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The Kamouraska Cradle Twenty-seven Levasseurs buried in the cemetery

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In 2005, a memorial was unveiled on the site of the Cradle of Kamouraska. Its purpose is to honor the name of all the pioneers buried in the cemetery during the period 1727 to 1793. More than 1,300 people rest in this cemetery. Some 220 different surnames are engraved on the memorial. Michaud count 115 buried people; Paradis 73; Migneault, 34; and Levasseur, 27. The ceremony was preceded by a mass celebrated by Monseigneur Moreau to the memory the ancestors.

Pierre Levasseur (1679-1766) and his wife Marie-Élisabeth Michaud (1685-1766) were among the first families to settle in the area. Pierre was a son of Laurent and Marie Marchand. Claire-Françoise, a sister of Pierre, also settled in the area of Kamouraska. She was initially married to Louis Michaud, then to Jean-François Autin. Pierre and Claire- Francoise, as well as several their descendants, rest in the cemetery.

The Cradle of Kamouraska is located three kilometers east of the village of Kamouraska. Today, a small chapel indicates the location of the first two churches, the first two presbyteries and the cemetery .In 1999, a commemorative plaque was affixed inside the chapel, by the Association of Levasseur of America, to honor the memory of Pierre Levasseur and Marie-Élisabeth Michaud.

LIST OF BURIED PEOPLE

Here is a list of the people bearing the surname Levasseur buried in the cemetery between 1727 and 1793. This list was drawn up from the registers of the parish of Saint-Louis-of-Kamouraska.

Pioneers: son and daughter of the ancestor Laurent Levasseur married to Marie Marchand:

1. Pierre Levasseur buried on October 27, 1738, at the approximate age of 56 years. Note: The name of his wife is not mentioned. He was the husband of Élisabeth Michaud.
2. Marie-Francoise Levasseur buried on June 20, 1777, at the approximate age of 90 years. Widow of François Ottin (Autin). Note: Marie-Francoise initially was the wife of Louis Michaud

Children of Pierre Levasseur and Élisabeth Michaud:

1. Élisabeth Levasseur buried on February 8, 1752. She was approximately 30 years old and was married to Alexandre Paradis.
2. Marie-Rose Levasseur buried on December 11, 1756, at the age of 45. She was married to Michel Gueret/Dumont.
3. Joseph Levasseur (father) buried on September 15, 1781, He was about 62 years old. Note: The name of his wife is not mentioned in the burial act. Joseph was first married to Marie- Madeleine Albert and then to Marie-Thérèse Potvin.
4. Marie-Josephe Levasseur buried on August 4, 1787, at the age of 80. She was the widow of Zacharie Ayotte.

Grandsons of Pierre Levasseur and Élisabeth Michaud:

1. Pierre Levasseur, buried on September 20, 1736, he was 24 days old. Parents: Pierre Levasseur (the young) and Geneviève Focase. Note: Geneviève Phocas/Raymond..
2. A child of Pierre Levasseur and Geneviève Focase buried on August 14, 1737. Note: Mother: Geneviève Phocas/Raymond.
3. Marie-Josephe Levasseur, buried on August 22, 1745, at the age of 2 1/2. Parents: Joseph Levasseur and Marie-Madeleine Albert.
4. Jean-Baptiste Levasseur buried on September 9, 1752, at the age of 5 months Parents: Jean Levasseur and Marie-Claire Nadeau..

5. Marie-Catherine Levasseur buried on April 7, 1755, at the age of 20 days. Parents: Joseph Levasseur and Marie-Madeleine Albert.
6. Jean Levasseur buried on April 2, 1757, at the age of 9 days. Parents: Jean Levasseur and Marie-Claire Nadeau. .
7. Geneviève Levasseur buried on May 15, 1765, at the age of 22. Married to Jean-Baptiste Bourguignon. Cause death: smallpox. Note: Parents: Pierre Levasseur and Geneviève Phocas/Raymond.
8. Marie-Euphrosine Levasseur buried on May 17, 1769, age of approximately 2 months. Parents: Jean Levasseur and Marie-Claire Nadeau.
9. Pierre Levasseur, buried on November 21, 1770, He was one month and 12 days old. Parents: Jean Levasseur and Marie-Claire Nadeau..
10. Marianne Levasseur buried on March 29, 1780, at the age of 30. Married to Jean Michaud. Note: Parents: Joseph Levasseur and Marie-Madeleine Albert.
11. Marie-Judith Levasseur buried on January 27, 1781, at the age of 21. Married to Joseph Paradis. Note: Parents: Jean Levasseur and Marie-Claire Nadeau.
12. Marie Levasseur, buried on November 10, 1792, at Kamouraska. age of approximately, 40.

Great-grandsons of Pierre Levasseur and Élisabeth Michaud:

1. Honoré-Michel, son of Pierre Levasseur – (junior)-, buried on January 19, 1774, at the age of 15 days. Note: The burial act does include the name of the mother. However we believe that Honoré Michel, born and baptized on January 4, 1774 was the son of Pierre Levasseur – (junior) - and Marie Roy.
2. Joseph-Marie, son of Pierre Levasseur, buried on September 23, 1776. He was one month old. Note: The burial act does not mention the name of the mother. However we believe that Joseph-Marie, baptized on August 24, 1776. Was the son of Pierre Levasseur and Marie Roy.
3. A child belonging to Joseph Levasseur buried on May 13, 1783, at the age of 2 months. Note: The burial act does not include the name of the mother. There are two Joseph Levasseur. One is married to Marie Catherine Migneault, the other to Joseph Ouellet. To which family does the deceased child belong?
4. Alexandre, son of Joseph Levasseur, buried on September 18, 1786, at the age of 3. Note: The act of burial does not include the name of the mother. However we believe that Alexandre Levasseur, born and baptized on October 13, 1784, is the son of Joseph Levasseur and Marie-Catherine.
5. A child belonging to Joseph Levasseur buried on October 13, 1786, at the age of 2. Note: The burial act does not provide the name of the mother. We assume that the name of the deceased child is Jean-Baptiste. He would have been born and baptized on April 6 or 7, 1784 and his parents are Joseph Levasseur and Josephs Ouellet. We did not find a burial act for Jean-Baptiste.
6. Marie-Catherine, daughter of Joseph Levasseur, the son of Jean, buried on April 11, 1789, at the age of 15. Note: The burial act does not include the name of the mother.

7. Marie-Geneviève Levasseur buried on March 19, 1790. She was 10 months old. Parents: Joseph Amable Levasseur and Judith Ouellet
8. Marie-Madeleine Levasseur, buried on May 20, 1790, at the age of 2 1/2 months. Note: The register does not name the parents. However, we believe that Marie-Madeleine Levasseur, born the 1st April and baptized on April 2, 1790 is the daughter of Étienne Levasseur and Marie-Angelique Michaud.
9. Charles Levasseur buried on December 20, 1791, at the approximate age of 1 year. Parents: Joseph Levasseur and Marie Angélique Migneault.

The cemetery of the Cradle of Kamouraska contains also the burials of the descendants of Marie-Francoise Levasseur first married to Louis Michaud, and then to François Ottin (Autin).

Références : www.berceaudekamouraska.com, www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/ (PRDH. Programme de recherche en démographie historique) and www.kamouraska.ca



In 1999, the Levasseurs met at the Cradle of Kamouraska, during the blessing of a commemorative plaque highlighting the presence of pioneers Pierre Levasseur and his wife Marie-Élisabeth Michaud. In the photo, from left to right, Joseph Levasseur (Manchester, NH), Paul Levasseur (Sherbrooke, Que.), André Levasseur (St. Gregoire, Que.), Jean-Pierre Levasseur (Rimouski, Que.) and Vincent Levasseur (Ottawa, ON).

L'ASSOCIATION DES LEVASSEUR



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 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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