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## Special Edition 2004 Gathering in Québec

Welcome to Québec City  
on September 4 and 5th, 2004  
for the gathering of the Levasseur families



**The Levasseur Association** is organizing a gathering of all the Levasseurs on **September 4th and 5th, 2004** in the National Capital Region of Québec City. The objective of the meeting is to enable Levasseurs from all parts of America to meet. To attain this objective the organizing committee promises you an agreeable and entertaining weekend. Registration will take place on Saturday morning at the **Maison Jésus-Ouvrier** in Québec City. After lunch there will be a guided tour of different historical sites of the City with emphasis on

sites where Levasseurs have left their mark during the 17th century. In addition, you will be given the opportunity to witness some of the most memorable historical sites in North America. When we return to our meeting hall in the afternoon there will be a general meeting of the Association and the election of new administrators. We will then meet and intermingle with new found cousins and enjoy dinner followed by an evening of entertainment. You are all invited to join us.

## Message from your organizing committee

This gathering is an excellent opportunity for Levasseurs from various parts of America to meet and exchange thoughts. We are expecting participants from Eastern Canada and the Northeastern USA. The theme of the gathering is «**Return to your roots**». Québec City was our ancestors' first contact with «La Nouvelle France». We will be visiting sites where they left their marks. Come join us to have a memorable gathering!

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### Places to visit and discover

- **The Québec Port**
- **The different museums**
- **The fine cuisine**



## Québec Mayor's word



*Mr. L'Allier, in addition to having occupied many important positions in the Quebec Government, was minister the Honorable Minister of Communications from 1970 to 1975*

It is a pleasure and an honour for the City of Quebec to welcome descendants of the Levasseur family in America gathered here for a family meeting. This family is well rooted in the region, which numbers hundreds of members. There is even a street bearing the Levasseur name in the Laurentian Quarter of Quebec City.

Beyond the interest generated by such family reunions for acquiring a better knowledge of one's origins and history, the time spent together is often laden with emotion. Spontaneously, as if by magic, links are created or revived, in a spirit of brotherly love. Exchanges flourish in a generous movement of the heart that leaves no family member untouched.

I am convinced that this meeting will be most successful and I offer all members of the Levasseur family memorable moments together and a happy stay in Quebec City, the cradle of French civilization in America!

Jean-Paul L'Allier  
Mayor of Quebec City

## The president's word

Roger Levasseur



Do you remember attending a family gathering when you were young? Do you remember playing games with cousins and seeing your parents enjoying the company of their brothers and sisters? Do you remember seeing your grandfather happy to have his children and grandchildren around him while grandmother and some of your aunts prepared a grand dinner?

Well, that is the type of gathering we are planning to have when we meet in Quebec City next September.

We want the Levasseurs who will be in Quebec City to replicate the types of gatherings they had when they were young. We want them to have a great time and to reminisce the pleasures of their youth. Your organizing committee has devoted countless hours to make this gathering a memorable one. Come and share with all the Levasseurs the pleasures of getting

## Program

### Saturday, September 4.

9:00 to 9:45 : Greeting and registration in the main hall (coffee).

9:45 : Word of welcome by the President.

10:00 : Conferences and workshops.

11:00 : Workshop on genealogy and exhibits of family monographs and photos.

11:45 to 13:00 : Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

13h15 : Departure for guided tour of the city or golf (return at approximately 16:00).

16:00 to 17:00 : Refreshment, genealogy work shop and exhibit of family monographs and photos.

17:00 to 18:00 : General meeting and election of new administrators.

18:00 to 19:00 : Free time.

19:00 to 23:00 : Banquet and entertainment (note: bar service, beer and wine during the dinner and the evening).

### Sunday September 5.

9:00 : Visit to the Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica.

11:00 : Mass at the Basilica followed by a group lunch.

The gathering will be held at the following address:

**Maison Jésus-Ouvrier  
475, Père-Lelièvre Blvd.  
Québec, Qc G1M 1M9  
Telephone : 418-683-2371  
Fax : 418-683-6681**



*Experienced guides will lead you to discover numerous sites where our Levasseur ancestors have left their historical mark.*



*«Well carved out for over 400 years, Québec is a city of the future adapted to the rhythm of the world. Discover the city's history, its wealthy heritage, the typical French Canadian quarters, its cultural and artistic effervescence».*



*“In 1923 Father Victor Lelièvre, Oblate of Mary Immaculate founded the «Maison Jésus-Ouvrier» which is situated 5 minutes from down town Québec City.”*

## How to get there



## The Maison Jésus-Ouvrier



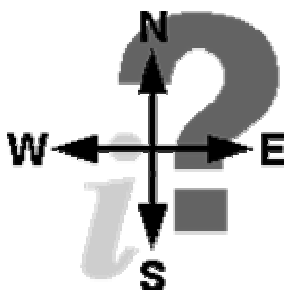
## To reserve a room

Each participant is responsible to book his/her own room. If you would like to book a room at Maison Jésus-Ouvrier, a few single rooms at (30\$ per night) or doubles at (50\$ per night) are available. Please note that the rooms are not air conditioned and there are common bathrooms. Here is a list of other hotels in the area:

- Hôtel Clarion, Ste-Foy Telephone : (418) 266-2165 or 1-877-778-8977 (<http://www.quebecweb.com/clarionquebec/introfranc.html>)
- Hôtel Universel, Ste-Foy Telephone : Tel : (418) 653-5250 or 1-800-463-4495 (<http://www.quebecweb.com/hoteluniversel/introfranc.html>)
- Hôtel Radisson Centre-ville Tel.: (418) 266-2165 or (877) 778-8977 (<http://www.quebecweb.com/radissonquebec/introfranc.html>)
- For more information on Québec and on lodging, visit the following Quebec Office of Tourism web site. <http://www.quebecregion.com>

### Please note

*If you have any question about lodging or your visit to Québec City, do not hesitate to contact us at «[quebec2004@levasseur.org](mailto:quebec2004@levasseur.org)». We will be pleased to assist you.*



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*“A tabernacle at the Sainte-Geneviève Chapel dated during the years 1724-1730 is the work of the Levasseurs.”*



*Basilica Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré*

## Main activities: Visit of historical sites

On an air-conditioned bus with a bilingual guide, you will visit various historical monuments in the city. You will be given the opportunity to see different religious sculptors created by the Levasseur dynasty of artists of the 17th century. We will also be visiting locations where some of our ancestors and their descendants resided. Departure from «La Maison Jésus-Ouvrier» will at 1:15 pm.



Notre-Dame-des-Victoires Church

## Atelier: Irma Levasseur, physician by: Mrs. Madeleine Desrivières

Irma Levasseur was a pediatrician and co-founder of the Montreal the Sainte-Justine Hospital for children. Who was Doctor Irma LeVasseur? Little has been written about this woman who altered the history of medicine in Québec. Born in Québec in 1878, within a group of family of artists, her mother was, Féдора Venner a singer. Her father, Louis-Nazaire LeVasseur, was a writer and journalist. Dr. Irma is for initiating the acceptance of women in the faculties of medicine and pediatric hospitals in Québec. Mrs. Desrivières will speak to us and outline the principal accomplishments of this remarkable woman.

## Visit to the Sanctuary of the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

Every year more than a million pilgrims and visitors seek peace and come to pray and meditate at the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré sanctuary. We invite you to spend a few hours to visit this unique shrine and attend mass. Our ancestors Pierre and his brother John are the founders of Madame de Sainte-Anne Brotherhood of carpenters.

Web site: <http://www.ssadb.qc.ca/>

## Québec, some historical notes

### Québec: A Historical Profile

Many things have happened since Samuel de Champlain of France founded Québec City on July 3, 1608. When he chose the site of "Kébec" (an Amerindian word meaning "where the river narrows"), he probably had no idea that he was marking the official beginning of France's great adventure on North American soil. For French speaking people in North America, the adventure began in Québec City, which today is recognized as the cradle of French civilization on this continent. Québec City was once the nerve center of an empire called New France, which covered the whole of Eastern Canada and almost half the United States as we know it today. It stretched from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes and from Hudson Bay to Florida. Although this empire did not last on American soil, it was a different story in Québec City. As a matter of fact, it is because Québec City grew and prospered over the years that we consider it the founding site of French North America. But Québec City is not a museum frozen in time. On the contrary, it is a modern people-friendly city with its sights resolutely set on the future.

### Some important links

Québec City : <http://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca>

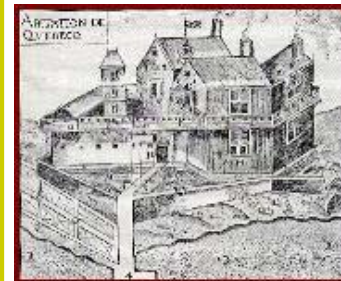
Museum of civilization : <http://www.mcq.org/mcq/index.html>

Museum of French America : <http://www.mcq.org/maf/index.ht>

Place Royale, Interpretation Centre :

[http://www.mcq.org/place\\_royale/index.html](http://www.mcq.org/place_royale/index.html)

Quebec Tourism Office: <http://www.quebecregion.com/>  
Sanctuary, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré : <http://www.ssadb.qc.ca/>



From 1608 to 1612, the original dwellings in Quebec served as a warehouse and a lodging facility protected by defense work.



## Brief of the Association

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**Internet site :**  
**[www.levasseur.org](http://www.levasseur.org)**

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To regroup and unite as many of the descendants of our ancestors Jean, Laurent and Pierre Levasseur. This will be done by holding official reunions and meetings. These gatherings will be held to reinforce ties between members. Also, newsletters and publications will be distributed to keep members informed about the affairs of the Association.
2. To honour the memory of our ancestors and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events of the Levasseur family.
3. To gather documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage of our Association and provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.



### Genealogy Data base

The Levasseur Association of America has a data base of close to 90,000 registrants. This valuable data base is the result of dedicated hours of work by the Association's founder and principal genealogist, Vincent Levasseur. To access the data base, one must be a member of the Association and have an E-Mail address, to control access. The annual cost to be a member is \$25.00

per year. As a

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member you will receive the Levasseur Newsletter and you can participate in the various activities and meetings of the Association

### The Newsletter

The Levasseur Association Newsletter is the work of a multidisciplinary group of members coordinated by the Internet Committee of

Association. The newsletter will be published and mailed to members four times per year and sent to all members with an E-Mail address via Internet. In the Newsletter you will find information about the Association, the various activities undertaken by the board members, a

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