



Louis Levasseur Family (circa 1902-1905)

1st row: Philomène, Julia, Joseph and Marie-Louise Pelletier (Georges' spouse)

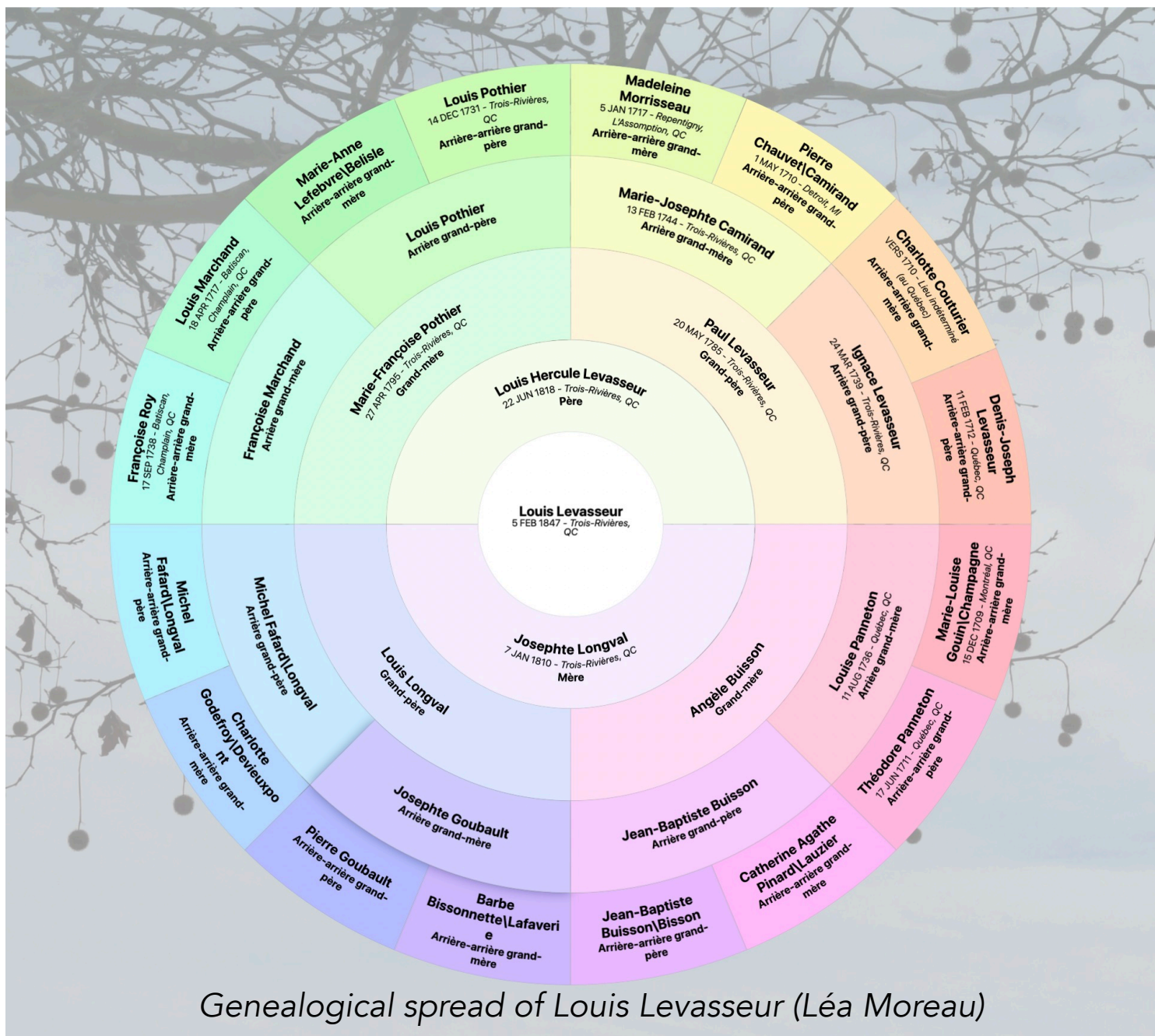
2nd row: Auguste, Marie-Anne, Louis, Rosa, Georges and Emma

3rd row: Hedwidge, Omer, Lucien, Hormisdas, Joseph Lamy (Rosa's spouse)

Louis Levasseur (1847 – 1921) **and Léa Moreau (1853 – 1894)**

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Total descendants of Louis Levasseur and Léa Moreau			
	Descendants	Spouses	Total
Children	17	13	30
Grand-children	72	49	121
G*1 Grand-children	141	126	267
G*2 Grand-children	130	65	195
G*3 Grand-children	84	0	84
Total descendants			699
Source : ALA Database			

Louis in his youth

Louis Louis was born on February 5, 1847 in Trois-Rivières. His parents are Louis Hercule Levasseur and Josephite Longval dite Fafard. He is the second child in a family of five. He had 3 sisters Marie, Adele, Eleonore, and a brother Onesime-David who is the last-born in the family and he died at the age of 6. His mother Josephite died on February 11, 1868 in Trois-Rivières at the age of 58. Louis was 11 years old at the time.

1858
Started in 1854, the construction of the **Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary** (362 Bonaventure Street) was



Louis Levasseur and Léa Moreau

Louis and Léa Moreau's marriage

Louis married Léa Moreau on October 1, 1872 in Trois-Rivières. Louis is 25 years old and Leah 19 years old.

Léa Moreau is the daughter of Joseph Moreau and Adèle Duplessis. His parents had connections with prominent persons at the time. Joseph was the cousin of Bishop Louis-Zéphirin Moreau of St. Hyacinthe. While Adèle Duplessis was the cousin of Néré Beauchemin's father, who was a provincial Deputy for the Conservative Party in Saint-Maurice from 1886 to 1900. He was the father of Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis.

The land of Joseph Moreau, Leah's father, faces the Sainte-Marguerite Road, bears the number of lot 25 and backs to that of Louis Levasseur.

Louis Levasseur owns the following lands that were acquired before 1876. First, he owned lots 23 and 24 located on the concession (rang) in the on the outskirts in the parish of Trois-Rivières and facing the St. Lawrence River, 2 and $\frac{3}{4}$ arpents wide, except in the part adjacent to Lot 25 where it measures 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ arpents by 48 arpents deep, with erected buildings. The house is located on the north side of road 2 that crosses this land. There is also has a woodlot comprising part of lots 150 and 151 and they are located on the in the Sainte. Margaret concession. This land is at away from the road and extends up to the 2nd concession of the Saint-Maurice stronghold and measures 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles (117 feet) by 19 arpents.

Georges, born July 19, t 1873.
Marie-Anne, born July 26, 1874
Lucien, born on October 18, 1875

On September 16, 1876, Louis and his father-in-law Joseph Moreau exchanged land. Their lands are intertwined back-to-back and will be crossed by the North Shore Railway, which is under construction. This railway was commissioned in 1879 to connect Montreal to Quebec City. The piece of land ceded by Louis Levasseur is part of Lot 23, while the plot ceded by Joseph Moreau is part of Lot 25. Due to this exchange their respective land is widen, thus reducing their depth in order to avoid having to cross the railway. Louis' land is now about 23/4 x 36 acres. The part obtained by Louis Levasseur is greater than the one he gave in exchange. He must therefore pay the value of the difference, which is \$1,200. He paid \$400 in cash, the rest consisting of a \$200 annuity to Adolphe Rivard-Dufresne, Joseph Moreau's neighbor, and a \$600 loan payable to Joseph Moreau in 3 years. In fact, it will take him 13 years to repay the loan.

Marie-Rosa, born December 9, 1876.
Hedwidge, born November 16, 1878, (born Marie-Adèle Hedwidge)
Omer, born January 3, 1880.
Hormisdas, born February 5, 1881.

1879
The North Shore Railway that connects, Québec, Trois Rivières and Montréal



Marie-Rosa and Lucien
First communion
circa 1882

Hedwidge's First communion
circa 1884

Omer's First communion
circa 1886

Coll. Hélène Levasseur

In the 1881 census, Louis and Léa, in addition to their 7 children aged 7 and under, housed Louis-Hercules and Narcissus Levasseur, Louis' father and uncle. Did Louis acquire his land from his father by donation? It is quite possible since he was the only boy. If so, his father Louis-Hercules would have "given" himself the ownership of his land on the condition that that his son Louis housed him. As for Narcissus, he was single.

Edmond was born on April 9, 1882; he died four months later on August 31.

Joseph-Edmond was born on April 28, 1883 and died on February 1, 1886, at the age of 3.

E Joseph, born September 26, 1890

De 1884 à 1891, Louis hypothèque de nouveau sa terre du rang de la banlieue en trois occasions pour un total de 2 300 \$. Les remboursements s'échelonnent jusqu'en 1912. Que Louis soit obligé d'hypothéquer sa terre à répétition pour vivre montre que l'argent était rare à cette époque. D'ailleurs, beaucoup de québécois au bout de leurs ressources s'exilaient aux États-Unis où les usines avaient besoin de main d'œuvre et offraient de bons salaires. La famille de Louis réussira à survivre sur sa terre.

François-Xavier est né le 14 septembre 1886, he died on June 12, 1887 at the age of 8 months.

Auguste est né le 17 janvier 1888.

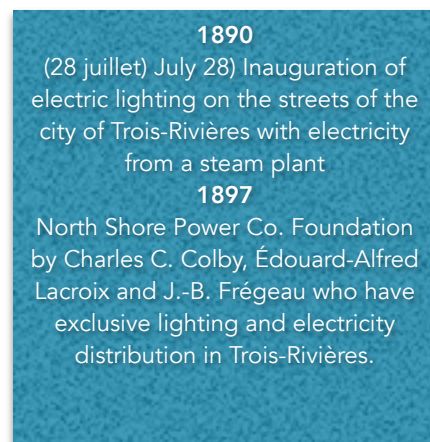
Julia est née le 11 avril 1889.

Louis' father, Louis-Hercules, died on March 22, 1889 at the age of 70.

Joseph, born September 26, 1890.

Child died at birth December 20, 1891.

Alexandre born December 16, 1892.



July 1894 was a particularly difficult time for Louis Levasseur. First, on the very day of **Philomena's birth, July 19, 1894**, the couple's 17th child, little Alexander died at the age of one and a half years. Ten days later, **Lea died on July 29, 1894 at the age of 41.**

L Louis finds himself widowed with 12 children: Georges 21, Marie-Anne 20, Lucien 18, Marie-Rosa 17, Hedwidge 15, Omer 14, Hormisdas 13, Emma 9, Auguste 6, Julia 5 years, Joseph 3 years and the newborn baby Philomene.

Children settle

In 1899 and 1900, Louis re-mortgaged his land in the outskirts for \$3,000.

Georges settled in Baie-du-Febvre. He married **Marie-Louise Pelletier on May 31, 1899 in Baie-du-Febvre.** Georges is 25 years old and Marie-Louise 19 years old.

In the 1901 census, Hormisdas was 20 years old and lived with his brother Georges, who was a shoemaker in Baie-du-Febvre. Lucien lived with Arthur and Marie-Rose Bellemare family in Trois-Rivières in the Saint-Louis district. In the paternal home, 9 children between the ages of 6 and 26 live with their



Marie-Louise Pelletier and Georges Levasseur
Coll. : H el ene Levasseur

father, Louis. Omer finds himself the only son old enough to work on the farm. Uncle Narcissus Levasseur, 70 years old and single, also lives with Louis.

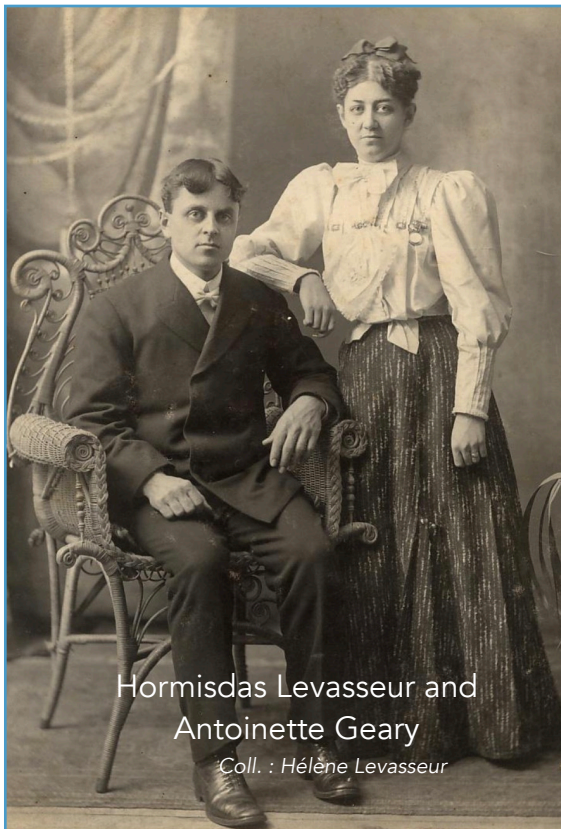
Marie-Rosa was married on April 8, with Joseph Lamy in Trois-Rivi eres on April 8, 1902. Marie-Rosa is 25 years old and Joseph 26 years old.

Georges' wife, Marie-Louise Pelletier, died on June 10, 1905 in Baie-du-Febvre, giving birth to her fourth child. Marie-Louise was only 26 years old. The newborn will only survive three months.

Hormisdas married Antoinette Geary in Baie-du-Febvre on January 9, 1906. Hormisdas is 24 years old and Antoinette 23 years old.

Hormisdas' wife, Marie-Antoinette Geary, died in Baie-du-Febvre on April 4, 1910, a few days after giving birth to her fourth child who also died at birth. She leaves only one child, 2-year-old Paul.

Georges remarried with Emma Lemire n July 9, 1906 in Baie-Du-Febvre.



Hormisdas Levasseur and
Antoinette Geary
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Georges Levasseur and Emma Lemire
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Uncle Narcissus died on September 28, 1906 at the age of 84.

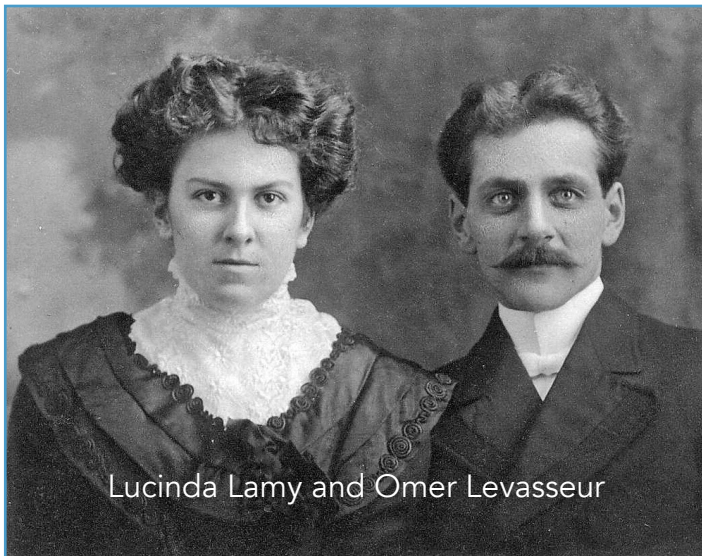
Marie-Anne married Dosithé Biron in Trois-Rivières on April 13, 1910. Marie-Anne is 35 years old.

On January 10, 1911, Omer married Lucinda Lamy at St. Philip's Church, Trois-Rivières. Omer is 31 years old and Lucinda 23 years old. In the marriage contract, his father Louis gives the future husband a land consisting of lot 24 and part of lots 23 and 25 of the land registry of the parish of Trois-Rivières, and measuring 11.2 x 29 acres, bounded to the front by the public road and to the depth by way of railway, with the two barns. Louis retained the portion of Lot 23 between the river and Highway 2 and one and 1-4 acre on the edge of Lot 23 on the northeast side

between the

road and the railway, with the house. Omer and his wife lived in his father's house with his father Louis and two sisters Hedwidge and Philomene.

Philomena, Louis' youngest, was in fragile health. She died on May 20, 1911, at the age of 16.



Lucinda Lamy and Omer Levasseur

In the 1911 census, Georges was a barber and Hormisdas was a shoemaker in Baie-du-Febvre. This means that Georges sold his shoemaker to Hormisdas. Emma, Julia and Joseph live in a home at 7 Rue Saint-Georges in downtown Trois-Rivières.

Lucien married Édouardina Bellemare on June 19, 1911 at St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church in Montreal's Saint-Henri district. Lucien was 35 and Édouardina, 31 years of age.

Hormisdas remarried on April 22, 1913 with Lumina Rivest at St. Henri's Church in Montreal. Hormisdas is 32 years old and Lumina 25 years old. The couple settled in

June 22, 1908:

Fire destroyed 1/3 of Trois-Rivières City Center

The construction of the historic small parish church (corner of St. Pierre and Bonaventure Streets) had been completed at the end of August 1713. The Cathedral of the Assumption (362 Bonaventure and Royal Corner) has become the new church of the Immaculate Conception Parish.

1909

The Church of St. Philip was built in 1909 on Rue Bureau corner Saint-Olivier in the St-Philippe district of Trois-Rivières where the population was growing.



Lucien Levasseur and Édouardina Bellemare

Baie-du-Febvre, where Hormidas is a shoemaker.

August married Rose-Anna Bellemare on June 22, 1914 at the St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church in Montreal's Saint-Henri district. Auguste and Rose-Anna are 26 years old. The couple settled on Delinelle Street in Montreal. Rose-Anna is Edwardina's, who is married to Lucien.

Julia took her vows on May 5, 1915 with the religious order of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus-Mary in the community of the Saints-Noms-de-Jesus-et-Marie sisters in Montreal's Hochelaga Maisonneuve district. She was named Sister Marie-Saint-Louis.

End of life of Louis Levasseur

In 1915, in addition to Louis who is 68 years old, the father's house is inhabited by Omer and his wife Lucinda who have three children, as well as Hedwidge and Emma who are still single. It was probably that year that Joseph decided to leave Trois-Rivières and move to live with his brother Auguste on Delinelle Street in Montreal's Saint-Henri district. Augustus was a tailor at the time.



Hormidas s'est remarié le 22 avril 1913 avec Lumina Rivest



August married Rose-Anna Bellemare on June 22, 1914

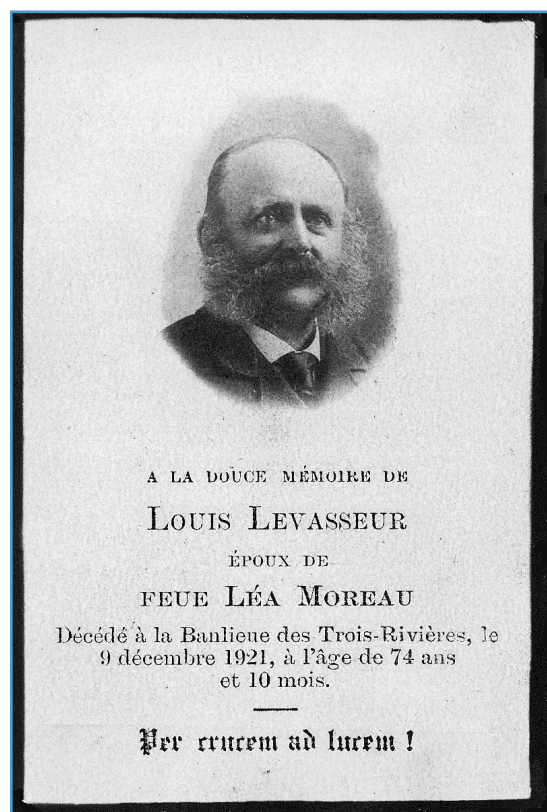


Julia Levasseur, sister Marie-Saint-Louis

Emma married on June 2, 1919 àwith Edmond Dufresne at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish Assumption in Trois-Rivières. Emma is 34 years old and Edmond 43 years old. Edmond is a widower with four children.

Joseph married Germaine Beaudry on December 29, 1919 at St. Philip's Church in Trois-Rivières. Joseph is 29 years old and Germaine 25 years old. They settled in Montreal. Joseph is a tailor near Atwater Street.

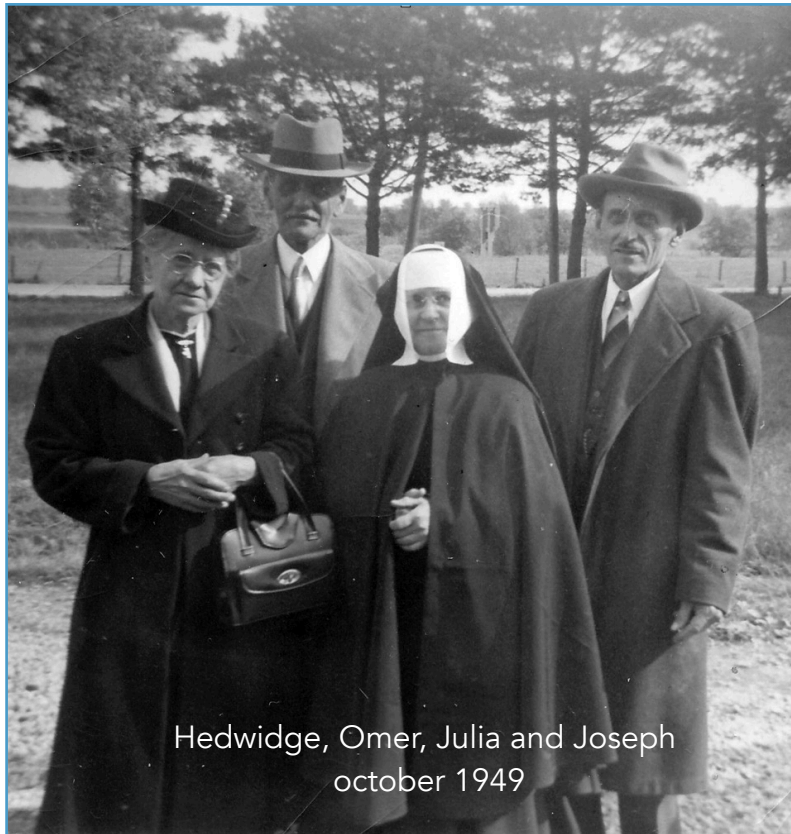
In the 1921 census, Louis, 74, lived with Omer, 41, his wife Lucinda, 34, and their 7 children, and Hedwidge, aged 42. As for Georges, he is a farmer in Baie-du-Febvre; Georges and his wife Emma have 7 children, two of whom are from the first bed. Lucien and Édouardina live in Montreal at 42 rue Lacasse in the Saint-Henri neighbourhood and have four children; Lucien is a labourer. Marie-Rosa and Joseph Lamy have five children and live at 19, Saint-Olivier street in Trois-Rivières; Joseph Lamy is employed by the C. P. R. (Canadian Pacific Railway). Hormisdas and Lumina have 7 children, including one from Antoinette Geary; Hormisdas is a shoemaker in Baie-du-Febvre. Emma and her husband Edmond Dufresne live in the village of La Rochelle on Rue Saint-Henri in Saint-Grégoire near Nicolet with the four Dufresne children; Edmond is a janitor. Auguste and Rose-Anna live at 1028 St-Antoine Street in Montreal's Saint-Henri district and have two children; Auguste is "motor guard" at the Montreal Transit Commission. Joseph and Germaine have one child and live at 1800 Berrie Street between Dorchester East (Now named, René Levesque) and Vigier avenue East.



Patriarch Louis died on December 9, 1921 in the Suburbs of Trois-Rivières at the age of 74. His son Omer inherited his father's property, including his father's house. However, he had to house, feed and clothe his sister Hedwidge until she left the house

In 1923, Joseph and his wife Germaine Beaudry returned to Trois-Rivières and moved in with Germaine's father, who lived on the Sainte-Marguerite concession. Theode Beaudry, now a widower, needed help to exploit his land and his dairy.

Édouardina Bellemare, Lucien's wife, died on June 30, 1930 in Montreal. Lucien died suddenly on June 27, 1933 while working at the Canadian National in Montreal. He is said to have choked while eating his lunch during lunchtime. Hedwidge, who is single, will help take care of Lucien and Édouardina's 6 children.



Finally, I would like to tell you what happened to the land that belonged to Louis Levasseur. In 1964, the Ministry of Highways made an expropriation notice on several lots of land, including those bearing the numbers 23, 24 and 25, in preparation for the construction of the Laviolette Bridge. Omer Levasseur still owned it. The sales contracts were signed in 1969, 1971 and 1974. Part of the land between the river and Highway 2 (now Highway 138 and Gene H. Kruger Blvd.) is now occupied by the Laviolette Bridge right-of-way. Part of the land west of Highway 2 is occupied by the access lanes to Highway 55 on the east side of Highway 55. Finally, the westernmost part of the land, which is bounded by the railway, was eventually sold to a developer to build part of a residential development.

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Louis Levasseur's lineage with his ancestor, Pierre Levasseur

Pierre Levasseur dit Lespérance	25 octobre 1655 Québec, QC	Jeanne Chaverlange
Pierre Levasseur	18 mars 1696 Québec, QC	Anne Ménage
Denis-Joseph Levasseur	4 février 1738 St-François-du-Lac, QC	Charlotte Couturier
Ignace Levasseur	21 janvier 1765 Pointe-du-Lac, QC	Marie-Josephte Camirand
Paul Levasseur	20 février 1816 Trois-Rivières, QC	Marie-Françoise Pothier
Louis Hercule Levasseur	7 octobre 1844 Trois-Rivières, QC	Josephte Longval
Louis Levasseur	1 octobre 1872 Trois-Rivières, QC	Léa Moreau

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.

We would appreciate if you could send us family related documents that would add to our data base of archives and also enable us to continue the publication of the Levasseur Newsletter three times per year. The participation of the Levasseurs and members of their families is essential to allow us to pursue our mission. Send us your photos and texts for the next publication of the Newsletter. You can download them very easily with this new tool and by providing a brief description of the photo or text that is being sent. Following receipt of your documents, a copy of all information to be published in the Newsletter will be sent to you for approval prior to final publication.

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