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Word from the President

I am pleased to invite you to our next reunion and annual general meeting, that will held on Sunday, October 5, 2003 at the restaurant & bar Magnan located in verdun, Montreal. More information about the meeting on the invitation pamphlet.

Up to now we have been able to send our newsletter to all those whose address was known thanks to the generosity of a few members, but for evident financial reasons, the present bulletin will be the last one sent to those who have not paid their annual fees of \$15.00. Those who will not be able to attend the gathering in Verdun can send their cheques to: **L'association des familles Marsan-Lapierre at 778, rue des Grives, Longueuil, QC J4G 2L3.** Even if you have not paid your annual membership, if we know your e-mail address, we will inform you when the newsletter is posted on our web site.

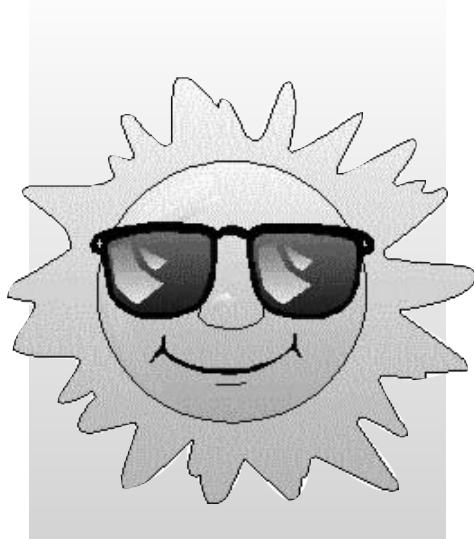
Besides the privilege in participating in the administration of our association, the payment of your dues allows you to have access to our database on the Internet. Thanks to the work of our webmaster Steve Marsan, this database is now accessible at all times. The 32 000 names included allows you to search close to 7 500 descendants of our ancestors Pierre Marsan dit Lapierre and Françoise Baiselat. For those who do not have access to the internet we will at no extra cost, on receipt of your

payment, look up your lineage as long as you give us adequate information. We do the search to the best of our knowledge and it is always rewarding to be able to help those who ask for our assistance in finding their roots.

An association like ours could not exist and develop without the continuous work of volunteers. I would like to emphasize the considerable collaboration of Paul Marsan as vice-president, Stéphane Marsan as secretary, Danielle Marsan-Evans as treasurer and editor of the newsletter, and of Lise Marsan-Nagel, Anne Marsan-Cook, Huguette Marsan-Dulac and Alain Marsan as members of the Board. Andrée Ricard, our translator and Steve Marsan, our webmaster, equally deserve our appreciation for their significant services.

I am looking forward to meeting you in large numbers on October 5, 2003, starting at 10h00. The day's agenda and the travel information are included elsewhere in this bulletin. Throughout the day the dictionary of the descendants of Pierre Marsan and Françoise Baiselat that was published last year will be available for those who wish to purchase.

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Second Son of Pierre Marsan and Françoise Baiselat

On the 16th day of October, after having published the bans of marriage on Sunday the 13th of this month, between Jean Mersan son of Francois mersan and Marie his father and mother of the parish of lapointe au tremble in the island of Montreal and Marie anne fronsac daughter of Richard denis esquire sieur de Fronçac and dame Parabego his father and mother from the mission of L'Acadie and having had dispense from the two other bans of marriage from Monsieur Charles Gandellet Vicar General of the Diocese and having found no impediments I, P.Pocquet Parish priest of this City married them and gave them the nuptial benediction in the presence of sieur Pierre Rey Gaillard Commander of Artillery of the Marine in this country, of Md Françoise Cailleteau spouse of the above-mentioned sieur Rey Gaillard, of Miss Louise arnaud, of Dominique Otion and of Pierre Ogran who have signed. The groom has declared not knowing how to write.

**Rey Gaillard
Md Françoise Cailteau
Francois rey
Pocquet**

Jean, who was orphaned at 9 years of age, with his sisters and brothers were taken in the home of their brother-in-law Gilles Marin who had been married to their older sister Françoise for 10 years and had no children. At the age of 20, Jean with a score of young men, was hired to transport merchandise by canoe to Pontchartrain, situated at the north-west end of Lake Erie, and to bring back to Montreal fur skins obtained in exchange.

A few months before his marriage, Jean accepted, for himself and his heirs, the land belonging to his sister Françoise and brother-in-law Gilles Marin, who was 59 years old

and in ill health. Quite a few conditions were attached to this inheritance. He had to acquit their debts, to continue to pay the taxes and seigniorial rent, to give them a pension and to take care of them until they died. It was the fourth time that Gilles Marin had tried to find someone who would agree to take his land. Jean obviously wanted to show his appreciation to his brother-in-law and sister who had raised them after their mother's death. This property was close to the Fabrique of the Pointe-aux-Trembles church. It was probably the parish priest Father Roche, who convinced his young neighbour to go and meet Canon Buisson at the Notre-Dame de Quebec Cathedral, to be introduced to Marie-Anne Denis de Fronsac.

The marriage contract took place on Saturday, October 12, 1709, at Mrs Françoise Cailteau, who had been the second wife of Marie-Anne's father. Since the death of her father, Richard Denis in a shipwreck while sailing to France, Marie-Anne had lived with Mrs Cailteau. In the meantime, Françoise Cailteau had married Pierre Rey-Gaillard, chief and commander of the marine artillery in New France. Canon Buisson accompanied Jean at Mrs Cailteau for the drafting of the marriage contract. No member of his family was present for his marriage so the two witnesses were the innkeeper called Aussion and a veteran from the Regiment de Carignan named Augrand.

Even though Marie-Anne was from a noble family, but perhaps because her mother had been a native Indian, Marie-Anne brought very little dowry to help the young couple. The Seigniories of Gobin, Restigouche and Miramichi that belonged to her father in Acadia

were inherited by the children of Pierre Rey-Gaillard and Françoise Cailteau.

Jean and Marie-Anne worked extremely hard to honour their promises. They even tried, without success, to extend their land. Jean was churchwarden in Pointe-aux-Trembles. They had five children before Jean's death in April 1718 at 33 years old. Two of their children died young. Their second child was named after her godmother Agathe LeGardeur and had Louis d'Ailleboust d'Argenteuil for godfather. They were related to Marie-Anne's father, Richard Denis. Marie-Anne survived ten years after the death of her husband. She died at 47 years of age.

Their children, Agathe, Jean-Baptiste and Marie-Anne, respectively 16, 14 and 12 years old, had as guardian their uncle François Marsan. Agathe was married the following year to Joseph Brouillet. They rented the family land where she wished to settle. With the death of Jean-Baptiste, aged 18 and having no children, the branch started by Jean did not have descendants bearing the Marsan or Lapierre names. Marie-Anne married Antoine Brouillet at 17. The grandfather of the Brouillet brothers who was also a veteran from the Regiment de Carignan had settled in Pointe-aux-Trembles as a miller.

Gilles Marin died the following year at 84 years of age. In 1744, the parish priest Father Dargent served as mediator to resolve the differences between François and the husbands of his nieces in the administration of the guardianship. Françoise Marsan, spouse of Gilles Marin, died in 1745 at age 74. ☉

News from the family

Danielle Marsan-Evans informed us that her aunt **Albertine Marsan** is celebrating this year her 75th anniversary of religious life, with the Sisters of Providence of Montréal. Her name in religion is Sister Cécile-Agnès. She is the daughter of **Joseph Marsan** and **Alexina Wolfe** born in the parish of St-Vincent-de-Paul in Montréal.

Congratulations to **Joe Marsan**, our American correspondent, for his promotion at the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). Having spent 11 years as an Asset Manager, he is now a Multifamily Home Underwriter. He qualified for his new position by obtaining certification as a Certified Property Manager by the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Francine Lapierre of Pointe-aux-trembles in Montréal, brought us up-to-date with the new births in her family. Her cousin **Diane Lapierre** is the happy mother of twins **Amelia** and **Valérie Charbonneau**, and **Josée Sénécal**, the companion of her cousin **Marcel Lapierre** gave birth to their first child **Alexandre**.

On December 27th 2002, on his birthday, **Donald M. Marsan** became a grandfather for a second time when his daughter **Sahra** gave birth to her first child, **Arrianna Nekol Marsan-Alcorn** at Parkland Hospital, in Farmington, Missouri.

Pauline Marsan invited us to join her in celebrating and singing the Magnificat of thanksgiving on her 50th anniversary of religious life

in the Congregation Notre-Dame. On May 3rd 2003, 61 nuns will celebrated this event at the Mother House in Montréal. Pauline is the daughter of **Azarie Marsan** and **Ida Besner**. She was born in Les Cèdres in the parish of St-Joseph de Soulanges.

We wish to thank all those who sent us corrections and additions following the launch of the first edition of the dictionary of the descendants of **Pierre Marsan dit Lapierre** and **Françoise Baiselat**. We want to particularly highlight the contributions of **Jean Marsan** from Longueuil, **Bob Lafleche** from Ontario, **Tom Marsan** from Connecticut, **Vern Frost** from Alberta and of **Jean-Guy Marsan** from Montréal.

Echoes from the board

We wish to thank our webmaster Steve Marsan who has not only agreed to continue his volunteer work with the association but has, after many hours of work, found a new home for our internet database at Cité Globe. Our internet site is also lodged with this provider. The annual cost for hosting both our database and internet site is only \$30.00 a year.

During our last meeting in Le Gardeur, the board of directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Gisèle Marsan-Kobelansky for personal reasons.

From now on, members with a known e-mail address, after the payment of their annual dues, will not receive a membership card unless they specifically request one, but will receive the information allowing them to have access to the database. All other members will receive the membership card as was done in the past.

Amédée Marsan

Professor and Agricultural Lecturer Emeritus

Amédée Marsan was born on July 19, 1844 at St-Roch-de-l'Achigan, son of Isidore and Félonise Poitras. At the age of fourteen years, he entered the L'Assomption College. Although his primary interest was agriculture, after an eight-year classical course, he entered law school in Montreal on September 3, 1866. After only two months as a clerk in the office of Judge Loranger, the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Louis Archambault, convinced him to submit his application at the new school of agriculture of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatière.

With the opening of the agricultural school in L'Assomption, the following year, he began a thirty-year teaching career. On March 11, 1868, he successfully passed the exams of agricultural engineer for the Chamber of Agriculture of Lower-Canada and became a member the same day.

He married Ernestine Viger, daughter of Dr. Séraphin Viger and Élodie Archambault, in L'Assomption on July 11, 1871. Of the twelve children born from this marriage, three died in their youth. Probably inspired by their mother's two brothers who were priests and by their three aunts who were nuns on their father's side, their son Henri joined The White Fathers, a missionary order, and Ernest was ordained priest in 1907.

In 1875, Amédée is named the official agricultural lecturer of the Department of Agriculture of Quebec. This nomination undoubtedly came, in assistance to the steps taken a few years earlier by the founding of the agricultural schools, to make the

agricultural profession more interesting and especially more lucrative to counter emigration to the United States, which had restarted with the end of the American civil war. From 1900, he was secretary-general of the Commission of the Agricultural Merit, a responsibility that he carried out with great skill and noteworthy attention according to his contemporaries.

When the Agriculture school was closed in L'Assomption in 1899, and the school in Oka was being established and with the authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture, he was asked in 1900, to give lectures to the students, and in 1903 he was named professor. This school became in 1908, the Agricultural Institute of Oka which was affiliated to the Université Laval de Montréal. Amédée was named the scientific director.

In spite of his many occupations, he was involved in community work as secretary of the Agricultural Society for the county of L'Assomption, secretary-treasurer for the school board, member of the school board, churchwarden, and city councillor. In recognition for his great devotion in the field of education, the University of Montreal named him on May 30, 1914, Dean of Agronomical Science and honoured him with the first Doctorate in Agricultural Science.

After twenty-one years in Oka, at age 78, he took a well-deserved retirement. During that summer, his parents and friends gathered to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary. On September seventh 1921, the lieutenant governor

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of the province of Quebec, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, presented him with the Diplôme de Très Grand Mérité Spécial (Diploma of considerable and special merit) in recognition of the numerous services rendered in the agricultural field.

Two years after his death, Alphonse Désilets, agricultural engineer and alumni of Oka, wrote the biography of Amédée in a book called " Pour la terre et le foyer " (For Home and Hearth). That same year, on April 12th, 1926, R.P. Léopold, O.C. gave a lecture at the Canadian Institute on the life of Amédée Marsan, in the presence of the Honourable Joseph-Edmond Charon, Minister of Agriculture as the president of honour. On September 28, 1926, the Society of the Agricultural Engineers raised a bronze and granite monument on the grounds of the College de L'Assomption, so that the merits of this great agronomist would be remembered by future generations. In the Ste-Dorothée district of the city of Laval the Marsan Place was named in November 1966 to honour his memory.

The Marsan-Lapierre Family Association

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE

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**ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2003 IN THE
MARGUERITE-BOURGEOYS ROOM**

(on the second floor of the restaurant)

There are no costs attached to the meeting, but for those who wish to join us for lunch, we have made reservations in the dining hall. It is understood that people pay their own expenses. For those who like roast beef we advise you to try the house's speciality roast beef, which has been served at the Taverne Magnan since 1932!.



Program

- 10:00 Registration
- 11:00 Annual General Meeting
- 12:00 First meeting of the new board of directors
- 12:30 Diner
- 13:00 Speech of M. Jean-Guy Marsan about the noble branch of the Marsan's Family