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2006 Gathering in Gatineau

## THE 2006 GATHERING IN PHOTOS



Many Levasseurs and their families attended the September 2006 gathering in the beautiful City of Gatineau. Rejean and his team offered various activities that were appreciated by the participants. We are offering you in this special issue of the Newsletter some photos and comments about the activities that took place.



Dr. Serge Bernier was the first speaker of the day. The topic of his talk was «Levasseurs in the military» dealing specifically with soldiers whose name was Levasseur and who served at the beginning of the Colony. Dr. Bernier referred to Louis Levasseur, René Nicolas Levasseur and Jacques Levasseur de Néré.



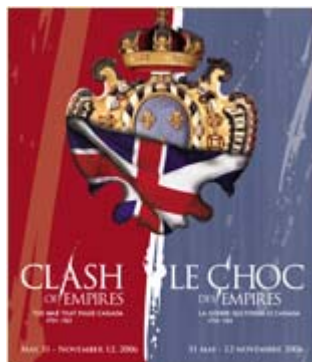
Roger Levasseur's presentation was about the immigration of French Canadian to the United States and to Western Canada, of which many were Levasseurs. Roger, due to his natural talent as narrator, informed his audience in an original way about the immigration of our compatriots to the United States. His presentation was punctuated with many anecdotes that captivated the participants who shared with him stories of their own families during this period of our history.



Joceline spoke on a subject dear to her. Due to her dedicated work the Association will soon have a re-edition of our dictionaries on Laurent and Pierre Levasseur. Joceline has verified the registries of all parishes and corrected the information in the Levasseur genealogical data base that was first published in 1990. This was a monumental task and the new documents will be available by 2008. A first version of this work was presented to the assembly. Check the Web site, there will be a pre-selling of these dictionaries in the coming months.

After the noon buffet, we visited the Canadian War Museum. This new museum is has distinct rooms offering a review of all conflicts throughout the history of Canada. The various exhibits of artefacts, photos and descriptions offer hours of exploration.

See website : <http://www.warmuseum.ca/>. The theme of the exhibit « Clash of Empires: The War That Made Canada 1754-1763». More than 250 years ago, French, British and First Peoples collided in a historic struggle for North America.

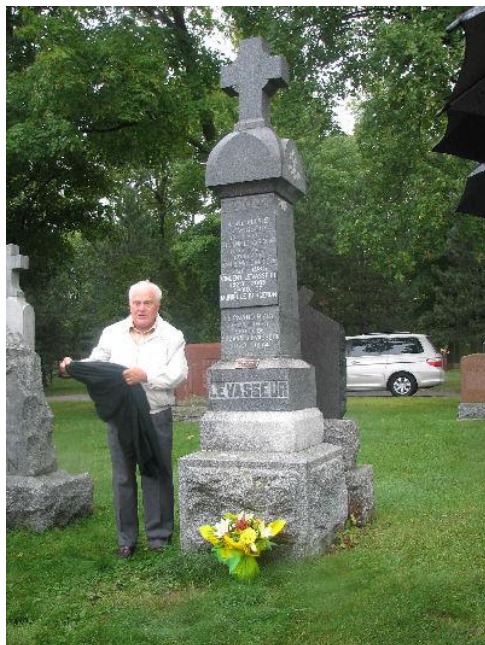


This exhibition presents the story of the first global war, which erupted in the backwoods of Pennsylvania, spread to the gates of Québec City and decided Canada's fate. Featuring almost 200 artefacts from 55 different collections and institutions, Clash of Empires explores the international context of this conflict, and how it has helped shape today's world. Collections from Europe, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada have all contributed to the exhibition, including clothing, weaponry, decorative arts, painting and documents, profiling the conflict as it was experienced among the First Peoples, the British and the French.



The general meeting and the election of the board members was held in the afternoon. The members of the board are, from the left: Roger Levasseur, Diane Lacroix, Jean-Pierre Levasseur et Joseph Levasseur. On the right Gilles Carmel (who accepted the presidency for another term), André Levasseur, Joceline Levasseur et Réjean Levasseur. Absent from the photo are: Marie-Noëlle Levasseur, Michele Levasseur et Paul Levasseur.

Mr. Denis Drouin, president of the Samuel-de-Champlain regional of the Franco-Ontarian Society of History and Genealogy, and his Vice-President, Ian Laflèche, receive from Gilles Carmel a plaque commemorating Vincent Levasseur. It will be placed in the entrance of one of their halls in memory of our founding president, Vincent Levasseur.



On Sunday morning many Levasseur attended mass at the St-François-de-Sales Church honouring Vincent. The participants then went to the cemetery where Roger Levasseur unveiled a commemorative plaque on the Levasseur family tombstone honouring Vincent.





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Please note that the next meeting of the Levasseur Association of America will be held in Québec City during the summer of 2008. This meeting will coincide with the activities commemorating Québec's 400th anniversary.

Check our special section on our web site within the next weeks:

[www.levasseur.org/quebec2008](http://www.levasseur.org/quebec2008)

July 3, 2008 will mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City, a milestone reached by very few North American cities.

Quebec City is hard at work preparing the commemorations of this historical event. It will be a time to celebrate past achievements, but also an opportunity to better understand the present, and to look towards the future.

Focusing on the role that Quebec City has long played as a meeting place, the 400th anniversary celebrations will naturally showcase the city's history. However, they also represent a great opportunity to bring together citizens and stakeholders, to underscore the city's place on the national and international stage, and to carry out significant projects that will sustain the city and the region's future development.

