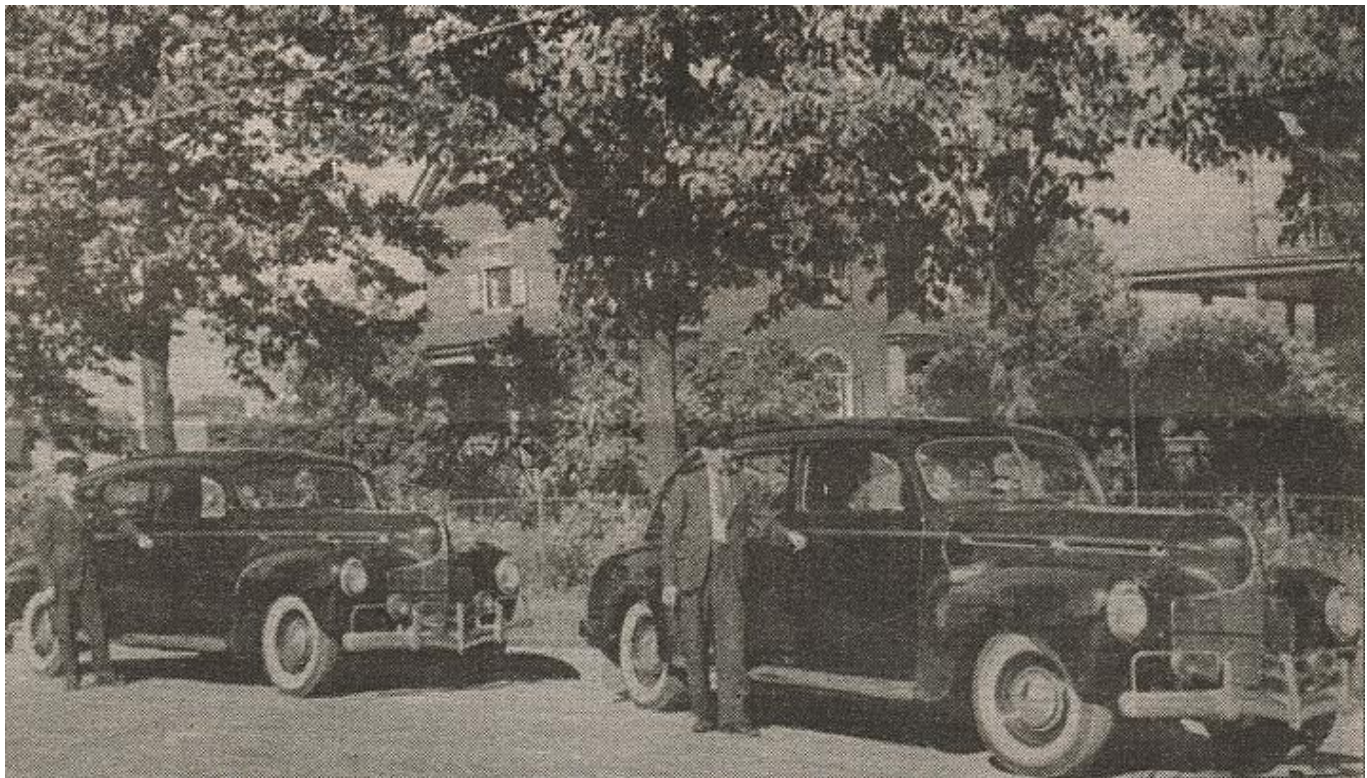




De Laporte à St-Georges



A souvenir from 1944



This picture taken on July 20th, 1944, shows the taxi cabs of Alfred Laporte. The two drivers, Alfred Laporte and Henri Lafrenière are posing in front of the vehicles of the enterprise parked in front of the residences of Saint-Thomas Street. The 1940 model Dodge cars could carry 7 passengers. This picture was published in the newspaper L'Action from Joliette on August 14, 2005.



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Birthdays

From September to December

Our best wishes to those who have celebrated a birthday or will
celebrate one soon.

January

13 – Rita-Anne Laframboise
23 – Albert St-Georges

February

01 – Jean L. Laporte
18 – Rita Laporte
22 – Jeannine Laporte Robert

March

13 – Jos Laporte
16 – Sylvain Laporte
27 – Thérèse Laporte Giroux

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Message from the President



Dear members,

You will see that a good part of this bulletin is made of texts and photos submitted by members and friends on events in their family. I hope this example will encourage others to follow suit. All your Board members are volunteers and often have a busy agenda. Therefore it is up to all of us to help maintain the interest in the Association. Pull out your old pictures and scan them or have them scanned at your corner drugstore or even send them to us to do the work and we promise we'll return them to you. If you don't have a story to accompany the photos, send us a short text indicating who is in the photo and where it was taken (or at what event). Obviously if you have a little (or long) anecdote to accompany the photo, so much the better. Or even a text without a photo. If need be, we will gladly write the article for you with a minimum of input from you. Send everything to the Association's mailing address or by e-mail at baxter@total.net. You can also leave me a message at 514-344-4487.

The planning for our next reunion, scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2006, is proceeding diligently. Be sure to mark your calendar or your agenda, this reunion should prove to be one of the most interesting with a high number of participants not only from Quebec but from all over the U.S. Please read Diane St-Georges' invitation on page 6 to all Laporte / St. George artists. Diane's friends and family have greatly contributed to the animation and joy at the last two reunions and it would be wonderful to add an English language touch to these activities. Don't be shy, come participate with her !

If you have not paid your annual dues recently, please verify with our Treasurer Madeleine Laporte if you are current. You can reach her at 514-484-9596 or by e-mail at madeleinelaporte@yahoo.ca. Unfortunately we do not have a system of automatic reminders for this and I would appreciate it very much if each one of you could do this.

Let me know if you have any other suggestion for the Association, I can assure you that we will consider all of them with all the attention they deserve.

For me who is lucky enough to be in the sun all year long, I wish all of those in colder climates to experience a mild winter !

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Wilda Laporte

By : Claire Laporte



Wilda, age 97.

Wilda Henrietta Laporte was born in Fort Coulonge Jul 31 1901.(died Oct 23/05) She was the daughter of Paul Febien Napoleon Laporte (Roche Fondu) & Mary Anne Ohara.(Engleterre). She married Raoul Joseph Labine and had one daughter Mary Lillas Margaret Labine. She is survived by 2 grandchildren Neal Thomas Neville & Brenda Lynn (Neville)Lecavallier. She has 3 great grandchildren Bruce Neville, & Luc & Marc Lecavallier and 2 great grand children Sarah & Ian Neville.

She is survived also by two sisters Mary Lillian (Laporte) Cahill (Fort Coulonge) & Ariel Blanche Cecelia (Laporte) Porter (Iroquois Falls Ont.)

I started corresponding with Wilda when I was 20. My uncles (Sheppard et Michel) had introduced us by mail in order to help me research my Laporte family roots. Wilda and her sisters drove up from Ft Coulonge to Timmins Ont. to meet me and my remaining family in 1990 while we were all at the cottage.

For all of us, it was the first time we had met. My father's sisters and spouses all came out to greet them. Wilda was a great story teller. She actual glowed when she told the various family memories she stored in her head. She is the only family member that recalls our great great great grandmother (memere Lavoie) who was a full native. She had a sharp mind like a trap and loved to be reminded of days gone by. She had lived a wonderful but hard life.

She ran & owned the Labine's Hotel Fort Coulonge for most of her adult life. You would find Wilda scrubbing the floors of the hotel on her hands and knees wearing a delicately crocheted dress. Wilda lived to crochet and wore all of her creations. She hosted people like her cousin Pierre Laporte & The Laporte Brothers Country Music Band and so many others. She also helped the locals who were down on their luck and fed them meals from the hotel. (a good part of the phone book in Ft. Coulonge is all Laporte!). She was a very kind and generous lady and was respected by the towns people.

When she retired, she travelled extensively all year round returning on occasion to Fort Coulonge to take a break. She was a very kind lady and her soul just radiated. I know she had a happy life and never took anything for granted.

Her sister, Mary Lillian has several children that are scattered across Canada. She currently resides in Ft. Coulonge with her youngest son. Her sister Ariel Blanche Cecelia Porter resides in Iroquois Falls Ont in a seniors apt. complex. She is known to us as "Girlie". She is the widow of Earl Porter for whom the local bowling alley is named. They did a lot of great work for their small community.

I hope this gives you enough details to write about her. She was a fabulous old gal and as I mentioned before she treated everyone with respect and never took anything for granted. I know she passed with a smile on her face. She did well with her life.



Wilda, age 100.

REMEMBERING FOR OUR PARENTS

Who am I? Who are you? Who am I as an individual? How have I become who I am? What am I made of? From who do I come from? Each individual must answer these questions. Members of our association can and must answer these questions. It would be interesting if each and everyone of us answer the following questions with lots of emotions, humor and affection.

A tribute to the people of the past. Let's talk about our parents, their birth, their encounters, their life together. what made their days fulfilled, their death if it applies. Let's pay tribute to the memory of this man and this woman who gave us life. Share that information with other members of our family, the legacy, not just the material values but the richness of the language, the culture, the souvenirs, the aspirations and even grief. With love, tell the details, the little things that were part of our parent's lives.

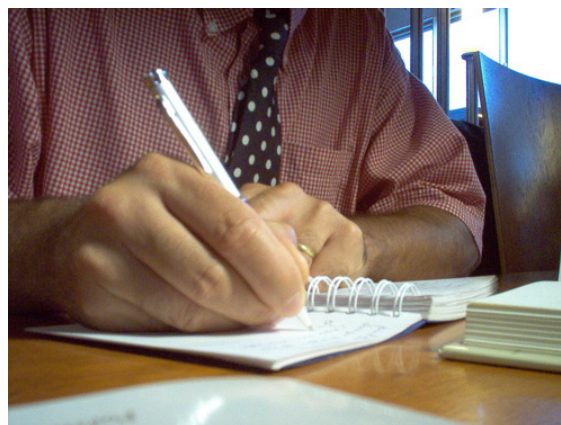
We won't offer a big show like the big stars or celebrities, such as so many people do on reality TV. It will be the presentation of simple people, of moments of life experiences far away from the spotlights. By presenting here those women and men who will not be featured in popular magazines, we come to question ourselves about our own souvenirs and legacies.

With no artificials, let's share the life of these marvellous people. We owe them that much, those who gave us life and helped us become who we are today. It is a must for those people who lived in the dark. The memory is not only about the flamboyant things, the monuments, of history books, but it is also at the center of what is modest and what contributed building this country.

Here are a few questions to help you start the exercise. Go for it!

The biography of our parents

1. Name and surname of parents.
2. Birth date and place.
3. Schools they went to.
4. Souvenirs from grand-parents.
5. Their working experience before marriage.
6. Where they lived when they were young.
7. Happy memories during their youth.
8. Who they were seeing.
9. Marriage : date and place.
10. Where they lived after marriage.
11. Children : boys and girls.
12. Grandchildren.
13. Good family times, family leasures.
14. Hard moments in the family life.
15. Jobs after the marriage.
16. Their implication in their community.
17. The place politic and religion took in their life.
18. The anniversaries : 50th, 60th, etc.
19. Their favorite things to do.
20. Their important values.
21. Things that have been said about them.



Add a picture of your parents. Don't be afraid, give it a try. Let's remember your parents. Send your texts to Baxter Laporte to the Association's address who will take care of the corrections (if necessary) and the publishing.

Baxter Laporte

Text inspired by Pierre Lefebvre of Fred-Barry, Montréal.

Reminder
Big reunion
of the
Laporte and St-Georges
of the world

Saturday August 12, 2006 at the hotel Manoir des Laurentides of Saint-Donat

Fees :

Subscription to reunion before July 20 :

Members : 25,00\$ / pers. – 40,00\$ / couple
Non-members : 30,00\$ / pers. – 50,00\$ / couple

Package 1 – dinner, show, hotel and breakfast :

Double : 80,00\$ / pers. + tx
Single : 105,00\$ / pers. + tx

Package 2 – dinner, hotel and breakfast :

Double : 60,00\$ / pers. + tx
Single : 89,00\$ / pers. + tx

Reserve your place soon. Rooms are limited, 15 are available for the Association of the possibility of 50 rooms. Confirm your reservation and send a note to Madeleine Laporte to let her know you will be there.

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To all the artists in the big St-Georges / Laporte family from Diane St-Georges

In order to plan the upcoming reunion, Mrs. Diane St-Georges would like to know which artists would like to expose their work and to communicate with her so she can plan the space you will be needing. You can contact her at by e-mail at: dianestgeorges22@hotmail.com or by phone at 450-264-9427

In order to corroborate the document about the emigration of French Canadians towards the United States from 1840 to 1930, here is a document that was written by my uncle Alphonse. It has been retyped just like the original. He talks about his life from childhood to adulthood as well as his numerous moves between Canada (Lanaudière in Québec) and the North East part of the USA.

Marcel Laporte

My Life as a French-American

(text written in 1951 by Alphonse Laporte)

Je copie sur mon Certificate of record of Birth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts City of Lowell Date of Birth December 31, 1899. By the name of Alphonse Laporte. My Father Name also Alphonse Laporte, My Mother Maiden name Virginie Mareil 3 Montcalm Avenue, Birthplace of Father and Mother Canada Date of record Feb. 15, 1900. Certificate of Baptism According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church Baptised on the 31st. Day of December 1899 The Sponsors Being Vital and Clara Germain. Under This name Alphonse Vital Joseph Laporte. At St. Joseph Church Lowell Mass. According to my Parents statement, We moved to Canada the place St. Alphonse County of Joliette Province of Quebec Canada, We moved there in March 1900. Father bought a Farm there, and there my first remember in the spring of 1905 it was a little accident playing with a Tabagan in the snow. And I remember stay there to 1907 and then in 1908 moved back to Lowell Mass. And then in the spring of 1908 my first go to School at the St. Jant the Baptist Church for 3 Months and then in the fall for 3 more Months at St. Joseph College Marymack St. That all my school there we moved back to Canada in 1909 back to the farm again in the same City of Joliette but in the range the St. Julie another farm 4 miles of Joliette City there we stay 3 years in. 1910 I don't go to School it was too far I have 4 miles to walk it was not until 1911 when I start to go to School again and I walk 4 miles morning and night only in the summer months about 3 more months and then the Municipality build us School in the vicinity I went about 3 months there during the winter of 1912 in the spring of 1912 my Father told me I was old enough to start to work the farm and learn all about earning my life. Mother was very sick then in fact she died in October 19, 1912 in November Father sold the farm and we moved to the City of Joliette and separated the household family we were 6 kids 1 girl and 5 boys with I was the oldest the one so I start to look for myself my sister and the two younger ones went to my Uncle Joseph Boisver some were near Quebec and the two next to me went to convent Orfenage. And meanwhile I get me a job in the Manufacture of bissett my first job was to set all I could and I did that very well but the next day work began for me I work there until I was 14 years old and the Manufacture burned down there went my first job it was 1914 November a while I remember for the first time I get a bit wary so I went to see Father and propose to him to get a house and get the family together one more he by then received him balance from the hold thing and accept the idea. So we did get together and lived very good and very happy about it all. But for me that did not excuse me from work and go to School which was my great intention, but no go back to work I went. So in December of the same year I get a job in lumber camp I spent the hold winter there, and the spring of 1915 I start to work for the farmer around there. So it went on like that lumber in the winter Farming in the summer time until I was 18 years old. Now things began to change for the worse, in May 12 1918 my Father died, I found myself the head of the family 6 of us me the oldest the one 18 years old I had to unramble the thing out the best I can. But how no money no property no credit, and plenty bills to be pay, O My God Please help me now. You know I think of you now, and my Father told me never to forget you. And be a very good boy and I promise him that. So now I can't go away from it all, So my first thought was to ask for something, Will you do this for me will you do that for me.

Cont. My Life as a French –American...

Will give me this and that and including a job, and to my surprise, I've got it all, Can you imagine all I have to do it work for that boy that part was wonderful for me... So now come the job, I have to go away to the job. It was about 300 miles away in region of Abitibi Canada a place called Grenville near Hearst. So today I gave me money to get there. I arrived there June 12 1918. It was a very bright morning and my first trip the Mossetts welcomed me by the 1000 of it, So it was about 11.00 o'clock went a man come to me and ask me with I want I told him I was sent here to work for Bedore and Sanregret Co. In come lumber camp. Well he said I am Mr. Bodore. I was expecting a man are you the one, I said to him Allmos, Well he said to me come a long will see with you could do, So there I was working up to May 1919. I did like that place but I quit for more money so I could pay more bill.

So from there I went to work for the transcontinental Railroad Co. the name of the Place was Clova. The type of work section man the Foreman was Lois Ervieux. I work there for and along the line for 2 years. And then back in lumber camp and saw mill in Abitibi and north Ontario and North of Mich. until 1923 4.5. and then I went to Pontiac Mich. to work for Wilson Foundry Automobile Manufacture Co. for 1 year. From March 1925 to Spring 1926. And I went to work for Fisher Body plant 1 and 2 and all so Pontiac Plant until spring 1928... And I moved to Detroit Mich. And I went to work for Briggs Mfg. of and on for a while. And in the fall I went to work as a salesman on reel estate for Houserman Spitzly Corp. until 1931. In this year 1930 I've got married and I stay there to 1931 1932 also. My address then was 816 Brannard St. Detroit Mich. Then I quit work as a reel estate salesman, in the fall of 1932 I went to work as a butler and chauffeur for Mr. Arthur Siasinger at 1515 Boston Bld. until spring 1933. Then I went to work as Apartment Manager for Sibley Apartment. Then thing happen for the worse From 1933 to 1941 Jan. 7 Work off and on with ever I could get I work for the red cross approximately 5 years through W.P.A. and City work. But in Jan. 7 1941 I start to work for construction co., as labour for Dupui co. and then I work as palldriver and millwright to 1943 May 30,. And June 3 1943 I start to work as Police Bldg. for General Motor Corp. And in 1951 Jan. 1, I steel there and like very well I hope to stay there a long time to come...

Don't forget to contact us should you need any information regarding the next reunion. We will be happy to help you out. Hope to see you there!

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