

# Violette Family Association

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Newsletter

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## REUNION 2011 PLANS UNDERWAY - REGISTER NOW!

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.

*Even if you pre-registered you must now complete the registration form and send it in with your registration and meal fees.*

### Registering is easy

Go to [www.VioletteFamily.org](http://www.VioletteFamily.org) and click the **Reunion Register** button on the front page.

OR

**Send us** the Registration form (or a copy) included in this newsletter. Mailing address is: David A. Violette, 223 Rainbow Dr #12321, Livingston TX 77399-2023. You can also download the form from the web site.

You must include the registration and meal fees with your registration. Please do not send cash—send check or money order only if by mail.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All Violette's,

We are quickly approaching our next Reunion in Van Buren, Maine, where our ancestors settled in the 1790's. Many members have put in hundreds of hours to create this great family reunion in our historical hometown. Our attendance may be heading for over 250 members so please complete your registration forms and send them in ASAP. Hotels, Motels, B&B, and even Campgrounds are not plentiful so please reserve now. And please always remember that while there are no membership dues for the Violette Family Association, we function on what small amounts we raise from our Reunions and from your kind donations. So please be kind when completing your registration and consider a donation and the purchase of our great quality items (hats, shirts, etc.).

Remember! The Violette Family Association is your organization and without your support, we would disappear. I wish you all well and hope you can attend Reunion 2011. I look forward to seeing and meeting you all.

My Best to all, Paul Bunnell, President.

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**Please be generous with an added donation when you fill out your Reunion registration form!**

**Since we have no dues we depend on donations and what is left from Reunions to cover operating costs.**

## NEXT REUNION LOCATION?

Please consider where our NEXT Reunion should be, in 2014! We need to make that decision at Reunion 2011 and are looking for some members to volunteer to host the Reunion in their area. Hosting a Reunion is mostly doing some local legwork to find a location, organize entertainment and meal providers, and provide support during Reunion. We have experienced people to handle registrations, help with planning, etc. Contact an Officer for more info or email or write the contact on the Registration form on page 6.

**REUNION 2011 TENTATIVE PROGRAM****FRIDAY, August 5, 2011**

*Noon:* Registration starts (American Legion Post 49, 117 Washington Ave, Van Buren ME)

*Noon to 6:00 pm:* Visit with cousins, tour area, view tables and displays

*6:00 pm:* Buffet Supper

*7:00 pm:* Acadian Music

*7:45 pm:* Yvon Cyr, speaker (Acadian/Cajun Genealogy)

*8:15 pm:* Luc Devost, speaker (Acadian Festival the week following)

*8:30 pm:* Anne Roy, speaker (Preview of Acadian Village)

*Maps will be in your registration packets to help in your tours of the area.*

**SATURDAY, August 6, 2011**

*Morning:* Registration continues

*9:00 am:* Association Business Meeting and Voting (Acadian Village)

*10:00 am ±:* Self-guided tours of Acadian Village, St John River Valley

*Noon:* Acadian Traditional Foods (Acadian Village)

*2:00 pm:* Vendors and Displays: (same as Friday)

*6:00 pm:* Buffet Supper

*6:45 pm:* Acadian Music

*7:30 pm:* Introduction of new officers, Association announcements

*8:00 pm:* Nancy Nolette, speaker (Violette Coat of Arms)

*8:15 pm:* Guy Dubay, Rod Violette, David Violette, speakers (A Violette History book)

*8:30 pm:* Lise Pelletier, keynote speaker (topic to be determined)

*9:15 pm:* Raffle results

**SUNDAY, August 7, 2011**

*8:00 am:* Breakfast at Legion Hall

*10:00 am:* Mass at St Bruno Church, Van Buren (It is the saint's day for Our Lady of the Assumption, patron saint of the Acadians)

Farewells and Departure

**NEW MEMBERS**

The Violette Family Association has grown tremendously since Reunion 2008. The latest VFA # assigned was 2833, which means that **728** members have been added since August 2008!

If a member of your family is not a member of the Association please encourage them to join or let us know so we can enroll them. No cost to join.

**IMPORTANCE OF DONATIONS**

Please consider adding a donation in your Reunion Registration. The Association does not charge dues and so the only income to cover expenses comes from Reunions and donations. Reunion 2008 brought in \$8,999 but with Reunion expenses of \$6,922 that left only \$2,077 to operate with over the next three years. Our major expense is our newsletters, which cost approximately \$750 each to publish and mail, so four newsletters cost about \$3,000—about \$1,000 more that was left from Reunion 2008. We depend on donations to make up the gap.



While in Van Buren for Reunion 2011 you can visit Violette Brook, where François built the first grist mill in the 1790s.

WEB SITE MAP SHOWING POINTS OF VIOLETTE INTEREST IS UPDATED

We have updated the map function associated with the Reunion page at our web site—VioletteFamily.org. Click the **Reunions** button and at that page click the **Map of Reunion Area** button. 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. 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 show you places around the region that have a relationship to the Violette family. You can use that map to explore the places that were important to our ancestors. 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 where available to show you what you will find there.

*You will receive copies of these maps in your registration package at the Reunion and copies will also be available for download from the web site.*

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.


CURRENT MAP POINT LAYERS

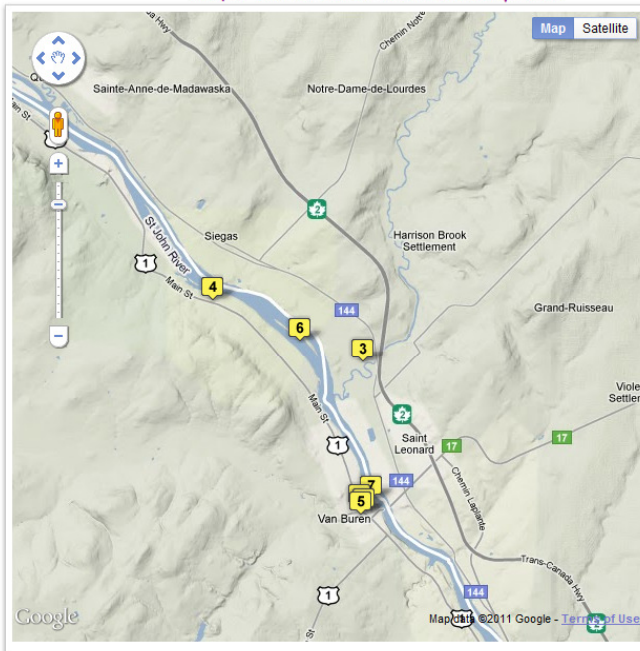
At this time the map layers are:

- Reunion-oriented
- Family history
- Area places and features
- General interest
- Grave sites
- Motels, Motels, B&B
- Campgrounds and RV parks

We may add more as needed.

Violette Family Reunion 2011 Maps

Markers such as  indicate clusters of places; the number shows how many. Zoom in to see the individual places.



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.

*Our map system will be undergoing constant updates in data and functions over the next few months, so return often to get the latest info!*

Determine Which Group(s) of Points To Show

Click a  button to list the points in that group

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Reunion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Family History
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Monument placed by the Violette Family Association in 1981 to honor Francois Violette Coords: 47.158489/-67.938431
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	The present-day location of the house Coords: 47.159271/-67.939842
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Francois had lands along the Grand River Coords: 47.191704/-67.938896
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Settlement crosses were erected at or near where the family first landed along the river. The Violette Settlement Cross is now located across the highway from The Acadian Village but was moved there from further upstream. Coords: 47.205629/-67.987744
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Francois Violette chose Lot 301 probably because it had a stream running through it, and he built a grist mill on that stream using the stream for water power. Coords: 47.15781/-67.939392
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	The Three Islands became part of Francois' holdings Coords: 47.196419/-67.959366
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	The Violette House was originally built as a log house at this location but was moved to its current location Coords: 47.161318/-67.936096
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Area Places and Features
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	General Interest
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Grave Sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Motels, Hotels, B&B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	Campgrounds and RV Parks



**BOOK PROJECT: A VIOLETTE HISTORY**

As reported in our previous newsletter, a book project is underway to tell the history of our Violette family. The book traces our history starting with Charles Violet, born 1716 in Villejésus, France. Charles came to Louisbourg, in what is now Nova Scotia, in 1749 with his wife and children and spent the next eight years there before returning to France. His son François, our ancestor, stayed behind and began the family in North America. The chapters published to date tell those stories and takes François from Louisbourg, Île Royale, to the Hammond River, in the lower St John River Area.

The book is being published a chapter at a time, and members who keep their email address on file with the Association receive electronic notification for each chapter so they can download the chapter to read, print, and file.

However, all chapters are available at the Association's web site at any time. Go to [www.VioletteFamily.org](http://www.VioletteFamily.org) and click the **Family Hist** button to see the current list and do the downloads. Chapters available at this time from the web site include:

- Chapter 1: Charles Violet Born in Villejésus
- Chapter 2: Charles Marries, François Violet Born in Saintes
- Chapter 3: Charles and Marie Move Family to Rochefort
- Chapter 4: Charles and Marie Set Sail from La Rochelle
- Chapter 5: In the New World at Louisbourg
- Chapter 6: History of the Violette Family, Rita Violette Lippé
- Chapter 7: The Violette Family, Part 1, Maurice Violette
- Chapter 8: The Violette Family, Part 2, Maurice Violette
- Chapter 9: Charles Back to France
- Chapter 10: Some Legends About François
- Chapter 11: François Leaves Île Royale

*Members whose email address is on file with us will receive notice each time a new chapter is added at the web site. Otherwise you will have to wait to be notified in the next printed newsletter, and only about four printed newsletters are published in the three-year period between Reunions.*

The chapters are printed as drafts at first, and we encourage our members to proofread them and to offer comments, additions, or criticisms of the content. Each chapter will be published in final form after an appropriate period without additional comments.

**SOMETHING...**

François cleared and farmed this land along the Hammond River from around 1760 to 1789. Read about it in the upcoming Chapter 12 of the *A Violette History* book.

**MAPPING AVAILABLE TO SUPPLEMENT HISTORY BOOK**

To see where the places are located that are described in the history book, click the Family Hist button on any page of the [VioletteFamily.org](http://VioletteFamily.org) web site and look for the link to the History Maps.

The maps are organized around geographical regions and, as Google Maps, allow you to zoom in or out and move around the regions.

**MISSING MEMBERS**

Can you help us find any of the following members? We have no mailing address, phone, or email for them. The city shown below is the last place we had for them.

- Lawrence Fontaine, Irvine CA
- Blanche Crabb, Pebble Beach CA
- Roberta Adair, Scarborough ME
- Eleanor Walker, Madison ME
- James A. Violette, Fall River MA
- Larry Violette, East Orland ME
- Conrad Violette, Edmundston NB
- Karen J Sorgen, Lexington SC
- Violette C Lacaille, Pierrefonds QC
- Delmer Violette, Rocky Hill CT

**REUNION 2011 LODGING**

The table below shows the lodging places and information as of January 2011, so check with the place for latest information. For location check the Reunion Area map at the web site. See map info on page 3.

<b>Hotel, Motel Name</b>	<b>City, State/Prov</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Web</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Van Buren Hotel	Van Buren ME	207-868-7780		50
Deans Motor Lodge	Portage Lake ME	207-435-3701	deansmotorlodge.com	80
Martins Motel	Madawaska ME	866-294-9274	martinsmotel.org	58+
Eagle Lake Sporting Camps	Eagle Lake ME	207-444-5108		38-45 RV
Overlook Motel	Eagle Lake ME	207-444-4535		62-76+
Northern Door Inn	Fort Kent ME	866-834-3133	northerndoorinn.com	84
Daigles Motel	St Leonard NB	506-423-6351	daiglemotel.com	
Aroostook Hospitality Inn	Van Buren ME	207-484-6200		69
Brookside Manor Hotel	Van Buren ME	207-868-5158		
Hill Top Motel	Grand Falls NB	506-473-2684		
Russells Motel	Caribou ME	207-498-2567		61
Quality Inn	Edmundston NB	506-735-5525	choic-hotels.ca	130+
Crown Park Inn	Caribou ME	207-493-3311	crownparkinn.net	90
Blaine Country Cabins	Blaine ME	207-429-8017		100+
Hampton Inn	Presque Isle ME	207-760-9292	hamptoninn.hilton.com	139+
Maple Tourist Home B&B	Grand Falls NB	506-473-1763		90
Caribou Inn & Convention Center	Caribou ME	800-245-0466	caribouinn.com	109-119+
Perth-Andover Motor Inn	Carlingford NB	506-273-2224	perth-andovermotorinn.com	90-104+
Fort Road Motel	Perth-Andover NB	506-273-3755		69-84+
The Castle Inn	Perth-Andover NB	877-274-9495	castleinn.ca	119+
Auberge Evasion De Reves	Saint-Quentin NB	866-443-7383	aubergeevasion.com	110+
Gateway Motel	Madawaska ME	207-728-3318		69
Best Western Grand Sault Hotel	Grand Falls NB	506-473-6200	bestwesternatlantic.com	165+
Days Inn Edmundston	Edmundston NB	506-263-0000	daysinnedmundston.com	135-145
Comfort Inn	Edmundston NB	506-739-8361	choic-hotels.	50
Best Western	Edmundston NB	506-739-0000	bestwesternatlantic.	160
Long Lake Motor Inn	St. Agatha ME	207-543-5006	stagatha.com/longlake	65+
Maple Leaf Motel & Camping	St Leonard NB	506-423-6666		55
Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre	Edmundston NB	506-739-7321	choic-hotels.	112-293
Budget Traveler Motor Lodge	Presque Isle ME	800-958-0111		64-75
Blue Sky Motel	Madawaska ME	207-728-6567		45
Auberge Les Jardin Inn	Saint-Jacques NB	800-630-8011	lesjardinsinn.com	139+
La Roma Motel	Saint-Basile NB	506-735-3305		75-92
Northeastland Hotel	Presque Isle ME	800-244-5321	northeastlandhotel.com	97-103+
Presque Isle Inn and Conv Center	Presque Isle ME	800-533-3971	presqueisleinn.com	89+
Rose Motel & Cabins	Edmundston NB	506-739-9492		
<b>Campground, RV Park Name</b>	<b>City, State/Prov</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Web</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Rapid Brook Camp Ground	Grand Falls NB	506-473-1036		
Camping St Leonard	St Leonard NB	506-423-6536		17-25
Grande Riviere Camping	St Leonard NB	506-423-6292		17-25
Camp'g Paradis de la Ptite Montagne	Grand Falls NB	506-473-6683		24-28
Mulherins Campground	Grand Falls NB	506-473-3050		23-27
Camping St Basile	St Basile NB	506-263-1183		23
Lakeview Rest. & Camping Resort	St. Agatha ME	207-543-6331	lakeviewrestaurant.biz	28, 186 w
Long Lake Camping RV	Sinclair ME	207-543-7563		22+
Maple Leaf Motel & Camping	St Leonard NB	506-423-6666		27
Panoramic Camping 1986	Saint-Jacques NB	506-739-6544		32+ RV
Riverside Iroquois RV Park	St Basile NB	506-739-9060		30



**REUNION 2011 REGISTRATION—CLOTHING ORDER**

**This form must be received by July 1st to order Screen Printed T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and Polo (Golf) shirts. Hats are embroidered only.**

**ALL SHIRTS ARE PURPLE WITH WHITE LOGO.**

If you want embroidering instead of screen printing add \$6.00 for each article of clothing.

\* Add \$1.50 for 2XLarge items, \$2.25 for 3XLarge items, \$3.00 for 4XLarge items.

Address to send clothing orders and payments:

John Violette, 12 Woodland Circle, Bow NH 03304.

Make checks payable to John Violette.

Items to be picked up at Reunion 2011.

Call John at 603+512-4292 if questions or email him at JohninBow@gmail.com

Insert number of items in each size you want in the form below

Merchandise	Price Each	Small	Medium	Large	XLarge	2XLarge*	3XLarge*	4XLarge*	Total Cost, \$US
T-Shirt—Adult	\$10.00								\$
T-Shirt—Youth	\$9.00								\$
Polo (golf) Shirt—Adult	\$14.00								\$
Polo Shirt with Pocket—Adult	\$15.00								\$
Sweatshirt—Adult	\$17.00								\$
Sweatshirt—Youth	\$16.00								\$
Hat (6-panel embroidery included)	\$17.00								\$
<b>TOTAL COST OF ORDER</b>									\$

**Person Making This Order**

Name					VFA #	
Address						
City		State/Prov		ZIP/Postal Code		
Phone		Email				
Other						



**REUNION 2011 REGISTRATION—EVENT AND MEALS**

The Violette Family Association does not charge annual dues but depends on donations and proceeds from the triennial Reunions to provide operating funds. Your Reunion registration fee goes to cover Reunion expenses, and what is left over funds operations for the next three years. Please send your registration and meal fees with your registration form.

Address to REGISTER for Reunion:  
 David A. Violette  
 223 Rainbow Drive #12321  
 Livingston TX 77399-2023  
 Phone: 602-803-5615  
 Email: WebMaster@VioletteFamily.org  
 Make checks payable to Violette Family Association

**DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS; JULY 10, 2011**

Registration: Adult—\$10, Child under 12—\$6  
 Friday Dinner: Adult—\$10, Child under 12—\$6  
 Saturday Dinner: Adult—\$15, Child under 12—\$9  
 Sunday Brunch: Adult—\$5, Child under 12—\$5

Check appropriate boxes below if person is registering for that item

Name of person	VFA Member number	First name or nickname to show on badge (Also give city, state if different from person responsible)	Age (if under 12)	Registration	Friday Dinner	Saturday Dinner	Sunday Brunch	Total Amount
								\$
								\$
								\$
								\$
								\$
								\$
Special Donation (not tax-deductible)								\$
<b>Total registration, meals, and donation</b>								<b>\$</b>

**Person Responsible For This Registration**

Name					VFA #	
Address						
City		State/Prov		ZIP/Postal Code		
Phone		Email				
Other						



REUNION 2011 REGISTRATION—DONATIONS AND SHARING

One way in which we raise money for Association operations is through donated items to be raffled off at the Reunions. We invite our members to donate items for the benefit of the Association. Please bring your donations to the Reunion or arrange to have another member bring them to the Reunion.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

What is being donated?	Number of Items	Name and VFA# of person making the donation, or for whom the donation is made

Please describe any other donation or sharing you wish to make at or for Reunion 2011


Other notes or comments about Reunion 2011 or your registration

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