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Gathering of the Levasseur families in Rimouski, September 1, 2012.

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Following family gatherings in Sherbrooke, Témiscouata, Gatineau, Kamouraska, Québec and New-Brunswick, the city of Rimouski, located in the in the Lower St-Laurence, is where the next regional gathering of the Levasseur, Carmel and Borgia families and their descendants will be held on **September 1, 2012**.

The Levasseur Association hopes to reunite a large number of Levasseurs, descendants of Pierre his brother Jean and Laurent who settled in Québec in the 17th century. The gathering will be at the Community Center, Arthur-Buies located at 387 Passereaux Street in Rimouski, Québec.

Visitors to Rimouski, on that Labour Day long weekend, can also attend a great Jazz festival that attracts amateurs and seasoned participants from various locations in Quebec, Canada and the USA. The Jazz festival has become a great cultural and tourist attraction in Eastern Quebec and has been growing for the past 25 years. Rimouski is located along the Saint-Laurence where the Atlantic begins and where the mountains rise in the background.

There will be many genealogical activities, a dinner party and opportunities to socialize during the weekend. Levasseur families from regions of Pohénégamook, the Lower St-Laurence, New-Brunswick, Ontario and Eastern USA are all invited to this family gathering. Regional gatherings are an excellent opportunity to share information about our respective Levasseur families, and establish family ties in an amicable and friendly ambiance.

To register for this memorable weekend in Rimouski, communicate with the Association on our Web site «<u>www.levasseur.org</u>» or contact Raymond Levasseur at (418) 724-6629.

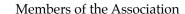


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President Word

by: Roger Levasseur (004)





Preparations are well underway for a Levasseur gathering in Rimouski Québec on the September 1st long weekend. Required information to register and learn about this gathering will be available on the Association web site.

These gatherings are an excellent opportunity to learn about the history of our Levasseur family and to discover how to access and use the valuable information on the Association web site. You are invited to register and to come to Rimouski to socialize with all your Levasseur parents and cousins.



When writing about your Levasseur family, it is important that you identify your sources of information especially when the information is related to you.

I remember spending an afternoon with an uncle who was talking to me about his grand father (for me my great grand father). He was telling me that he believed that his grand father had been expelled from the Catholic Church because of his expressed disagreements with the Church. This expulsion was attributed to a specific bishop. However, I recently realized that the date when this bishop was on duty does not agree with the date when my great grand father immigrated to Western Canada. Like many French Canadians he probably immigrated for economic reasons. Due to the lack of arable land in Quebec many families chose to immigrate to the Eastern USA to work in factories or Western Canada where they could buy land economically or gain access to a homestead. Having no factual information about my great grand father's reason for leaving Quebec and having a better understanding why many of our ancestors chose to immigrate with their large families, I am inclined to think that the story I have been told may be somewhat legendary.

Having dates, legal documents or proofs are important to have when relating family stories. If you do not have access source information, make reference to that fact and state it in your story: «My grand father, a great uncle or a great aunt once told or I have heard that.....»

Hoping to see you in Rimouski

Discover Rimouski

Situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, the new City of Rimouski combines the old cities of Rimouski and Pointe-au-Père, the village of Rimouski-Est, the municipalitys of Bic, of Mont-Lebel, and the parishes of Sainte-Blandine and Sainte-Odile-sur-Rimouski. Together, they form a major urban center in the Bas-Saint-Laurent administrative region. The city is home to more than forty-seven thousand (47 208) permanent residents and five thousand three hundred (5,300) students who come here to pursue quality higher education.

Designated a "regional metropolis" because of the high concentration of businesses, personal and professional services, educational institutions and health care facilities, Rimouski is also home to many organizational headquarters and major administrative centres (TELUS Québec, Hydro-Québec's regional service centre, the courthouse, federal and provincial agencies, etc.) that constitute the basis of the economic vitality of the new City of Rimouski.

2012 Levasseur gathering

The Levasseur gathering will be held in Rimouski on September 1st 2012 at the following address:



Centre communautaire Terrasse Arthur-Buies

387, rue des Passereaux, à Rimouski

Information: Mr. Raymond Levasseur (418) 724-6629 e-mail: raymi@globetrotter.net

For informations: www.levasseur.org/rimouski

Registration cost for the event is 25 \$ for each participants and includes all genealogical related activities and the evening dinner.

Lodging (optionnal):



The Association has booked a block of 20 rooms (double beds, non smoking) for the 31st of August and September 1st at a cost of \$89.00 plus taxes. An additional \$15.00 will be charged for a third and forth adult in the room and there is no charge for children under 18. These rooms must be booked before July 31st, 2012.

Call 1 888 910 1111 and indicate that you are part of the «Levasseur Association of America» to book your room at the special rate. Room and meal charges, other than the Saturday evening dinner are the responsibility of each individual.

HÔTEL GOUVERNEUR RIMOUSKI

155, boul. René-Lepage Est, Rimouski (Québec) Canada G5L 1P2

The annual meeting of the Association members will be held at the «l'Hôtel Gouverneur» in the La Rochelle room, at 11:00 AM on Sunday. L'Hôtel Gouverneur is situated at 155, René-Lepage blvd. East, Rimouski G5L 1P2.

The agenda for the meeting is attached to this newsletter and is available on our Web site.



Rita Levasseur's wedding photo. On her left, her father, Patrick.



Patrick Levasseur, Michel Levasseur (1852) and Marie Jeanne Lagacé's (1859-1923) son was born on April 20, 1890 in Rivière du Loup, Québec. He had five sisters and three brothers. Patrick was seventeen when the family moved to Edmundston N.B. to work as an apprentice baker with Mr. M. Thibault. The bakery was located at the corner of Église and Michaud Streets. Patrick was a boarder on the same street. When he went to the bakery, it was required that he pick up bread dough to be cooked at the bakery, at a home where my mother, Annie Ouelette worked as a maid.

Annie was Malgoire and Henriette Philibert's daughter. They lived on a farm close to Edmundston. Annie was born on December 21, 1889 in Edmundston.

Having no job in Edmundston, Patrick went to work as a baker in Eagle Lake. Annie also found work in the Eagle Lake area at the local hotel. This town was in proximity of lumber camps where there was employment. The two eventually returned to Edmundston where they married on June 6, 1909. They found work in the town of Grand Sault where Patrick worked as a baker and Annie as a hotel maid.

The first two children, Philippe and Alberte were born in Grand Sault.

The family moved to Edmundston where Patrick opened a bakery. After closing his shop he worked for John Rice's bakery that eventually became Mr. Jean Roy and Mr. Deschenes's business.

Mr. Rice had given Patrick and his family a two storey family home at 182 Canada street in Edmundston.

Patrick and Annie's family have 180 descendants. Four are still alive. Patrick and Angéline in Edmundston, Henriette from Montréal and Louise from Cap Cod Mass.

When Patrick retired from the bakery, he worked as a janitor for the parish's recreational center. He had volunteered his services when the parish built the church. Annie had also offered her services, knitting blankets and clothes for the poor.

Patrick died on December 19, 1971 and Annie 10 years later in 1991.

Patrick and Annie's beautiful grand home and their large family has left a lasting impression for their children and grand children. They realize that the grand parents worked hard. Patrick had many jobs and the mother's skills as a seamstress, were in demand. The grand children are proud of their grand parents Patrick and Annie. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1959 and their 60th in 1969.

Patrick Levasseur's Ascendance

First generation

Laurent Levasseur (1648-1726) & Marie Marchand (1651-1716)

Marriage: April 30, 1670 Québec, QC

Second generation

Pierre Levasseur (1679-1738) & Élisabeth Michaud (1685-1766) Marriage: May 8, 1703 Rivière-Ouelle, Kamouraska, QC

Third generation

Jean-Timothée Levasseur (17??- 1816) & Marie-Claire Nadeau (1730-1814)

Marriage Contract: January 17, 1750

Forth generation

Joseph Levasseur (1753-1811) & Marie-Catherine Migneault (1753-1831)

Marriage: July 5, 1773 Kamouraska, QC

Fifth generation

Augustin Levasseur (1789-1824) & Marie Landry (1792-?) Marriage: January 20, 1812 St-André, Kamouraska, QC

Sixth generation

Théophile Levasseur (1813-1882) & Marie Bergeron Marriage: January 10, 1837 Kamouraska, QC

Seventh generation

Michel Levasseur (1852-1911) & Marie-Jeanne Lagacé Marriage: July 22, 1884 L'Isle-Verte, QC

Eighth generation

Patrick Levasseur (1890-1971) & Annie Ouellet (1889-1981)

Marriage: June 7, 1909 Edmundston, NB

LEVASSEUR EWSLETTER



How to send old photos and documents to our archives



Who amongst us does not have ancient photos of his grand parents, great-grand parents or other old family photos?

One of the goals of the Association is to archive these old photos for your family members and the Association.

Since we have access to a server (Box.Net) on which you can deposit these old documents we ask you to contact us and we will create a special personnel catalogue in your name in which you alone can download your historical documents and old photos. In addition to helping us create this archive of old documents and photos, this will ensure a safeguard for these precious documents. One of our American members has opened such a catalogue and deposited his numbered photos.

1. This is a unique and valuable method to classify your old photos in a distant server at no cost. All you have to do is ask. Non members can also access this free service.

Follow us on Twitter

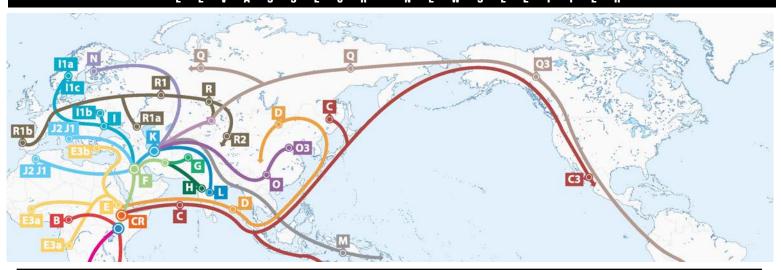
You may have noticed on our Web page, a link to Twitter. According to Wikipedia

the original slogan of twitter was to find out: What are you doing? It is defined as a service telling others what you are doing at the present time. Now the service can be used to ask: What's happening, or What's going on?



The Association uses Twitter to notify you quickly about on-going activities and letting you access old photos, pertinent historical or genealogical data and general information. To access the service, go to our web site at: www.levasseur.org. In addition when major events occur you will be kept informed in the conventional fashion.

LEVASSEUR NEWSLETTER



Research on DNA Join the Levasseur family group on Family Tree DNA

http://www.familytreedna.com/public/levasseur/

The DNA research for the Levasseurs was created to reunite Levasseurs and regroup them with descendants of the different Levasseur ancestors.

All the different sources of Levasseur are invited to join this project irrespective of how the Levasseur name was modified or changed over the years. All of the following are invited to participate: Levasseur, LeVasseur, Lavasseur, Vassor, Vasser, Carmel, Borgia or other.

The DNA analysis is a valuable tool to identify participants who share the same male ancestors. It also links individuals with the same ancestor but whose Levasseur name has been changed over the years and, unknowingly, may be related.

We are one of the few families involved in genealogical research, participating in this project. The Smith family have more than 1400 participants. Our goal is to eventually have 20 participants from various regions in America and Europe.

If you would like to join this project, you are invited to go to the following link and purchase a DNA testing kit:

http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx? &group=Levasseur&vGroup=levasseur

Frequently Asked Question

Question:

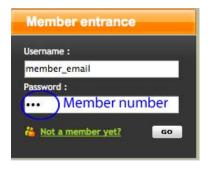
I am a registered member but I have problems connecting with the ALA database on the Web site.

Answer:

Four possible causes:

- 1. The E-Mail address you are using to access the data base must be exactly the same as the one used to become a member. Your E-Mail address is your «user name» to access data available to members only. If it has been changed, we must be notified. To notify us of an E-Mail address change, notify us by E-Mail. The appropriate changes will be made and you will be able to access to all sections reserved for members only.
- 2. Accessing the section reserved for members is very case sensitive. The verification process distinguishes between the use of upper and lower case lettering. Your E-Mail address must <u>be in lower case only</u>. For example the address <u>«louis_felix@gmail.com</u>» will be recognized but not <u>«Louis_Felix@gmail.com</u>»..
- 3. Your membership renewal is past due. You must re-subscribe and pay your membership fee to regain access to reserved sections for members only.
- 4. Exceptionally there may be a problem with the server. If that were to be the case try again at a later date.

To access the Database, follow the following steps on the Association's Web site



A) Identify yourself as a member in the lower left window.



B) When your ID is validated, this window will appear. Click on the appropriate link.

If your ID is not valid, this message will appear. Check to make sure you have correctly identified yourself.

Restricted access If you are a member, enter your username and password in the area at the bottom of this page. You will than have access to all sections for members only. If you have forgotten your access codes, contact the Association. If you are not a member and would like to have access to services for Association members only, refer to the section Become a member.

Access granted

Click on this link to access the database

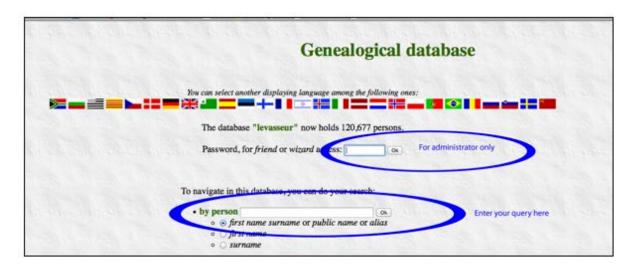
Note that you will be asked to give your user name and password to access database

C) If your ID is valid, this message will appear. Click on the blue link.



D) Important: At this step you must re-enter your identification code because the database is secured in an auxiliary server.

This second identification is required for security reasons. Do not forget that E-Mail addresses are <u>lower case sensitive</u>.



The «Window» (for friend or wizard) is only for administrators of the site.

Any additions or corrections to the data base can be sent to us with: http:// www.levasseur.org/ doc/fiche/fichee.php

Business Cards

The association is offering an excellent way to advertise your business or professional services in the Association Newsletters.

Send us your business card and it will be published in all printed and electronically produced issues of the Levasseur Newsletter. It will also be listed on our Web site in the section «Our Sponsors».

The cost:

\$30:00 per year for an individual \$60:00 per year for a business owner

This opportunity offers you a modern an ideal method to reach potential clients. It will also help support the Association financially. You can contact us at: webmaster@levasseur.org to initiate this promotion.

The Newsletter is read by hundreds of persons throughout North America. Do not hesitate to inform your family members about this offer. The service is available to all, not limited to Association members.

Do not forget, your business card will also be included in a special section on our Web site «Our Sponsors»

The Association can also create a Web page to advertise your business. Did you know that the Web page of our sponsor generated 32,000 visits and was listed third when the name «Levasseur» was used in Google to do a search?

For more information contact us: webmaster@levasseur.org or send us your business card at: Association des Levasseur d'Amérique, C.P. 57063, Succursale Visitation, St-Charles-Borromée, QC, J6E 9G4



Levasseur News

Google News is a free news aggregator provided by Google Inc, selecting recent items from thousands of publications by an automatic aggregation algorithm. Click on the link for full review.

Smashwords — Lost in the Sunset — A book by Xaviera LeVasseur

Lost in the Sunset is a poem divided into three sections. It's a story about a young woman and how she deals with the fact that her husband is over seas during ...



Holy wow, it's a new year

Maple Ridge News

Helene **Levasseur** on the main stage at the ACT theatre in Maple Ridge, where she hopes the Holy Wow Poets will perform one day. ...



Police: Driver in Doctor's Office Crash in "Very Serious" Condition

Patch.com

By Julian McKinley A handyman works on repairing the damage a car caused at the office of Dr. Wayne **Levasseur** on Broad St. in Windsor. ...



Geiger Elementary School honor roll

Lewiston Sun Journal

Honors: Emily Anctil, Gracie Pepin, Brianna Breton, Ryan Pomerleau, Katlyn Dyer, Abigail **Levasseur**, Garrison Fellows, Alexandra Bergeron, Ryleigh Goodwin, ...



Wrestling: Spectrum hosts first invitational; Rogers has 2 of the champs

Star News

Rogers senior Clay **LeVasseur** worked on his Richfield-Edina opponent on the finals, on the way to his third straight pin for the 195-pound title. (Photo by Bruce Strand) by Bruce Strand, Sports editor Spectrum High School proudly hosted a 10-team ...



AHL Journal: 'Tis the season

New England Hockey Journal

Former Springfield goaltender JP **Levasseur**, now with the Syracuse Crunch, was named the league's Player of the Week for last week's stellar performances. ...



Old wood, new tricks: Resident, sculptor bring a bit of nature to Taunton

Taunton Daily Gazette

Homeowner Lynn **Levasseur** said she decided to turn the tree trunk into a sculpture after learning the tree had to come down. "I've always liked seeing nature ...



CBC Radio presents Treasa Levasseur & Tanika ... - Hugh's Room

By admin

Levasseur also says she also named the record Broad to reflect the many musical influences the various players and producers brought to the table. The new album — a summary of where her music (and her life) is at the start of a new decade ...



Program for the Gathering of the Levasseurs Rimouski, Quebec

Saturday PM September 1st, 201

12 h 30 - 13 h 30	Accueil des participants et inscription.
13 h 30	Welcoming remarks - President, Roger Levasseur.
14 h 00	Presentation: The Levasseur who settled in Eastern Québec - Raymond Levasseur.
15 h 00	Coffe Break.
15 h 20	Group Photo.
15 h 30	Visit to the Genealogical Society of Rimouski. Various activities related to genealogy. Volunteers will assist you to trace your ancestry.
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Presentation: Genealogical dictionaries. Descendants of Laurent Levasseur

Exhibit of various genealogical activities. The web site, ancient photos etc.

make your reservations as soon as possible on the SpectArt web site.

During the day, beginning at 12:30, there will be various genealogical activities such as: family monographs, ancient photos, workgroups on the use of the genealogical dictionaries and the Web site and DNA questions. The meeting place: Centre communautaire (community center) Terrasse Arthur-Buies located at 387, des Passereaux

During the weekend, participants can attend the Rimouski Festi-Jazz activities. (not included with the registration fees). For more information on Festi Jazz go to: (http://festijazzrimouski.com/) to know the time schedule of the various events. If you plan to attend some of these activities we recommend that you

Sunday September 2nd 2012 - Annual meeting of the Levasseur Association

Street, in Rimouski

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The agenda for the meeting is attached to this newsletter and is available on our Web site.

For more information about the gathering, contact, Mr. Raymond Levasseur, telephone (418) 724-6629 or by E-Mail: raymi@globetrotter.net or other members of the organizing committee:

Francine Levasseur, Josée Levasseur, Alain Levasseur, Donald Levasseur,

France Brunette, Chantal Desgagnés, Régis Levasseur.

Presentation: Levasseurs innovate on the Web.

Dinner and door prizes.

17 h 00

17 h 15

17 h 30

18 h 00

Evening

The Levasseur Association

The Association, Levasseur d'Amérique Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in 1988, in accordance to a federal charter. Its goals are:

- ★ To join together and unite a large number of Levasseur and other descendants who have adopted the patronymic Borgia, Carmel, Carmell, Vasseur, Vassor, Vasser.
- ★To organize meetings and gatherings that reinforce links between the members of the great Levasseur family.
- ★To promote, develop and diffuse historical genealogical knowledge about the Levasseur families with Internet, an electronic Newsletter published three times per year also the publication of genealogical dictionaries.

- ★To maintain and update, on an ongoing basis, the genealogical data base available to members at all times on the Internet.
- ★ To make available to members a family photo album and the Newsletters that the Association has published since 1988.
- ★To honor the memory of our forefathers and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events that are chronicle the Levasseur family.
- ★To gather all documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage or our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

Your Association is managed by a board of directors made up of official members who offer their services voluntarily and who come from various regions in North America. (Québec, Ontario, Maritimes and New England). Official members of the Association come from all parts of Canada but (40%) come from the United States. Our executive meets two to three times per year to discuss mainly future meetings, publications for our members and genealogy.

L'Association des Levasseur d'Amérique is also a member of the Fédération des familles-souches québécoises (www.ffsq.qc.ca).



The Coat of Arms has been granted and assigned by the Herald of Canada on October 15, 1997 to l'Association des Levasseur d'Amérique:

Azure a chevron between an oak tree an base and a chief Argent charged with a maple leaf Gules between dexter a fleur-de-lis and sinister a mullet Azure; And for a Motto:

DU MIEUX QUE JE PUIS

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