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Soiree DE Conference

AU PROFIT DE LA

- NATURALISATION! -

Dimanche Soir, le 8 Mai '92

AUX SALLES DU

Club Canado-Américain

No. 53 Market Street.

PROGRAMME.

OUVERTURE MME LOUIS LABELLE Solo de Piano

MME LOUIS LABELLE

Premiere Partie.

MES DEBUTS MME MARGUERITE LABELLE (enfant âgée de 6ans). Piano

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JEAN PIERRE et JEAN LOUIS. Operette Comique.

(Un des plus grands succès de l'opéra français)

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LETTRE D'UN INCONNU DECLAMATION

MME EMELIE DESROSERS

"VIVE LA CANADIENNE."

BILLETS a la Porte, - - - 10 Cents.

Tous Sont Invites!

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Archives de Richard Stalleroff (Coll. Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.)

Prospectus announcing an evening for the benefit of naturalization. The program included piano solos, an operetta and a conference on the causes of the war of secession. It deployed great efforts to encourage new immigrants to become American citizens.

Evening held on May 8, 1892

Source : <http://www.cslf.gouv.qc.ca>

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IMPORTANT

New postal address

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d'Amérique inc
60 Chemin Public,
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Photo front page

Joseph-Arthur swell. A young worker of the Amoskeag Mfg. in Manchester, N.H.

The Industrial Revolution encouraged emigration of French Canadians to New England, including Manchester.

Source: <https://tolkien2008.wordpress.com>

345th anniversary of the marriage of the ancestor Laurent Levasseur

**Important
Meeting !**

**Info :
M. Bernard
Gauette
418 830-0775**



To commemorate the 345th marriage anniversary of Laurent Levasseur and Marie Marchand, a Thanksgiving mass will be celebrated at the Basilica - Cathedral Notre-Dame de Québec, Saturday **May 2**, 2015, at 17.00. All Levasseur and their descendants are invited to attend this celebration at the same location where the ancestors Laurent Levasseur and Marie Marchand exchanged their wedding vows. We thank Mr Bernard Levasseur Gauette of having planned this mass.

President's message

By: [Roger Levasseur](#)

Your association begins the New Year hoping that more of its members will participate actively by sending information about their respective families.

To ensure the continued progress of the Levasseur Association we need your help. We invite you to write articles for the Newsletter, send old photos and information about your respective families.

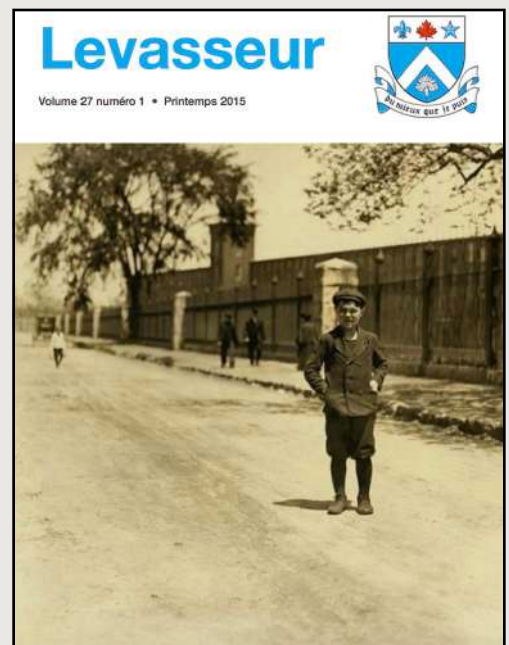
In the next edition of the Newsletter, you will be reading about the King's daughters who became mothers of many Canadians found not only in Quebec, but everywhere in America. Also, many King's daughters were tied to Levasseur families. Possibly for some of you, they are your great grandmothers. In addition, you will read an article about the many Canadians who, between 1830 and 1940, chose to immigrate to the United States.

Listed below are some questions, you may want to consider, for writing of a short story about your family:

- Who are these family members who left Quebec to immigrate to the United States or the Western provinces? How many were they? How did they travel to their new destination?
- In what city or what country did they settle? What kind of work did do?
- What has happened to the descendants of these ancestors? Talk about your parents, grandparents and how they adapted to their new environment.
- What are your memories of what they said about their homeland, whether a city or a village in Québec.

As an example, let me answer these questions in the hope that some of you will do the same thing.

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Joseph Levasseur & Marie-Clara (Cormier)

Who are these family members who left Quebec to immigrate to the United States or the Western provinces? How many were they? How did they travel to their new destination?

My great-grand-father, Joseph Levasseur and his wife Marie Clara (née Cormier), with their seven children, left Sainte-Angèle de Laval, Québec, in 1896. My grandfather Romeo was 14 years old, the third eldest. The family settled on a farm in Western Canada in the village of La Salle, Manitoba, located about 30 km southwest of Winnipeg.

Roméo, married my grandmother Amanda (née Champagne) in 1908 and together they had fifteen children, of whom four died in

infancy. Romeo cultivated the land in La Salle until 1928. My father, Conrad was 14 years old then. It was the period of the great depression. The grain prices had fallen, drought and lack of revenue forced my grand-father to declare bankruptcy.

In what city or what country did they settle? What kind of work did do?

After the bankruptcy, my grandfather and my grandmother decided to settle in the neighboring province, Saskatchewan, first in Willowbunch and eventually in Spiritwood. They travelled by train. The distance between Winnipeg and Regina was approximately 600 km or more than 350 miles. Life was a hardship for the family and after two years they decided to return to Manitoba, eventually to Saint-Norbert, a village located 15 km south of Winnipeg. This village, now part of the city of Winnipeg, is where I visited and got to know my grandparents. Their home and farm was on a 50 acre plot of land that faced the Pembina Highway and extended to the edge of the Red River. My grandmother had two cows for milk and she used the cream to make her butter. In addition, she had some chickens, a pig and a vegetable garden. My grandfather cultivated his plot of land, growing potatoes and sugar beets, with his horses, Jim and Prince. He also worked in a sanatorium for sufferers of tuberculosis, as well as at the Manitoba sugar Company to supplement his revenue. Life, prior to the Second World War, was no picnic for many families in Western Canada.



Wedding photo of Roméo Levasseur and Amanda Champagne on July 14, 1908 in La Salle, Manitoba.

What has happened to the descendants of these ancestors? Talk about your parents, grand-parents and how they adapted to their new environment.

In 1928 my uncle, Lorenzo, left Manitoba at the age of 16 to work on farms in the West of the United States and in Canada. Then he ventured to the Geraldton region of Ontario where he worked as a mechanic in the mines for approximately ten years. After a few years in Montreal, he worked in Pembroke, Ontario for a while at Pembroke Electric but spent the major part of his career with Atomic Energy of Canada. With his wife, Estelle, born Demers, they raised a family of three boys, Roméo and Marcel (ALA member), Denis and a daughter, Lucille. In the city of Pembroke, Ontario, the Levasseurs are reputed and respected for their many accomplishments in the fields of education, sports and municipal services.

My grandparents, Roméo Levasseur and Amanda Champagne had immigrated to Saskatchewan, with part of their family; Lionel, Conrad, Ulric, Raoul, Thérèse and Honoré. My father Conrad was then 14 years old. My grandparents left their daughters Alma, age 13, and Solange, age 12, at the convent of Saint Norbert where the Reverend Mother, Alma Champagne, my grandmother's sister, was a nun. The eldest, Helena, was at the Oblate Sisters' noviciate, but she did not take her final vows.

My father, Conrad's, souvenirs, first in Willowbunch and then, Spiritwood, are not pleasant memories, because with his siblings and his parents, they lived in poverty. With his brother, Lionel and his father, they worked for farmers and for the parish. They were hired to dig a foundation for of a church during the cold winter months. After two years of misery, the family returned to Manitoba and moved to Saint-Norbert.



Family photo of Roméo Levasseur and Amanda Champagne circa 1935

Back row, from left to right: Raoul (October 17, 1920), Solange (July 5, 1917), Lorenzo (June 20, 1910), Lionel (October 20, 1911), Conrad (March 30, 1914), Ulric (October 20, 1918), Honoré (January 16, 1927)

Front row, from right to left: Stellea, (June 26, 1929), Thérèse (December 28, 1925), Alma (October 17, 1915), Hélène (June 28, 1909), Amanda (Champagne), (1887), Roméo, (July 10. 1882).

To follow (in the next Newsletter, more information about other uncles and my father Conrad, who would be 100 years old, and his life in Saint-Boniface MB)

French Canadian Emigration to the United States 1840-1930

By: [*Roger Levasseur*](#)

Between 1840 and 1930 roughly 900 000 French Canadians left Canada to emigrate to the United States. This important migration, which has now been largely forgotten in Quebec's collective memory, is certainly one of the major events in Canadian demographic history. According to the 1980 American census, 13.6 million Americans claimed to have French ancestors. While a certain number of these people may be of French, Belgian, Swiss, Cajun or Huguenot ancestry, it is certain that a large proportion would have ancestors who emigrated from French Canada or Acadia during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Did you know?

- From 1840 to 1930, more than 900,000 French Canadians left Canada to emigrate to the United States.
- In 1980, according to the census, more than 13.6 million Americans were of French origin. Though some are from France, Switzerland and Belgium, a significant number are of French Canadian origin.
- It is estimated that, if there had not been this emigration, there would be 4 to 5 million more persons of French origin in the Canada today.
- The main reasons why so many French Canadians, mainly from Quebec, emigrated to the United States are: poor economic conditions and a lower standard of living due to lack of industrialization.
- The appeal that attracted many French Canadians to the United States was working for a regular salary and a standard of living offering commodities such as running water, electricity etc.
- The lack of industrial development and a standard of living lower than that of the residents of New England are the main causes that have pushed many French Canadian families to settle in the United States.
- Between 1784 and 1844, Quebec's population, mainly rural, increased by about 400% while its total agricultural acreage rose by only 275% creating an important deficit of available farmland.
- Ways to remedy this shortcoming was the colonization of the Laurentian, Saguenay, lac-Saint-Jean, la Matapedia, the Eastern Townships regions and the Ottawa Valley, the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- Due to agricultural self-sufficiency, many settlers were forced to work in forestry for the forest barons at the beginning of the 20th century.
- Fathers, who want to satisfy the family needs, realize that the availability of work in United State with a weekly salary is very attractive. It is also very gratifying for mothers and the children.
- The railway contributed to emigration. From 1840 to 1860, the emigrants headed toward Maine, Vermont and New York to work on farms and in forestry. While, with the coming of the railway, they moved to Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut to work in manufacturing plants that were booming.
- Emigration in chain, whereby families of a region would settle in the same region, allowed them to keep their traditions and customs, thus minimizing the loss of culture and the difficulty associated with emigration

Which are the New-England States where French Canadian emigrants settled?

Distribution of French Canadians in New England, 1860-1880

State	Population in 1860	% of French distribution	Population in 1880	% of french distribution
Maine	7,490	20.0	29,000	13.9
New Hampshire	1,780	4.7	26,200	12.6
Vermont	16,580	44.3	33,500	16.1
Massachusetts	7,780	20.8	81,000	38.9
Rhode Island	1,810	5.0	19,800	9.5
Connecticut	1,980	5.3	18,500	8.9
Total	37,420	100.0	208,100	100.0

Source of the data: Ralph D. VICERO, Immigration of French Canadians to New England, 1840-1900, Ph.D thesis, Univesity of Wisconsin, 1968, p. 275; as given in Yves ROBY, Les Franco-Américains de la Nouvelle Angleterre, 1776-1930, Sillery, Septentrion, 1990, p. 47

Distribution of Franco-Americans* in New England, 1900-1930

State	Population in 1900	% of French distribution	Population en 1930	% of French distribution
Maine	58,583	11.3	99,765	13.4
New Hampshire	74,598	14.4	101,324	13.6
Vermont	41,286	8.0	46,956	6.4
Massachusetts	250,024	48.1	336,871	45.3
Rhode Island	56,382	10.9	91,173	12.3
Connecticut	37,914	7.3	67,130	9.0
Total	518,887	100.0	743,219	100.0

*Persons born in Canada, or in the United States of one or two French-Canadian parent

Source of the data: Leon TRUESDELL, The Canadian Born in the United States, New haven, 1943, p. 77; as given in Yves ROBY, Les Franco-Américains de la Nouvelle-Angleterre, Sillery, Septentrion, 1990, p. 282.

Source: Highlights extracted from the publication "Quebec History"

French Canadian Emigration to the United States 1840-1930 by Damien-Claude Bélanger, University of Ottawa and Claude Bélanger, Mari-anopolis College

François Levasseur

Associate and Vice President at the Kronos Technologies Inc
Business personality (Technology and research)



Since 1992, the Quebec Junior Chamber of Commerce sets up a contest with the aim of increasing the visibility of young business people in the Quebec City region who distinguish themselves on a professional and personal level.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the young Business personality, 2014 in the category "Technology and research" to: François Levasseur, Associate and Vice President with, Technology at [Kronos Technologies Inc.](http://KronosTechnologies.com)

François Levasseur fulfills both the strategic vision and direction of Kronos Technologies, a business involved in the development of Web applications for the financial community. He has won the Fidéides 2014, has been a finalist at the Octas, 2014 and his products are used by thousands of users throughout the country.

François attaches great importance to personal and professional well-being, growth and accomplishments. Creative and happy employees who realize their full potential are a benefit to the company and, by ricochet, to its clients and society.

His greatest pride is to bring together passionate people who share strong values and accomplish distinctive and innovative projects. When he is not working with his "dream team" designing the next generation of Web applications, François likes to spend as much time as possible with his wife and their two children, Olivia and Louis-Félix.

Source : jccq.qc.ca

Note: François, my son, is a long-time collaborator with the Levasseur Association. He participated actively in the development of the database module and the visual presentation of the Web site. You can click [on this link to access](#) his genealogy. (members only).

[Jean-Pierre Levasseur](#) , ALA webmaster

Sister Roberte Levasseur,

Member of the order of Notre-Dame - Saint-Rosaire de Rimouski

By her sister, [Madeleine](#) and her brother Gérard Majella Levasseur



On August 1st 1955 Roberte heard the calling and entered to the convent of The [Sisters of Notre-Dame-du-Saint-Rosaire](#) in Rimouski.

After six months as a postulant, Roberte entered the novitiate for the next 2 years. After this period, she made her profession and became sister Berthe-de-Jésus. She taught grades 8 and 9 in (Rimouski). She continued teaching at the Saint-Rosaire day school in Rimouski, Mont-Joli and Saint-Épiphane-de-Riviere-du-Loup for five years.

At that time, the congregation opened missions abroad and she elected to go to Honduras.

Late August 1964, Roberte left with three other courageous nuns for this mission. The journey began first in Mexico in Cuernavaca to study Spanish. She went to Honduras at the end of December of the same year. She first went to the town of Nacaome, in the South of Honduras. The parish rectory served as the emergency at the time.

Year after year, of missionary work led to other valiant nuns of the congregation to join the four founders and develop other missions.

Type of work accomplished:

- Training of indigenous leaders.
- Better health care.
- Christian education by the formation of lay lecturers, promotion of human values, sewing, hygiene, child care, assistance to the elderly, etc...

As years go by Roberte becomes more attached to the Honduran population. Over the years, thirty members of the religious Order from Quebec worked in Honduras. They are now only six, but thirty Aboriginal nuns have joined the Order of the nuns of Saint-Rosaire. The latter now occupy key positions in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. They are responsible for administration and training.

In 2014, the Congregation has celebrated its 50th anniversary of presence in Central America. Roberte was at the feast celebrating her own 50th anniversary of presence amongst the inhabitants of Central America. Due to her excellent health, she will continue to work with her adopted brothers and sisters of Central America.

Long live this valiant descendant who honors our Levasseur ancestors.





Roberte 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
Ernest Levasseur	11 janvier 1904 Ste-Anne-des-Monts, QC	Emma Lévesque
Robert Levasseur	25 novembre 1931 Ste-Anne-des-Monts, QC	Berthe Lévesque
Roberte Levasseur		



Patick Levasseur and his wife, Marie-Noëlle with their family (Golden wedding)

60th and 50th wedding anniversary

Sunday July 20, 2014, Patricia Levasseur and her husband Réal Bélanger were celebrating their 60th diamond wedding anniversary. Patricia is the last child of a family of 15 children. Her father was Patrick Levasseur married to Annie Ouellet on June 7, 1909. Patricia has 3 older sisters. They are Henriette, Louise and Angeline, all in good health. Real and Patricia did not have children

Patrick Levasseur, son of Édouard Levasseur (Patricia's brother) and Anna Dubé, and his wife Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu de Dégelis, celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary. Patrick and Marie-Noëlle are the parents of three children. Pierre (Nathalie Bérubé), Charles (Debbie Carter) and Marie-Lynne (Simon Chouinard). They are also the grandparents of Justin, Tera, Celia and François Levasseur, also of Edward Chouinard. Note: 2 other male births are expected by the end of January.

Then, for posterity, there was a photo shoot of the event. It is needed to pass on to future generations and to commemorate this joyful event and to remind us of good memories.

Amongst families, relatives and friends we celebrated together on this sunny day of July 20, 2014 this memorable event. The atmosphere was filled with love, joy and happiness, and facilitated closeness between families and friends.



Patrick Levasseur, fils d'Édouard Levasseur (frère de Patricia) et d'Anna Dubé, et son épouse Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu. Patricia Levasseur et son époux Réal Bélanger

It is also the opportunity to get to know one another and to renew links with parents and friends who came from afar.

After the presentations, the handshakes and the hugs, we move towards the reception room. Justin Levasseur, our grandson, welcomes us to the sound of the organ. He is talented and continues following music lessons. Our son Charles Levasseur is the host, Georges Levasseur, Patrick's cousin, sings, plays the piano, dances and enlivens the crowd.

At 5: 30, it was time for dinner. A hot meal was served by «Buffet Nicole and Josée of Edmundston»

The buffet was great, the meal exceeded our expectations. Let us not forget that their surname is Levasseur, daughters of Rosaire Levasseur.

The evening continued with old-time dances, songs of the past and music for the circumstance. Patricia and Real's niece Louise and their nephew Yves addressed the group to commemorate their 60th anniversary. For Patrick and Marie-Noëlle, their son Charles and daughter Tera addressed the participants to commemorate their 50th anniversary.

Our families will keep good memories of this feast for years to come. To the tune of a Waltz the feast began and to the tune of a waltz it came to an end.

[Marie-Noëlle & Patrick Levasseur](#)



Patrick 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

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

Édouard Levasseur

25 mars 1940
Rivière-Verte, NB

Marie-Anna Dubé

Patrick Levasseur

27 juin 1964
Edmunston, NB

Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu



*60th Wedding anniversary
Patrick Levasseur et Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu*



Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu - Direct lineage

Pierre Hudon dit Beaulieu	13 juillet 1676 Québec, QC	Marie Gobeil
Pierre Hudon dit Beaulieu	1 août 1707 St-Pierre, Île-d'Orléans, QC	Claire Paradis
Jean Bernard Hudon dit Beaulieu	8 janvier 1742 Kamouraska, QC	Françoise Labourlière dite Laplante
Joseph Hudon dit Beaulieu	3 septembre 1770 Kamouraska, QC	Marie-Angélique Lévesque
Augustin Hudon/Beaulieu	22 février 1802 Kamouraska, QC	Marie-Josephte Michaud
Augustin Hudon/Beaulieu	14 août 1826 Kamouraska, QC	Émilie Durand
Pierre Martin Hudon dit Beaulieu	25 janvier 1853 St-Arsène, QC	Marie-Aglaé Côté
Paul Beaulieu	15 février 1887 St-Pascal, Kamouraska, QC	Mathilde Briand
Charles-Eugène Beaulieu	21 juillet 1937 Notre-Dame-du-Lac, QC	Marie-Jeanne Moreau
Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu	27 juin 1964 Edmundston, NB	Patrick Levasseur



*50th Wedding anniversary Patrick Levasseur
& Marie-Noëlle Beaulieu*



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Edmunston, NB

Annie Ouellet

Patricia Levasseur

8 janvier 1955
Edmunston, NB

Réal Lucien Bélanger



*60th Wedding anniversary
Patricia Levasseur & Réal Bélanger*

GENERAL INFORMATIONS



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 of our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

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