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VIOLETTE FAMILY ASSOCIATION



President's Message

John Violette, Bow, N.H.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Harold and Lucille Violette of Madawaska, Me. and Camille and Charlotte Violette of Edmundston, N.B. as well as every member of the 2002 Reunion committee for an excellent Violette Family Reunion which took place last August in Edmundston. A summary of the reunion appears elsewhere in this newsletter. We had over 250 people attend from Friday to Sunday and everyone had a great time. Harold and his committee did a great job of putting the reunion together which offered a number of things to do for everyone. The primary reason for a reunion, of course, is for people to get together to meet with old friends and make new ones all of whom are “cousins” because we are all descendants of Francois Violette. We had plenty of opportunity to do that.

Some of the highlights of the reunion were the get together and entertainment on Friday evening, the tours on Saturday, the banquet and dance on Saturday evening at which time Rod Violette gave an excellent history of Francois, and the Mass and breakfast on Sunday morning. Rod has made the text of his speech available if you would contact him by e-mail or regular mail. These addresses are indicated elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Saturday afternoon we had our business meeting at which time I was re-elected president, Louiselle was re-elected treasurer, and Rod Violette was elected secretary. We could not find a vice-president at that time, however, at the banquet Saturday evening Marlene Violette of Lewiston, Maine, agreed to serve as vice-president and was duly elected at that time. Thanks to all for agreeing to serve.

The major expense we incur in running the association is printing and mailing the newsletter. We usually print 900 copies which costs about \$225 and mail out 800 copies in the U.S.A. at a cost of \$300 and 80 copies to Canada at a cost of \$50. The Canadian postage is more expensive and the newsletter has to be placed in an envelope. About 140 members now receive the newsletter by e-mail which costs nothing. So if you have access to the internet you would save us some money by giving us your e-mail address so we could send you the newsletter through that medium. Let us know what your postal address is at the same time so that it can be deleted. Contact Rod Violette with your e-mail address. Contact Rod also in the event of an address change whether it's an e-mail or a postal address. Rod's e-mail address is: rviolette@starstream.net.

Our next reunion will be at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H., on August 5, 6, & 7, 2005. I hope you keep this date in mind so we can see you at our next reunion. This is in the White Mountains of New Hampshire where there are plenty of things to do if you want to spend extra time in that area.

Sincerely,

John

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Brief Summary of the 2003 Reunion

The reunion got under way on Friday afternoon with registration activity, displays, and cousins getting together. Rod Violette was available to extract genealogy charts from his computer for those who requested them. On Friday evening we continued our get together and were also entertained by Melanie Saucier, a young girl from Fort Kent, Me., who sang a number of songs in both French and English. Her focus was on songs from our Acadian heritage and her mother, Diane, and her father, Gary, accompanied her.

Saturday morning saw many people going on two bus tours visiting on both sides of the border with stops at the St. Basile cemetery. There are crosses commemorating the original Acadian settlers of that region and Francois Violette was one of those people. St. Basile is the original parish that served the Acadian settlers. Another stop was in St. Leonard, N.B. to show the land along the Grand River where Francois homesteaded when he first arrived in the upper St. John Valley around 1790. There is a big Irving Lumber operation on that property today. In Van Buren the tour stopped at the Violette monument, along the banks of Violette Stream, which was commemorated at our 1981 Violette Reunion held in Van Buren. The final stop was at the Acadian Village in Keegan where there is a collection of old homes and historic artifacts. The tours were treated to a nice lunch of home made stew and “ploys” before leaving for Madawaska.. Thank you to Camille Violette and Alderic Violette for their help on the tour buses.

Another tour taking place on Saturday morning was to Fraser Paper Mills in Madawaska. Michael Violette, who is a Fraser employee, conducted that tour showing how paper is made.

On Saturday afternoon we had our business meeting when we conducted the business of the association and elected our officers for the coming term.

Saturday evening we had our banquet at which time Rod Violette gave us an excellent talk on “The Life and Times of Francois Violet”. The text of his speech is available from Rod if you contact him. Following Rod’s presentation we had dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday morning many of us attended mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral across the street from the Howard Johnson’s followed by a brunch at the hotel. This concluded our 2002 Violette Family Reunion.

We would like to again thank Harold & Lucille Violette, Camille & Charlotte Violette, John & Louiselle Violette, Jackie Violette, Michael & Sue Violette, Laurretta Berube, Conrad Violette, Phillip Violette, Guy Dubay, and other members of the reunion committee as well as the staff of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge and Convention Center for putting on a great reunion. Everyone had a great time.

Our next Violette Family Reunion will be at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H. on August 5, 6, & 7, 2005. This was the site of our 1996 reunion and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. The current plans are to have a get-together on Friday afternoon. Dinner would be on your own and then come back for a get-together and entertainment in the evening. On Saturday we’re opting for some free time so people can do what they want. There are plenty of things to do in the White Mountains. Some may want to just stay at the hotel and relax by the pool. We’ll have our business meeting in late afternoon. Our banquet will be scheduled for early evening followed by dancing. On Sunday we’ll schedule a mass followed by a buffet breakfast at the hotel. If some of you have ideas regarding what you would like to see or do at the reunion your suggestions would be welcome. Send them to our president, John Violette. We certainly hope that many of you will be able to join us.

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Notables at Reunion



Oldest person: Phoebe Violette age 88 Rocky Hill, Connecticut

Youngest person: Ross Corbin age 3 months & 3 weeks from Winslow, Maine
Son of Michael & Andrea Corbin

Oldest Married: Alderic O. "Dick" & Alice (Bartlett) Violette, Married June 10, 1938 From Warner, NH

* Maurice & Marie (Violette) Fongemie, Married August 16, 1938 From Fort Myers, FL

Youngest Married: Marc & Patricia Violette, Married October 13, 2000. From San Mateo, CA

Furthest Traveled: Hermance, Leo, & Nicole Violette came from Victoria, British Columbia

Largest Family at Reunion: The Remie Violette Family

Roland J. Violette – Skowhegan, ME - Joe Violette; - Madras, OR -Jean Knight - Biddeford, ME
Rita Madore -Cornville, ME - Steven Violette – Fairfield, ME - Marie Francis – Broadbrook, CT
Alfreda Therrien – Skowhegan, ME - Robert Violette – Waterville, ME

* At the reunion we recognized Maurice & Marie as the oldest married because we were under the impression that Alderic & Alice were married in October. The mistake comes from the way dates are printed in Rita Lippe's book which shows Alderic & Alice's wedding date of June 10, 1938 as 10-6-38. We are therefore recognizing both couples.

Deceased Members

20 **Claude R. Violette** 79, Biddeford ME, passed away April 20, 2002. He was the father of Carol-Ann Cleri #107, Jacqueline #36, and Sharon Beaudoin #22.

#111 **Estelle (Ouellette) Geoffrion**, 88, Antrim, NH, passed away February 25, 2002. She was the widow of the late Edgar Geoffrion and her daughter Anne Sommer.

#256 **Roland Violette** 64, St. Leonard, NB, passed away October 13, 2002. He leaves behind a brother Maurice # 801 and a sister Greta Robitaille # 254 and many nephews and nieces whom he loved dearly. He was the son of the late Bertha (Plourde) Violette, and had made the trip to France with Rita Lippe in 1982.

365 **Lucien Violette** 87, Fredericton NB, passed away April 24, 2002. He leaves his wife Gemma (Lapointe) # 1028 and a son Daniel #926.

598 **Maria Berthe (Martin) Willis** 86, passed away February 17, 2001. Her daughter Teresa (Willis) Blanchette #1031 survives her.

730 **Leo James Violette** 77, Van Burn, ME, passed away April 2002. He is survived by his wife Rosalie (Roy) Violette # 731, sons Richard (Dick) #732, Charles and Michael. Brothers Claude, Emery, Phillip Eugene, and Robert also survive him.

#1020 **Viola (Violette) Schauf**, 89, Yakima, WA, passed away on February 14, 2001. Her son David Schauf #1197 survives her.

1662 **Wilfred F. Violette** 84, Coalinga, CA, passed away February 22, 2002. He is survived by his son James # 673.

#270 **Joseph P. Violette** 95, Bristol, CT passed away New Year's Day 2003. This information was given by his son William #248.

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TREASURER'S REPORT March 20, 2003

INCOME:

Balance - 08/10/02	\$ 2,038.18
Donations	\$ 15.00
Bank Interest	\$ 3.24
From 2002 Reunion Committee (loan)	\$ 700.00
Revenue - 2002 Reunion	\$ 2,065.42

Total Income	<hr/>	\$ 4,821.84
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EXPENSES:

Reunion Expenses, Misc	\$ 153.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 40.12

Total Expenses	<hr/>	\$ 193.12
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Balance		<u><u>\$ 4,628.72</u></u>
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Louiselle C. Violette,
Treasurer

The 2002 reunion committee did an excellent job in managing the expenses of the reunion and we have a healthy balance as a result. The Association voted once again not to institute annual dues and we rely totally on individual donations to help defray the costs of printing and mailing our newsletter and providing seed money for future reunions.

The major ongoing cost of the association is the mailing of the newsletter which costs about \$500 for each issue. We would like to send a newsletter every six months. You will notice in the Treasurer's report that since August 2002 only \$15.00 has been contributed.

If you wish to make a donation you may do so by sending a check to Louiselle.

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In Search Of....



MBR

128	Annette Petit Coriole	Ellicott, MD
154	Guy Vaillancourt	Tuscon, AZ
* 210	Gilbert Violette	Van Buren, ME
* 219	Mabel Violette	Seabrook, NH
233	Hilda Plourde	Scarborough, ME
266	Anne Fontaine	San Francisco, CA
305	Mary Owens	Albany, NY
312	Linda Lee Rodgers	Van Nuys, CA
* 321	Glenda Ketola	Saco, ME
392	Michael Marcia	Fairfield, ME
394	Ronald Clavette	Rochester, NY
431	Donald Violette	St. Lazare, QC
447	Doris Violette Dowling	Bangor, ME
476	Daniel Violette	Westbrook, ME
495	Linda Violette Roy	Biddeford, ME
576	James Violette	South Windsor, CT
* 579	George Violette	Augusta, ME
584	Rachel Violette	Hartford, CT
* 585	Edmund Betit	Augusta, ME
590	Clemence Violette	Augusta, ME
602	Thomas Violette	Presque Isle, ME
619	Fernand Violette	Kenogamie, QC
663	Carmen DeChamplain	Berlin, NH
* 711	Eva Gamache	Newport Richey, FL
* 759	Eugene Warren	Fairfield, ME
* 785	Emery Violette	Van Buren, ME
808	Michael Violette	Wethersfield, CT
855	Nancy Violette Cropley	Danforth, CT
861	Leo Violette	Rainier, WA
886	Diana Violette Deperry	Andover, CT
889	Marthe Cyr	Edmundston, NB
903	Claudette Violette Dollard	desOrmeaux, QC
925	Rene Valcourt	Longeuil, QC
938	Nancy Violette	Newport Richey, FL
945	Carlene Violette	Quimby, ME
* 964	Susan Bolduc	Fort Lauderdale, FL
* 981	Gabriel Violette	Van Buren, ME
1010	Diane Violette Saltes	Trumbull, CT
1015	Richard Violette	Wetherfield, CT
1019	Bob Thibodeau	Woodstock Valley, CT
1042	Aurea Violette Conway	Portneuf, QC
1065	Gerald Violette	Enfield, CT
1075	Suzanne Violette	Mascouche, QC
1097	Karen Morin Ferhs	Plantsville, CT
* 1139	George Violette	Notre Dame du Lac, QC
1195	Robert Sirois	Wethersfield, CT

* 1235	Roxanne Cyr	Fishers, IN
1245	Joann Violette Cournoyer	Woonsocket, RI
* 1261	Norma Martin	Newington, CT
1265	Emely Roy	Berlin, CT
1292	Loretta Violette Leclair	Augusta, ME
1332	John Cyr	Coventry, CT
1347	Virginia Violette Grant	Carmel, ME
1369	Richard Cote	Rockville, CT
1383	Dorothy Violette Morin	Unknown
1384	Berthe Roy Guimont	Montreal, QC
1390	Ronald Bernard	Worthington, OH
1405	Sandra Hampton	Unknown
1479	Zoel Roland Violette	Skowhegan, ME
1481	Irene Trudell Gipson	Norfolk, VA
1492	Jacqueline Uccello	East Hartford, CT
* 1513	Violette Giroux	South Portland, ME
1535	Geraldine Darling	San Diego, CA
1541	Ronald Houle	Phoenix, AZ
1553	Charles Violette	North Granby, CT
1588	Michelle Dimartino	Cromwell, CT
1649	Michael Violette	Tucson, AZ
* 1654	Thomas Violette	Springvale, ME
* 1665	Brenda Comeau	Littleton, CO
1675	Linda Davies	Portland, ME
1689	Regina Violette	Unknown
1690	Levi Perry Violette	Unknown
1691	Robert Guy Violette	Unknown
* 1719	Michael Violette	Atlanta, GA
1736	John Forrest Ogden	Rock Springs, WY

- Denotes the returned newsletters from our last mailing.

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Birthdays

McKinnon Christopher Violette, born October 2, 2002 in Burlingame, CA to Trisha and Marc Violette #1831. Proud grandparents are Rod # 12, and Helene (McKinnon) Violette.

Jeremy Powers, born October 18, 2002 in Grand Falls, NB, to Wayne and Claudine (Violette) Powers. Jeremy is the first grandchild of Greta (Violette) Robitaille # 254.

Dominique Violette, born November 15, 2002 to Gilles and Josee (Ouellette) Violette. The elated grandparents are Gerald and Ginette (Voucher) Violette #1857 of Edmundston, N. B.

Katherine Elizabeth Violette, born June 20, 2002 in Manchester, N.H. to Andrew #1590 and Beth Violette. Proud grandparents are John and Louiselle Violette.



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Husband:		
	Birthdate:	Where:
	Date of Death:	Where:
	Date of Burial:	Where:
	Date of Marriage:	Where:
	Mother (maiden name):	
	Father:	
Wife (maiden name):		
	Birthdate:	Where:
	Date of Death:	Where:
	Date of Burial:	Where:
	Mother (maiden name):	
	Father:	
Children		
M/F:	Name:	
	Birthdate:	Where:
	Date of Death:	Where:
	Date of Burial:	Where:
	Date of Marriage:	To:
		Where:
M/F:	Name:	
	Birthdate:	Where:
	Date of Death:	Where:
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Additional information may be added on other side, such as grandparents, other children, other spouses, etc.

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