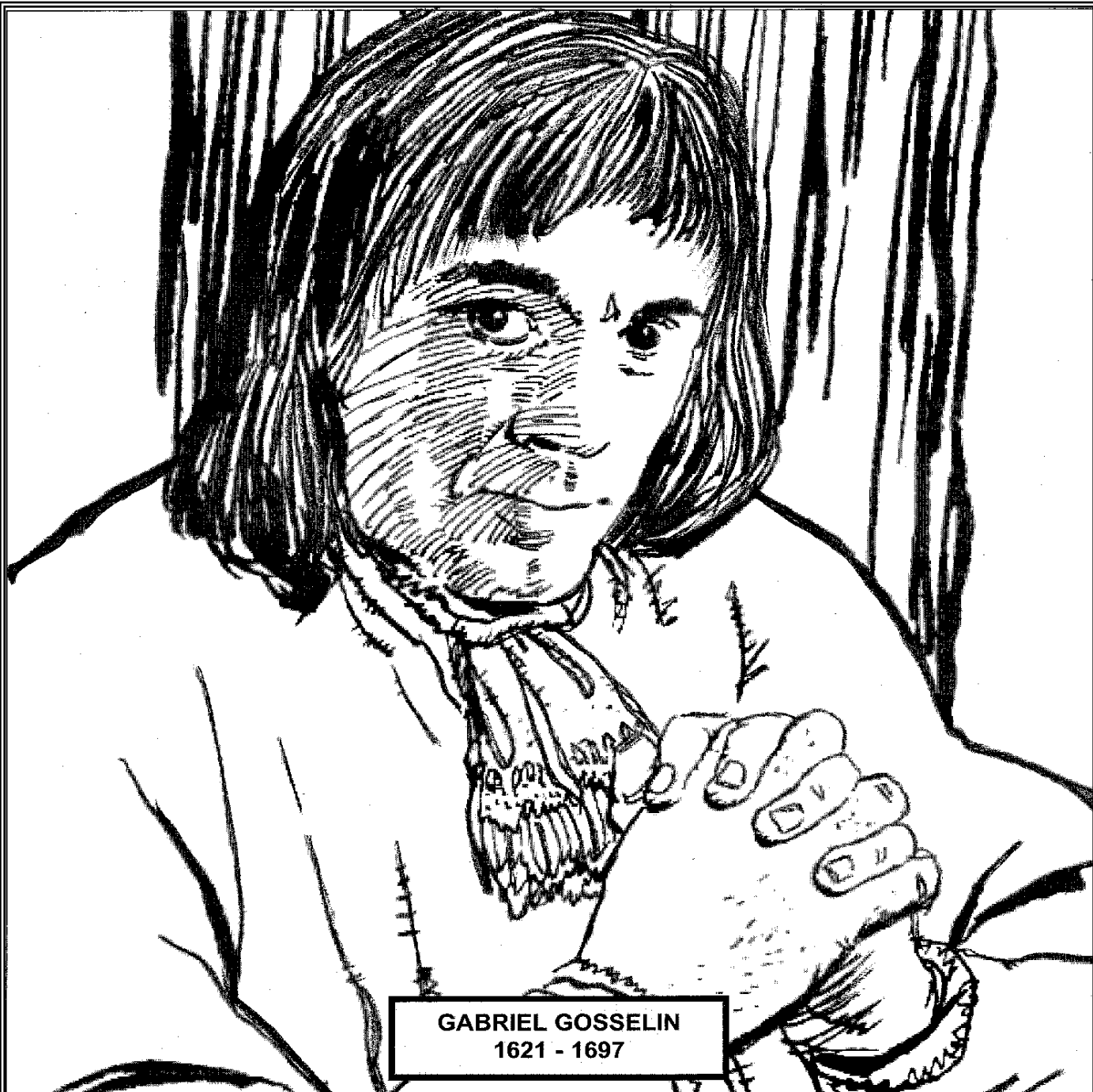




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Un mot de la rédactrice en chef



Bonjour chers cousins et cousines,

Tout d'abord, je tiens à remercier tous ceux et celles qui étaient présents lors de notre rassemblement les 2 et 3 septembre au Manoir du Lac Etchemin dans la belle région de la Beauce. Ce fut un plaisir de vous revoir encore cette année et de partager de beaux moments ensemble. Merci à Jacques notre Président pour cette belle organisation, Merci aux membres du Conseil d'administration et Merci aussi à tous ceux qui de près ou de loin ont apporté leur aide lors de ces 2 journées. Je pense aussi à mon conjoint Yvan qui s'est occupé de la logistique au niveau de la salle de réunion et aussi la prise de photos, Francine et Nicole, à l'accueil et secrétaire d'élection, Mario, notre banquier, René, Pierrette pour la distribution des billets de tirage, et tous ceux et celles que j'oublie bien entendu dans le feu de l'action. Un merci particulier à Georgette et Lucienne de Matane, ces femmes de coeur, qui peu importe le lieu de rassemblement, sont toujours fidèles au rendez-vous, en compagnie bien sûr des membres de leurs belles familles. Elles nous ont offert généreusement leur travail de tissage pour offrir en tirage, que tout le monde convoitait et rêvait de gagner naturellement. Et c'est moi qui fut une des chanceuses et merci mille fois pour les magnifiques linges de vaisselle qui me rappelleront à tout jamais votre présence. Et que dire de tous les autres, Merci pour votre simple participation, pour votre sourire car c'est votre façon de contribuer au succès de cette belle rencontre, car sans vous, l'Association ne pourrait avoir sa raison d'être très longtemps, car c'est vous qui attisez la flamme. A l'an prochain je l'espère et soyez fidèles, car lors de notre récente réunion du C.A., nous avons déjà commencé à discuter des activités pour le 40e anniversaire et bien entendu, nous comptons grandement sur votre indispensable présence et aussi nous vous invitons à nous transmettre vos idées en tout temps. A l'an prochain!

Aussi, vous trouverez les informations concernant une invitation au dévoilement d'une plaque à Ste-Famille, I.O. en l'honneur du Major Clément Gosselin. **Vous devez réserver votre place.**

Finalement, dans le présent numéro, tel que promis, nous vous livrons l'article de Jacques Gosselin qui portait sur : Clément Gosselin (1747-1816), l'espion canadien-français de George Washington, version anglaise. Des photos de notre rassemblement et aussi quelques nouvelles de Gosselin.

Bonne lecture,

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A word from the editor in chief

Hello dear cousins,

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended our family gathering on September 2 and 3 at the Manoir du Lac Etchemin in the beautiful Beauce region. It was a pleasure to see you again this year. Thank you to Jacques, our President, for the wonderful organization of this event, thank you to the members of the Board of Directors and thank you also to all those who helped during these two days. I also think of my husband Yvan who took care of the logistics concerning the meeting room and who took photos during our gathering. Thank you also to Francine and Nicole, working at the reception desk and as election secretary, to Mario, our banker, to René and Pierrette for the distribution of the draw tickets, and thank you to all those I forgot to mention in the heat of the action. A special thank you to Georgette and Lucienne from Matane, these wonderful women who, wherever the gathering is located, are always present together with the members of their beautiful families. They generously offered their weaving as a prize for the draw, which everyone coveted and dreamed of winning. And it was I who was one of the lucky ones! Thank you a thousand times for the magnificent dish towels that will remind me forever of your presence. And let us not forget to mention all of the other people present at the gathering: thank you for your participation and for your smiles because this is your way of contributing to the success of this beautiful meeting. Because without you, the Association would not have its raison d'être for very long, for it is you who rekindle the warm flame. Next year I hope we will see you again, because at our recent Board meeting we have already begun to discuss activities for the 40th anniversary and of course we rely heavily on your essential presence and we invite you to share your ideas with us at all times. See you next year!



*Also, you will find an invitation to the unveiling of a plaque in Ste-Famille, Ile d'Orléans in honour of Major Clément Gosselin. **Please reserve if you wish to attend.***

Finally, in this issue, as promised, we are sending you the English version of Jacques Gosselin's article on Clément Gosselin (1747-1816), George Washington's French-Canadian spy. Photos of our gathering and some news of Gosselin family members complete this newsletter.

Enjoy the newsletter,

France Gosselin (1163)

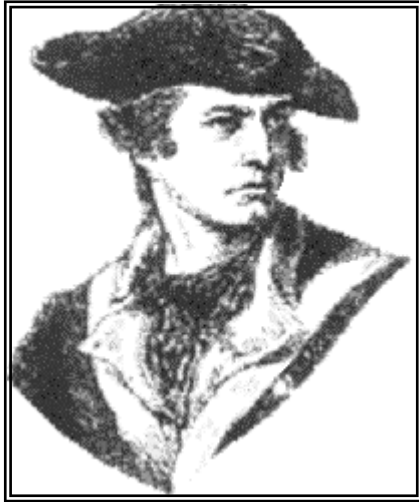
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The incredible odyssey of a young man from Sainte-Famille, Île d'Orléans: Clément Gosselin (1747-1816).



Clément Gosselin was born on June 12, 1747 in the paternal house in Sainte-Famille, Île d'Orléans, Quebec. This house was located in the seigniorial domain Charny-Lyrec, where the church and the presbytery were located. The property of two (2) acres and a few feet was bounded to the southwest by the property of Jean-Baptiste Prémont and to the north-east by the land of the late François Bilodo. As was common practice in New France, he was baptized in the parish church on the day he was born. His godfather was Clément Rocheron and his godmother was Charlotte-Geneviève Legardeur. His father, Gabriel Gosselin, was the grandson of our ancestor and practiced the following trades: farmer, militiaman and carpenter. His mother, Geneviève Crépeau, raised twelve (12) children and Clément was her last child.

Clément grew up following his father like "a little lapdog". (1). He followed him when he carried out carpentry work for the churches of the island and he followed him when he worked on the farm. He heard much about the conflict between England and France since his father was part of the militia of General de Montcalm. He even met the Marquis de Montcalm with his father.

We know that Clément learned to read and write French, probably with the help of the nuns and brothers that would spend some time living in the parish. This was clearly demonstrated by the correspondence he established with his family and the high dignitaries of the American army, under the direction of General George Washington. Moreover, Gosselin wrote and spoke the language of Shakespeare, but we do not know when he acquired this ability.

Clément grew up learning the basics of carpentry and the attributes of the militia. At the beginning of his adolescence, at the age of twelve, Clément was separated from his father, who was called upon to fight the British to protect the city of Quebec. During the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759, his father Gabriel was taken prisoner and brought to England, and his cousin Joseph was killed during the same battle. These events marked the life of this young man who was angry for the rest of his life with the British soldier who took his father from him. Moreover, he could not forgive General Wolfe for having ordered that the dwellings along the St. Lawrence and on Île d'Orléans be burned. It is also from this moment on that Clément decided to become a soldier of the militia, not to serve the new conqueror, but to drive him out of his country.

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When Clément was in his twenties, he joined his brother Jean-Baptiste in Sainte-Anne de La Pocatière, in the Lower St. Lawrence region, where he resided temporarily. There is a document dated May 16, 1769, prepared by the surveyor Plamondon, informing us that Clément Gosselin already owned a property of one and a half acres by forty-two in depth in the second country road located between the properties of François Crétien and Joseph Ouellet. This land is just a little further east of the property which his future father-in-law owned. He thus met a young woman named Marie-Beuve Dionne. On January 22, 1770, Clément, aged 23, married Marie-Beuve, aged 15, in the community parish. The contract was signed in the presence of notary Joseph Dionne on January 21, 1770. This contract involved a series of goods, dowering him 300 francs, and he allocated a majorat of 150 francs. Once married, he settled on the aforementioned property of one and a half acres. On January 29, 1771, Clément went to the notary Joseph Dionne to sign a receipt to his stepfather, Germain Dionne, concerning the amount he could claim to receive as a result of his marriage, both in furniture and real estate on the Dionne succession, of which he hereby renounced. It can therefore be assumed that this also applied to the property on the second country road, since no sales deed was found concerning this property. But one thing is certain: on May 15, 1774, the Lord of Sainte-Anne-de-La-Pocatière, Augustin Roy named Lausier, granted him a property of two acres along the front and forty in depth for the price of four francs per annum of land rent and two 'sols' of annual fees per acre of land. Clément was responsible for the upkeep of every road and bridge of public utility on his property, and the lord had access to all of the oak wood for the construction of the King's ships, the seigniorial mansion, the church and the mill. This property was located on the third country road bounded on the south-west by six non-conceded properties and on the north-east by the property of Germain Dionne. The contract was signed in the presence of notary Joseph Dionne.

Clément and Marie-Beuve had five (5) children, all born in La Pocatière:

1. Clément was born on November 21, 1770. At the time of the 1790 census, he was in Champlain, New York, U.S.A. with his father. On November 14, 1796 he married Catherine Lévesque in La Pocatière. They had nine (9) children. Then, after this generation, we lose track of him.
2. Catherine was born on July 22, 1773. She married Joseph Lafage Dufour in Lake Champlain in 1786 or 1787. On March 6, 1787, she had her marriage rehabilitated by the parish priest of Chambly. She was buried in Saint-Hyacinthe between January 24 and February 7, 1797. She and her husband had one daughter.
3. Geneviève was born on May 5, 1775.
4. Marguerite was born on October 12, 1777. She married Dominique Messier in Beloeil on September 25, 1797. They had no children.
5. Élisabeth was born on April 9, 1780. She married Isaï Dubé on August 16, 1796 in La Pocatière.

Note that the father was present only for the baptisms of his three youngest children. In addition, he had the parish priest of La Pocatière certify the baptism of Elizabeth on November 2, 1784. As for his wife Marie-Beuve, we must presume that her death occurred between April 9, 1780 and the year 1786.

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Since his arrival in La Pocatière, Clément had been thinking of mounting his own militia. His brother Louis then came to join him. In addition, he recruited his father-in-law Germain Dionne, a rich businessman.

Trouble was brewing in the American colonies, the tension was rising between the latter and the motherland, England. Clément saw this as an opportunity for the Americans to invade Canada and drive the British out of the continent.

And let us come back specifically to the year 1775 because we know that the thirteen American colonies did invade Canada, that Montreal capitulated, and that General Montgomery's troops, with the help of Clément Gosselin and his militia of two hundred men, failed in their attempt to seize the city of Quebec and they had to retreat to Montreal. That same year marked the excommunication of Gosselin by Monsignor Briang, Bishop of Quebec, through Father Porlier, parish priest of La Pocatière.

In 1776, Clément Gosselin was appointed militia captain in the Moses Hazen regiment. He then traveled through the lower St. Lawrence region to recruit militiamen. He then went to Montreal to meet with a congressional delegation composed of Benjamin Franklin and Father John Carroll to discuss a new potential escape from Canada.

On August 24, 1777, Clément Gosselin sold his property of the second country road of Sainte-Anne-de-La-Pocatière to Jean-Marie Chouinard for the sum of 600 francs for the land and 200 francs for the ancestral rights belonging to his wife. The document states: "a land of two acres along the front by forty-two deep", contrary to the document issued by Plamondon, surveyor of 1769, which indicated a depth of one and a half acres. The property was bounded on the north-east by the property of Joseph Ouellet and on the south-west by that of Jérémie Saint-Amant.

Since the American invasion of 1775, Clément Gosselin was sought by the Canadian authorities. He hid in the surrounding woods and then reappeared in his community when the danger of the British military presence decreased. But towards mid-October 1777, he was arrested and taken to prison in Quebec City. He was released in the spring of 1778. As soon as he was released from prison, Clément joined his regiment in the state of New York. It was then that he met General George Washington, who asked him to become his spy on Canadian soil at his own risk and to give him a full report of the military activities in Canada. At the same time, the Marquis de Lafayette came forward, as a representative of France, to support a new invasion of Canada by the thirteen colonies, and this encouraged Clément to accept the mission entrusted to him by the American general. So he left incognito to reach Canada. As he passed through Lotbinière, he wrote to his wife to tell her about the other Canadians accompanying him and he informed her that the American army was on its way to Canada.

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In a letter dated November 23, 1778, and addressed to his Excellency, the Honorable George Washington, Chief General of the whole of America, Gosselin described the difficulty he encountered in obtaining supplies and in being guided from one point to another on his way from St-Antoine Bay to Quebec City (2). He also mentioned the fear of retaliation for the inhabitants on the part of the Tory army (3). He told her that the troops numbered 3,700 men and that all of the property of the families of the rebels had been seized and that their families were in danger. The letter was signed by Captain Clément Gosselin and Lieutenant Louis Gosselin. Clément Gosselin was therefore busy spreading the news that the Americans were going to invade Canada again and that they would be accompanied by French troops led by the Marquis de Lafayette. This report probably influenced the congress, because the latter, on January 1, 1779, voted against the continuation of the plan to invade Canada. Clément Gosselin did not give up and continued the work that he was asked to do. Then he returned to the thirteen colonies with his militia. Canadian regiments were needed to fight battles. Washington and Lafayette mobilized all of their men in Yorktown, Virginia. Clément played a leading role and devised a defense system that helped his side achieve the victory. General Lafayette praised the Canadian regiments. Clément Gosselin was injured during the fighting which led to a handicap in his leg which would affect him for the rest of his life.

In January, 1781, Gosselin wrote his second mission report to General Washington, and this correspondence gave a precise illustration of the military portrait of Canada, and Gosselin even allowed himself to add his suggestions. First, in Canada at this time there were 1,800 English troops, about 1,200 German troops, 1,200 Tory troops - thus a total of 4200 soldiers. Of this total, 800 were to guard Lévis, 1,000 for the city of Quebec, and the remainder for guard posts between Quebec City and Île aux Noix.

Secondly, in Quebec City, an underground tunnel had been dug, a stone fence was built, palisades were built from the Buttes-à-neveu hills on the Plains of Abraham to the harbor at L'Anse au Foulon, which stretches about 3 km long by 4 km wide with entrenchments of terraces and semi-circular emplacements where several cannons had been placed.

Thirdly, at the tip of Lévis, they built a fort surrounded by stakes and batteries, and they deforested at least 2 km of land around the fort, then dug a tunnel in the fortress similar to the one in Quebec. The food resources required to fuel such an army were considerable. The Quebec City region, which had an abundant harvest, could meet the demand. The same was true of the fodder necessary to feed the horses. The other cars and carts were not enough for such an army.

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Fourth, for the anchorage of the vessels, the Chaudière River harbor, the Saguenay River and Sept-Îles were the best solutions and would be most reassuring for the hibernation period. For the disembarkation of the troops, it would be easier at Kamouraska, at Saint-Roch, at Cap Saint-Ignace, and at Berthier. The batteries of guns could be carried to each of these places and would serve as defense in case of attack.

Fifth, many residents of the country wanted more than ever to be rescued and were willing to collaborate with the American and French army. On the other hand, others felt that the King of France had abandoned them during the conquest.

Sixth, Clément pointed out that Canadian militiamen were more than ready to support the Americans and he suggested a way of seeking help from the Native People and involving them in the cause. Also in that same year, 1781, Clément Gosselin presented a statement to the general detailing articles which he himself purchased from his own pocket for the needs of his militia. These include: a frock coat, a sheet jacket, a skullcap, two military headdresses, red sulphide of mercury for the Native People, three axes and four pairs of shoes. The total amounted to three hundred and five dollars in continental currency for which he requested reimbursement.

I took the trouble of describing this subject in detail so that the reader can see the extent of the report and the unwavering motivation of Clément Gosselin.

On May 10, 1783 a society of officers of the war of independence was founded and named "The Society of the Cincinnati." George Washington, Clément and Louis Gosselin, Germain Dionne (Clément's father-in-law) and François Monty became founding members and bore the title of Knights of this organization. In the following June, Clément Gosselin was promoted to major and then dismissed by the congress army. The war was over and the thirteen American colonies obtained their independence from England.

It was in 1787 that Clément Gosselin received a property of one thousand acres from the congress to thank him for services rendered during the war of independence. This property was located on the shore of Lake Champlain in the state of New York.

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A widower with several young children, Clément Gosselin did not waste any time and as was customary at that time, he sought a wife to take care of his young children. On January 15, 1787, in Longueuil, he married Charlotte Ouimet, aged 26. He was 39 years old. The contract was signed in the presence of notary François Racicot in Boucherville on January 12, 1787. She brought 734 pounds sterling and 5 'sols' in addition to her clothes, linen and second-hand clothes. He granted her a sum of 800 pounds. Clément's children thus gained two additional siblings:

1. Charlotte was born in Longueuil on July 15, 1788. She died at the age of 14 on September 23, 1802 in Longueuil.
2. Toussaint was born in Longueuil on October 26, 1789. Unfortunately, no other trace of him was found.

Note that the father was absent for both baptisms. Clément's wife, Charlotte, died in Longueuil on November 9, 1789, two weeks after Toussaint was born. She was buried in the absence of her husband Clément.

Let us return to the year of 1788 to say that Clément Gosselin was appointed first major of the militia for the county of Clinton in the State of New York. During the same year, he was also named president of the Plattsburgh Grand Jury.

On December 23, 1789, President George Washington wrote to Clément Gosselin in English in order to express his disappointment at the delay in response to the request Clément had made concerning the difficulties encountered in the titles of the lands which he had received in the State of New York. The president assured him that a follow-up would be made with Governor Clinton of the State of New York. Once the problem was solved, Clément Gosselin sold his one thousand acre property in Lake Champlain for 50 pounds to Jacques Rouse on May 30, 1789.

In 1790, the American government granted 300 acres of land to Clément as an additional reward for his good and loyal services. He resold this right to William Steele in exchange for land located in Ohio.

After the death of his second wife, Clément did not give up. He married Catherine Monty, daughter of François, first lieutenant of the James Levingston regiment. The wedding took place in the presence of a Justice of the Peace of the State of New York on November 8, 1790. Clément Gosselin later met with Monsignor John Carroll, the first bishop appointed in this new country and the latter lifted his excommunication. His marriage was later rehabilitated in the presence of the parish priest of Saint-Hyacinthe on May 12, 1791. He was 43 years old and she was 21. Together, they had fifteen (15) children, all born in Saint-Luc. Fourteen (14) of them died shortly after their birth. The 12th child, Geneviève, was born on September 19, 1804 in Saint-Luc on the Richelieu River. In 1845, she married Lewis Monty and she lived in the state of New York.

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As Clément Gosselin approached his fifties and at the turn of the nineteenth century, he took things a little more lightly. From 1791 to 1799, he lived in Saint-Hyacinthe. From 1800 to 1801 he lived in the state of New York. Then in 1802, he returned to Saint-Luc where he bought two lots. The first property was one and a half acres along the front and one acre in depth, and the second property was fifty-four feet along the front and one hundred and forty-three feet in depth, which is contiguous to the first. He was a carpenter and became the first cantor of the parish. He held this position for twelve years and he was paid one hundred and fifty francs per year.

On October 2, 1814, he presented a statement requested the reimbursement of forty-seven pounds for his lodging, his journey, and a few meals in Laprairie for a period of six days. Was this related to his participation in a meeting of the Cincinnati Society or in connection with his new job as a cantor? Our reference remains silent and does not provide any details on this issue.

But in 1815, he met with notary Louis Decouagne to sell his property of Saint-Luc to Pierre Dubeau for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds. Clément Gosselin decided to spend the rest of his life in Beekmantown, Clinton County, New York. He died there on March 9, 1816.

For all who did not know him, who was he really? He was an energetic, strategic, ingenious, determined leader, a disciplined, authority respecting, courageous, ambitious man who stood up for his beliefs. On the other hand, he was stubborn and naïve; he had the spirit of vengeance and for him the family came second. He spoke and wrote French and English. He innovated with his militia members in what is now called "becoming a Franco-American." Proud of his adoptive nation, but he was also proud of his ancestral nation.

His third wife, Catherine Monty, died on April 9, 1840, probably while she was living with her daughter in New York State. On June 4, 1845, the US government awarded his daughter Jane, Geneviève Gosselin, an army major's half-pension, that is to say four hundred and eighty dollars a year, as a reward for the services rendered by her father during the war of independence of the United States.

Many things happened in Clément Gosselin's sixty-eight years of life: three wives, the births of twenty-two children, three wars, prison in Quebec City, nine different places of residence in Canada and the United States, a war wound leaving him with a physical disability, an excommunication, the lifting of an excommunication, becoming a founding member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the travelling of a great number of kilometers through forests, rivers and lakes and a privileged connection with the first president of the United States: George Washington.

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This knight of the Society of the Cincinnati certainly made his mark in history, even though he did not achieve his dream of independence for his homeland in becoming an American state, but he definitely received the merit and recognition of the American people in their quest for independence.

- (1) An old expression which my father used and which means to follow someone everywhere.
- (2) Baie Saint-Antoine, is the former name of Baie D'Urfé on Saint-Pierre lake.
- (3) Tory, group of soldiers belonging to the royal guard of the King of England.

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APPENDICES

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b Major Clément Gosselin 12 juin 1747 Ste-Famille I.O. fils de Gabriel et
Geneviève Crépault

Clément Gosselin

L'an mil Sept. cent quarante Sept le douzième juin par moi Soussigné curé
de la Ste famille a été baptisé Clément né de ce jour fils de Gabriel Gosselin
et Geneviève Crépault La femme Les parain et Maraine ont été Clément
Rocheron et Mlle Charlotte Geneviève Legardeur la quelle a signé le parain
a déclaré ne savoir signer de ce requis *Chas Lotte Legardeur*
Du frost pre

2. Act of the first marriage of Clément Gosselin, La Pocatière, 1770

M1 Clément Gosselin et Marie Dionne
LaPocatière 22-01-1770

Clément Gosselin
+
Marie Dionne

L'an mil sept cent soixante dix le vingt deux janvier Nous P^r Soussigné après trois
publications de Banes de mariage au P^rme de cette Paroisse entre Clément Gosselin fils de Gabriel Gosselin
et de Marie Geneviève Crépault de la Paroisse de la Ste famille M^{lle} Dionne d'une part, et Marie
Dionne fille de Germain Dionne et de Louise Bernier de cette paroisse d'autre part, ne s'étant trouvé
aucun Empêchement, Nous avons donné La Bénédiction nuptiale après avoir reçu leur mutuel
consentement présence de François Gosselin, Bernard Dubergis Cousins, Joseph Péllet, Joseph Carron amis
de l'époux Et de Germain Dionne P^ru, Joseph Dionne, oncle, Charles Duchonard oncle, William
P^ru, amis, François Dionne, tante, des P^rs Germain Curé, Pierre Antoine Duchonquet et
plusieurs autres Parents et amis des quels l'époux, le P^ru, les P^rs Curé, William P^ru, Bernard
Dubergis, François Damphroux, P^r Duchonquet ont signé les autres aiant déclaré ne le savoir
de ce Enquis.

(Signé) *J. Curé*

B. Dubergis

Clément Gosselin *Germain Dionne*

William P^ru *François Damphroux*

(Signé) *P^r Duchonquet*

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George Washington

3. Letter from George Washington to Clément Gosselin, December 23, 1789²²⁷



To Captain Clément Gosselin

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New York.

Sir,

I have received (this a long time after its date) your letter of the 7th of September in which you request my interference - once or assistance to obtain for you a little to land ceded by the State of New York to the Canadian Refugee Protestants - viz it is my sincere wish that all those who suffered losses or rendered services to the American cause in the late War should be suitably recompensed and rewarded - yet my present situation forbids any interference, on my part, with the doings of an individual State, unless called thereto by my official duty; I have therefore directed a copy of your letter to be given to Governor Clinton who undoubtedly acquainted with the circumstances of the cases which you have stated.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) George Washington

Wm. G. S.

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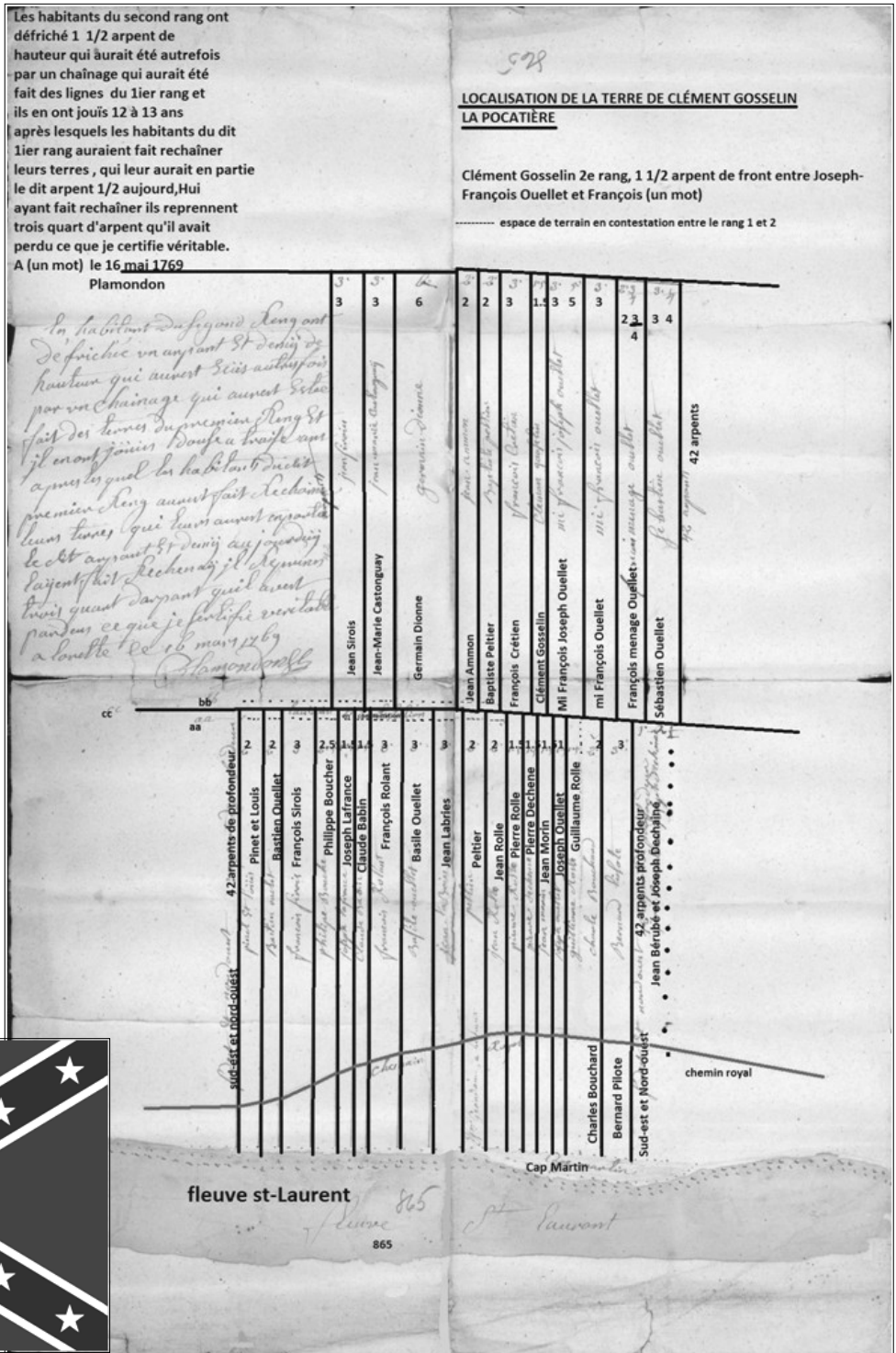


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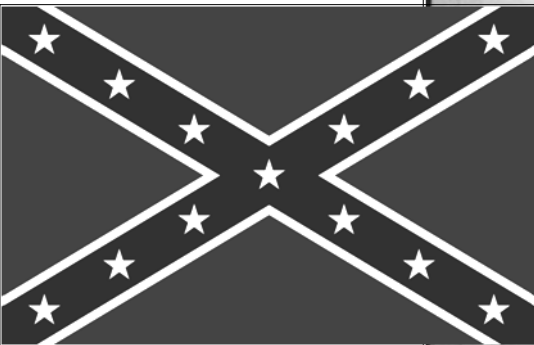
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5. Location of the property of Clément Gosselin in La Pocatière



6. Flag of the Confederacy



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Félicitations à Michel Rochon pour sa nomination à titre de vice-président. De par ses nombreuses connaissances et expériences, il saura apporter tout le support nécessaire à notre Président en plus de ses tâches au niveau du dictionnaire généalogique. J'en profite pour souligner toutes les années de bénévolat, depuis la création de l'Association en 1979, de son prédécesseur William Gosselin qui a dû malheureusement se retirer pour des raisons de santé et aussi des raisons personnelles. Mille fois Merci!

Bienvenue à Robert Gosselin au sein du Conseil d'administration. Sa vaste expertise dans divers domaines apportera une grande contribution à l'Association. Il aura comme mandat, entre autres, un défi de taille le recrutement de nouveaux membres.

Quant aux autres membres du C.A. Merci d'avoir accepté de reconduire un autre mandat afin de servir encore l'Association des familles Gosselin.

Bonne continuité!

France Gosselin, rédactrice en chef

MAJOR CLÉMENT GOSSELIN 1747 – 1816



Invitation au dévoilement d'une plaque en l'honneur de l'incroyable odysée d'un fils de Sainte-Famille, Île d'Orléans, Québec.

Les Amis du Major Clément Gosselin vous invitent cordialement à assister au dévoilement de la plaque en son honneur le **samedi 4 novembre 2017, à 14h00, à la Maison des Aïeux, sise au 2958, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille, I.O. Québec.**

Voici le programme de l'activité :

Prélude musical

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| 14h00 | Ouverture par le maître de cérémonie, M. Serge Pouliot |
| 14h10 | Discours de M. Jacques Gosselin, président de l'Association des Familles Gosselin |
| 14h20 | Discours de M. Jacques Gosselin, historien de l'Association des Familles Gosselin |
| 14h30 | Brève présentation de l'Ordre Lafayette ainsi que du concept « Lieu de mémoire Lafayette » par M. Gérard Charpentier Ph. D., Grand-Croix, Commandeur de l'Ordre Lafayette, Président de l'Ordre Lafayette Order America corp. aux États-Unis et de l'Association Ordre Lafayette Canada, remise de diplômes d'honneur et de certificats commémoratifs |
| 15h00 | Dévoilement de la plaque au Parc des Ancêtres |
| 15h15 | Séance de photos et réponses fournies aux questions de l'assistance |
| 15h30 | Dégustation des « Lafayette Liberty Pies » |

SOUVENEZ-VOUS DE...

NOS PLUS SINCÈRES CONDOLÉANCES!



GOSSELIN, MARTHE (1927-2017)

A l'hôpital de Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, le 1er février 2017, à l'âge de 89 ans, est décédée madame Marthe Gosselin. Native de la paroisse de Saint-Jean Île d'Orléans.

Elle a été confiée à la Coopérative funéraire des Deux Rives, Centre Funéraire Côte-de-Beaupré, 10 579, Boul. Ste-Anne, Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré (Qc) G0A 3C0.

Le service religieux sera célébré, en présence des cendres, le samedi le 3 juin 2017 à 11 h 00 en l'église Saint-Jean île d'Orléans. Prenez note qu'on soulignera également le troisième anniversaire du décès de son frère Monsieur André Gosselin. Elle laisse dans le deuil ses neveux et ses nièces. La famille tient à remercier tout le personnel de l'hôpital de Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré pour les bons soins prodigués. Vos témoignages de sympathie peuvent se traduire par un don à l'hôpital Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, 1100, rue des Montagnards, Beaupré, (Qc) G0A 1E0.

Elle était membre (772) de l'Association des familles Gosselin.



GOSSELIN, CHARLES (1917-2017) CENTENAIRE!

Au Centre hospitalier de Matane, le 16 mars 2017, est décédé à l'âge de 100 ans et 2 mois, M. Charles Gosselin époux de feu Mme Thérèse Dion. Il demeurait à Matane.

Une Célébration à la mémoire de M. Charles Gosselin a eu lieu le samedi 15 juillet à 11 h 00 au salon funéraire et l'inhumation au cimetière de Petit-Matane.

Il laisse dans le deuil ses enfants : Pierre, Lise (Normand), Claude (Maryse), Yves (Lyne), ses petits-enfants : Yan, Samuel, Annie, Jalily, Lucas, Valérie, leurs conjoints(es), ses arrière-petits-enfants Simon et Maxim, ses sœurs Azilda et Laurette, ses neveux et nièces ainsi que plusieurs parents et amis(es).

Il était membre (1151) de l'Association des familles Gosselin.



« Les personnes que nous aimons quittent un jour nos yeux
mais jamais notre cœur! »

SOUVENEZ-VOUS DE...

NOS PLUS SINCÈRES CONDOLÉANCES!



GOSSELIN, GILLES, chanteur folklorique de Lévis (Saint-Jean-Chrysostome) et surnommé « le Willie Nelson du Québec » est décédé le 24 septembre dernier, à l'âge de 77 ans, après avoir livré, pendant quatre ans, un rude combat contre la sclérodermie. Pendant 50 ans, il a été un ardent ambassadeur du folklore québécois en étant associé à plusieurs événements à Québec (Carnaval de Québec) et au Québec, en faisant plusieurs apparitions à la télévision et en animant une émission de radio, durant les années 90, où il partageait son amour du folklore. Sa passion pour le folklore québécois a d'ailleurs été reconnue, en 2011, lorsqu'on lui a remis la Médaille de l'Assemblée nationale et, plus récemment (mars 2017), lorsqu'il avait été invité à signer le livre d'or de la Ville de Lévis. Le service religieux sera célébré le samedi 7 octobre à 14 h, à l'église de Saint-Jean-Chrysostome.

GOSSELIN, COLETTE (1921-2017)

Au CHU – Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, le 24 juin 2017, à l'âge de 96 ans, est décédée madame Colette Gosselin, fille de feu madame Corine Côté et de feu monsieur David Gosselin. Elle demeurait à Québec.

Le service religieux sera célébré le vendredi 30 juin 2017 à 14 h 00 en l'église St-Dominique (175, Grande-Allée Ouest, Québec), où la famille recevra les condoléances à compter de 13 h. L'inhumation se fera au cimetière St-Charles.

Elle est allée rejoindre ses frères et sa sœur : Gabriel (Mary Marceau), Yves (Jacqueline Gosselin), Marcelle, Simon (Carmelle Abel) et Gustave (Jacqueline Blouin). Elle laisse dans le deuil ses neveux et nièces : Madeleine (William Watt), feu Pierre (feu Micheline Granary), Francine (feu Jacques Cantin), Mireille (Yvan Simoneau), Benoit (Solange Richard), Yves (Francine Paquet), Louise, feu Louis, Michel (Doris Beaulieu), Marie-Andrée (Gilles Marceau), Suzanne (Pierre Delagrave), Claire, Jean-Simon (Pierrette Bisson), Serge et Sylvie; sa cousine Roberte (feu Jean-Paul Lortie) et ses amies mesdames Danielle Bourque et Annabelle Stanziani-Mathieu. Nous remercions madame Danielle Bourque pour son dévouement, son soutien et son accompagnement durant ces nombreuses années.

Vos témoignages de sympathie peuvent se traduire par un don à la *Fondation du CHU de Québec (Hôpital Saint-Sacrement)*,

Site web : www.fondationduchudequebec.ca – Téléphone : 525-4385.

Elle était membre de l'Association des familles Gosselin depuis le début de la fondation en 1979. Elle était aussi la soeur du président-fondateur de l'Association (Gustave Gosselin), ainsi que de Jean-Simon, le président qui a succédé à Gustave après son décès.



SAVIEZ-VOUS QUE...

IMPORTANT : AFIN DE VÉRIFIER LA DATE D'EXPIRATION DE VOTRE ABONNEMENT, VOUS N'AVEZ QU'À REGARDER LA DATE INSCRITE SUR VOTRE ÉTIQUETTE LORS DE LA RÉCEPTION DE VOTRE BULLETIN « LE GABRIEL ». EXEMPLE : SI C'EST INSCRIT 08/2017, C'EST QUE VOTRE ABONNEMENT SE TERMINE LE 31 JUILLET 2017 ET PAR LE FAIT MÊME, SI VOUS N'AVEZ PAS DONNÉ SUITE À VOTRE RENOUVELLEMENT, CELA IMPLIQUE QUE VOUS N'ÊTES PLUS MEMBRE EN RÈGLE DE L'ASSOCIATION ET QUE VOUS NE RECEVREZ PLUS LE BULLETIN.

POUR CONTINUER À BÉNÉFICIER DE TOUS LES PRIVILÈGES EN TANT QUE MEMBRE DE L'ASSOCIATION, ENTRE AUTRE À VOTRE ABONNEMENT AU BULLETIN LE GABRIEL, VOUS DEVEZ RETOURNER VOTRE CHÈQUE AU NOM DE L'ASSOCIATION DES FAMILLES GOSSELIN À NOTRE TRÉSORIÈRE, MADAME MARIA GOSSELIN, 4910, Carré Antoine-Baumé, app. 1, Québec, Qc, Canada, G1P 1H9

2 ans 40,00\$

4 ans 70,00\$

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L'Association des familles Gosselin, au nom de son Président M. Jacques Gosselin, tient à remercier très sincèrement Mme Caroline Simard pour l'octroi d'une subvention dans le cadre du Programme de support à l'action bénévole, au montant de 100,00\$ qui servira à couvrir une partie des frais encourus pour l'achat de la toile de l'artiste peintre Pierre Audette représentant l'emplacement qu'occupait notre ancêtre Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697) dans le village de Beaulieu, du côté nord de l'île, dans la deuxième partie du 17^e siècle. Éventuellement, dès que des ententes seront conclues nous prévoyons, tel que prévu dans le cadre de nos activités soulignant notre 40^e anniversaire en 2019, exposer cette magnifique toile dans un lieu public à Ste-Pétronille (autrefois village de Beaulieu), Ile d'Orléans afin que notre nombreuse descendance Gosselin puisse revoir une page d'histoire. Merci encore de votre précieux support. Note: Vous pouvez voir cette toile à l'endos de la couverture du présent bulletin et aussi en page 23. L'artiste peintre, Pierre Audet est à gauche sur la photo et est en compagnie de l'autre Jacques Gosselin, historien et membre du Conseil d'administration.

C'est ce dernier d'ailleurs qui a initié ce projet et qui l'a conduit à bon port.



Caroline SIMARD

Députée de Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré
Parti libéral du Québec

Adjointe parlementaire de la ministre du Tourisme

Merci

DES NOUVELLES DES GOSSELIN

Visite de Don Gosselin et Marilyn et sa famille du Massachusets en visite sur les terres de Gabriel à Ste-Pétronille, Ile d'Orléans et d'Ignace à St-Laurent, ainsi que Place Royale, Québec, le 25 juin 2017.

Dear Jacques and Nicole,

My family and I want to thank you both for taking the time out of your busy day to show us around the Island. My family enjoyed it very much, especially the younger people, some of which have never seen the Island before. They have heard my husband and I talk about it, but experiencing the beauty of the island, seeing the plaques on different rocks show how much Gabriel is honored by his ancestors. The Island is such a beautiful place and you enjoy the scenery as you drive along. The strawberry fields and the quiet of it all really touched us.

We enjoyed hearing about Gabriel, seeing where his house once stood, visiting Nicole's father and seeing the old house with the beautiful view of Quebec City which was breath taking. We enjoyed seeing the flower garden too.

We especially enjoyed meeting Nicole's father. He would be the oldest Gosselin that we know of. It was so meaningful for him to open bottles of his homemade apple champaign, and toasting each other. You all made us feel like family.

The lunch at the restaurant with the waterfall was so beautiful and very relaxing as well. We just want to thank you both for welcoming us. We WILL see you again sometime.

Sincerely, Marilyn Gosselin, Don Gosselin
and the rest of the Gosselin Family



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DES NOUVELLES DES GOSSELIN (SUITE)

JENNIFER GOSSELIN, SON CONJOINT PIERRE PÉPIN ET LEUR CHIENNE JASMINE SONT DE RETOUR À QUÉBEC APRÈS PRESQUE TROIS ANS D'ABSENCE ET APRÈS AVOIR PARCOURU 20 000 KILOMÈTRES EN CANOT.

(Photo gracieuseté – Terry Lee)



Dans leur périple, ils ont traversé les États-Unis, puis ensuite le Canada d'Est en Ouest par le Nord du pays avant de partir en sens inverse au printemps dernier afin d'arriver à la maison. Selon leur témoignage, je crois que ce fut pour eux une belle et grande aventure chargée de toutes les gammes d'émotions. Des rencontres avec des gens hors du commun, des animaux, parfois le calme plat mais avant tout des rencontres avec soi-même dont ils seront grandis. Tout cela va sûrement leur manquer!

BON RETOUR À LA MAISON!

France Gosselin, Rédactrice en chef

AVIS IMPORTANT



L'Association des familles Gosselin aimerait vous mettre en garde lors d'achats de documents portant sur les Gosselin. Il serait préférable de vérifier au préalable avec l'Association, dont vous trouverez les coordonnées en page 27. Certains Gosselin ont acheté des dits documents et ils comportaient beaucoup d'erreurs. Certains spécifiaient même que ces informations provenaient de notre site internet. Alors soyez vigilants et vérifiez avec nous avant l'acquisition de tels documents.

RETOUR SUR LE RASSEMBLEMENT 2017

Lors du rassemblement au Manoir du Lac Etchemin, Jacques Gosselin a eu le plaisir de nous présenter l'artiste peintre Pierre Audette et sa magnifique toile de l'emplacement de la terre de l'ancêtre Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697) dans le village de Beaulieu, Ste-Pétronille, Ile d'Orléans, Québec. Voici le texte de présentation:

On m'a demandé aujourd'hui de vous présenter l'artiste peintre Pierre Audette. Voici donc son incroyable histoire.

Issu d'une longue lignée d'Audette dit Lapointe de la paroisse Saint-Jean, Ile d'Orléans, Pierre fait carrière dans le domaine de l'imprimerie dans la région de Montréal jusqu'au moment de sa retraite en 1995.

En l'an 2000, sa femme est atteinte d'un cancer et lui doit subir 3 pontages cardiaques. C'est alors qu'à 70 ans Pierre découvre son talent pour la peinture à l'huile. Il n'a jamais suivi de cours, il est autodidacte et il aime l'architecture et l'histoire.

Après le décès de sa femme et d'un fils, Pierre ne lâchera pas. Il participe à de nombreux symposiums, expositions et vernissages et il remporte de nombreux prix pour l'excellence de son œuvre. Sa galerie comporte plusieurs toiles. Il peint, entre autres, les 6 églises de l'Ile d'Orléans et dira: « Ce sont les 6 paroisses souches de notre peuple et j'ai décidé de les peindre pour les immortaliser. »

Nous avons demandé à Pierre de se transporter au 17^E siècle afin de nous produire une toile de l'emplacement de l'ancêtre Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697) dans le village de Beaulieu telle qu'elle apparaîtrait à ses yeux.

Mesdames et messieurs, je vous présente ce jeune artiste de 87 ans, Pierre Audette, passionné d'histoire et fier de ses ancêtres.

Vous pouvez admirer ses œuvres au: www.pierreaudetart.com



RETOUR SUR LE RASSEMBLEMENT 2017 (SAMEDI)

Assemblée générale annuelle au Manoir du Lac Etchemin



Mot de l'échevin, M. Jean-Guy Gosselin dans le cadre du 150e de Lac Etchemin pour nous parler du premier maire M. Hubert Gosselin (1822-1913). Par la suite, Gérard Gosselin, dont vous avez fait la connaissance dans les bulletins précédents, nous a parlé, en compagnie de sa famille, de ses ancêtres, dont Hubert Gosselin. Merci Gérard d'avoir partagé ce beau témoignage avec nous.



Présentation par Jacques Gosselin de l'artiste peintre Pierre Audette de sa magnifique toile de l'emplacement de Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697) dans le village de Beaulieu.



Gilles Gosselin, curé maintenant à la retraite a remporté le tirage de la lithographie de Serge Gosselin de la 2e maison de l'ancêtre à Place Royale, Québec.

RETOUR SUR LE RASSEMBLEMENT 2017 (DIMANCHE)



Messe à l'église Sainte-Germaine, lac Etchemin

Visite du Moulin La Lorraine, centre d'arts

En 1860, lorsque Pierre Beaudoin a posé la première pierre des fondations, personne n'aurait pu prédire que son moulin resterait en activité pendant 100 ans, ni imaginer qu'au même endroit, on retrouverait des années plus tard un type de moulin qui n'existe nulle part ailleurs: un moulin créateur d'émotions.



Belle photo de famille à la sortie de la messe, merci d'être présents!

Au temps de la Nouvelle-France... Les tanneries



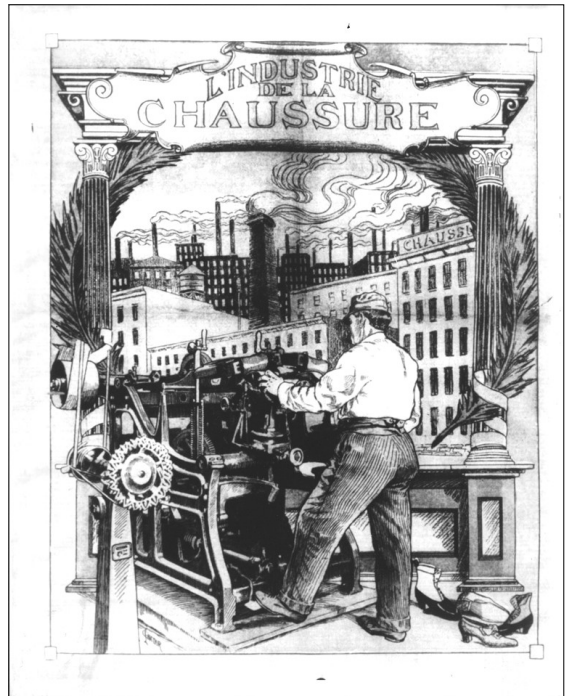
Au Québec, la tannerie est la plus ancienne industrie. Elle a été introduite en 1660 à l'initiative de M. Jean-Baptiste Colbert de Seignelay, secrétaire d'État de la Marine française (fils du célèbre ministre de Louis XIV, Jean-Baptiste Colbert).

En 1669, l'intendant Jean Talon, utilisant un fonds personnel de 3 mille livres, construisit la première tannerie. M. Denonville écrit en 1685 qu'à Québec il y avait déjà un certain nombre de tanneries situées dans la basse-ville et à la Canardière.

Néanmoins, c'est surtout après la cession du pays à l'Angleterre que les tanneries sont construites en grand nombre. À Québec, presque toutes les tanneries étaient situées sur le parcours de la rue Saint-Vallier et de son embranchement, la rue Arago. La plus ancienne, la tannerie Richardson, était située au coin de la rue Saint-Vallier et Arago (notons en passant que le grand incendie de 25 mai 1845, qui a anéanti le quartier Saint-Roch, a commencé dans cette tannerie).

Cet emplacement s'explique par le fait que les tanneries ont besoin de beaucoup d'eau. Le premier aqueduc à Québec a été ouvert en 1853, alors, auparavant, force était d'avoir recours aux ressources naturelles, et le bas de la falaise du Cap-Diamant ainsi que du coteau Sainte-Geneviève étaient des endroits parfaits. On y trouvait de l'eau en abondance, soit à l'affleurement du sol soit à une faible profondeur. C'est pourquoi les tanneries ont jalonné le bas de la falaise et on appelait la rue Saint-Vallier la rue des Tanneries, avant qu'elle ne reçoive son nom actuel en hommage à Mgr de Saint-Vallier, second évêque du Canada.

Presque tous les maîtres-tanneurs résidaient dans la paroisse Jacques-Cartier. En 1842, on dénombrait à Québec 32 tanneries. Vingt années plus tard, on en comptait 35. On employait plus de 600 tanneurs et corroyeurs. Ce succès s'explique en partie par l'abondance de l'écorce de pruche au Québec, notamment dans les Cantons de l'Est. Cette substance était nécessaire dans le procédé de tannage. De plus, on avait un accès relativement facile aux huiles de baleine, de morue et de marsouin. Ces huiles servaient au corroyage et elles étaient peu coûteuses.



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En tant que membre de l'Association, vous avez le privilège d'avoir accès à la section réservée aux membres via un mot de passe. Vous n'avez qu'à en faire la demande auprès de l'Association.

**« LA VIE EST VRAIMENT
SIMPLE, MAIS NOUS INSISTONS
À LA RENDRE COMPLIQUÉE. »
(CONFUCIUS)**



Dans le prochain numéro:

La plume de... Jacques Gosselin,

Une page d'histoire

**Le 7e fils de l'ancêtre Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697),
l'énigmatique Jean Gosselin (1666-1756)**





L'emplacement de Gabriel Gosselin (1621-1697) dans le village de Beaulieu, Pierre Audette, artiste peintre, 2017

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