

Violette Family Association

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Newsletter

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REUNION 2011 PLANS UNDERWAY

You should plan to be in Van Buren ME in early August 2011!! That's where Reunion 2011 will be held, on August 5-7, 2011.

You can help us plan for the event by pre-registering so we have a better idea of how many are likely to be there. It can make a difference in where we hold the Reunion activities.

Pre-registering is easy

Go to www.VioletteFamily.org and click the **Let Us Know** button on the front page.

OR

Send us the Pre-Registration form (or a copy) included in this newsletter. Mailing address is: Violette Family Association, 207 W Sweetwater Ave, Phoenix AZ 85029-1833.

OR

Call us with your Pre-Registration info at (602) 749-9398. Best hours to call: **1 PM to 12 AM Eastern OR 12 PM to 11 PM Central OR 11 AM to 10 PM Mountain OR 10 AM to 9 PM Pacific (We are in Arizona)**

GETTING A PASSPORT

With Reunion 2011 being located in Van Buren ME you will likely want to visit on both sides on the U.S.-Canadian border. You will need a passport or passport card to re-enter the U.S. as a U.S. citizen or a passport to re-enter Canada as a Canadian citizen. This applies to all ages, including children.

US Passport Fees

The US now issues passport cards in addition to the traditional passport books. The cards are less expensive and can be used to enter the US from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. Cards cannot be used for international air travel. Both adults and children under 16 require passport books or passport cards. The table with this story shows our understanding of the fee schedule: do not rely on this table but verify the actual fee with the State Department. This information came from their web site at travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees_837.html

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Lucille Violette VFA #840, John Violette VFA #124, and Louiselle Violette VFA #125 enjoying breakfast on Friday morning at Reunion 2008.

SAVE THE DATE!

August 5-7, 2011

Reunion 2011

Van Buren ME

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WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!

The cost of printing and mailing newsletters is so high we can only afford to send about four in the three-year cycle around Reunions. We usually send one after a Reunion to report on what happened, another about a year before the next Reunion, and then others about six months out and three months out with more Reunion details. BUT—we send eNewsletters much more often, about ten a year. Those members who have provided us with an email address thus get news much more often.

IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER BY REGULAR MAIL IT IS BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU. PLEASE HELP US BY KEEPING YOUR INFO CURRENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION!

You can now tell us about contact info changes at the web site. Look for the **Update** button at the right end of the second row of menu buttons and click it. You will be taken to a page where you can tell us about email or address changes; use the Other box to tell about other items. Your changes will still have to be hand-processed before they are in the database.

WHAT REUNION 2011 WILL OFFER

There was a strong interest expressed by the members attending Reunion 2008 that the next Reunion should be held in the Van Buren ME area. This area is important to the Violettes because it is where Francois and his young family finally settled after leaving first Acadia and then lower New Brunswick. Francois got grants of land on both sides of the St John River and settled and prospered there. Violettes have played an important role in the communities of the Upper St John River Valley ever since.

Reunion 1981 was held in Van Buren, with more than 850 in attendance! Since then many more people wanted to learn more about their roots and their family history. And now for Reunion 2011 another generation can have that same opportunity.

What is there to see in the area?

There are Violettes all over the area and there are many sites and places related to our family, both in Maine and in New Brunswick. We will help you with maps that show you many, many places and features—see the story about our mapping system on the next page.

How about vacationing?

We will add vacationing info at our web site as well so you can get a bet-

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ADD US TO YOUR SAFE SENDERS LIST

If you add our domain—VioletteFamily.org—to your safe senders list you will not take the chance on emails from us being blocked as spam.



Siblings Joseph Violette, Alfreda Therrien VFA #2033, Jean Knight VFA #1400, Robert Violette VFA #1397, and Marie Francis VFA #1399 gathered at Reunion 2005.

KEEP YOUR INFO UP TO DATE!

Be sure that the Association has your current mailing address and especially your current email address, so we can communicate our news to you.



Mike and Sue Violette VFA#1585 at Reunion 2002.

WEB SITE MAP SHOWING POINTS OF VIOLETTE INTEREST

We have included a map function associated with the Reunion page at our web site—VioletteFamily.org. Click the **Reunions** button and at the Reunions page click the **Map of Reunion Area** button on that page. The points on the map will be added to all the time, so check back often to see what is new. We have also added a button in the sidebar at the right of the pages so you can get to the map from every page at the site.

We plan to show points you will be interested in when attending Reunion 2011 as well as any time you are visiting the Upper St John River Valley. You will receive copies of this map in your registration package at the Reunion. There will be a map to show you where Reunion events will be held as well as the location and details of lodging, restaurants, shopping, and other needs for Reunion-goers.

But even more, we will be showing you places around the region that have a relationship to the Violette family. You will be able to use that map to explore the places that were important to our ancestors.

And we will include places of historic or regional interest that you may want to include in your exploration of the area.

Each mapped item will have a description, an address where applicable, and GPS coordinates to help you drive right to it. Photos will be included to show you what you will find there.

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MOVING AROUND THE MAP

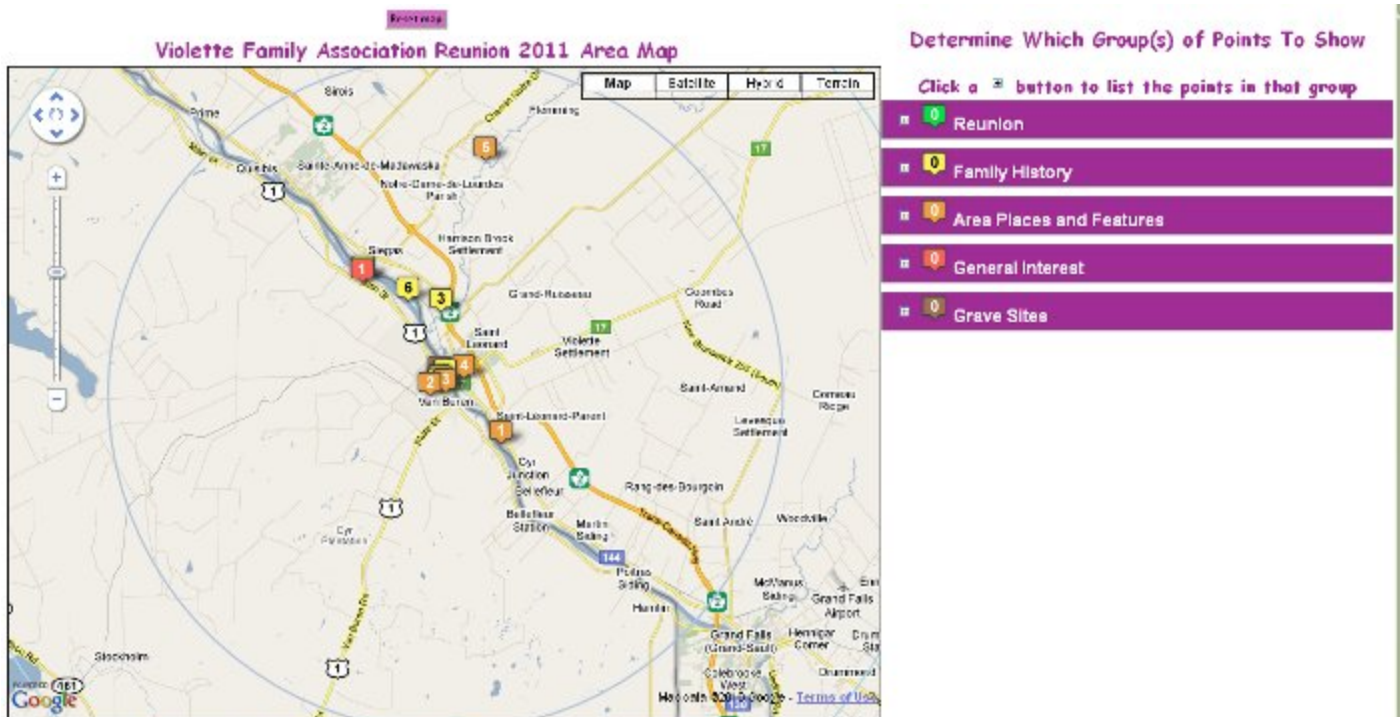
The map is a GoogleMap-based system so it works like any Google map. Click and drag to move around, double-click to zoom with that point as the new center, use the mouse wheel to zoom in or out, or use the scroll bar at the upper left to change the map's focus.

MAP POINT LAYERS

At this time the map layers are:

- Reunion-oriented
- Family history
- Area places and features
- Regional interest
- Grave sites

We may add more as needed.



Rings are at 10-, 15-, 20-, and 25-mile radius around Van Buren

Double-click to zoom map using that point as new center, use the mouse wheel to zoom in or out, or use the pan and zoom controls at upper left. Use the options at upper right to switch between roadmap view and satellite view.

Hover mouse cursor above a marker to see its name; click on a marker to see further description.

WEB SITE MAP SHOWING POINTS OF VIOLETTE INTEREST (CONT'D)

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Map contributors

Randy Violette, VFA #2673, of Presque Isle ME helped to locate some of the points shown on the map by checking with his father, Rene, VFA #646, of Grand Isle ME and his grandmother, Anne Violette, VFA #569, (wife of Valerian and current owner of the Violette House in Van Buren). Dave Violette, VFA #621, did the programming and also included points from his visit to the area in 2008 with wife, Elaine, and his parents Alderic O. "Dick" and Alice Violette, VFA #100 and 101.

We encourage members to help us make this map system more complete by suggesting other points to add to the maps. We need to know at minimum the name of the place and the reason why you think it would be of interest to family members and Reunion-goers. We also need to have an address (and GPS coordinates if you have them) but would also like photo(s) and contact info if a business or privately-owned place (name, address, phone, email, etc). Don't worry if you do not have GPS coordinates since we can develop those using geocoding. We may also ask members who live in the area to help provide GPS coordinates (and photos) for points we cannot otherwise pin down.

Using the maps

Each map layer has its own marker color, so all points of that category will have the same color marker. To the right of the map is a group of expandable tables that will open up to list all the points of a category when you click on the + button and close up when you click the - button. (The Family History section is expanded in the map view on the previous page) Each point is numbered sequentially in each category and the markers shown on the map bear those sequential numbers.

While this mapping system will be of great benefit to those attending Reunion 2011, it will remain at the web site as a lasting (and growing) source of information about "things Violette" and can be used by visitors to the area at other times as well.

The present mapping system and its features are only the start; Dave Violette, our WebMaster, will continue to expand the features as well as to add content.



Lands along Grand River in NB granted to Francois and settled by his son, Francois.

SOME PLACES YOU WILL FIND ON THE MAPS

The photos below show just a few of the many features associated with the Violette family that you will be able to locate through our maps.



The Violette House, on Violette Street, has the original log house within the structure.



The Francois Violet monument, erected by the Violette Family Association in 1981 near where he built his grist mill and his house.



The Violette Settlement Cross

WHAT REUNION 2011 WILL OFFER (CONT'D)

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ter idea of what is beckoning you. A for-sure place to visit is the Violette Industrial Building at The Acadian Village. This houses a grist mill similar in design to the one Francois built along Violette Brook in 1791. The building was constructed similar to those of the early period and the grist mill was purchased and moved there. Dick and Alice Violette VFA#100 and 101 made a generous grant to The Acadian Village to permit this to happen, and the building was dedicated in a ceremony in October 2005 attended by several Association members.



A. O. "Dick" Violette VFA#100 at the entrance to the Violette Industrial Building.

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Canadian Passport Fees

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U. S. Passport Type	Applies to	Fee
Passport Book, First time	Adults	\$100
Passport Book, Renewal	Adults	\$75
Passport Card, First time	Adults	\$45
Passport Card for Passport Book holder	Adults	\$20
Passport Book plus Card, First time	Adults	\$120
Passport Book plus Card, Renewal	Adults	\$95
Passport Book plus Card	Under 16	\$105
Passport Card	Under 16	\$35
Passport Book	Under 16	\$85

Canadian Passport Type	Applies to	Fee
Passport Book, First time and Renewal	Adults	\$87
Passport Book, First time and Renewal	3-15 years	\$37
Passport Book, First time and Renewal	Under 3 years	\$22



Nancy Nolette VFA#1702 and Cindy Ault VFA#2571 at Reunion 2008



Joe and Marie LeVasseur VFA#1548 at Reunion 2008

IN MEMORIAM

The following members or spouses have died since the last newsletter:

Name	Date	Place
Rose Mazerolle Violette	8/13/2010	St. Leonard NB
Dorothy Bertrand Violette	8/6/2010	Glenridge ME
Michael Violette	5/13/2010	Edmundston NB
Margaret Violette Meakin	5/12/2010	Pittsfield ME
Ronald Couture	5/6/2010	Roseville MI
Camille Violette	4/29/2010	Biddeford ME
Fern Johnson Violette	3/10/2010	Butte MT
Susan Horning Violette	3/5/2010	West Bend WI
Donald Violette	3/1/2010	San Diego CA
Raymond Violette	2/23/2010	Caribou ME
Flora Violette Philbrick	2/21/2010	Houlton ME
Norma Simard Martin	12/25/2009	New Britain CT
Donalda Violette Dube	11/8/2009	Vernon CT
Jocelyn Violette Chafetz	11/7/2009	Hartford CT
Richard Violette	8/12/2009	Illinois
Philippe Violette	7/1/2009	Gatineau QC
Irene Violette Charette	6/8/2009	Norwalk CT
Alfred Violette	1/24/2009	Van Buren ME
Leslie White Bunnell	12/31/2008	Milford NH

Our Genealogist, Rod Violette, keeps up to date with deaths from notices gleaned from web searches from newspaper obituaries, but that does not cover all our members. We still rely on learning of such events from our members themselves when they let us know someone in their family has passed.



Anne Roy VFA#2046 and Robert Violette display the Grand River flag at Reunion 2008. This flag was adopted by the sister towns of Van Buren ME and St Leonard NB, lying opposite each other on the St John River. Grand River used to encompass both towns until the Ashburton Treaty of 1842 that set the river as the border between the two countries.

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Martin Violette (of Violettes of Virginia), Alice Violette VFA#101, and Dick Violette VFA#100 chatting at Reunion 2008



Paul Bunnell, President, VFA#292 presents Rita Lippe VFA#1 with a letter at Reunion 2008 from the Mayor of Saintes, France in recognition for her genealogical work and retaining Acadian history, and recalling Rita's visit (with others) to Saintes in 1978.

MISSING MEMBERS

We have lost contact with the following members:

Name	City	State	Postal
Marianne White	Chelsea	ME	04330
Barbara L. Berube	Portland	ME	04103
Roberta Adair	Scarborough	ME	04074
Eleanor Walker	Madison	ME	04950
James A. Violette	Fall River	MA	02720
Larry Violette	East Orland	ME	04431
Karen J Sorgen	Lexington	SC	29072
Judy A Trudo	Augusta	ME	04332
Pio Normand Violette	Dundalk	ON	NOC 1G0
Violette C Lacaille	Pierrefonds	QC	H8Z 2Y6
Delmer Violette	Rocky Hill	CT	06067
Erik Violette			
Brandon Robert Violette	Springvale	ME	04083
Wendy Leclair			
Robert Curran			

If you can provide information about these members please contact WebMaster@VioletteFamily.org or write David A. Violette, 207 W Sweetwater Ave, Phoenix AZ 85029 and let us know about their status or how to contact them.



Officers Rod Violette VFA#12, Secretary; Paul Violette VFA#1589, Treasurer; Paul Bunnell VFA#292, President; Chris Lippincott VFA#1058, Vice President; at Business Meeting Reunion 2008.



Helene and Rod Violette VFA#12, Harold and Lucille Violette VFA#839, John Violette VFA#124, and another person at breakfast on Saturday at Reunion 2008.

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A VIOLETTE COAT OF ARMS?

Don't be fooled by claims of a Violette family coat of arms. There is none on register.

There was much discussion at Reunion 2008 about whether such a coat of arms existed and in fact what such a coat of arms should contain.

Nancy Nolette is quite knowledgeable about coats of arms and offered to come up with ideas for an appropriate one for our family and help to get it properly registered.

What do you think our coat of arms should have on it? Let us know via email to Nancy at nolette@fossilworksinc.com. We will publish members' ideas and possible designs in future newsletters.



Marie Purdy VFA#276, Shirley Violette VFA#9, and Rita Lippe VFA#1 in a discussion at Reunion 2008.

WHAT YOU ARE MISSING (IF WE DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU)

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Each newsletter includes, of course, other information about the Association and its activities.

But, we also send out much more frequent eNewsletters to those for whom we have an email address. These eNewsletters provide stories about members and their activities and let members know about news at the Association's web site. The list at the right shows eNewsletters published since the last printed newsletter.

You can read any of the eNewsletters by going to the web site VioletteFamily.org and clicking the Newsletter button. The list will be on that page and you just click on the date link to read the item.

All the more reason for you to be sure we have your email address on file and that you let us know when it changes!!!

Date	Topics
8/8/2010	More on Reunion; Upper St John River Valley map; error correction;
7/11/2010	Reunion Plans developing; Pre-register for Reunion; passport prices changing
6/2/2010	Searching for Dick Violette's family
4/17/2010	Plan for Reunion 2011; Current Passport requirements and fees
1/1/2010	Your Association joins to wish you and Happy New Year
12/24/2009	Merry Christmas to all
8/26/2009	Support the Association with online donations; More Violette cousins on Facebook; 62 new members in Jun-Jul 09; Jean Kelliher finds her Violette roots
7/23/2009	Maj Kendric Robbins appointed White House Fellow; Lt Col Deanna Violette assumes command; So what has Connie Lantagne been doing?; A note from Don Hudenburg
6/13/2009	Newborns, new members
6/7/2009	New eNewsletter format
5/25/2009	Where did Francois settle - Part 2; We value your privacy.
5/16/2009	Member info updates, 131 new members Feb-Apr 2009
3/28/2009	Violette Family Association on Facebook; Where did Francois Violette Settle - Part 1; 79 new members added in Dec 08-Jan 09
2/28/2009	The Upper St John River Valley - a web site - provides a wealth of information; We added 79 new members in the Aug-Nov 2008 period!
2/1/2009	MEMBERS button added at web site; Alfred Violette dies; Dick and Pat Michaud move from UT to Mesa AZ; Alderic "Dick" Violette featured in book on WW II; What is my number?
1/2/2009	Leslie Bunnell dies
12/31/2008	Happy New Year
12/20/2008	Merry Christmas
11/28/2008	Latest newsletter has been sent