal in 1984. What he is the most proud of, his daughters Catherine and Patricia.

Today this CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) is Vice-President for TATA Communications formerly Teleglobe. He is responsible for Africa and Latin America.

What amaze him the most in all his travel is to discover that despite various traditions, the world is very small. He loves to go fly fishing beautiful and huge trouts every year in Patagonia with his Argentinean guide and friend Julian Cabral, to come back at the ranch to eat empanadas (traditional meat pies like the ones found in l'île aux Coudres, Charlevoix, Québec) that just come out from the bread stove sitting by the fireplace.

When he host foreign delegations, this Québec ambassador loves to organize events to enable discover the history and traditions of the country he is in.

Foreigners love to visit him at the old house of his grandmother that he restored in 2003. This house was the subject of a one-hour television program on the History channel of Québec. It is through this TV program that Denis met the archivist of the association, Pierre Archambault and decides to join the association. Denis, with the help of Pierre, offered to his daughters, on Christmas 2008, the family tree that includes over 4000 related and ancestors in North America.

In August 2009, Denis with his cousin Serge (son of Laurent), hosted a family party to present the family tree to the descendants of their grandfather Gaspard and their grandmother Albertine Dufresne. More than 50 people gathered at the old house of Zélia for the event.

Next project... a trip to the route of the ancestors with Chantal, Catherine and Patricia!

Since March 2009, Denis has become a member of the Board of the Association. He brings with him his experience as President of the lake Duhamel association since 2004, his involvement as a Board member of Environnement Mont-Tremblant (Laurentides, Québec) and his experience in the '90s as the President of the Board of the Teleglobe Credit Union.

by Denis Archambault



*Family tree
of
Denis Archambault*

Jacques France around the year 1629 Françoise Tourault

Laurent Montréal 01/07/1660 Catherine Marchand

Jacques Montréal 02/15/1694 Françoise Aubuchon

Louis Longue-Pointe, Montréal 01/25/1740 Thérèse Baudreau-Graveline

Antoine Repentigny 10/05/1772 Marie Josephe (Josette) Archambault

François Repentigny 09/25/1820 Marie Amable Archambault

Narcisse Repentigny 02/02/1846 Adélaïde Bougret-Dufort

Onésime Saint-Roch-de-l'Acadian 07/06/1887 Rose Anna Saint-André

Gaspard Sainte-Brigide, Montréal 08/16/1915 Albertine Dufresne

Jean Saint-Mathias-Apôtre, Montréal 05/31/1952 Thérèse Brosseau

Denis Saint-Charles-Garnier, Montréal 12/29/1984 Chantal Varin

Olivier Archambault from the Foreurs de Val-d'Or

On June 6th 2009, the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (LHJMQ) held their annual draft meeting, the 16 years old forward Olivier Archambault, was selected the first overall pick from the Foreurs de Val-d'Or. Olivier is the first forward from Québec to be selected first in the league since 2002.



With his, 5 foot, 9 inches and 160 pounds, Olivier could be small but he is very fast. He is well recognized for his offensive qualities. Selected the rookie of the month in December 2008, he totalled 49 points in 45 games adding 15 more points during the playoffs for the Draveurs of Collège Esther-Blondin midjet team.

"I am a good playmaker. I make good passes and skate well. I joined the LHJMQ because I prefer hockey to school. School is definitely important but the most important to me is to play hockey" he said.

Will he once wear the Montréal Canadiens uniform?

Who knows... Olivier could become a team mate of another Archambault, a young American hockey player of 18 years old who is told very promising but currently more focus at school.

This young man is Robert "Robby" Archambault, from Havertown in Pennsylvania. Robert will study at the Kutztown University this fall and will make the try-out to play for the University team. He is the son of Kathleen Ann Costello and Eugène William Archambault Jr. His direct ancestor was Major Joseph O.V. S. Archambault (1796-1874), the first ancestor of the second known root of Archambault in North America.



Robby is so proud of family name that he got it tattooed on his back (picture). Imagine, if Robby's dream to play in the NHL comes true, he will become the first player who will not be required to wear his jersey to be recognized. He will just have to get his number tattooed on his back to complete his jersey.



Did you know that...

Après 32 ans de service le chef d'antenne de la première chaîne radio de Radio-Canada, Raymond Archambault, fils de Charlemagne et de Gertrude Paquette¹, a lu son dernier bulletin d'information à 8h, le vendredi 10 juin 2009. Il a reçu à l'occasion de son départ à la retraite l'hommage collectif de l'équipe de l'émission *C'est bien meilleure le matin...* Pendant la diffusion Raymond Archambault a reçu des dizaines de courriels d'auditeurs qui l'ont suivi avec assiduité tout au long de sa carrière. Tous ont souligné son timbre rassurant, sa lecture claire et articulée, son professionnalisme. Raymond Archambault était en effet un des derniers représentants d'une prestigieuse tradition d'annonceurs chevronnés, qui remonte aux Miville Couture, Raymond Laplante et Gaétan Barette.



Pierre Archambault, *Dictionnaire généalogique des Archambault d'Amérique*, vol. 6, p. 68.
Photo Archives photographiques de la Société Radio-Canada.



Obituary

À Châteauguay le 10 juillet 2009 à l'âge de 55 ans est décédé Marcel Archambault époux de Diane Lalonde. Outre son épouse, il laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Martin et Simon (Marie-Élaine) sa petite-fille Ève, ses parents Jean-Paul membre du conseil d'administration des Archambault d'Amérique et Pierrette Laberge, ses frères et ses sœurs.



Le 10 avril 2009 est décédée Thérèse Archambault-Duhault âgée de 88 ans et résidente de Saint-Bruno. Elle était la fille de Joseph-Arthur et de Marie-Anne Barcelo d'Outremont.

Le 21 mai 2009 est décédée Jacqueline Archambault-Groulx résidente de Saint-Placide. Elle était la fille de Joseph-Arthur et de Marie-Anne Barcelo.

Thérèse et Jacqueline étaient toutes deux les sœurs de Yolande Archambault-Trudeau membre de l'association et les tantes de Robert Archambault, ancien président de l'association.

Jeanne Archambault, épouse de feu Oscar Gagné, de Rockland, Ontario, originaire d'Amos, est décédée le 1^{er} septembre 2009, âgée de 88 ans. Elle laisse dans le deuil ses filles Claudette, Liette, Suzanne, Diane et Francine. Elle laisse également ses soeurs et frères : Fernande, Marcella, Georges, Philippe, Jean-Paul, Gilles et Roger d'Amos membre de notre association. Un de ses frères, aujourd'hui décédé, Richard-Oliva de la Nouvelle-Écosse a été membre de notre association.

Mme Régina Poulin Loignon décédée le 22 octobre 2009 à l'âge de 101 ans. Elle était l'épouse de feu Archélas Loignon. Elle était la mère de Gisèle, Réal, Gilberte, Marc, Noël, Yvon, Jean-Luc, Claude, Micheline et de Donia époux de Jocelyne Archambault.



Donia et Jocelyne sont tous deux membres depuis quelques années du conseil des Archambault d'Amérique. À Donia, Jocelyne et à toute la famille Loignon, nous offrons nos plus sincères condoléances.

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

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The 2009 General Meeting



In spite of a dull weather, the general meeting was very successful. More than 75 members answered the call of the president. It goes without saying that the place chosen by the board of directors had all what is needed to delight the eyes and the appetite of the participants.



Once again, the Archambault expressed their joy at meeting and having a coffee together. Conversations were going at a good pace when our president invited them to take a seat to proceed with the meeting.

In his verbal report, he warmly thanked the members of the board for their benevolent contributions which provide dynamic leadership to our Association, and he emphasized the contributions of all those who participate in the making of the bulletin. As our treasurer and registrar, France, and her husband, Daniel, responsible for computer work and photography, are leaving the board after several years of intense participation, the president rendered a special tribute to them.

According to our treasurer, the financial health of our association is excellent.



To replace those who leave, France and Daniel, the following members were elected for a three year mandate: Martine, Denis L.P., Nicole, Serge and Jean-Paul who accepted a new mandate.

After an excellent meal taken in a most warm environment, we had the privilege of listening to a conference given by Mr. Alain Côté from the Beloeil-Mont-Saint-Hilaire Historical Society. The conference covered two related subjects: the discovery of the Richelieu River by Champlain in 1609 and the history of the Rouville-Campbell manor, of which one of the latest owners was the well known artist Yvon Deschamps and his wife.

Finally, it was with joy at heart that everyone returned to his home around 4:30 p.m.



Photos Daniel Archambault

To dedicate ten, fifteen or twenty long years to the Archambault d'Amérique and to maintain the strength of our association would deserve more than our warmest thanks. This is what France, Daniel and Denis have given to our broad family during the first 25 years.

In the name of us all and especially from the members of the board, I want to extend my congratulations for their dedication and my thanks for all the hard work and successes.

I take this opportunity to wish to the new members Martine, Nicole, Denis L.P. and Serge, the same level of commitment and the fun of having to fill in positions that are rewarding and absolutely essential to the survival of the Archambault d'Amérique Association.

Richard, President.

Best Wishes!

The year 2009 will stay in our memory for a long time as a year during which rain was the subject of the summer.

2009 was also marked by numerous irregularities in the financial world. Some of you may have suffered important stock exchange fall-backs.

We wish you for 2010, a year of economic recovery and that mutual family aid will bring you *Joie de Vivre*.

Our best wishes accompany you in health, family happiness, and a return to economic stability and in a re-establishment of better understanding between all people.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

Richard Archambault, President
for the Board of Directors of Archambault d'Amérique

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Errata in issue #81 of the newsletter.

On page 11, bottom line you should read *André Welland, Ontario 04/14/1987.*

Jacques Archambault



Joseph Damase Urgel Olivier Jacques was born on April 7, 1932 in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets (Centre-du-Québec, Québec). Son of Olivier Archambault, beekeeper, and Blanche Lemelin, Jacques is the eldest of a family of six. His brother and sisters call him Yaké, a nickname which is still used within the family. Jacques enjoys a happy childhood in a warm and closely knitted family, living in a large ancestral house (Méthot-Archambault) overlooking the St-Lawrence River in the middle of the tercentenary village.

It is with a heavy heart that Jacques takes the road to school. While in his fourth grade, he is called the *capital of geography*, because he can name the capital cities of most countries. At home, he sharpens his knowledge with Uncle Philippe Lemelin who reads many travel accounts. Jacques will remain fond of geography and travel.

Jacques is now thirteen. Olivier and Blanche have long accepted to do whatever sacrifices are necessary to send him to college to undertake classical studies. But, which college to choose? Nicolet (Centre-du-Québec, Québec), where his grandfather Urgel studied? L'Assomption (Lanaudière, Québec), where his great-grandfather Damase studied?

Olivier finally decides that Jacques will go to Collège de L'Assomption, where a foundation created by Rev. Urgel Archambault, Damase's uncle, offers an annual scholarship of \$300 to a deserving Archambault student. The Rev. Urgel had paid for the studies of Damase at the College and for his medicine studies at Laval University almost a century before. Jacques will benefit from this scholarship, which covers the cost of one year at the college.

In 1951, he gets perfect marks in chemistry at the university examination, which will have a determinative effect on the choice of his future career.

In 1952, he graduates with a bachelor degree in arts and decides to pursue a scientific career in chemistry at University of Montréal.

In 1955, he graduates with a bachelor degree in sciences (chemistry) and decides to pursue studies towards a Doctor degree with the support of a scholarship from the Québec government.

In 1959, he obtains a Ph.D. degree in chemistry and a one year postdoctoral fellowship at University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla.

In 1960, Jacques joins CIL as a research chemist in the company's research laboratory in McMasterville (Montérégie, Québec). During the same year, he meets Madeleine Saint-Aubin, a young and pretty nurse from Sainte-Justine Hospital, Montréal. Jacques and Madeleine get married on December 28, 1963 in the parish church of Henryville and elect domicile in Mont-Saint-Hilaire (Montérégie, Québec).

In 1964, Madeleine gives birth to a baby girl named Martine, who is the joy and pride of her parents and

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grandparents. Madeleine leaves her position at Sainte-Justine Hospital to devote all her time and energy to her new responsibility as mother of a family. From 1966 to 1972, the family grows with the addition of three more children, André, Sophie and Hélène.

In 1969, Jacques is promoted to the position of manager of the process engineering group.

In 1979, he is appointed vice-president of Eco-Research, a subsidiary of CIL, providing environmental services to industries and governments.

In 1984, Eco-Research is sold. CIL asks Jacques to choose between an equivalent position in Toronto or an early retirement. Jacques takes the second option. A few months later, he is a successful candidate for the position of director at AQVIR, a newly created agency of the Québec government to provide financial assistance to entrepreneurs and small companies engaged in technological development.

In 1988, he becomes vice-president of the agency.

In 1991, AQVIR is merged with the much larger Société de développement industriel du Québec. Jacques is not happy in this bureaucratic environment. In 1992, he retires for good.

During all those years, Madeleine steers the family ship with a steady hand. She is mainly responsible for the development and education of the four children. Martine is an optometrist and resides in Texas. André, engineer, Sophie and Hélène, both occupational therapists, live in the Richelieu valley (Montérégie, Québec). They have given Jacques and Madeleine five grandchildren.

Since they are retired, Jacques and Madeleine live a peaceful but very active life in their Mont-Saint-Hilaire property, where they have lived for more than 44 years, and which remains the place where the whole family meets regularly.

They like gardening, hiking, biking, and occasionally taking care of the grandchildren. Travelling also plays an important part of their leisure time.

As the years go by, Jacques successively develops passions for collecting old postcards and photographic equipment, for genealogy and for writing humorous biographies. Every spring, he completes the income tax forms of members of the family.

Jacques has been on the board of directors of the Association des Archambault d'Amérique, and now he participates in the preparation of the newsletters as a translator.

by Jacques O. Archambault



Dr Bernard Archambault, dental surgeon



Sports and military service are said to mould a man's character, while studies bring him the ingredients necessary to his beaming. There is the recipe for the success of D^r Bernard Archambault son of Olivier and Blanche Lemelin.

Bernard was born and spent his childhood in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets (Centre-du-Québec, Québec), a small picturesque village on the south shore of the fleuve Saint-Laurent. The proximity of the river, the fresh air, the open space, hiking in the woods, all contributed to shape his personality and to develop a taste and re-

spect for nature.

Born on December 7, 1933, Bernard is the second of a family of six. Guided in life by loving and understanding parents, Bino (that's his nickname in the family) grew up with the respect and love of his brother and sisters; there exists no better environment to create lasting family ties.

Young Bernard received his primary education at the village school, where he developed a taste for team sports, which soon became a passion to the point of superseding his studies. His parents had to intervene to restore a more healthy equilibrium. They were prepared to make sacrifices to give their children the opportunity to succeed in life. So they gave Bernard to understand the importance of pursuing his studies further.

Thus, he accepted his parents' suggestion and was admitted to Collège de L'Assomption (Lanaudière, Québec), where his elder brother Jacques had preceded him. However, Bernard was still obsessed with sports, and it was not long before he joined most of the college sport teams: baseball, basketball, volleyball, football, handball, tennis and, of course, hockey. He went in for all of them and he practiced them with all his energies.

But in 1951 a pleurisy slowed down his impetus, so much so that he had to recommence his Versification year. From that time on, he understood that a man's future must be prepared, and he decided to take life more seriously. He then concentrated his energy on his studies, and a few years later he completed his classical humanities and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Then, came the time to choose a career. He hesitated between priesthood and a health related profession. He decided to give a try to priesthood and entered the Grand Séminaire de Montréal. He spent six months there before he realized that this profession did not quite meet his ideal in life.

After much thought, Bernard got himself registered at the Faculty of Dentistry of University of Montréal. He had finally found his way. After five years at the faculty, in possession of a license and a doctor degree in dental surgery, he could now face with confidence the great adventure of life. That was in 1962.

In the meantime, he made acquaintance with a pretty nurse called Claire Desrosiers. A native of Pointe-au-Père near Rimouski (Bas-Saint-Laurent, Québec), she was initiated very early by her parents at hunting and fishing, while respecting nature and fauna. She was happy on the seaside, in the woods or on a lake, a way of life which corresponded perfectly with the values of Bernard. ▶

They got married on August 26, 1961. But in order to be financially capable of getting married, Bernard decided to join the Canadian armed forces, which provided a salary sufficient to finish his university studies.

Captain in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps as a practicing dentist, he served from 1961 to 1967 in Ontario, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and finally in Québec.

Afterwards he settled down in Tracy (Montréal, Québec), where he practised his profession until 1998. Then he took a well deserved retirement.

During his career, Bernard was a member of the Order of dental surgeons of Québec, of the Canadian Academy of dental sciences, of the Montréal dental Society, of the Richelieu-Yamaska (Montréal, Québec) dental Society, of the Association of dental surgeons of Québec and also of the Québec Society of Hypnosis.

Bernard and Claire are the parents of three wonderful daughters of whom they are very proud: Marie-Claude, Denyse and Annie. Surrounded by their six grand-children, they can now appreciate life.

Bernard and Claire have a very active retirement life. They divide their time between travels, benevolent services and open air sport.

In summary, Bernard has made good use of the advices and examples of his parents. At his age, he is still interested in the study of languages, and he and his wife are enjoying activities in wide open spaces, where they find a healthy equilibrium in their life.

A member of the Association of Les Archambault d'Amérique, Bernard is the brother of Jacques, our translator from Mont-Saint-Hilaire (Montréal, Québec).

par Jacques O. Archambault



1. Pierre Archambault, *Dictionnaire généalogique des Archambault d'Amérique*, vol. 6, p. 242.



Joseph Olivier Archambault père de Bernard et de Jacques.

Joseph Olivier a été nommé secrétaire-trésorier de la municipalité de Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets en 1928.

Il a occupé cette fonction pendant 31 ans. Il a été maître de poste de 1930 à 1937.



Joseph Urgel Archambault grand-père de Bernard et de Jacques.

Joseph Urgel a été échevin de Hull de 1905 à 1909, et maire en 1911, et de 1916 à 1919.

*Family tree of the two brothers
Jacques and Bernard Richambault*

Jacques France around the year 1629 Françoise Tourault

Laurent Montréal 01/07/1660 Catherine Marchand

Jacques Montréal 02/15/1694 Françoise Cubuchon

Louis Longue-Pointe 01/25/1740 Thérèse Baudreau-Saveline

Antoine Repentigny 10/05/1772 Marie Joseph (Josette) Richambault

Jean-Baptiste Repentigny 02/25/1811 Amable Chartier

Jean-Baptiste Repentigny 01/10/1842 Charlotte Juneau-Latulippe

Damase Eusèbe Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets 10/02/1867 Elmire Méthot

Joseph Ugeux Joliette 08/23/1898 Rose Olivier

Olivier Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets 10/23/1930 Blanche Lemelin

Jacques 12/28/1963 Kenyville Madeleine Saint-Cubin

Bernard Montréal 08/26/1961 Claire Desrosiers

The house of Damase Eusèbe, in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets

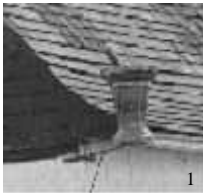


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Damase Eusèbe Archambault, his wife Elmire Méthot and their grandson Olivier

This house was probably built around 1820. It belonged to Joseph Rousseau, a prosperous businessman in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets (Centre-du-Québec, Québec), who died in 1829. His widow Josephite Trudel donated the house and the land to her daughter Émilie Rousseau in 1831. The following year, Émilie Rousseau married a young notary, Antoine Prosper Méthot. The couple lived in this house for almost 30 years. Antoine Prosper was the Nicolet (Centre-du-Québec, Québec) representative in the legislative assembly from 1844 to 1847 under Union. In 1867, he donated this house to his daughter Elmire Méthot on the occasion of her marriage to Dr. Damase Eusèbe Archambault.

Damase Eusèbe was born in Saint-Paul-l'Ermitte (Lanaudière, Québec) in 1842. He was educated at Collège de L'Assomption (Lanaudière, Québec) and studied medicine at Laval University. In 1865, he started his medical career at Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets. The couple had three children. The eldest one, Urgel, will also become a medical doctor.



Damase Eusèbe practiced medicine in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets from 1865 until his death in 1912. In the old days, country doctors were also druggists and prepared their own drugs. That is the reason for the presence of a pharmacy sign (mortar and pestle) on the left corner of the house. Damase Eusèbe was mayor of Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets from 1876 to 1890 and prefect of the comté de Nicolet (Centre-du-Québec).

In 1883, Damase Eusèbe, as residuary legatee of his two unmarried sisters-in-law, Élise and Sophie Méthot, became the owner of the neighbouring brick house built by his father-in-law, Antoine Prosper Méthot and the farm land. When he died in 1912, his widow, Elmire Méthot, donated all her possessions to her son Urgel Archambault, doctor in Hull (Outaouais, Québec).

In 1915, Urgel sold the family house and the farm land to Mr Henri Lemay. He kept the brick house as a summer residence.

The old wooden house belonged to the Archambault family during 48 years. The centenarian house was probably demolished between 1920 and 1925 and replaced by the existing house situated at 199 Marie-Victorin, Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets.

1. Le mortier et le pilon, emblème des pharmaciens
On peut y lire le début du nom Archambault.

Méthot-Archambault House, in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets



Built around 1860 by Antoine Prosper Méthot, notary and Member of Parliament for Nicolet County (Centre-du-Québec), the Victorian bricks house stands in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets (Centre-du-Québec, Québec) facing the fleuve Saint-Laurent. The exterior walls are 16 inches thick and are made of four rows of intertwine bricks and is seated on a stoned foundation. The metal roof is original. When he died in 1871, Antoine Prosper Méthot left the house and land to his widow Émilie Rousseau. She lived there with her two daughters Élise and Sophie who owned the property when she died in 1879.

In 1883, Élise and Sophie sold the house and the land to their brother-in-law and neighbour Damase Eusèbe Archambault, doctor in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets, keeping the right to occupy the house until they died.

Damase Eusèbe Archambault died in 1912 and his widow Elmire Méthot gave house and land to his son Urgel Archambault, doctor in Hull (Outaouais, Québec) with all the furniture's.

In 1915, Urgel Archambault sold the land, but keep the location where the house stands and a part of the land at south of that location. Resident of Hull, Urgel and his family, were using the house as pied-à-terre during the summer time.

In 1926, Urgel gave the house and lands to his son Olivier. The later established himself in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets in 1927. In 1930 he married Blanche Lemelin and had six children. Olivier would occupy the house built by his great-grandfather Antoine Prosper Méthot until he died in 1986 at almost sixty years. Olivier's children, being established near Montréal, they have sold the house in 1989.

The Méthot-Archambault house at 203, boulevard Marie-Victorin is near 150 years old. She was property of Archambault from father to son for 106 years.

Many children of Olivier are proud members of the Association of Les Archambault d'Amérique. Jacques, the eldest son is acting as a volunteer for our bulletin, being a translator for many years¹.

¹. *D.G.A.A.*, vol. 6, p. 242.

The Manoir Les Becquets, in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets



The Manoir Les Becquets was built in 1792 on an estate 4 acres wide by 40 acres deep. It was named successively manoir la Pérade in honour of Anne Lanaudière, manoir des Érables, and manoir Les Becquets, its present name, in honour of Romain Becquet.

The Manoir Les Becquets has changed ownership a few times since its construction in 1792. On November 28, 1864, the land, the main building and other buildings were transferred to the farmer François Xavier Alfred Ovide Méthot, married to Marie Clara Méthot, daughter of Antoine Prosper Méthot and Émilie Rousseau. Marie Clara is the sister of Elmire Méthot, married to Dr Damase Eusèbe Archambault. The couple Antoine Prosper Méthot and Émilie Rousseau resided during 30 years in the house which, by way of donation, will become the house of Dr Damase Eusèbe Archambault.

Marie Clara died in 1883 and François Xavier Alfred Ovide got married for the second time to Marie Clara Louise Ernestine Paradis. He died on October 20, 1908 without descendants. The notifications of the funeral were sent by Dr Damase Eusèbe Archambault. His widow, Ernestine Paradis, kept the manor and lived there during 28 more years.

On November 26, 1936, the widow donated the manor and the furniture to Joseph Olivier Archambault, beekeeper, grandson of Damase Eusèbe, married in Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets (Centre-du-Québec) on October 23, 1930 to Blanche Lemelin, on condition that the recipient undertake to keep the donator in the house of the recipient, the Méthot-Archambault house, till the end of her life.

Three years later, on October 19, 1939, Joseph Olivier sold his manor, which has never been occupied by the Archambault family, to James Stuart Douglas of Montréal, who used it as a summer house.

Three centennial houses in the little village of Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets, on the banks of the St-Lawrence River, between Bécancour and Lotbinière, were once owned by the Archambault family: the Damase Eusèbe House, the Méthot-Archambault House and the Manoir Les Becquets.