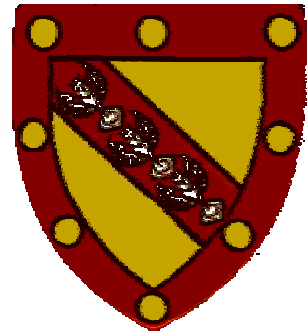


Le Marsan

Bulletin généalogique de l'Association des descendants de
Pierre Marsan dit Lapierre



Word from the President

I wish to address all those who so generously answered our appeal for information about their families, and in so doing, contributed to trace well over 4000 descendants of our ancestor. I would also like to thank those who helped to found our Association.

Since our only desire is to fulfill your expectations, we would be very grateful if you would let us know your views, as to what our activities should be in the coming years. Towards that goal, we would be glad to have you take part in our next meeting of the Board of Directors, **scheduled to be held at 9 :00 A.M. on March 5th, 2000. That meeting will take place at Collège d'informatique Marsan, located at 1001 De Maisonneuve East, in Montreal.**

For our part, we intend to hold in 2000 the third Annual gathering of the families MARSAN called LAPIERRE. We will be sending out another bulletin in June, so we can keep you informed of the Associa-

tion's activities and give you as much genealogical information as possible regarding our ancestors. Finally we want to maintain our Internet site which regularly brings us new contacts.

Despite the hard work of our volunteers, we are left with some costs (postage, rental, printing, etc..) for which we can only count on your contribution. The very existence of any new Family Association can only be precarious. Ours is no exception; its survival depends largely on the support of the members.

The membership has been maintained at fifteen (\$15.00) dollars, renewable in August each year. We would be extremely thankful if you sent your contribution to our Treasurer as soon as possible. Looking forward to discuss genealogy and Association matters with you, at our next Meeting, on March 5th, 2000.

Jean-Guy Marsan

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News From The Family (At Large)

Echoes from the board of directors

Danielle Marsan-Evans accepted the responsibility of the newsletter Committee. She will be assisted by Steve Marsan for the typesetting, Ghislaine Laramée for the translation and Michel Marsan for the mailings. We are fortunate to have Danielle as a volunteer since she is an experienced bilingual Editor, having done work on a few non-profit Association magazines.

The next gathering of the MARSAN-LAPIERRE families will be held Saturday the 12th of August 2000, in Roslin, Ontario. This Municipality is located about 15 km North of Belleville. Our Hosts will be Anne Marsan and John Cook. More details will be forthcoming in the June issue.

You may now consult previous issues of our Newsletter « Le Marsan » on our Web site. We wish to remind you that our publication is accessible to all our members. Please send your comments or articles to Danielle, either by mail or Email. (Addresses on the front page)

For her part, Gisèle Marsan-Kobelansky will assist our Treasurer in the maintenance of our members. She will also keep the membership list updated.

Our President Jean-Guy Marsan who has been compiling all the information from the start, will continue to be available to answer questions pertaining to genealogy. Please feel free to ask him for information.

The History of our coat of arms

Towards the end of the sixties, Alain Marsan, the Treasurer of the Association, obtained from La Maison Héraldique de Montréal, the Coat of Arms of our Marsan ancestors. At the first gathering of the Marsan-Lapierre families, he was proud, and rightly so, to exhibit the coat of arms, hand painted and mounted on a nice wood plaque. At the beginning of the year, he gave the Association permission to use it. Since throughout the years he had lost the documentation accompanying the Coat of Arms given to him when it was acquired, we took it upon ourselves to compose the armorial bearings and symbols you can find on our Internet Site.

The stripe which displays three eaglets is found in the Coat of Arms of the House

of Lorraine. Furthermore, according to Georges Poullin « La maison ducale de Lorraine », Charles, son of Henri de Lorraine, Count of Armagnac and viscount de Marsan, bore the title of Count de Marsan. Also, Charles de Lorraine married on the 1st of March 1683, Marie-Françoise, only daughter of César-Phébus d'Albret, governor of Guyenne. This demonstrates well the alliances of the House of Lorraine with the great families from the South West of France. His son Charles-Louis, born October 21st, 1696 and his grandson Gaston-Jean-Baptiste-Charles, born February 7th, 1721 also bore the title of Count. The latter died prematurely during 1743, after having married Marie de Rohan, princess of Soubise on the 14th of June 1736.

It is she who named the Marsan Pavillion, in the Palais des Tuileries. According to the Minister of Culture and Communication in France, the Pavillion has been named so since then, and served as the residence of Countess de Marsan, from the family of the Dukes of Rohan, formerly Governess of the children of France.

Because of the preceding information, we tend to conclude that the Coat of Arms of our Association has its roots in the Marsan region in the South West of France, by way of a secondary branch of the House of Lorraine.

Urgel Marsan passed away leaving his loved ones soon after taking part in our first Family reunion. He was born in Kingston, Ontario on August 17th, 1930 and died on the 16th of September 1998 in Laval, Quebec. He was the father of Josée and Serge and the brother of Anita, Edmond, Lise and Roger.

On the 12th of February 1999, **Michel Marsan and Louise Laurin** of St-Esprit gave their daughter Amélie aged two, a newborn brother Jérôme.

On the 22nd of April, 1999 in Montréal, at the age of 92, Lucille Marsan passed away. She had married Jose Tomas-Salort born in Miraflor-Alicante in Spain on October 28th, 1930 in Montreal. Her children Francisco and Lolita came to visit us in St-Jacques last August.

Fernand Marsan, born in Montreal on August 17, 1922 who at the time of his death lived in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines, passed away on September 12th, 1999. He was the father of Yves, Francine, Richard and Christiane and the brother of Claire and Fleurette.

We again were blessed with good weather for our second Annual Gathering on August 21st, 1999 on the enchanting site of the sugar shack in St-Jacques. Whereas the attendance was somewhat lower than the previous year, all those who came were glad to renew or make new acquaintances, and talk genealogy with their new-found friends. ■