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# Levasseur & Carmel Families

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Two Levasseur deputies, Antoine Levasseur and René Levasseur voted in favor of the execution of the fallen king, Louis XVI.

## From the president's desk

My dear friends, it is a pleasure to address you and wish you a Happy Springtime. At last, the days are getting longer and it's starting to show. Furthermore, I have the honour to announce that your association will be the sponsor, with the participation of the city of Lévis, of the installation of a monument to the memory of our distinguished ancestor Laurent Levasseur. This installation will be done in a park on the banks of the Etchemin River, a few acres (or so) from the place where Laurent Levasseur established his home, near the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The association has been working on this project for several years now and finally, it should see the light of day this year.

On the other hand, as Séraphin used to say, there is no free meals. Knowing your legendary generosity, we have decided to open a "Go Fund Me" so that you can join us, and in a burst of immeasurable generosity, contribute to the celebration of this pioneer who has put the Levasseur "on the map" in Quebec (and North America).

On our "Go Fund Me," we offer several packages that, most certainly, will accommodate your desire to celebrate our illustrious ancestor and your wallet. Be generous, your association is doing a lot with very little budget, so your contribution is not only important, but essential for the continuity, over time, of this project. We will soon unveil the details of this installation and the ceremony that will follow.

In addition, your association continues to innovate. We will soon have items available for purchase with the logo of the Levasseur Association that will make you proud and make you shout out loud, "YES, I AM ONE OF THOSE." More details will be communicated to you in a later publication.

So, enjoy the springtime and participate in large numbers for your association, because a motto that says "The best I can" has got to be earned!!

Guy (guy@levasseur.org)

# Louis Hubert Levasseur Being mayor: a family affair!

by: <u>Alex Levasseur</u> Translation: Pierre Levasseur



Louis Hubert Levasseur (source : ancestry.ca)

Louis Hubert Levasseur was born in Bic (near Rimouski) on August 15, 1854. He was the son of Hubert Levasseur and Marie Parent and a sixth descendant of Laurent Levasseur.

Merchant by profession, Louis-Hubert lived in Matane when he married Marguerite Lepage. But in the 1890s, he owned a general store in Fraserville, in the railway district. He lived on the second floor, above his store. This town would later become Rivière-du-Loup. L. H. will be mayor of Fraserville from 1901 to 1905. He sat in the very first city hall, which he inaugurated in 1902. The same building also housed a public market.



L. H. Levasseur, general store 1901 - Source: BAnQ



Unfortunately, a few years later, the city hall was destroyed by fire. Of course, the building will be rebuilt, as it can still be seen today. The purchase of the water system and the construction of the Dion Bridge will mark his time as mayor. He was also involved in setting up the first ferry service between Rivière-du-Loup and the North Shore. It was in 1909 that the Trans-St-Laurent company was born.

## Like father like son ...



Edgar Levasseur (source: ancestry.ca)

One of L. H.'s sons will follow in his footsteps. Jean Pantaleon Edgar Levasseur was born in 1885. He was first associated with his father in the grocery store. In 1908, he married Éléanore Ellen Nellie Enright, from Port-Daniel in Gaspésie. But he soon started his own business, building the St-Louis Hotel in 1932 on Lafontaine Street in Rivière-du-Loup, a business that he would later sell to his son. He also built a beautiful residence in La Pointe. Not only did Edgar become a businessman like his father, but he also became the mayor of Rivière-du-Loup from 1923 to 1925. It was during his reign that he had a skating rink built on Courcelette Street, near Ste-Anne Street. 1923 also marked the beginning of peat mining in Rivière-du-Loup, by the firm "Premier Peat Moss Corp".



Edgar, Nellie and their children (Image source:<u>ancestry.ca</u>, genealogical source: <u>www.levasseur.org</u>)

- 1. Isabelle Levasseur b. 22 jan 1910 d. 11 jan 1911
- 2. Juliette Levasseur b. 21 feb 1911 d. 17 sept 1990
- 3. Hubert Levasseur b. 16 sept 1912 d. 26 dec 1974
- 4. Isabelle Levasseur b. 2 may 1914 d. 4 jan 2005
- 5. Éléonore Levasseur b. 17 july1915 d. 25 aug1984
- 6. Françoise Levasseur b. 8 dec 1917 d. 24 july 2009
- 7. Charlotte Levasseur b. 12 july 1920 d. 7 june 1993
- 8. Marquerite Levasseur b. 2 june 1924
- 9. Bernard Levasseur b. 22 dec 1927 d. 8 feb 2002



L.-J. Levasseur Former merchant and mayor of Matane

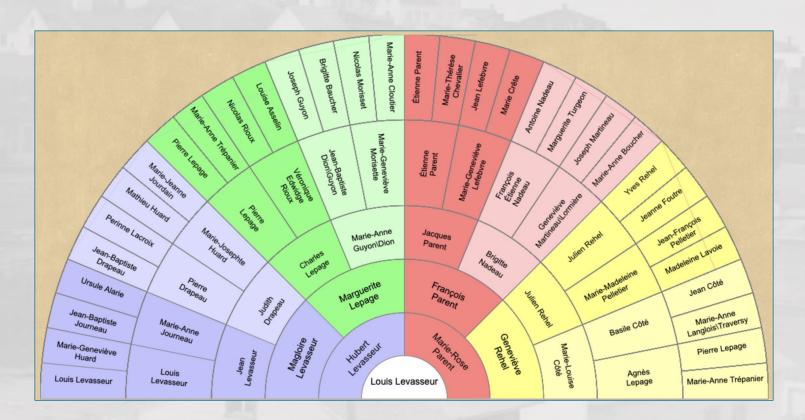
Let's also mention that Louis Hubert Levasseur's brother, Louis-Joseph<sup>1</sup>, was himself a prosperous merchant in Matane, as well as mayor of the city.

He was mayor from 1889 to 1891, 1896 to 1897 and from 1907 to 1910. He played an important role in the establishment of the railroad to Matane.<sup>2</sup>

Louis Hubert Levasseur died in 1914 (at the age of 60). Louis Joseph Levasseur died in 1928 (78 years old). Edgar Levasseur died in 1952 (66 years old).



Merchant's jug L. H. L. Levasseur. Rivièredu-Loup



Louis-Hubert Levasseur's wheel of descent over 5 generations. For more details, consult the association's database (https://www.levasseur.org/tng/)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://shgmatane.org/233/louis-joseph-levasseur/nouvelle.html

 $<sup>{}^2\,\</sup>underline{\text{https://www.lavantagegaspesien.com/article/2022/01/17/il-y-a-73-ans-on-annoncait-le-prolongement-du-chemin-de-fer-de-matane-jusqu-a-sainte-anne-des-monts}$ 

## Chronicle: Levasseur blood flows in their veins

by: Alex Levasseur

This month we continue our chronicle of the descendants of Levasseur women. Many families have a very close link with the Levasseurs, either through their mothers or their wives. These links are sometimes very old and go back to France in some cases.

If a mother or grandmother in your lineage bore the name Levasseur, our database can help you find these ancestors, because we link all (or almost all) Levasseurs to their husbands, fathers or sons. Good luck with your research.

## Chronicle #4

We will discuss, albeit briefly, three cases of Levasseur women who are very closely related to ancestors who do not bear the Levasseur surname but who have left their mark thanks to these women.

- Bonaventure Viger
- Nicolas-François Mailhot
- Jacques Trullier dit Lacombe

## Bonaventure Viger<sup>1</sup>



A well known man, protagonist and hero of the Patriots revolt (1837-1838).

Bonaventure Viger was born « in Boucherville on May 14, 1804, son of Bonaventure Viger and Louise Carmel-Levasseur, cousin of Denis-Benjamin Viger, who died in Belœil, QC, on December 15, 1877» according to the *biographi.ca* website<sup>2</sup>.

« Bonaventure Viger was, in 1837, a handsome and strong thirty-four to thirty-five year old man, of average height, but good looking and well built, with arched legs, a bulging chest, muscles of steel, capable of much undertaking and enduring great fatigue. He had a quick eye, a lively face, a hot head but kind, a rich and energetic speech, a heart full of courage and patriotism. The injustices of the bureaucrats and the fiery speeches of the patriot leaders greatly overexcited his high-spirited and generous nature. »<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://numerique.banq.qc.ca/resultats#03Q,E17,S37,D4145

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/viger\_bonaventure\_10F.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://fr.wikisource.org/wiki/Les\_Patriotes\_de\_1837-1838/24 (french)

So, his first feat of arms dates back to November 16, 1837: « When he learned that Dr. Joseph-François Davignon and the notary Pierre-Paul Desmaray were being taken to the Montreal prison because of their active participation in the Patriots rallies, he did not hesitate to take up arms to free the prisoners. It was near Longueuil that Viger and a handful of men ambushed the detachment under the command of Lieutenant Ermatinger; they managed to free Davignon and Desmaray. This first act of hostility by the Patriots towards the English soldiers marked the beginning of the skirmishes. Thereafter, Viger took part in the battles of Saint-Denis and Saint-Charles. He was taken prisoner at Bedford, in the Eastern Townships...»<sup>4</sup>



Bonaventure Viger would be incarcerated in the Montreal prison for nearly 6 months. He will then be sentenced to exile on the island of Bermuda. His transfer with the 7 other co-accused, will nearly be a spectacle. It is the newspaper L'Ami du peuple, de l'ordre et des lois of July 4, 1838 that tells the story of the departure of eight Patriots:

« On Monday afternoon, the eight political prisoners were taken aboard the steamer l'Aigle, to be taken to Quebec City and from there to Bermuda, where they were exiled. The authorities probably feared some disturbance or some noisy and unseemly demonstration, for they took the means to disperse the crowd at the time of their departure. The means employed seem to us a little particular. A company of royals soldiers had been stationed at the wharf where the steamboats usually dock and where all the embarkations are made; the soldiers were lined up in two open lines, as if they were waiting for the prisoners, and they took special care to clear the crowd, so as to leave the way clear; a huge crowd had gathered on the wharf and was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the eight prisoners. But while the public were opening their eyes with all their might on

<sup>4</sup> https://fr.wikisource.org/wiki/Les\_Patriotes\_de\_1837-1838/24



Bonaventure Viger. Posed here with his two sons (probably Pierre Bonaventure Hormidas and Samuel Oscar, towards the end of his life.

Photo: Montreal Archives

the city wharf, the prisoners were being prepared at the jail, and when all was ready, the steamboat descended rapidly, went to berth at Gilbert wharf, at the foot of the current, where waited a company of the 71st and a company of cavalry, who would not allow any curious observant to approach; the prisoners soon arrived in carts and boarded at once, and the steamboat departed without delay...» <sup>5</sup>

He tried to return to Canada in 1839, but was again arrested and narrowly escaped a murder charge. After that, he calmed down.

"Viger led a quiet life after 1840. He married Eudoxie Trudel on October 11, 1841 in Boucherville and had five children. Before long, his cheeses made him as famous as his exploits. In 1867, he was captain in the militia and coroner in Saint-Bruno de Chambly. There is no doubt that Viger was a popular and legendary hero, « one of the figures whose memory will be happily preserved thanks to its drama and passion ». <sup>6</sup>

- 1. Pierre Levasseur dit L'Espérance (ABT 1627 -1694) et Jeanne de Chaverlange ABT 1637 CIRCA 1680)
- 2. Pierre Levasseur (1661 1731) and Anne Ménage (1676 1738)
- 3. Pierre Levasseur Carmel (1703 1779) and Jeanne Lupien Baron (ABT 1721- 1751)
- 4. Alexis Levasseur Carmel (1749 1804) and Angélique Lebrun (1753 1793)
- 5. Louise Levasseur Carmel (1775 1854) and Bonaventure Viger (1761 1837)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://tolkien2008.wordpress.com/2012/05/21/deportation-des-patriotes-aux-bermudes-juillet-1838/

<sup>6</sup> http://www.biographi.ca/fr/bio/viger\_bonaventure\_10F.html

## MAILHOT, NICOLAS-FRANÇOIS

MAILHOT (Maillot, Malhiot), NICOLAS-FRANÇOIS, innkeeper, born in 1775 in Quebec City, son of Joseph Maillot and Madeleine Levasseur; died on February 11, 1834 at the same place.

When he married in 1801, François-Nicolas was a simple domestic, without any property; it is said that he did not even know how to sign his name. « Four years later, Mailhot was a innkeeper on rue Saint-Jean, in the upper town. In 1812, he inaugurated a luxurious hotel, which was also incorporated a café and a tavern, at number 40 of the same street. Built in 1810 and 1811 by the contractors John, Laurence and Edward Cannon and carpenter Jean-Baptiste Chamberland, the three-story stone hotel cost over £3,000.



In December 1818, Mailhot expanded his business by erecting a bathhouse at the back of the hotel, which caused a sensation at the time and it was used by the hotel's clientele as well as the citizens of the city. The first floor of the building was reserved for three baths, while the other two floors were used for lounges and bedrooms. « Four years later, Mailhot transformed another house located behind his hotel into a theater, called the Cirque royal.» The hotel was built precisely where the Pantoute Bookstore now stands today.

In spite of his reputation and the quality of his hotel and the theater house, Mailhot had difficulty making ends meet. In 1831 and in 1832 he sold his properties.

«Nicolas-François Mailhot probably retired on the land he had acquired in Jeune-Lorette (Loretteville) in 1823. He died in Quebec City on February 11, 1834 and was buried two days later in the Picotés cemetery. From his marriage to Marie-Marguerite Roussel he had three daughters and a son, Robert-Léonard, who became a lawyer and practiced his profession in Québec City.» <sup>8</sup>

- 1. Jean Levasseur dit Lavigne (ABT 1620 1686) and Marguerite Richard (vers 1629 1708)
- 2. Noël Levasseur (1654 1731) and Marguerite Guay Castonguay (ABT 1661 1702)
- 3. Pierre Levasseur (1684 1747) and Anne-Marie Lessard (1685 1760)
- 4. Noël-Charles Levasseur dit Lavigne (1704 1759) and Véronique Couture (1710 1759)
- 5. Marie Madeleine Levasseur (1739 1788) and Joseph Mailhot (1733 1783)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/mailhot\_nicolas\_francois\_6F.html

<sup>8</sup> idem

## **Jacques Trullier, dit Lacombe**

Born in Boucherville, he was baptized on May 14, 1765, in the parish of Sainte-Famille, son of Jacques Trullier dit Lacombe and Marie-Anne Levasseur.<sup>9</sup>

« On July 28, 1788, he married Angélique Laurent, daughter of Silvain Laurent, dit Bérichon, merchant, in Montréal, and they had four children; he died on December 5, 1821, at L'Assomption, Lower Canada » 10



Philippe Jeté: Intervening in living traditions. https://
traditionsvivantes.com/article/
ceinture-flechee-a-lassomption/

Between 1788 and 1794, he settled in L'Assomption as a merchant. Around 1798, he bought a two-storey store and traded in grain, which he shipped to Montreal via the Assomption River, and he also mined potash. In addition, the North West Company had granted him, jointly with Laurent Leroux, a monopoly on the confection and sale of flechee (arrowed) belts, which became a major activity for the L'Assomption region. In addition to his occupation as a merchant, in 1815, he started building a dozen houses and managed an inn ».<sup>11</sup>

He also got involved with politics, under the banner of the Canadian Party. He had a very eventful career in politics. In 1814, he was elected in the county of Leinster (a territory that included Lachenaie, Mascouche and the western part of the Lanaudière region). Declared elected, the election was contested. « On the following March 21 (1815), the commissioners established « in a manner satisfactory to the House that Jacques Lacombe, Esquire, had opened and maintained, and had caused to be opened and maintained at his own expense (sic) a House of Public Maintenance » during the elections. He was therefore declared unfit to sit in the House of Assembly and had to pay the sum of 181 (pounds) to Joliette for costs and expenses incurred » <sup>12</sup>

As a merchant he took an interest in the economic development of Assomption, and on three occasions circulated a petition for the construction of a toll bridge over the Assomption River.

- 1. Pierre Levasseur dit L'Espérance (1627 1694) et Jeanne de Chaverlange (1637 1681)
- 2. Pierre Levasseur dit L'Espérance (1661-1731) et Anne Ménage (1676-1738)
- 3. Pierre Jacques Levasseur dit Carmel (1703-1779) et Marie-Anne Papin (1703 –avant 1744)
- 4. Anne-Marie Levasseur (1732-1789) et Jacques Trullier dit Lacombe (1716 1793)

<sup>9</sup> https://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/deputes/trullier-dit-lacombe-jacques-5639/biographie.html

<sup>10</sup> http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/trullier\_jacques\_6F.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> idem

<sup>12</sup> Idem



Thanks to this QR code, you will reach the site directly to contribute

# A commemorative monument to be erected in remembrance of Laurent Levasseur

We invite you to participate and to financially support the memorial that will be erected in memory of Laurent Levasseur, his wife Marie Marchand and their 14 children.

This monument will remind us that Laurent and his family are at the origin of a great number of Levasseurs, particularly in Quebec, but also in New Brunswick, Ontario, as well as in other provinces in Canada and several states in the U. S.

Whether you are a Levasseur, Borgia, Carmel, Vasseur, Vassor or other related surnames, join the Levasseur Association of America to participate in the success of this laudable

commemorative project. Whether as an individual or a company, your donation will be most welcome and we will make room to recognize it on our website, our newsletters or even on the monument itself (for a substantial donation).

Our Goal: 10 thousand dollars! We are counting on you

Link to the GoFundMe website : <a href="https://gofund.me/1c6515b1">https://gofund.me/1c6515b1</a>



The « <u>Parcours des Anses</u> » in Lévis, south of Quebec City. The monument would be installed near the place where Laurent Levasseur and Marie Marchand lived.

## Levasseur military through the centuries Soldiers of the Second World War: 1939-1945

by: <u>Jean-Pierre Levasseur</u> translation: <u>Pierre Levasseur</u>

## According to the Library and Archives Canada website:

« During the Second World War, approximately 709,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the Canadian Army, 200,000 in the Royal Canadian Navy and 250,000 in the Royal Canadian Air Force totaling more than 1,159,000 men and women. 55,000 people were wounded. In addition, 44,090 lost their lives: of these, 24,525 served in the Army, 17,397 in the Air Force and 2,168 in the Navy. For all other military service records (1919-1997), including World War II (not service deaths), access restrictions are in effect. Personal information contained in personnel files is protected under privacy legislation. That is why the database and indexes that search these records cannot be made available on our website; therefore, there is no online database for these records. »

« We keep the records of military personnel who served in the Canadian Forces during the war. World War II Service Files - War Dead, 1939-1947. This database contains the records of those who died between 1939 and 1947 under one of the following circumstances: killed in action, died as a result of an accident or illness while on duty, died of service-related injuries ».

Here is a list of people with the Levasseur surname<sup>1</sup> who died in service during the Second World War, as found in the Library and Archives Canada database.<sup>2</sup>

## LEVASSEUR, GERARD



Date of birth: 1923-02-19Date of death: 1944-10-14

•Rank: private

•Service Number: E13166

•Unit : Le Regiment de la Chaudière, R.C.I.C.

Descendant of Laurent Levasseur, registered E13166, born on February 19, 1923, Lac-Mégantic, Frontenac, QC, named February 19, 1923, Lac-Mégantic, Frontenac, QC, died on August 14, 1944, Lisieux, France (at the age of 21).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For more details, consult the association genealogical database: https://www.levasseur.org/tng

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/Pages/Home.aspx

## LEVASSEUR, LUCIEN CHARLES<sup>3</sup>



were married on April 22, 1913, Grand Isle, ME.

Date of birth: 1921-08-29Date of death: 1944-10-14Rank: Pilote Officier

•Service Number: J90129

•Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Descendant of Laurent Levasseur, service number J90129, born August 29, 1921, Winnipeg, MB, died October 14, 1944, Germany (at the age of 23). He had no descendants. He was the son of Albert Hugh Levasseur, born January 2, 1894, Caribou, ME, and died about 1956, Lac du Bonnet, MB. His parents

## LEVASSEUR, BENOIT ALBERT



Date of birth: 1918-11-09
Date of death 1943-02-18
Grade: Flight Sergeant
Service Number: R84617
Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Descendant of Laurent Levasseur, regimental number R8617, born on November 9, 1918, died on February 18, 1943, at the age of 24. Son of Oscar Levasseur and Délina Cyr. See complete biography. Article by Raymond Levasseur, published in the Levasseur Newsletter of June 2016<sup>4</sup>.

## LEVASSEUR, JOSEPH JEAN MARIE



age of 76.

Date of birth: 1923-07-22Date of death: 1944-05-23

•Rank: Pilot Officer

•Service number: J89685

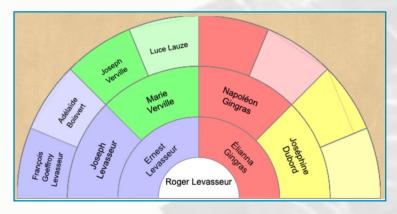
•Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Descendant of Laurent Levasseur, regimental number J89685, born on July 22, 1923 in Mont-Joli, Rimouski, QC, died May 23, 1944 - France, at the age of 20 and buried May 26, 1944 in LeMans, France. He was the son of Alphonse Levasseur (Claire Dumais) born March 9, 1895 in Bic, Rimouski, QC, and died on Octobre 21, 1971 in Montréal, QC, at the

<sup>3</sup> https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/fra/Accueil/Recherche?DataSource=Genealogy|Military|Kia&q=levasseur&#

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.levasseur.org/bulletin/pdf/2016\_06\_e.pdf

## LEVASSEUR, JOSEPH ARMAND ROGER



Drummondville, QC, at the age of 59.

Date of birth: 1921-01-13Date of death: 1945-11-16

• Rank : Chief Airman

Regimental Number: R136862Unit: Royal Canadian Air Force

Descendant of Pierre Levasseur, regimental number R136862, born January 13, 1921, Victoriaville, Ste-Victoire, QC, died November 16, 1945, at the age of 24. He was the son of Ernest Levasseur (Élianna Gingras), born on August 30, 1899 in Princeville, Arthabaska, QC, died on January 5, 1959 in

#### JOHN LLOYD VASSAR5

 Born on November 8, 1921. Died at the age of 22 on May 22, 1944. Son of Walter Vassar and Gertrude Levasseur of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Buried at the <u>Canadian War Cemetery</u><sup>6</sup> in Moro Italy.

Note: no occurrences were found in the Library and Archives Canada database for the surnames Carmel, Vassar and Vasseur.

## List of Levasseur and Carmel enrolments in the American army during World War II

According to the American site "The National Archives" and a search for the surnames Levasseur, Carmel and Vassar, more than 500 people were enlisted in the American Armed Forces. This site provides additional information such as rank, assignments, weight, height, etc... of the soldiers. However, you will not find, on this site, information concerning the genealogy of these Levasseurs. It would be a considerable work to find the genealogical links for these people and our database.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.veterans.gc.ca/fra/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial/detail/2205398?John Lloyd Vassar

<sup>6</sup> https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/page?page=468&book=2

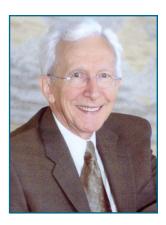
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.archives.gov/

<sup>8</sup> See also: https://www.militaires.levasseur.org

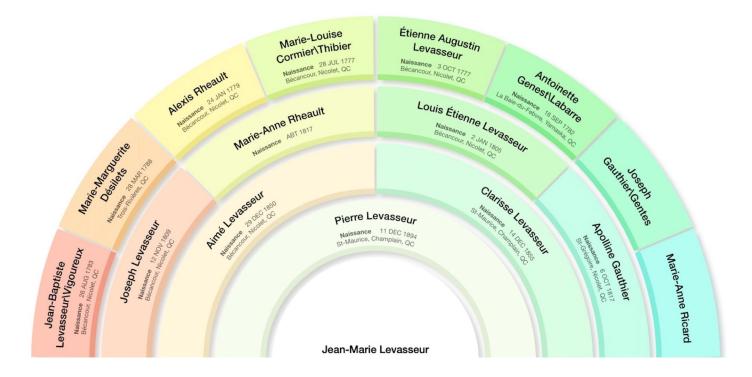
# In Memoriam Jean-Marie Levasseur (1927-2023)

Father Jean-Marie became a member of our association when it was founded in 1988. He made great contributions to the field of history of Levasseur families, and he produced several publications. Let us mention:

- 1. The history of his grandfather: "Aimé Levasseur 1850-1906". This publication is available on line on the association's website.
- 2. The history of the Levasseurs in Saint-Maurice. "Les Levasseur de Saint-Maurice", 2 volumes. His grandfather lived in this parish.
- 3. The history of Denis-Joseph Levasseur, grandson of the ancestor Pierre Levasseur who came to settle in Trois-Rivières. The Mauricie and central Québec include many descendants of Denis-Joseph. A document "Denis-Joseph Levasseur (1712-1792) in the Trois-Rivières of the 18th century" was published.



Father Jean-Marie Levasseur participated in many gatherings of the association. He gave conferences on several occasions. The association loses a very large collaborator, a passionate researcher in the history of the Levasseur, a welcoming person, listening to people. We offer his family members our most sincere condolences.



Jevasseur everywher Two Levasseur

Louis-Auguste (Louis XVI) grandson of Louis XV

Two Levasseur deputies, Antoine (Meurthe region) and René (Sarthe region), voted for the execution of the deposed King Louis XVI and his wife Marie-Antoinette. This was during the Convention (1st Republic).

« After voting on two preliminary questions, which lasted the day of January 15, 1793, the deputies finally addressed the question of punishment on Wednesday, January 16 at 10.30 am. The session did not end until the evening of the 17th after 37 hours of debate. The death penalty having been voted, the deposed King Louis XVI was quillotined on January 21, 1793. »



Marie-Antoinette Josèphe Jeanne de Habsbourg-Lorraine

René Levasseur, known as Levasseur de la Sarthe

## LEVASSEUR & CARMEL ASSOCIATION



The Levasseur Association of America Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in 1988, in accordance with a federal charter. Its goals are:

- To join together and unite a large number of Levasseurs 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 & Carmel families through the Internet, an electronic Newsletter published four times per year and also through 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 as well as 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 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.

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