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A story that has been going on for 40 years

Once upon a time, when computers were in their infancy and the Internet existed only in the minds of a few enlightened people, ten Archambaults from the province of Québec dreamt of creating an association that would bring together all the Archambaults living in America who wished to join.

It was a good idea, a very good idea and even a brilliant idea. Yes, but how do you make such an idea a reality? For it is well known that for an association to exist, it needs members, and that those members have to be found.

The above mentioned Archambaults were racking their brains on how to proceed. Let's resort to word of mouth, said some; clearly insufficient, said others. Let's put an ad in the newspapers, some said; way too expensive, others said.

It was then that one of these dreamers had a stroke of genius - yes, yes, let's not be afraid of words - which proves that the members of the Archambault family know full well that their name means "valiant and daring". And what was this brilliant idea? Simply to go through the phone books to find people bearing the name Archambault and send each of them a letter of invitation to meet to create an association!

What was said was done, and so on April 23, 1983, some 385 Archambaults joined the organizing committee to create what became *L'Association des Archambault d'Amérique*, a non-profit association legally constituted by an official document from the Québec government.

The year 2023 marks the fortieth anniversary of our association, and the members of your Board of Directors intend to celebrate it in a big way in a region where many of our cousins lived and became famous, namely in Repentigny. The members of our Board had planned to meet in this city on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, in 2020, but were prevented from doing so by the outbreak of the pandemic.

Now, three years later, we are ready and excited to meet in Repentigny on June 11th to celebrate a milestone in the life of our association. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our Presidents

Camille from 1983 to 1992

Robert from 1992 to 2001

Richard from 2001 to 2014

Raynald since 2014

HAPPY FORTIETH!

Retrospective 1983 ~ 2023



First committee 1983



1984 Inauguration of the Well



1985 Plaque at Saint-Antoine



1986 Parade at L'Assomption



1987 Sugar shack - Ville des Laurentides



1988 Les Coopérants – Plaque and Coat of Arms



1989 Golf in Joliette



1990 Twinning in Saint-Antoine



1991 Dorion



1992 Plaque on the McDonald, Mtl



1993 Sorel



1994 Fort Lennox – Ile-aux-Noix



1995 Laval



1996 Saint-Denis



1997 Saint-Paul-d'Abbotsford



1998 Altitude 737 Montréal - 25th



2001 Plaque in Cap-Rouge



2002 Lavaltrie



2003 Cep d'Argent, Magog



2003 L'Assomption



2004 Chambly



2005 Terrebonne



2006 Lachine



2007 Saint-Marc-sur-le-Richelieu



2008 Québec



2009 Rouville-Campbell Manor



2010 Saint-Hyacinthe



2011 Saint-Eustache



2012 Saint-Roch-de-L'Achigan



2013 Terrebonne



2014 Montréal Jazz Festival



2015 Saint-Jean-de-Matha



2016 Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon



2017 Pointe-à-Callière



2018 Valcourt



2019 Sainte-Martine



2022 Saint-Césaire

IN MEMORIAM

1983-2023

As we said at the outset, our association is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year. An association cannot exist without its members, and ours is no exception to the rule. Without wishing to diminish the contribution of the ordinary members who, by their activities, their achievements and their dedication, have greatly contributed to the continued success of *L'Association des Archambault d'Amérique* over the past forty years, we felt it necessary to highlight in particular the deeds of the men and women without whom the association would not have existed or prospered.

Our president, Raynald, with the collaboration of Pierre, has made it his duty to compile a non-exhaustive list of members who have marked the life of the association in a particular way. He wanted to pay homage to all these people and to thank them sincerely for their contribution; if, by mistake, he omitted to mention some of them, he apologizes sincerely and asks you to attribute this omission to his faulty memory.

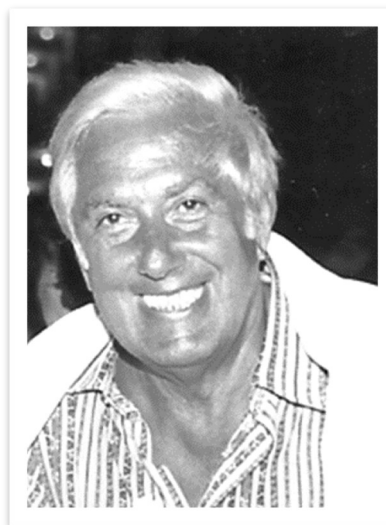
Members of L'Association des Archambault d'Amérique who have died since the creation of the association

Founding members

Camille, founder of the association

Camille, who was born in Montréal on July 23, 1918 and died there on June 18, 2002, deserves special attention as he founded the association with several of the pioneers mentioned in this Bulletin, before becoming its dynamic first President.

Camille's role and contribution as founding President has been mentioned and reported on in previous Bulletins. His interest in genealogy in his retirement, his dedication, his dynamism and his ability to use his media contacts to promote the Archambault family in America have been mentioned many times.



This time, it is appropriate to highlight some of Camille's actions and achievements outside the association, from his early adult life. To that end, we are reproducing here, in translation, an article from *Armure, Agence numérique*, entitled *L'histoire de Camille Archambault, un véritable pionnier*.

At the age of 21, Camille founded and became President of the *Syndicat des Camionneurs de la Province de Québec*.

With no specific legislation at the time regarding the issuance of operating permits, rate controls, or strict restrictions on legal weight, Camille created this dynamic organization to counter the law of the jungle. The lack of proper regulation was preventing truckers from better serving the public.

Early in his career in the trucking industry, Camille was President of *Rapid Transport & Freight* and founded *Express Terminal Ltd.* He has dedicated himself and fought his entire life for the advancement of provincial and national trucking. His fame has spread internationally.

But his main achievement was to merge the five trucking associations that existed at the time into a single organization that would become the *Quebec Trucking Association*.

He also founded the *Bulletin des Camionneurs* which became the *Revue du Transport Routier*.

The Archambaults should count themselves lucky and proud to have had Camille as the founding President of their association. They should also be proud of the nine Archambaults he first brought together on January 6, 1983, as well as the other founding members who joined them at subsequent meetings.

All these meetings held by the Organizing Committee led to the important Archambault gathering held at the Union Française in Montréal on April 23, 1983.

Jacques

Jacques, one of the founding members who played a major role in the life of our association, passed away on March 14, 2023 at the age of 93. Sincere condolences have been sent to his family, especially to his brother André G, who was also a founding member of the association.

The Archambaults owe a lot to Jacques. A well-deserved tribute was paid to him in Bulletin no 106 of December 2018. It was recalled that Jacques had, as early as 1969, established links with Lucien Archambault and his family of Dompierre-sur-Mer, a descendant of Jacques' family, the common ancestor of the Archam-



baults of America, and that these links had led, in 1982, to meetings with Camille and finally to the creation of our association in 1983.

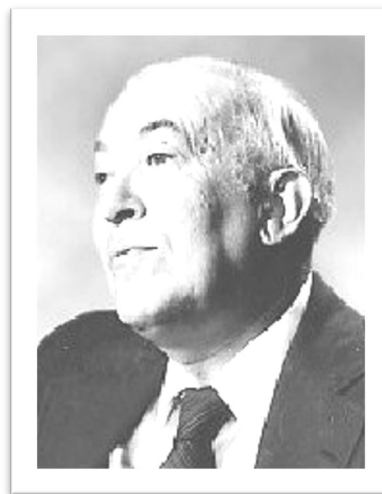
It is thanks to Jacques that sustained relations have been established between the Archambaults who live here and those who live in France. He was, as a true pioneer, an excellent ambassador for the association. A keen researcher with a good command of French, he wrote many documents and articles of interest that were published in the Bulletins.

Jacques edited the texts and documents published by the association until mid-2012. He was Vice-President of the Organizing Committee for the 1983 rally and was also very active on the Board of Directors. He also wrote, in collaboration with Pierre and Richard, a magnificent monograph on François Archambault, church builder.

Paul

Paul, notary, born November 13, 1927, was a founding member of our association and Treasurer for its first ten years.

He gave the Archambaults the benefit of his knowledge and experience. Paul was generous and cordial and devoted his life to charitable causes, notably the fight against multiple sclerosis. To this end, and in parallel with his professional life and the many projects he carried out for the association, he organized benefit concerts. He died on April 19, 2012 in Laval.



Choirmaster, he was the founder of the MRC Choir, which he directed until 1988. He also created the Alouette Choir in Margate, Florida, which he directed during the winter. Thanks to Paul, the Archambault family has been able to hear the MRC Choir perform beautiful songs on many occasions over the years.

During the first years of the association, the meetings of the Board of Directors were held at his home in Montréal; Paul then served as Secretary. His colleagues always appreciated his advice, legal or otherwise, and he shared it with all the Archambaults during his years on the Board.

In the salute to Paul on page 14 of Bulletin no. 90, September 2012, it is stated the following: *"Your memory will inspire us for a long time and will live on in the association that you served and enjoyed so well with all the enthusiasm that characterized you."*

Aline and her husband Aimé Lalancette

Aline Archambault and her husband Aimé Lalancette were members of the Organizing Committee of our association. Aline was a member of the Board of Directors for several years. She was a self-taught painter and author of an autobiography; she was born in Saint-Lin in 1924 and passed away on August 14, 2012, at the age of 88, almost three years after her husband Aimé, who died on October 16, 2009 at the age of 86.



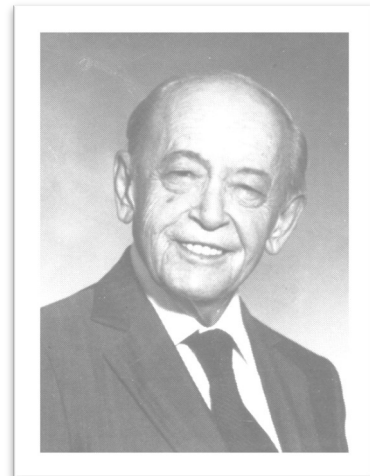
The tribute paid to her in Bulletin no. 91, January 2013, concludes as follows: "*A lover of nature, Aline Archambault-Lalancette pays tribute to the magnificent landscapes she takes pleasure in discovering. Her paintings are full of poetry and inspire serenity. It is with this same feeling that she invites her readers to discover what lies behind her 88 years filled with love.*"

Égide

Égide Archambault was born in Montréal on October 26, 1902. In 1947, at the age of 45, he became a restaurateur and acquired the rotisserie *Au Poulet Doré*, located on Sainte-Catherine Street in Montréal. He managed the establishment with his son André G.

Both Égide and his son were members of the founding committee of our association, and it was in their restaurant that the meeting was held that led to the official creation of the association. It is also where the first meetings of the Board of Directors were held.

Égide, along with his two sons André and Jacques, was one of the founding members of the *Association des Archambault d'Amérique*. He died in Montréal on January 27, 1991.



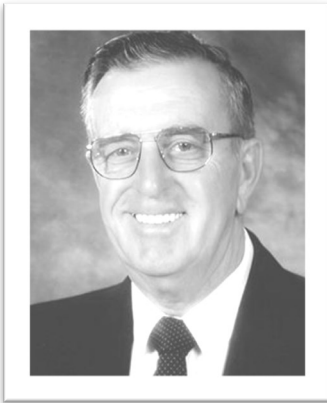
Pierrette and her husband Jean-Paul

Pierrette Laberge-Archambault, of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, passed away on May 9, 2020 at the age of 94. She and her husband Jean-Paul participated in the founding meeting of our association. Afterwards, these two founding members worked for several years on the Board of Directors.

During Camille's tenure as President, Jean-Paul was Vice-President of the association and represented the association at the *Association des familles souches* and at various genealogical activities. As he had a beautiful voice, he participated in several concerts organized by Me Paul for the benefit of the Archambault family.

For her part, Pierrette helped Jean-Paul sell genealogical dictionaries and various objects offered to members over the years, especially during the annual meetings. She also assisted Jean-Paul in the many activities and functions that were entrusted to him during his years on the Board.

In an article in the May 2019 Bulletin no.107, the availability and dedication of these two founding members was noted. Jean-Paul passed away on January 16, 2023 and his funeral was held the following February 4.



Fernand

Fernand was originally from Saint-Ours-sur-Richelieu. With his wife Rita Dufault, he was part of the founding committee of the association.

At the time of the big rally held at the *Union Française*, there was a lack of personnel. Fernand and Rita's two sons, Christian and Louis, volunteered to serve at the bar.

At an annual meeting, the members present were very entertained during the auction that Fernand organized. Fernand passed away in Sorel on June 7, 2017, at the age of 92.



Members who joined the Board in the early years of the association

André (physician)

André was born in Saint-Lin on May 27, 1926. He received his medical degree in 1955 and married Noëlla Bélanger that same year. Very involved in local activities in his region of the Laurentians, he still found the time to become a member of the Board of Directors of the association and to actively participate in its activities as a Director for several years. It was the same for Noëlla who was a Director and participated in the Board with her husband.

André passed away in Saint-Lin on September 17, 1994 and Noëlla on January 26, 2012.

André

André was born on July 30, 1928 in Montréal and passed away on February 15, 2011 after a few difficult years due to illness. He joined the Board in the early days of the association and served on it for several years during which time he was responsible for media relations.

After a few years, his son Richard joined him and they served the association together for a few years. At one time, they even took on the responsibility of preparing and bringing meals to the meetings in which they were active participants.

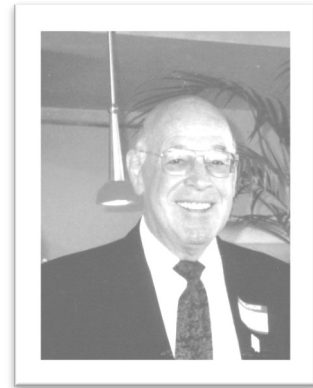
In 1991, André went to France and walked on the soil of our ancestors during a trip of members of our association and he enjoyed his trip very much.

In the obituary published in Bulletin no. 87 of August 2011, it is mentioned that André was a reserved man, with a big heart, who distinguished himself by his kindness and who always had a good word of encouragement for those he met.

Denis

Denis, who owned the *Croissant d'Or* restaurant in Saint-Hyacinthe, was born on February 15, 1931. He was an active member of the Board of Directors for many years, where he was noted for his sense of humour.

Denis and his wife Claire have been on the Board of Directors since 1984, making them true pioneers of the association. As noted in the tribute to them in the May 2019 Bulletin no. 107,



the Archambaults owe much to Denis and Claire: organizing golf games and meetings, tasting Archambault wine, finding candidates for the Board, leading the Board elections, etc.

Denis passed away on March 31, 2019, and Claire on October 6, 2020.

Yvon

Yvon was born on July 13, 1933 and died on January 27, 1997. This great Archambault filled with competence and generosity the functions of Director and Secretary of the association for several years. In addition, he participated in the elaboration of the Archambault genealogical dictionaries and contributed to the life of the association in other capacities.

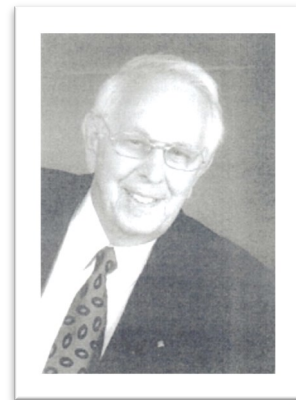
In his work of research, composition, writing and layout of the series of dictionaries, Yvon was greatly helped by his daughter Sophie. Sophie also took care of the updating of the membership list and the making of the address labels. Richard thanked her in the May 2013 Bulletin no. 92.



Jean-Jacques

Jean-Jacques was the Secretary of the association when he passed away on December 23, 2001, at the age of 82. He had humbly fulfilled this function for several years already. He was always very discreet about his prestigious professional career.

In tribute to this engineer who imagined, calculated and designed the 735 KV transmission technology, an achievement that the *Ordre des technologues du Québec* called the innovation of the century in 2001, Hydro-Québec awards a Jean-Jacques-Archambault prize to university graduates in electrical engineering. In addition, on December 13, 2005, the organization named the amphitheatre at its head office after Jean-Jacques Archambault.

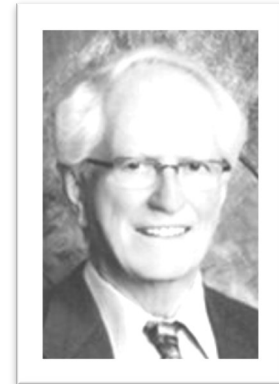


L'Association des Archambault d'Amérique has paid tribute to Jean-Jacques and provided information about his career in Bulletins no. 43 of December 1996, no. 59 of April 2002 and no. 71 of May 2006.

Bernard

Bernard passed away on May 23, 2018, at the age of 94. He was active from the earliest days of our association, especially during the meetings of the Archambaults, and served for many years on the bulletin committee.

Bernard had the interests of the association at heart and actively participated in its life. An obituary was dedicated to him in the August 2018 Bulletin no. 105.



Sylva

Sylva, who was born in Laval, was a member of the Board from 1988 to 1990. He lived in Bas-Saint-François in one of the oldest Archambault houses. He passed away in 2006.

Georges Aimé

Georges-Aimé, a citizen of Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, was a member of the Board from 1988 to 1990. He contributed to establish strong links between the association and the population of his municipality where the Archambaults held several important activities at one time.

Abbé Pierre

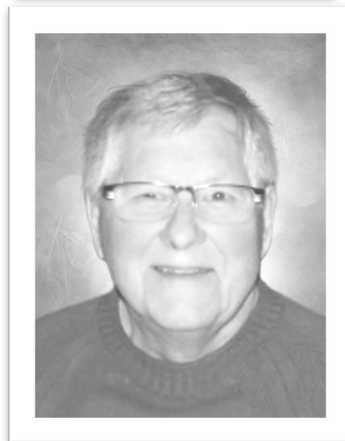
Abbé Pierre, born on April 22, 1942, only son of Robert Archambault and Éliane Clermont, was a member of the Board from 1991 to 1993. He celebrated masses on a few occasions during meetings of the Archambaults. He passed away on October 28, 2019.



Léandre

Léandre was born on February 26, 1948 and passed away on May 7, 2019. As a member of the association's Board of Directors he was in charge of organizing various activities, especially the General Assemblies. He was the brother of our former President Richard and the husband of Marjolaine, a volunteer always active in genealogical research in collaboration with Richard and his wife Diane.

Léandre always prepared the activities and meetings with care, meticulousness, efficiency and great generosity for many years, despite the illness he finally suffered.

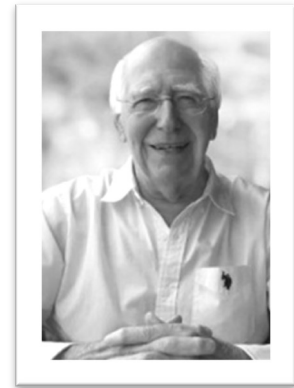


Richard's farewell to his brother Léandre appeared in the December 2019 Bulletin no.108. It is a beautiful, vibrant and very touching testimony.

Donia Loignon

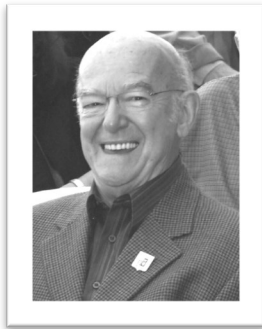
Donia Loignon, born in 1934, was responsible for the Bulletins at the time of his death on February 7, 2022. He had become a member of the Board in 2005 with his wife Jocelyne Archambault and had accepted various tasks before generously devoting himself, in 2010, to the preparation of the Bulletins.

His exemplary and much appreciated contribution was highlighted in a special Bulletin of April 2022.



Our President would like to recall that the association has, in various Bulletins, paid tribute, expressed its appreciation, and offered its thanks and greetings to the founding members who are still with us.

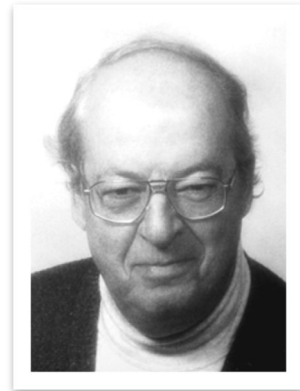
***André G. and his wife
Catherine*** – Tribute in Bulletin
no. 105 of August 2018



Madeleine – Tribute in
Bulletin no. 106 of
December 2018



Pierre – Tribute in Bulletin
no. 105 of August 2018



Our President would also like to thank all those not mentioned here who have been dedicated to the association since its founding or who continue to do so, as well as to all members who renew their membership year after year.

Repentigny and its surroundings

An important region

in the life of the Archambault family

If the *Association des Archambault d'Amérique* has decided to celebrate its 40th anniversary in the city of Repentigny, it is because it has excellent reasons to do so. Indeed, only a few years after the foundation of Ville-Marie and the arrival of our ancestor Jacques in this city, he and his descendants were intimately involved in the life of the Seigniorship of Repentigny. Let's take a closer look.

The city of Repentigny, which is located in the picturesque region of Lanaudière, along the St. Lawrence River and at the mouth of the L'Assomption River, which runs through its territory in its northern part, is in a large area where, over the centuries, many members of the large Archambault family have lived.

It was shortly after the founding of Ville-Marie that the name Repentigny first appeared in *Nouvelle-France* when, on April 16, 1647, the *Compagnie de la Nouvelle-France* gave, granted and conceded to Pierre Legardeur, Sieur of Repentigny, a territory of four leagues (13 km) of land to be taken along the north side of the St. Lawrence River, and six leagues (19.5 km) deep in the land.

This military man, who was born in *Thury-Harcourt*, in the department of *Calvados, Normandie*, and arrived in Québec in 1636, had close contacts with our ancestor Jacques. Indeed, when his daughter Anne signed her marriage contract before Bancheron, notary, Jacques presented himself as Legardeur's servant and shortly afterwards he was entrusted with the operation of the Seigneur's farm. However, Pierre Legardeur did not have the opportunity to develop his seignory, since he died in 1648, victim of an epidemic.

It was only 22 years later, in 1670, that Jean-Baptiste Legardeur, husband of Marguerite Nicollet and son of Pierre, left the city of Québec to establish the city of Repentigny, today one of the largest cities in the Montréal area. Here again, our ancestors were present, since the Archambault family, who came from Pointe-aux-Trembles, was one of the pioneer families of the new city.

As mentioned above, the L'Assomption River runs across the territory of Repentigny; it is north of this river that several members of the Archambault family chose to settle. In 1671, this portion of the territory, initially known as the *Seigneurie de Lachenaie*, was

sold by decree to the couple formed by Pierre Legardeur (Jean-Baptiste's oldest son) and Agathe de Saint-Père. Agathe administered the seigneuries and the family's affairs through a power of attorney from her husband, which she obtained in 1711. She granted numerous concessions and colonized the territory north of the river, an area which became known as the *Petit Village*.

Among the people who were granted a lot in this territory was Laurent Archambault who, in 1717, received authorization "(to) clear the land and do the other work required, including erecting the buildings necessary to establish and support a family on a lot of 3 x 25 arpents, fronting on the L'Assomption River...". Over the years, many families, including members of the large Archambault family, came to settle in this part of the territory which finally took the name of Saint-Paul l'Ermite before being annexed to Repentigny.

As one can see, many Archambaults, were born in the Repentigny area. Some of them became famous; let's mention Edmond¹ who founded *Archambault Musique*, well known in Montréal, and to whom tribute has been paid in several bulletins, including *Special Edition Bulletin no. 5 Archambault Houses*. In addition, four members of the great Archambault family were, at various times, Mayors of Saint-Paul l'Ermite.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that Médéric Archambault, originally from Repentigny, settled in Bout-de-l'Île in the middle of the 19th century and founded *Les liqueurs Archambault* and then the *M. Archambault Tea Room* which he operated for 37 years. This Médéric was the brother of the famous Hormisdas, who left his hometown to settle in South Dakota where he left many descendants who constitute the native branch of the large Archambault family. The exploits and adventures of this colourful individual will be reported in a future Bulletin.

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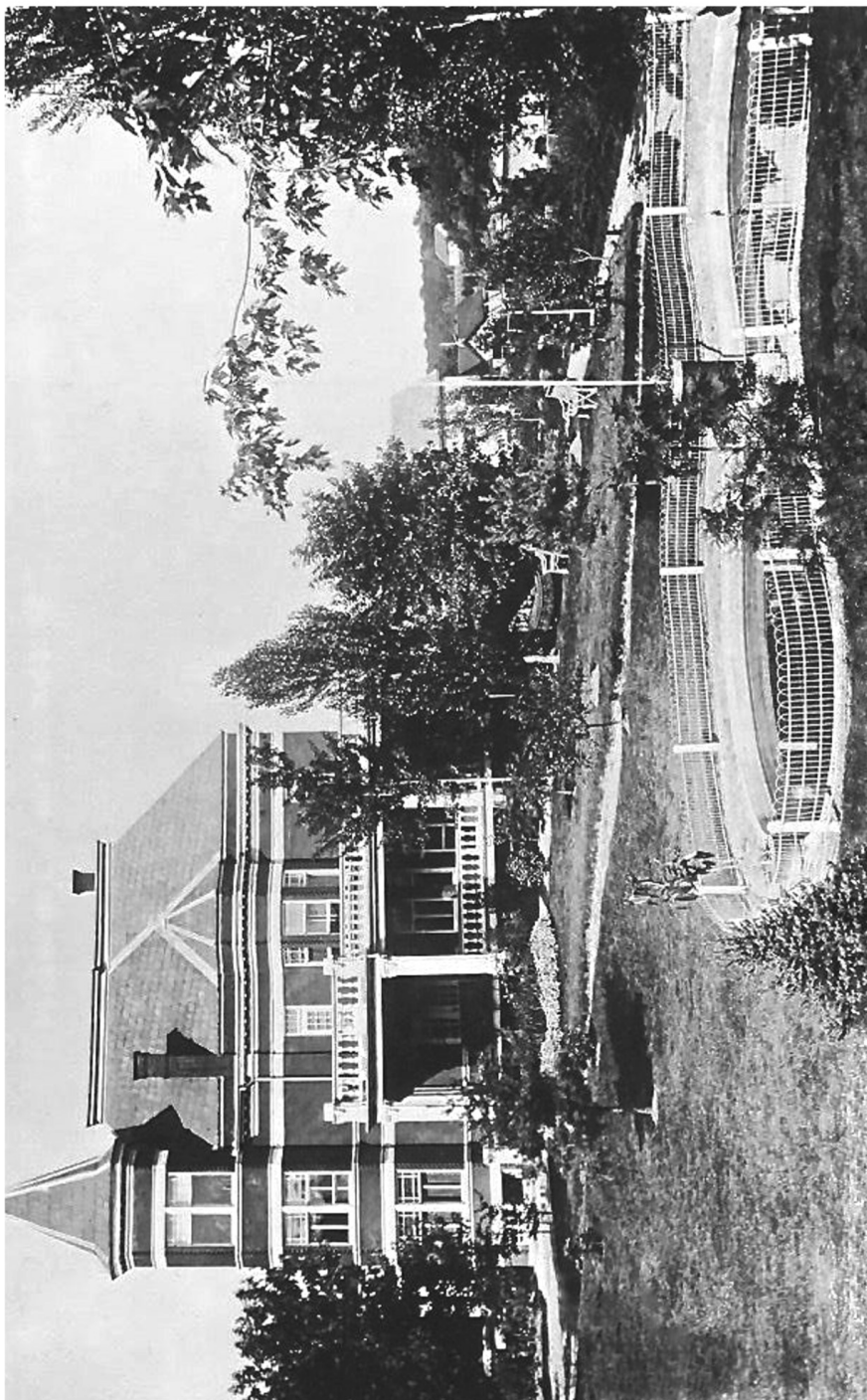
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Documents concerning the transfer of a territory on the L'Assomption River to Laurent Archambault.

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I See the photo of the Archambault Castle , Edmond's property, on the last page of the bulletin.





*The Archambault Castle around 1920
Property of Edmond Archambault
400 rue du Village, Repentigny (Saint-Paul-L'Ermite)
The Castle is currently a residential building for retirees.
Photo from the site : Repentigny 350 ans d'histoire à découvrir.*