

President's Message

Greetings All Violette Family Members:

Here we are, already in the month of May and our 30th Family Reunion is less than 3 months away. This gathering promises to be one of our best, so please get the word out to all your Violette relatives that we hope to see as many as possible at Windsor Locks, Connecticut in August. We have many reservations and registrations in already, but as all you long time members will remember, we had one past reunion that was over 800 in attendance. We all had a lot of fun then, especially posing for the gigantic photo.

Our itinerary will be one to remember. On Friday, Martin Violette from the Virginia Violette cousin line will be giving a very interesting talk on their history and membership. There are not many that can say that your ancestor worked for George Washington as theirs did. He will be followed by Nancy Nolette who will talk on DNA sequencing and how it can be used in genealogy. I'm sure that one day after a DNA study is completed, it will show that "We Are One." with the Virginia Violette's.

Anne Roy, the Director of the Acadian Village in Van Buren, Maine will be the main speaker on Saturday, and believe me, her talks will leave you with the feeling that you have just visited that historical village that now has one building there dedicated in honor of our ancestor, Francois Violet. Her humor is one of a kind.

Besides our raffles, historical displays, genealogy, music by a DJ and meeting family members, the Windsor Locks area provides lots of places to visit in between our activities. This is now the time to ask all of you to write, phone or email your family and encourage them to attend. To encourage you to register early, there will be a drawing from those who register before July 1st. for one free night lodging at the hotel.

Many of you have inquired about dues. The policy of the association is not to have a dues structure so that all can participate without a financial penalty. However, our association depends on voluntary contributions to keep running. The major expense is the newsletter which costs about \$800 per mailing. We must also have funds on hand to pay for hotel reservation deposits. If you feel so inclined to make a contribution, and you are coming to the reunion, you can send a separate check made out to "The Violette Family Association" and send it in with your registration. If you are not attending please send your contribution to Rod Violette, 1775 Barn Valley Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.

This gathering is planned for you and we ask all of you to work to assure that it is a great success. Thanks so much and see you all in Connecticut.

Regards,

Paul J. Bunnell
President

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Mail Forwarding

If this copy of the newsletter was forwarded to you by the Postal Service it is important that you notify the secretary of the association of your new address. The Post Office will forward for one year after which time you will be dropped from our mailing list. So please notify us right away before you forget to do so.

E-mail vs Postal Service.

It is very important for those of you who use e-mail and receive a hard copy of the newsletter to let me know. The association saves almost \$1.00 for every newsletter . that can be sent via e-mail. There is another advantage of receiving the e-mail copy, quite often there is more information in the e-mail version because using 1st class mail we are limited to ten pages.

New Improved Website www.violettefamily.org

Thanks to our Webmaster, David Violette at www.violette.com. Many new features have been added to the website. Along with the former information, David has added a photo gallery so that you can share your treasured family photos with the rest of your cousins. David will also post information of important happenings you may wish to share with others He has also added a feature which allows you to receive the information in many different languages. Check it out! If you don't have a computer you can go to any public library and access the website. If you receive the e-mail version of the newsletter, I have included a two page memo from David explaining all the new features.

Genealogy Update

Reunions are a good time to update your family information. Many changes happen to extended families over a period of three years. Your genealogist would like to learn of any changes to your family. I will print out a family tree chart and family group record for any family that sends me an update. Please use the Family Group Record form included with this newsletter.

Raffle Table

Just a reminder: In the past the raffle table has always been a good fund raiser for the association. We hope that you will contribute to that cause once again.

Family Group Record

Husband		See "Other <input type="checkbox"/> Marriages"
Born	Place	
Christened	Place	
Died	Place	
Buried	Place	
Married	Place	
Husband's father		
Husband's mother		

Wife		
Born	Place	
Christened	Place	
Died	Place	
Buried	Place	
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	Sex	Name	See "Other <input type="checkbox"/> Marriages"
	Born	Place	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse		
	Married	Place	

2	Sex	Name	See "Other <input type="checkbox"/> Marriages"
	Born	Place	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse		
	Married	Place	

3	Sex	Name	See "Other <input type="checkbox"/> Marriages"
	Born	Place	
	Christened	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Spouse		
	Married	Place	

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E-mail address	
Date prepared	

New Arrivals

MBR#1197. David and Jo Ann Schauf are pleased to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, **Allison Violette Guillory**, born 30 Jan 2008 to proud parents Greg and Carrie (Schauf) Guillory.

MBR# 1695. Robert and Lynn (Violette) Cotta are happy to announce the arrival of a second son, **Joshua Maxwell Cotta** born 24 Sept. 2007.

In Memoriam

MBR#30. Joy Violette McCabe informed me that her aunt **Marguerite Rita Violette** passed away on 6 May 2006.

MBR#166. Elaine Letalien Misiaszek is sad to inform us of the passing of her brother **Gilbert Letalien** in April 2008.

MBR#1094. Theresa Violette lost her brother **Martin Violette** MBR #876 and Martin's wife **Claire Michaud Violette** within days of one another in March 2007.

MBR#1225. Elaine Violette Mitchell wrote to inform us of the passing of her mother **Rosalie Violette** MBR#311 on 10 Feb. 2007.

MBR#1398. We received notice of the passing of **Elma Quaiser Violette** on 22 Dec. 2007 in Showhegan, Maine. She was 79 years of age.

MBR#1623. I received notice from her God-Child, Bettyann Madore Collins, of the passing of **Aurore Violette Madore** on 29 Oct 2006. She is survived by her husband Joel Madore MBR#1622.

MBR#1912. It saddens me to inform you that **Armande Violette Lantagne** passed away on 23 Aug. 2007. She was the mother of Constance Lantagne MBR#1912, and she was my 1st cousin (Rod Violette).

MBR#522. **Joseph L. N. Violette** passed away on 2 Jan. 2008. Athlete, scholar, pilot, engineer, he lived an exceptional life. He was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses during the Vietnam war and earned a Ph.D, in electromagnetism. For more information on this exceptional man go to www.wll.com/memoriam.htm.

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In Search Of

MBR#	Name	Last Address
28	Priscilla Berube	Lynn, MA
344	Anthony Violette	Kennebunkport, ME
352	Walter Dubay	Scarborough, ME
412	Peggy Needham	Kittery, ME
415	Marianne White	Chelsea, ME
478	Laurette Knox	Sidney, ME
493	Jean Bell	Mt. View, CA
543	Joan Roy	Winslow, ME
597	Rita Violette	Windsor, ME
716	John Violette	Saco, ME
887	Ann Marie Trombley	Presque Isle, ME
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1227	Susan Chemenko	Charleston, WV
1231	Emileen Cormier	Enfield, CT
1236	Phyllis Provenzaso	Bristol, CT
1237	Lloyd Cyr	Wallingford, CT
1263	Roland Simard	Newington, CT
1282	Richard Violette	West Hartford, CT
1388	Nancy Richards	North Plains, OR
1392	Richard Violette	Cambridge, MA
1401	Doris Burlington	West Hartford, CT
1451	Pauline Jacques	Lewiston, ME
1464	Larry Violette	East Orland, ME
1506	Richard Violette	Surprise, AZ
1514	Doreen Regan	Old Orchard beach, ME
1583	Patricia Mayette	Surprise, AZ
1660	Lena Virginio	Windham, ME
1692	Michele Presly	Lakewood, TX
1704	Denise Raulli	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
1751	Dr. Gregory Violette	Windsor, ME
1763	Rachel Murphy	Winchenton, MA
1820	Maurice Violette	Edmundston, NB
1895	Connie Cunningham	No Address
1902	Delmer Violette	Rocky Hill, CT
1935	Amanda Baker	St. George, KS
1972	Kirk & Theresa Violette	No address
1981	Erik Violette	No Add. DOB 7-24-1969
2035	Laurent Violette	Orangeville, FL
2059	Shirley Valentino	No Address
2103	Martin Violette	No Address

Reunion Hotel Information

Howard Johnson-Beverly Hills Suites

Date: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8-9-10 August, 2008.

Location: Howard Johnson-Beverly Hills Suites
383 South Center Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Jennifer Feigenbaum – Director of Sales & Catering

Contact: **Website:** www.bhsuites.com **Phone:** (877) 723-8375

Directions: From the South:
Take I-91 north to exit 42, go to end of ramp. Take a right, go 1/4 mile to the first street on the right. You will be on South Center street. Howard Johnson-Beverly Hills Suites will be on your left.

From the North:
Take I-91 south to exit 39/41. at end of ramp go straight into the Howard Johnson-Beverly Hills Suites.

Room Rate: \$79.00 + Tax = \$88.48 per night
Free complete breakfast (Saturday & Sunday)
(NOTE: You must make your own room reservations)

VIOLETTE FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fees and Costs:

Registration for Reunion:

Adult	\$10.00
Child (under 12)	\$5.00

Meal Costs (Includes full meal, tax and gratuity):

Friday Night Casual Buffet (Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Beverage)

Adult	\$14.00
Child (under 12)	\$7.00

Saturday Night Gold Dinner Buffet (Marinated Grilled Chicken, Lemon Pepper Cod, Sirloin Tips, Baked Ziti, Tossed Garden Salad, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans or Vegetable Medley, Fresh Fruit with Sherbert, Assorted Desserts, Beverage)

Adult	\$30.00
Child (under 12)	\$15.00

Name (Note if under 12)	Registration Fee	Friday Night Buffet	Saturday Night Buffet	Total Registration \$ per person

Checks payable to **Violette Family Association** **Total Enclosed** \$ _____

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Send Registration and Money to:
Louiselle Violette, Violette Family Association, 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, NH, 03304

- I will bring an item for the raffle: _____ (Thank You!)
- I will bring photos for display.

Registration form must be returned by July 1, 2008

Memorabilia Clothing

Use this form to order Screen Printed or Embroidered T-shirts,
Sweatshirts, Polo (Golf) shirts and Hats.

***THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15th IN ORDER
FOR THE MERCHANDISE TO ARRIVE ON TIME.***

Mail to John Violette 12 Woodland Circle Bow, N.H. 03304 Questions?: call 603-225-9672

Make checks payable to John Violette.

Your name:

(Print) _____

Your address:

(Print) _____

Your phone

number: _____

Merchandise All articles are purple with white lettering	Price	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large \$1.50 extra	XXX-L \$2.25 extra	Total
T-Shirts - Adult	\$ 9.00							
T-Shirts - Youth	\$ 9.00							
Polo (Golf) Shirts-Adult	\$ 14.00							
Sweatshirts - Adult	\$ 15.00						N/A	
Sweatshirts - Youth	\$ 16.00						N/A	
Hats - Embroidered Only	\$ 16.00							
<u>Total Money enclosed</u>								

Embroidered – Add \$5.00 to the above price.

Pocket T's add \$1.25; **Long Sleeve T's** add \$2.50 . Please indicate what you are ordering.

Polo (Golf) Shirts: **For pockets** add \$1.00 to above price. Please indicate what you are ordering.

Why we do genealogy

Rod Violette

I am including this in the e-mail version of the May newsletter. (No room in the hard copy) as a tribute to all those like myself that do genealogy. People like Rita Lippe, Paul Bunnell, Nancy Nolette, Jackie Auclair, Guy Dubay, Jean-Guy Poitras, Steven White and many others.

I can closely relate to the sentiments expressed in the article below. Many times I have said to myself when I have been able to connect a long forgotten ancestor to his present day family "*There, see you have not been forgotten and your spirit lives on in the lives of your progeny*"

WE ARE THE CHOSEN...

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach.

That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory of great those whom we had never known before.

-Author Unknown

Violette Family Association Website

www.VioletteFamily.org

Webmaster, David Violette

www.Violette.com

Our Violette Family web page has recently undergone some major changes and you can take advantage of the new design to share news with other Violette Family Association (VFA) members. Three new features are especially aimed to help you do this: Gallery, News of Members and Families, and Links to Member Blogs and Webs. The website www.VioletteFamily.org will continue to contain information about Reunions, Officers, History, Newsletters, and all the other features we have had in the past.

Gallery

Send us photos of your family and your activities to include in our Gallery section. This is an easy way to share with other Association members. Send digital images to the Secretary, Rod Violette at rviolette@att.net, or Webmaster, Dave Violette at David@Violette.com, and be sure to include information about who are in the photos, where they were taken and when, and anything else that would interest other Association members.

We would especially like to receive photos from earlier Reunions!

News of Members and Families

Send us stories about your family to help other Association members keep track of you. This can include births, deaths, moves, life milestones, and whatever else you would like to share. Be sure to give us enough details to make the story complete and interesting to others. Send this info to Secretary, Rod Violette, or Webmaster, Dave Violette.

We also welcome family history-type stories.

- Did a member of your family play an important role in some significant event at a national, regional, state, or local level? Send us the story, along with photos to help tell the story.
- Did a member of your family invent something with which we might be familiar? Send us the details, and include photos or images if possible. Tell us how your family came to be located where it is. Where did your family come from? When was it established where it is? Send us the story and include photos if possible.

Links to Member Blogs and Websites

At the upper right of each page is a section titled Member Blogs and Webs. Do you or someone in your family have a blog or personal web site? Then share it with others by

letting us know the web address to reach it. Send this info to Secretary, Rod Violette, or Webmaster, Dave Violette.

And, if you would, please include a linkback to www.VioletteFamily.org at your blog or website. This will help make our Association website more popular so others can find it while doing searches.

Commenting on articles

The new site offers you the opportunity to add your comments to stories and articles you find at the Violette Family Association web site. At the end of each story is a place where you can add your comments and send them on. When making comments, please remember that this is a family site so keep your language and comments consistent with having kids read them. This is a moderated site, so your comments will be reviewed prior to allowing them to be posted. While not attempting to limit discussion, we will always err on the side of good relations.

Want to read the site in French?

Or Spanish, or Italian, or German? Look for the flags at the upper left and click on the one that represents the language you want.

Other Ideas?

Do you have other ideas of how the Violette Family Association website can help you?

Please let one of the officers or the Webmaster know what you think or are suggesting.

Visit Us Often!

We hope to make this website a popular one with Violette Family Association members and family, so be sure to visit us often to keep up with the news! This will be a great way to stay in touch with those we only see every three years at Reunions.

A note about sending photos and clippings

We will always prefer to have digital image files sent to us because your originals are thus preserved. If the original is a photo print or is one of paper (a clipping or article) you can have them scanned and a digital image sent to us so that you still have the original. Many copy centers can do this scanning for you.

If you cannot have originals scanned, we will also accept original photo prints or documents. We will exercise the best care possible, BUT we cannot be responsible if your prints or documents get lost in the mail or get damaged in some way during handling. We will return the originals to you if you request it. Be sure to include full mailing instructions when you send anything to us. You might also choose to include insurance for the mailing. To help avoid Association expenses, you should also include a check or money order to cover return postage and insurance to send them back to you.