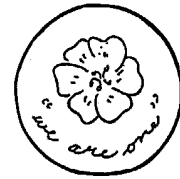


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VIOLETTE FAMILY ASSOCIATION



President's Message

John Violette, Bow, NH

Well, we're now down to the wire. In just about two months the Violette Family Reunion will take place in Edmundston, New Brunswick. August 9, 10, and 11 to be exact. Harold Violette and his committee have been busy pulling this reunion together and I'm sure that those of you who attend will have a great time. Although there are some activities planned, the best thing about attending the reunion is meeting people who are your close or distant relatives who all share the same ancestor - Francois Violette. There is a monument on the banks of Violette Stream in Van Buren, Maine, only twenty five miles away, that commemorates our ancestor and was dedicated at our 1981 reunion in Van Buren. Van Buren as well as St. Leonard, NB, just across the St. John River, and other nearby towns represent the cradle of the Violette Family which is where Francois Violette settled with other Acadians over two centuries ago. Edmundston and Madawaska were also settled by the Acadians and St. Basil, which is next door to Edmundston, was the location of the first parish which served the entire St. John Valley at that time. The reunion committee has a tour planned for Saturday morning for those of you interested in seeing this area. They also plan a stop for lunch at the Acadian Village which is close to Van Buren. If you're interested in taking this tour please sign up for it using the registration form in this newsletter. Harold said that he needs about 40 people to sign up in order to justify the expense of a bus. The cost is reasonable and I think it includes lunch.

If you register early enough you will have a genealogy chart drawn up by our family genealogist, Rod Violette, who lives in California. Rod is expecting to leave for the reunion about a month before. He'll get as many charts done as possible before leaving and the rest he'll do at the reunion if equipment is available.

At each reunion we usually raffle off articles of crafts or other items to help defray some of the expenses of the reunion. If you have something that could be used in this raffle we would certainly appreciate it.

It costs us about \$600 to print and mail this newsletter. If you would like to send us a donation to help defray the expense of printing and mailing that would be appreciated. We have tried to get more people to send us their e-mail address so we could send the newsletter to you on-line. A few of you have responded but not nearly enough. You can e-mail Rita Daley at RTDaley1@prodigy.net so we can add your e-mail to our database. Mail your donation to our treasurer: Louiselle Violette 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, N.H. 03304. We don't have dues so we rely on donations to keep us going. For those of you who have donated in the past, thank you very much.

Harold is still looking for more talent for the program on Friday evening. Contact him if you can help him out. 207-728-4851.

Hope to see many of you at the reunion.

Sincerely,

John Violette
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Please note:

- Edmundston is on Atlantic Daylight Savings Time which is ONE HOUR AHEAD of Eastern Time.
- Directions to Howard Johnson's: Locate the gray stone Cathedral with Two Steeples, if you stand facing it, HoJo's is to your right half a block.

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Violette Family Association Reunion

August 9,10,11, 2002

Registration Form



Registration fees and costs:

Registration Fee for Reunion*:		American	Canadian
	Adults	\$5.00	\$7.00
	Under 12	0.00	0.00
Friday Evening: Cash Bar and hors d'oeuvres		0.00	0.00
Saturday Noon: Trip to Acadian Village and Lunch			
OR	Adults	\$15.00	\$23.00
	Under 12	\$ 7.50	\$11.50
Fraser Paper Tour & Lunch on your own		Free	Free
Saturday Night Banquet---BUFFET	Adults	\$17.00	\$25.00
	Under 12	\$ 8.50	\$12.50
Sunday Morning—BRUNCH	Adults	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
	Under 12	\$ 4.50	\$ 6.50

	Number		U.S.	CAN	Total	
	Under 12	Adult				
Children under 5 FREE						
Sat Noon Lunch Acadian Village						
Fraser Paper Tour in Madawaska			Must be 12 Yrs		Free	Free
Sat Night Buffet Banquet						
Sunday Brunch						
Registration Fee						
Donation To VFA (Optional)						
Total Enclosed					\$	

Make checks payable to: **VFA Reunion**

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____
 E-Mail: _____

Send registration and money to:

U.S.

Harold Violette
110 11th Ave
Madawaska, ME 04756

Canadian

Camille Violette
197 Rue Martin
Edmundston, N.B. E3V 2N6

Please note: At the time of this writing, Howard Johnson's only has 40 rooms left and they will hold them only until JULY 15th. There's a golf tournament going on which is putting pressure on accommodations in the area.

* Registration fee **DOUBLES** after August 1st

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Reunion Accommodations

The Howard Johnson (reunion headquarters) and a few others are offering us a special rate if you register by July 15, 2002. Please mention that you are coming to the Violette Reunion in order to get this special. To get to the reunion, locate the gray stone Cathedral with Two Steeples, if you stand facing it, HoJo's is to your right half a block.

Edmundston/St.Jacques/St.Basile

Howard Johnson (506) 739 7321, Toll Free 800 576 4656 (Reunion Headquarters) 100 Rice St. Edmundston N.B. E3V 1T4 100 Rooms. Price \$95.00 CAN (This special rate must be reserved before August 1, 2002. 1st come 1st served)	Edmundston Motel (506) 736 0080 470 Boulevard Acadie Edmundston N.B. E3V 3K7 Newly constructed. 10 Rooms. Price \$90.00 CAN
Comfort Inn (506) 739 8361, Toll Free 800 424 6423 5 Bateman Ave Edmundston N.B. E3V 3L1 Price \$124.00 CAN	Hotel Republique (506) 735 5525 919 Rue Canada Edmundston N.B. E3V 3X2 Price \$89.00 CAN
Rose Motel (506) 739 9492 (Exit 15 15A) Old Transcanada Highway, St. Jacques E7B 1Y3 Price 1 Bed \$45.00 CAN 2 Beds \$65.00 CAN	Auberge Jardins Inn (506) 739 5514 60 rue Principale St. Jacques E7B 1V7 2 ½ Stars to 4 ½ Stars Prices from \$ 69.00 to 129.00 CAN
Ritz Motel & Aquatic Park (506) 735 4243 (Exit 8) St. Jacques E7B 1V3 www.sn2000.nb.ca/comp/ritz-motel Price \$55.00 to \$65.00 CAN	Days Inn Edmundston (506) 263 0000 10 rue Mathieu St. Basile N.B. E7C 3E1 www.daysinn.com/canada Price \$119.00 CAN

St. Leonard (25 miles from HOJO)

La Petit Auberge Inn (506) 423 7005 223 rue St. Jean St. Leonard N.B. E7E 2C5 Price \$65.00 CAN	Daigle,s Motel Toll Free 1 877 423 6351 68 rue Dupont Street St. Leonard N.B. E7E 1Y1 50 Rooms Price ??? Call
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Grand Falls (35 miles from HOJO)

Auberge Pres du Lac Inn Trans 1 888 473 1300 Canada Highway Grand Falls N.B. E3Z 1G5 www.presdulac.com Price ??? Call	Motel Leo (506) 473 6614 10021 Route 2 St. Andre N.B. E3Y 3H5 www.motelleo.nb.ca Price From \$83.00 to \$123.00 CAN
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Clair (20 miles from HOJO)

Restaurant Maple Leaf & Motel (506) 992 2050 795 Rue Principale Clair N.B. E7A 2H5 E-mail: mleafnbnet.nb.ca Price \$60.00 CAN

Madawaska, Maine (1/4 mile from HOJO)

Blue Sky Hotel (207) 728 7513 300 Main St. Madawaska, ME 04756 Price \$32.00 to \$45.00 U.S.	Gateway Motel (207) 728 7513 735 Main St. Madawaska, ME 04756 www.motelgateway.com Price \$51.90 U.S.
Martin,s Motel (207) 728 3395 93 Main St. Madawaska, ME 04756 E-mail mmotel@nci1.net Price \$ 42.00 to \$49.00 U.S.	

Van Buren, Maine (24 Miles from HOJO)

Brookside Manor (207) 868 5158 278 Main St. Van Buren, ME 04785 Price ??? Call	Colonial Motor Inn (207) 868 5271 193 Main St. Van Buren, ME 04785 Price ??? Call
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St. Agatha, Maine (12 Miles from HOJO)

Long Lake Motor Inn (207) 543 5006 596 Main St. St. Agatha, ME 04772 E-mail: llmi@nci1.net Price \$51.00 U.S.
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Fort Kent, Maine (20 Miles from HOJO)

Northern Door Inn (207) 834 3133 U.S. Route 1 Fort Kent, ME 04743 www.northerndoorinn.com Price \$45.00 U.S.

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Souvenirs of the Reunion

We are pleased to announce that the following items will be on sale at the reunion. What a great way to remember this fun weekend! Contact Harold Violette to order before the reunion to avoid shipping costs after the reunion (plus you can wear it that weekend!).

Purple Golf Shirts: (small, medium, large, XL, XXL. & XXXL)

Embroidered	\$23.00 CAN	\$15.00 US
Stamped	\$21.00 CAN	\$14.00 US

T-Shirts:

Embroidered	\$12.00 CAN	\$8.00 US
Stamped	\$11.00 CAN	\$8.00 US

Caps with Velcro strap:

Embroidered	\$10.00 CAN	\$7.00 US
Stamped	\$8.00 CAN	\$6.00 US

Please contact Harold Violette (Vice President and Chairman of the Reunion Committee) by e-mail HaroldV@norstatefcu.org or by phone 1-207-728-4851 or mail at: Harold Violette 110 11th Ave. Madawaska, ME 04756 with sizes and quantities.

Reunion Schedule

Friday Evening	6:00 p.m. Get together for chitchat and renew acquaintances. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres 8:00 p.m. Entertainment / Violette history of where we came from.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	Bus trip to Acadian Village in Van Buren with LUNCH of chicken stew and PLOYES at the Village. Possible stop at Lille Church, which is in the Register of Historical Places. After Lunch, go through Van Buren with a stop at the Violette Memorial Monument near Violette Brook. Return through St. Leonard and possible stop at St. Basile and back to Edmundston. OR Tour of Fraser Paper mill in Madawaska, Maine. This is where the finished product, paper, is manufactured from fiber's, wood chips, processed in Edmundston and shipped to Madawaska via a pipeline. It can be reached by walking half a mile across the International Bridge or take your own car. After the tour, lunch on your own.
Saturday Evening	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Cash bar 7:00 p.m. - Banquet buffet 8:30 p.m. - Entertainment
Sunday Morning	9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral (Across the Street from the Howard Johnson) 10:30 a.m. BRUNCH at the Howard Johnson

(NOTE: The above times are subject to change)

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Talent Needed

We are looking for some Violette talent to help us with the Friday night entertainment at the reunion. We would like to have a Violette talent show. Please contact Harold Violette (Vice President and Chairman of the Reunion Committee) by e-mail HaroldV@norstatefcu.org or by phone 1-207-728-4851 or mail at: Harold Violette 110 11th Ave. Madawaska, ME 04756

Receive this Newsletter via E-mail



If you are “on-line”, have Microsoft Word 97 (or later) and would like to receive these newsletters via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Rita Daley at rtdaley1@prodigy.net. Also remember to send any e-mail address changes to Rita, as well.

This is our third newsletter with e-mail distribution. Newsletters have been sent electronically to anyone who has given us their e-mail address already. All others are receiving it via regular mail. We are very excited to take this new approach, as it will save on printing and postage costs.

Violette Website



For all you Violette web surfers out there! Keep checking our new family website for news and information. Check us out at: www.VioletteFamily.org. A special thanks to David Violette of Phoenix, AZ at dave@violette.cc for implementing the Violette Family Website.

Family Association and Genealogy



We have enclosed in this Newsletter a Family Group Record Sheet to be filled out for our Violette Family genealogist who has maintained it for a several years. You may contact Rod, if you have any questions.

Rod Violette
1775 Barn Valley Lane
Lincoln, CA 95648-8608
Tel: 1 916 434-8136 Email: rviolette@starstream.net

Request for Photo



We received a note from Helen Cyr inquiring if anyone has a photo at all of her grandmother, Marthe Violette, daughter of Levite Violette. She died at a very young age (approx. 25). Since she does not have any photos of her, this would mean so much to her.

Send any information to: Helene Cyr 1145 Model Ave. Bathurst, NB E2A-2C5 or helenef@nbnet.nb.ca

New Arrival



Anna Grace Violette born December 27, 2001 to # 1589 Paul Lawrence Violette and # 1800 Deanna (Weil) Violette of 120 Butterfield Ave., Watertown, NY 13601-4511. The proud Grandparents are John & Louiselle Violette our President & Treasurer of the Violette Family Association. Congratulations to all!

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Deceased Members

Claudette (Caron) Violette, (#1323) of Newington, CT passed away January 6, 2000. This information was sent in by her daughter Ann Paradis.

Vivian M. (Fuller) Santerre, (#1060) of Scarborough, ME passed away in March 2001.

Neil Lemieux 65, (#134) of S. China, ME passed away October 17, 2001. He leaves his wife of 42 years, Mary.

Norman Violette 83, (#1176) of Lake Worth, FL passed away October 31, 2001. His wife **Eileen (Cody) Violette** (#1177) passed away July 7, 1997. They leave a daughter, Jean-Marie (Violette) Sentell.

Mary Ellen (Foy) Violette 84, (#676) of San Diego, predeceased by her husband Clinton J. Violette (#675). This information was sent in by their son Donald Violette (#1827) of San Diego, CA.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to all our members for the loss of their loved ones.



In Search Of....

Can anyone help us find these members of our family?

# 128 Annette Coriole	Ellicott, MD	# 1112 Blanche Perrier	Lewiston, ME
# 233 Hilda Plourde	Scarborough, ME	# 1128 Audrey Violette	Fredicksburg, VA
# 270 Joseph Violette	Plainville, CT	# 1422 Michael Violette	Newport, RI
# 389 Jeannette Violette	Dexter, ME	# 1480 Margareta Brissette	Manchester, CT
# 425 Theresa Larcombe	Eddington, ME	# 1496 James Violette	East Hartford, CT
# 482 Ruth Bryant	East Winthrop, ME	# 1521 Ronald Couture	Ann Arbor, MI
# 670 Vicki Violette	Long Beach, CA	# 1636 Barbara Locke	Coos Bay, OR
# 728 Stephanie McDonough	Greene, ME	# 1696 Lynn Violette	Quincy, MA
# 756 Jeannette Duym	Blue Hill, ME	# 1780 Douglas Blaisdell	Oakland, ME
# 1055 James Ouellette	Tunbridge, VT	# 1789 Jeanne Sesky	Costa Mesa, CA

Please send any address updates to: Rita Daley 33 Enterprise St. # 2A Duxbury, MA 02332 or E-mail : rtdaley1@prodigy.net Thanks.



Passing the Torch

As many of you know, I have had the honor of serving as the Violette Family Association secretary for the last six years. With another reunion and selection of new club officers right around the corner, I have decided that this will be my last term as secretary. I want to thank all of you who have made this effort fun for me. It has been wonderful to come in contact with so many of my relatives. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as secretary.

I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in filling my shoes to contact our current VFA president, John Violette. Responsibilities include keeping the club's member information database up-to-date and publishing newsletters two or three times a year. Computer skills are a plus (ideally, MS Word, MS Excel and MS Access). It's a great way to get to know our family!

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