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be held on
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The Association's general meeting will
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HENRI-PAUL LEVASSEUR, MILITARY SOUVENIRS

« In 1952, I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), to begin a career in a field of my choice. I was trained and worked in office management and eventually was given the opportunity to take advance courses in English. »

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ADRIEN LEVASSEUR

« My wish, whether you are an amateur, a collector, a carver or even a museum curator, is that you will find this site to be a valuable source of information. »

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THE LEVASSEUR COVERED BRIDGE

« The bridge is 129 feet long and spans the Macamic river. It was built in 1928. The center pier was built in 1946 to increase the load capacity of the bridge. »

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The Levasseur covered bridge at Authier-nord



Henri-Paul L.'s parents

Levasseurs with military careers, from father to grandson with a spiritual career in the prison regime

By: Henri-Paul Levasseur

That made my career!

In 1952, I applied for a career in the RCAF in a trade or profession of my choice. I was offered a position as an administration clerk with an opportunity to take language training in an advanced English course. Eventually, my progress in English qualified me as a translator.

During the subsequent years, I obtained temporary postings to Air Force bases in Ontario and Quebec. I was attached for temporary duties to some bases in Alberta and Manitoba.

During the last few years (1957-59) of my career, I declared a preference for serving on NATO bases in Europe; and finally, I was offered a posting to RCAF Marville, in Belgium, for a period of four years. With great pleasure, my whole family boarded the ship, Ivernia, bound for Le Havre.



Henri-Paul Levasseur and Denise Larouche marriage photo St-Charles-Borommée, near Chicoutimi, QC, February 5, 1955.



Antoine Levasseur and Antoinette Dumont. Henri-Paul's parents, married on May 18, 1926 in St-Éleuthère, QC.

Editor's note: Mr. Henri-Paul Levasseur lives in Québec City. He is a founding member of the Association and has been an excellent contributor to the Association.

Marville (France)

After staying overnight in Paris, we travelled by train to Marville for what was planned to be a four year posting. Our interest for the Sardinia project later became a reality.

We started looking for furnished accommodation, but eventually, we decided to rent a non-furnished apartment. We were quite close to schools and the children were registered in kindergarten. Other procedures (residence, permits, etc.) made us feel like we were becoming real Belgians. Having a Cooperative member's car helped a lot!

Teachers in the kindergarten were very devoted to the children, whatever their backgrounds. During our family outings, in the Virton area, we liked to relax and visit the Notre-Dame du Bon Lieu chapel, in the nearby forest. We could camp and play soccer or other games. Members of hunt clubs also met on weekends.

Marville air base, close to Montmery, offered practically the same services as the bases in Canada. There was an arena, a curling club, a kitchen and mess services for the ranks. We could decide where it was most advantageous to make our purchases: either on the base or at the Economy. Groceries, furnishing, photo equipment and radios were less expensive on the base, but not meats. As for the automobile market, many military personnel used to buy cars in Belgium, Luxembourg, France or Germany.

The newly created Marville pipe band was of great interest to nearby residents. They played regularly on weekends and at special events. The band was a public relations success in Virton, Montmery, Florenville and Longuyon. On one of our outings, we discovered Madam DeVelder's Boarding

House at Wacket No. 15, in St-Léger. "Mrs Velder's Pension" did not exist only on the CBC in Montreal (starring Mrs Lucie De Vienne).

During our stay in Virton, Denise and I were pleased to be able to count on several babysitters to look after the children during our outings to the cinema or to visit friends. They could also babysit for a day or two, and look after the house, serve meals, etc. They would also babysit while Denise was shopping or visiting friends.

In June 1960, my wife Denise was pregnant with our fifth child. After registering at the doctor's clinic in Virton, she was well cared for and baby Lucien was born on time on 21 November. Thanks to the medical personnel of St-Mard Clinic, which was not too far from our place! Lucien is now a tall sportsman and enjoys running in marathons. He holds a Master's degree in Counselling from Laval University and is in practice on the south shore of Quebec City as a pastoral Agent. The message finally arrived: I would be transferred to Decimomannu also called Deci, which is an Italian Municipality, for a period of two years. The whole family was ready to get onboard for that new adventure.

It appears that "the soft sea" (belle mer pronounced as belle-mère in French) had followed us to the dark clouds of Europe for a new adventure. With the road to the



RCAF Sabre Jet flying over the Marville military base in 1950

Decimomannu is an Italian municipality in the Province of Cagliari in the Sardinia region of Italy





South Seas, the whole family was ready to head towards the Mediterranean, in brand new Micro-Bus (Volkswagen bus). Everything was new: Country, automobile, road, and sun unlimited!

DECIMOMANNU (SARDAIGNE, ITALIE)

The Canadian squadrons posted in Europe had the following mission: training for the CF 100 and CF 104. For the Air Weapons Unit (AWU Deci), the support for the squadrons who came for air training on the range reserved on the Westside of Sardinia.

Shortly after my arrival at Deci, I volunteered to help in the publication of the Sardo Newsleaf. That monthly newspaper was for the military personnel and their families; a few copies were distributed outside. The Newsleaf's purpose was to address the lack of news for Canadian families. I also served as secretary for different committees during my stay.

At Deci, the Canadians were in contact with Italians and Germans. There was

baseball for children on weekends, and adults could enjoy mess activities. The Sado Squids (skin divers) could always take you to the Mediterranean and on rifle range. A small library was open to all we all enjoyed driving around the island for delightful sightseeing.

After baseball practices, it was well known and accepted that Osborny (our kitchen Sergeant) would sometimes visit the youngest members of his troop after practice instead of coming home; a special way of returning to earth.

Around October each year, our Commanding Officer would make a special request to the Italian Commander to reserve a helicopter for the Santa Claus parade. Naturally, the Canadian Club agreed and the families would prepare for that special event (A German tradition, would you say?). Santa Claus was arriving by helicopter. We took quite a few special pictures before sunset.

Photos:

Denise and Henri – Italy 1962 with their children: René, Jean-Marie, Pauline, Denis and Daniel.

On the right: Denise and Henri Levasseur with Pauline, Jean-Marie and Denis on the Ivernia river.

On the day that Daniel was born, Denise started feeling contractions about ten o'clock p.m. on New Year's Eve. Two hours later, we felt that it was time to get on our way to the hospital. However, due to celebrations in Cagliari, we anticipated problems such as flat tires on our way, because of broken glass on the roads. We were lucky but the worst happened only three days later when we got a flat tire. Daniel was the first born baby in Sardenia in 1962.

On our return from a vacation trip to Lourdes and the Riviera in 1962, I met my cousin Marcil, who had recently enrolled as a photo technician and was in Deci for three weeks. We took advantage of our time off to enjoy the sun, the sea and the beach with the family. My cousin also took some marvelous pictures. He is also a philatelist and enjoyed the stamps of that region.

RETURN TO CANADA

Our posting back to Canada was made by a direct flight to Canada, but many changes were taking place on the French territory: The government gave a ruling that all NATO forces should leave France. Quite a few veterans returned to Marville and the area to express their thanks to Belgians and the French for their warm welcome. Monuments were unveiled at Florenville and Longuyon, and a Canadian totem was erected in Virton. A 50th anniversary album entitled "Marville Air Base 1954-2004" was available for sale on the special "Air Force Day" held on September 2, 2005.

RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

After 26 years of service in the RCAF, and six years with the cadet Services, I retired from military life with the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

Continuation of this family history will be published in the next Levasseur Association Newsletter



The report on the RCAF Air Base of Marville had been very successful and required a second printing due to an overwhelming demand.

See web site :

<http://www.aerostories.org/~aerobiblio/article326.html>

« PER ARDUA AD ASTRAS »

(RCAF Slogan)

« Up to the stars, through adversity »

Ancestry of Mr Henri-Paul Levasseur on next page





Henri-Paul Levasseur - Direct Lineage

Laurent Levasseur

30 avril 1670
Québec, QC

Marie Marchand

Pierre Levasseur

8 mai 1703
Rivière-Ouelle, QC

Élisabeth Michaud

Jean-Timothée Levasseur

17 janvier 1750
Contrat : notaire J. Dionne

Marie-Claire Nadeau

Benjamin Levasseur

29 janvier 1786
Kamouraska, QC

Rosalie Paradis

Fabien Levasseur

10 février 1824
La Pocatière, QC

Émilie Roy

Octave Levasseur

9 août 1864
St-Antonin, QC

Catherine Dubé

Octave Levasseur

24 septembre 1888
Lewiston, ME

Georgina Plourde

Antoine Levasseur

18 mai 1926
St-Éleuthère, QC

Antoinette Dumont

Henri-Paul Levasseur

5 février 1955
Bourget, Chicoutimi, QC

Denise Larouche



Adrien Levasseur

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Mr. Levasseur, originally from Sainte-Anne-des-Monts in Gaspésie, participated in many events related to popular sculptors in Québec.

Over the past ten years he has been recognized as a specialist in his domain. In addition to participating in many exhibits, his work is on display in cultural centers, book revues, exhibits and in collectors' showrooms. Some of his more recent significant accomplishments include giving conferences and meeting with children to familiarize and awaken them to this form of artistic expression.

Mr. Levasseur considers his artistic approach as being an art of cohesion and bringing together. Being a collector for more than thirty years, with over a thousand art master pieces to his name, he travels all over Québec on remote concession roads seeking carvers. In addition to collecting their

carvings, he also records their stories. They in turn have been communicated to a vast audience and are published in two volumes on popular art. He is presently retired from the Quebec health network and at the age of 71 he pursues his journey while encouraging the younger generation to follow in his footsteps.

His web site's objective is to encourage the discovery of this form of art frequently considered as marginal but should be considered a very important cultural heritage of Québec. Via this site Mr. Levasseur encourages exchanges and provides an opportunity for other carvers to be recognized, thus offering a common link to share this knowledge.

Published volumes

Adrien Levasseur,
Sculpteurs en art populaire au Québec, tome 1, Québec, Les Éditions GID, 2008, 244 pages.

Adrien Levasseur,
Sculpteurs en art populaire au Québec, tome 2, Québec, Les Éditions GID, 2012, 215 pages

Adrien Levasseur's lineage on following page

**Adrien Levasseur - Direct lineage**

Laurent Levasseur	30 avril 1670 Québec, QC	Marie Marchand
Louis Levasseur	19 novembre 1716 Lauzon, QC	Marie-Geneviève Huard
Louis Levasseur	27 avril 1746 Lauzon, QC	Marie-Anne Journeau
Jean Levasseur	8 novembre 1779 Lauzon, QC	Judith Drapeau
Augustin Levasseur	13 août 1821 L'Isle-Verte, QC	Adélaïde Sirois
Louis Levasseur	10 février 1863 Ste-Anne-des-Monts, QC	Agathe Labrie
Louis Levasseur	9 novembre 1896 Manchester, NH	Délia Pelletier
Rodolphe Levasseur	5 juillet 1933 Ste-Anne-des-Monts, QC	Adrienne St-Laurent
Adrien Levasseur		

Our genealogical dictionaries

Does genealogy interest you? Would you like to know about your ancestors? The Levasseur family is privileged to have a genealogical dictionary of Jean and Pierre Levasseur's descendants and another of Laurent Levasseur's descendants. These three ancestors have descendants primarily in Quebec and in Ontario but also in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the USA.

Thanks to the index at the end of each dictionary, they are easy to consult.

You will find more information about the dictionaries on the Levasseur Association's web site: www.levasseur.org click on «Our Dictionnaires».

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Mrs Rita Pilon, wife of Mr. Bernard Gaouette passed away on April 17, 2013 in Ville-Marie, Témiscamingue. The Association offers its sympathy to Bernard and his family.



Levasseur Covered Bridge

The origin of covered bridges dates back to the XII th century in Europe mainly in Switzerland and in Asia. The engineer, Timothy Palmer, of Newburyport Massachusetts in the USA, built the first covered bridge with triangular wood trusses. In length, it is 167 meters and spans the Schuykill River in Philadelphia and is called the Permanent Bridge.

The Levasseur covered bridge is named in honour of its owner Adélard Levasseur who owned the land on both sides of the bridge. It was built in 1928 and renovated in 1985. It is 129 feey long and spans the Macamic river in Abitibi.

Adélard Levasseur

Born 11 June 1885 - Ste-Perpétue, Nicolet, QC
 Baptized 12 June 1885 - Ste-Perpétue, Nicolet, QC
 Died 16 January 1954 - Amos, Abitibi, QC , age at death: 68 years old

Parents

- Joseph Levasseur 1850-1904
- Éléonore Dupont 1850-1917

Spouses and children

- Married 17 August 1920, Ste-Séraphine, Arthabaska, QC, to Julianna Gélinas 1885-1966 with
 - Anonyme Levasseur 1921-1921
 - Jeanne d'Arc Levasseur 1922
 - Murielle Levasseur 1923-1925
 - Murielle Levasseur 1926

Adélard Levasseur direct lineage

Pierre Levasseur/Lespérance 1627-1694

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Pierre Levasseur 1661-1731

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Denis Joseph Levasseur 1712-1792

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Ignace Levasseur 1739-1814

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François Levasseur 1768-1843

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Louis Levasseur 1812-1855

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Joseph Levasseur 1850-1904

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Adélard Levasseur 1885-1954

Références:

www.pontscouverts.com

www.levasseur.org

Reading suggestion

Voyageurs de passages « Travelers to the future »



Born in Montréal, Pierrette Beauchamp studied history, and worked in the banking field. When her two girls were of age, she returned to

work. She undertook to fulfill her lifetime dream of writing. Her first novel; Voyageurs de passages, combines three passions: the history of Québec, travel stories in the future and research.

Travelers back to the future

Rosseront, Montréal, September 1959. One night, a sudden blaze strikes in a residence for elders where Janine Provencher took refuge after slamming the door to the family home. Cornered by the flames, she manages to escape through a tunnel that unites the residence to her home. Believing that she is saved, she finds herself in a renovated futuristic looking kitchen face to face with a stranger.

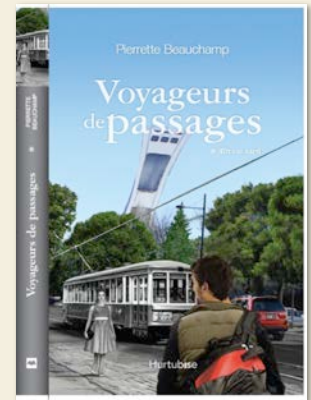
A great love story that transcends time

It is not easy for Janine, aged 21, to recognize three incredible happenings. First she has been projected in the future. Secondly, she is the mother of a son. And thirdly, the stranger is no other than Stéphane Gadbois, her son's childhood friend!

Stéphane offers his visitor an opportunity to return to her previous epoch. Feelings of tenderness arise between both of them as he attempts to differentiate this young mother for whom he was infatuated in the latter years of his adolescence life. For Janine, it was a time for her to realize that the values of the "Dark Years" are brushed aside by four decades of change that have not been a source of happiness for her.

Voyageurs de passages « Travelers to the future » is a thorough historical romance with a touch of fantasy sitting on the fence between two periods of time. This « Back to the Future » Québécois novel brings the reader back to the colorful Montréal of years past, with a grasping intrigue where each chapter is a stop towards new exciting developments.

Editor's note: Pierette Beauchamp is a descendant of Laurent Levasseur by her mother, Henriette Levasseur. We also refer you to the [Levasseur Newsletter of October 2012 where you can read a biography of her great uncle Adélarde Levasseur.](#)



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Maternal lineage of Mrs. Beauchamp to her ancestor Laurent Levasseur on the following page.



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Joseph Levasseur	5 juillet 1773 Kamouraska, QC	Marie-Catherine Migneault
Augustin Levasseur	20 janvier 1812 St-André, Kamouraska, QC	Marie Landry
Théophile Levasseur	10 janvier 1837 Kamouraska, QC	Marie Bergeron
Michel Levasseur	22 juillet 1884 L'Isle-Verte, Riv.-du-Loup	Marie-Jeanne Lagacé
Patrick Levasseur	7 juin 1909 Edmunston, NB	Annie Ouellet
Henriette Levasseur	14 juin 1952 Montréal, QC	Pierre Beauchamp
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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

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.

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Levasseur Association of America member's general meeting

Saturday August 24, 1:30 PM at Complexe Hôtelier Le Cinquante-Cinq,
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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and nomination of a secretary
2. Reading and adoption of the minutes of the September 2, 2012 general meeting
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report and its adoption
5. Nomination of an auditor
6. Genealogist's report
7. Jean-Pierre Levasseur presentation of the new genealogical database on the Web.
8. Irma Levasseur (update) Roger Levasseur
9. Selection of a president for the election.
10. In conformity with article 11.2 of the regulations, election for the following positions:
 - President: Roger Levasseur
 - Vice president: Joseph Levasseur
 - Directors: Paul Levasseur, Marie-Noëlle Levasseur, Jean-Pierre Levasseur, Jean-Marie Levasseur
11. Varia
12. End of meeting