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## A name, a family, a story

by : [Joceline Levasseur](#) (328)



On 6, 7 and 8 March 2009, the Levasseur Association of America participated in the 10th Salon of "stem families" whose theme was: "*A name, a family, a story.*"

The event took place in the Mall Laurier Québec in Québec City. This Salon was designed to allow us for the dissemination of the history of our ancestors. Fifty-seven associations of families took advantage of this excellent opportunity to inform the population of their achievements. There were also twelve partner agencies closely related to the history of our ancestors or the activities of their associations of families.

Like the Levasseur Association of America, several families had published, in the past year, a genealogical dictionary of their ancestors.

It was a great opportunity for us to socialize with the Levasseur of the region of Québec, as well as with members of other associations of families.

Our presence at this Salon was made possible by the collaboration of Huguette Levasseur, Raymond St-Arnaud, Joceline Levasseur, François Dupuis, Madeleine Levasseur, Robert Levasseur, Roxanne Wilkin, Jean Levasseur and France Côté. Our sincere appreciation is expressed to those volunteers who have proudly represented the Levasseur family throughout the event.

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## The President message

by : [Roger Levasseur](#) (004)



Summer is at the door, and with it come many chances to visit with relatives that we have not seen for some time and to talk with them about the Levasseur Association of Canada.

As a member, I encourage you to ensure that their names and names of their children and grandchildren are inscribed in our data bank, plus those of any other Levasseur family members you may encounter. It is in this manner that you can be of assistance to your Association and help it progress and grow. I encourage you to make copies of the

attached inscription form for this purpose. You may also send old family photos and thus contribute to the special photo album on the Levasseur site. All photos will be returned to you after being copied.

You can also assist us by encouraging retailers and Levasseur businesses to sponsor our web site, and thus ensure the development and maintenance of our online database. This enables members to consult our database 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This application requires a dedicated computerized server that is relatively costly for an organization such as ours.

One such business, Transport Guy Levasseur of Pohenegamook, has been sponsoring our Association on a yearly basis. This continued support has generated more than 30,000 hits on the link ([www.levasseur.org/tgl](http://www.levasseur.org/tgl)). For Levasseur businesses this is an inexpensive way to promote your business or enterprise

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## CEGEP François-Xavier Garneau honors Dr. Irma Levasseur

by : [Huguette Levasseur](#)



Rear : Kathleen Ann Shee, Sandra Shee, Joceline Levasseur, Pauline Gill  
Front : Vanessa Drolet, Huguette Levasseur

On 27 November 2008, GECEP François-Xavier Garneau inaugurated a mural entitled "Québec, a city of passions". The wall represents ten personalities of the city of Québec who positively marked the times. Among the honorees were: Donnacona: an Indian Head, François-Xavier Garneau, Lord Dufferin, Eugène-Étienne Taché, Arthur Buies, the Simons family, Cyrille Duquet, Simon-Napoléon Parent, Irma Levasseur and Jean Lesage. At a cocktail, students presented a portrait of each person chosen, describing their role and

contribution to Québec society. The mural was then unveiled in the hallway of the college "C" Wing housing the Departments of History, Geography, Archeology and Ancient Civilizations.



Pavillon Irma-LeVasseur

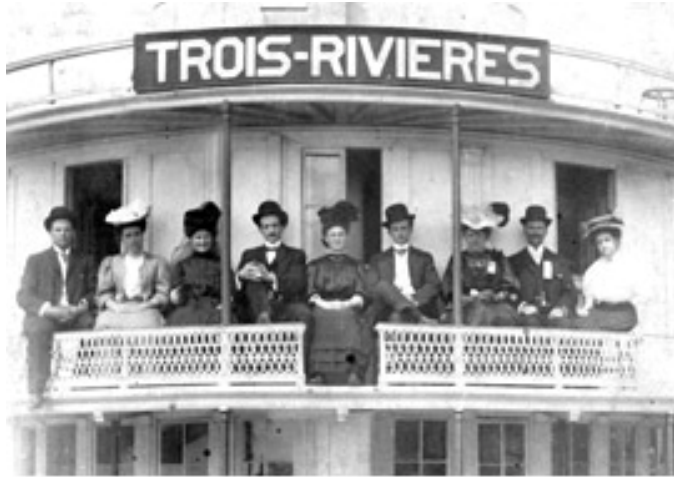
The project members, namely Ms. Muriel Paquet and students Alex Tremblay and Jean-Sébastien Durand invited descendants and representatives of the different personalities honored. Included were Kathleen Ann and Sandra Shee distant relatives of Irma Levasseur; writer Pauline Gill, author of "Dr Irma", as well as Huguette and Joceline Levasseur members of the Association des Levasseur d'Amérique.

We extend our congratulations to the students who worked on this project aimed at raising the awareness of the people who fashioned the society of their time and left marks which are still present in our society.



## 1634-2009 : Trois-Rivières celebrate its 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

A few historic milestones Ref : <http://www.375tr.com>



Originally, the site of the Trois-Rivières is frequented by people of the great Algonquin family.

In 1535, the explorer Jacques Cartier describes the site.

In 1599, Captain Dupont-Grave will give it the name of "Trois-Rivières".

Finally, in 1603, geographer Samuel de Champlain noted that it would be advantageous to establish a permanent

settlement which will be done eventually by Lavolette, 4 July 1634.

First a trading post, Trois-Rivières will then develop a threefold mission which it will keep over the centuries: a seat of government, a city of education and an industrial city.

Siege of a regional government from 1665, Trois-Rivières existed during the French Regime, the British Conquest and even a brief American occupation that ended with the defeat of the "Bostonians" on the outskirts of the city in 1776.

Over the years, Trois-Rivières will consolidate its role as Regional Capital by becoming the siege of a judicial district (1792) and a bishopric (1852).

In terms of education, missionary teachers were present at the site of Trois-Rivières in 1617 prior to the founding of the city.

With the arrival of the Ursuline nuns in 1697, a first educational facility emerged. Many more will follow, culminating with the opening of the Université du Québec at Trois-Rivières in 1969.

In economic terms, after the coureurs de bois and the fur trade eras, Trois-Rivières became an industrial city in 1738 and with the arrival of « Les Forges du Saint-Maurice », Trois Rivières became the first heavy industrial site in Canada.

## Levasseurs in Trois-Rivières area in 1736

Compiled : [Jean-Pierre Levasseur](#) (250)



*Nicolas Goupil, Sieur de Laviolette (1604-1660) is considered by many as the founder of the city of Trois-Rivières.*

According to Bishop Louis Richard, who published in the newspaper *Le Trifluvien* in October 1906 a genealogy of the Levasseur living in the region of La Mauricie, the history of this family does not date back much beyond 1736, the year when François-Ignace Levasseur dit l'Espérance was appointed parish priest of Champlain. Born in Québec City on 4 September 1708 and son of Pierre Levasseur and Anne Levasseur Ménage, François-Ignace followed in the footsteps of his maternal uncle Jean Ménage and became a priest. Ordained on 18 October 1734, he will immediately be appointed parish priest of Lotbinière. Very soon thereafter, he will leave the parish to take charge, for a decade, of the parish of Champlain while also serving the parishioners of Cap-de-la-Madeleine from 1736 to 1743. Finally, the young priest returned to lead the spiritual life of the people of L'Ancienne-Lorette where he worked from 1745 until his death on 20 July 1765.

Francois-Joseph brought his younger brother Denis-Joseph to Trois-Rivières. He was a carpenter like many of his brothers, his father and his grand-father Pierre Levasseur dit l'Espérance. On February 4, 1738, Denis-Joseph, then a resident of Trois-

Rivières, married Charlotte Couturier in Saint-François-du-Lac.

On the same day, he visited the office of notary Hyacinthe and was eager sign his marriage contract with Charlotte who was the daughter of Pierre Couturier and Gertrude Maugras.

In 1741, Denis-Joseph purchased from Antoine Bouton, edge-tool maker, a property of fourteen "toises" (unit of measure equivalent to 6 feet or 2 meters) in front by eight in depth. The following year, he purchased from the same vendor another lot in the Lower City. In subsequent years he also bought several other properties again in his adopted city. An act from the notary Louis Pillard dated 4 August 1759 revealed that Charlotte Couturier operated an inn at the time. Two years later, Denis-Joseph purchased land in Bécancour and on the island of Saint-Quentin.

Denis-Joseph Levasseur, writes Bishop Richard, tried to lead his children towards agriculture. Ignace acquired a piece of land in the suburb of Trois-Rivières, whilst Joseph and François were in Bécancour. Jean-Baptiste established himself at Pointe-aux-Sables in Nicolet and later in Bécancour. Denis-Joseph Levasseur died at the age of 80 and was buried in Trois-Rivières, on October 15, 1792. Charlotte Couturier, in turn passed away on 13 October 1797, at the age of 86. Denis-Joseph and Charlotte had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in February 1788.

The civil registers of Trois-Rivières contain more than sixty Levasseur marriages up to 1900. Even more remarkable, are those of the parish of Saint-Maurice which contain in excess hundred marriages from 1855 until today. The Levasseur are also located in Nicolet, Pointe-du-Lac, Saint-Grégoire, Sainte-Angèle-de-Laval, Baie-du-Febvre, Yamaska and Sorel. Towards the middle of the XVIIth century, a member of another Levasseur family lived in Bécancour for some years. Born in Lévis, Québec on 16 June 1730 and son of Louis Levasseur and Geneviève Huard, Joseph-Marie Levasseur was also carpenter. On 29 May 1752, he signed a marriage contract at the office of notary Pillard.

That day, he promised to marry Marie-Francoise Deshayes, daughter of Jean-Baptiste and Marie-Joseph Arseneau. This family lived on the banks of the Saint-Michel River at least until 1756 when they apparently left the region. Joseph-Marie was a grand-son of the ancestor Laurent Levasseur.



Direct Lineage

[Laurent Levasseur](#)

c1648-1726

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Pierre Levasseur

1679-1738

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Pierre Levasseur

-1791

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Pierre Levasseur

1746-1809

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Christophe Levasseur

1792-1833

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Michel Levasseur

1815-1884

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Timothée Levasseur

1851-1944

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Wilfrid Levasseur

1883-1957

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Gérard Levasseur

1910-

|

Rosaire Levasseur

1947-

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**Caroline Levasseur**

## Artist profile: Caroline Levasseur

[www.carolinelevasseur.com](http://www.carolinelevasseur.com)

by : Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250)

Caroline Levasseur has been singing since the age of five. She also dances classical ballet, jazz ballet, latin dance, belly as well as tap dancing. She practices Power yoga and sings country and Spanish music and her songs are interpreted in French, English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

In 2002, Caroline launched her first album a "Danger sur le Highway". She was nominated "Discovery of the Year" at the "Super Country Star" gala. She promoted her album at Cabaret "La Tulipe" in Montreal and did the first part of the Bobby Hachey Show accompanied by the MJN country dancers .

In 2005, she released her second original country-pop album, titled "Les Défis". In this album, Caroline wrote several songs.

In 2007 she participated in the program "For The Love of Country" with Patrick Normand. She was also part in many of the musical revues "Rodeo musical country".

Caroline is a descendant of Laurent Levasseur and for five generations, her ancestors lived in the region of Kamouraska and Rivière-du-Loup. Thimothée Levasseur (1851-1944), her great-great-grandfather would have moved in the area of Waterville, QC, probably to take advantage of the growth of manufacturing sector at that time. His son Wilfrid, Caroline's great-grandfather married to Alma Sinotte in 1909 and died in Cochrane, Ontario in 1957.

The family of Wilfrid Levasseur:

*Wilfrid Levasseur was born on 8 September 1883 and was baptized the following day in Windsor Mills, Richmond, QC. He died on 15 July 1957 in Cochrane, ON, at the age of 73. On 6 July 1909, in the parish of St-François -Xavier, Richmond, QC, he married Alma Sinotte. She was born June 26 1887 and baptized the same day in the parish of Saint-François-Xavier, Richmond, QC. She died in July 1960 in Cochrane, ON, at the age of 73.*

Caroline's parents, Rosaire Levasseur and Nicole Germain, were married in Montreal in 1965.

The complete list of Wilfrid Levasseur descendants is available on the following link:

[www.levasseur.org/doc/genealogie/lignes/wlevasseur.html](http://www.levasseur.org/doc/genealogie/lignes/wlevasseur.html)

Consult the database  
on our website for  
more details..






Photos Album  
Caroline Levasseur family




Caroline greats parents:  
Gérald Levasseur and Cécile Viau



Souvenez-vous dans vos prières de  
**Wilfrid Levasseur**  
époux de  
*ALMA SINOTTE*  
décédé à Cochrane  
le 15 juillet 1957  
à l'âge de 73 ans et 10 mois.

Wilfrid Levasseur  
and Alma Sinotte



A LA DOUCE MEMOIRE DE  
*Alma Sinotte*  
épouse de  
WILFRID LEVASSEUR  
décédée le 31 juillet 1960  
à l'âge de 73 ans et 1 mois  
inhumée à Cochrane.

Family picture  
taken around 1940



## The small story of Levasseur house

Source : Amos-sur-Harricana, berceau de l'Abitibi



When you look at this home on the Valmont concession in Beaudry, you might not realize that it was constructed by a pioneer who was also a builder. This Craftsman style bungalow and Quebecoise home was built in 1937 by its first resident, Philippe Levasseur. In Montreal, Mr. Levasseur took evening courses in building construction and the expertise he acquired served him well in building this home in Abitibi, where he settled with his four children.

He earned his living there as a foreman at various construction sites, building primarily churches and bridges. His natural talent as a builder became a valuable asset for the region. He actually designed and built the church and rectory in Beaudry. These buildings and his home are part of the Rouyn-Noranda heritage. He also directed the construction of the St-Joseph church in Rouyn and also those in Cloutier and Remigny. Not surprisingly, he gained the confidence of the parish priests, especially since the Levasseurs who left France some time in 1651 were all master builders and sculptors.

[http://www.ville.rouyn-noranda.qc.ca/culture/pdf/chroniques/maison\\_levasseur.pdf](http://www.ville.rouyn-noranda.qc.ca/culture/pdf/chroniques/maison_levasseur.pdf)



Direct Lineage of  
Réal Levasseur

Laurent Levasseur  
circa 1648-1726  
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Pierre Levasseur  
1679-1738  
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Jean-Timothée Levasseur  
circa 1716-1816  
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Benjamin Levasseur 1765-  
1845  
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Fabien Levasseur  
1802-1888  
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Octave Levasseur  
1841-1917  
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Philiias Levasseur  
1873-1957  
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Conrad Levasseur  
1901-1979  
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Réal Levasseur  
1930-2005  
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Gilles 1954-  
Christian 1957-  
Lyne 1962-  
Jean-Pierre 1964-  
Claude 1967-1976  
François 1970-1976

## Company profile : Meubles Réal Levasseur

### Four generations of Levasseur entrepreneurs

compiled : Jean-Pierre Levasseur (250)



Born in 1930, Réal Levasseur was the second of a family of 16 children. His father Conrad Levasseur began his adult life as a

barber and was soon recognized for his contribution to the community. He built a saw mill in Pelletier Station and textile mill in Saint-Euleuthère. Very early, Réal took a different direction from his father's. He will sell the first electrical appliances and color televisions in the area. This was followed by the sale and leasing of the first snowmobile and the beginning of their exportation to Fort Kent, Maine.

Well supported by his wife Marielle, Réal expanded the scope of his activities with the acquisition of a general store from Robert Théberge. The outstanding debut of Les Meubles Réal Levasseur in 1955 soon marked the way to do business in T, miscouata.

Réal spent much of his adult life contributing to the development of his community. Chairman or member of various organizations, he served as mayor of Saint-Euleuthère at the time of the merger of three municipalities which created the City of Pohénégamook in 1973

His children took over the business in the early 1980s. New directions, new projects, many investments made Les Meubles Réal Levasseur a diversified and well established enterprise. Today, three divisions of the family business stand out. First is a large two-storey building with a surface no less than 50,000 square feet. Next is a store specializing in bathroom, ceramic floors, and flooring. Finally, a second is opened store in Rivière-du-Loup.

Currently the three stores are under the direction of Gilles Levasseur and Line Côté-Levasseur, son and daughter-in-law of Réal. The family business has entered in a new era with the involvement of their own children. All of this is done while maintaining their social involvement in the community thus perpetuating the legacy of Réal.

Réal Levasseur was born and baptized on 10 July 1930 in Saint-Eleuthère, Kamouraska, QC. He died on 12 March, at the age of 74 and was buried on 16 March 2005 in St-Euleuthère, QC.



*Author's note:*

*Mr. Réal Levasseur has always been a proud supporter of the Association of Levasseur. In preparation for the gathering of Levasseur that was held in Kamouraska in 1999, Vincent Levasseur and I had the pleasure of meeting him at his cottage on Lake Pohénégamook*

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