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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.

Based on pre-registration counts we have selected the American Legion Hall, 117 Washington Ave in Van Buren to hold Reunion events. Thanks to all who pre-registered!

Registering is easy

Go to 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—check or money order only if by mail. If you register online at the web site you can pay by credit or debit card by using our secure PayPal link. We do not store any of your personal information when you pay this way.

A VIOLETTE HISTORY – BOOK PROJECT UNDERWAY

As promised at Reunion 2008, the project to produce a book of our family history is underway, with a goal of "completion" before Reunion 2011. The team producing this work consists of Guy Dubay VFA#892, Madawaska ME, historian; Rod Violette VFA#12, Lincoln CA, our Secretary/ Genealogist; and Dave Violette VFA#621, somewhere USA, our Web-Master and Newsletter Editor. The plan is to document activities of the first four generations on the North American continent, covering maybe the 200 years from the birth of Charles Violet in 1716 through the lives of his son François' grandchildren in the early 1900s. A list of chapters currently available is shown in the sidebar on page 2.

The book will be made available to members chapter-by-chapter as the chapters are completed. Members will be notified by email as they come out and chapters will be available for download from the Association web site, www.VioletteFamily.org, at no charge. Click the Family Hist button at the top of any page to see current chapters at any time and download them. Members who do not have web access can order the chapters by subscription and each chapter will be mailed as it is issued.

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If you received this newsletter by mail you can get a color version at our web site—VioletteFamily.org. But if you give us your email address you will *always* receive the color version and save us money as well!

SAVE THE DATE!

August 5-7, 2011

Reunion 2011

Van Buren ME

Please register now to let us know how many to expect. See page 7 or go to

www.VioletteFamily.org

REUNION 2011 PROGRAM

Our Reunion 2011 will follow a pattern similar to that of recent Reunions.

FRIDAY, August 5, 2011

Noon: Registration starts (American Legion Post 49,

Vendors and Displays: Yvon Cyr (Acadian/Cajun Genealogy), Luc Devost (Preview of Acadian Festival following week in Madawaska), Anne Roy (Preview of The Acadian Village), Guy Dubay/David Violette/Rod Violette (the Violette History book), John Violette (Violette-branded items), Rod Violette (Violette genealogy), Paul Bunnell (Canadian/French/Metis Indian Genealogy)

Evening: Buffet Supper, Speakers (to be announced)

SATURDAY, August 6, 2011

Morning: Registration continues, Association Business Meeting and Voting (Acadian Village; 9:00 AM), Self-guided touring of Upper St John River Valley, Acadian Village Tour

Vendors and Displays: (same as Friday)

Noon: Acadian Traditional Foods (Acadian Village)

Evening: Buffet Supper, Introduction of New Officers, Speakers (Guy Dubay, Dave Violette, Rod Violette: Update on Book Project; Nancy Nollette: Violette Coat of Arms; Other: to be announced), Entertainment (to be announced), Raffle Results

SUNDAY, August 7, 2011

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

Breakfast, Farewells and Departure

A VIOLETTE HISTORY – BOOK PROJECT UNDERWAY (cont'd)

The subscription basis will be announced in the next newsletter, in about May 2011.

The total number of chapters is not set yet, nor is the specific content of upcoming chapters. While most of the text is being written by the three collaborators, they are also drawing from previously-published material by Maurice Violette VFA#13 and Rita Violette Lippé VFA#1 as well as material published in Portland newspapers by Bill Caldwell.

DO YOU HAVE A PERFORMANCE TALENT?

We invite you to share your talent with us during one of our evening programs. Acadian-oriented performances would be especially pertinent for this reunion event.

Whom to contact if you wish to share with us:

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 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.

BOOK CHAPTERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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

(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 for a newsletter to be notified.)

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

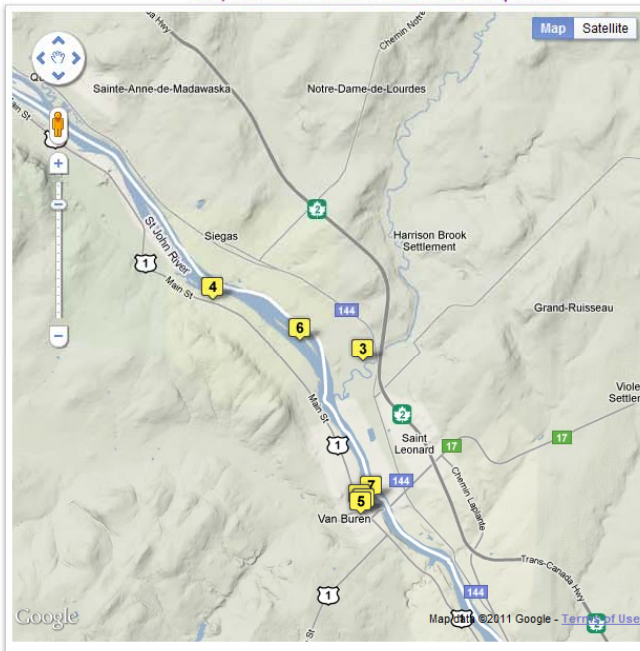
At this time the map layers are:

- 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 type="checkbox"/> 0	Area Places and Features
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	General Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	Grave Sites
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	Motels, Hotels, B&B
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	Campgrounds and RV Parks

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

Canadian Passport Fees

For Canadians living in Canada the following table shows our understanding of the fee schedule: do not rely on this table but verify the actual fees with Passport Canada. This information came from their web site at www.ppt.gc.ca/cdn/form.aspx?lang=eng®ion=Canada.

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

POEM BY A YOUNG MEMBER

American Flag

Can you see the flag
 With colors
 Red, white and blue?
 Can you see the flag
 Faithful and true?
 Hold your hand to your heart and
 remember
 Our brave start
 Think of a soldier everyday
 When you run and play.
 When you're in bed all safe and
 sound
 Think of the soldiers
 Sleeping on the ground.
 Pray for them with all your might
 That they will have sweet dreams
 tonight.
 By: Katie Grace

(Kaitlin Grace Violette, VFA #2398, age 10 years. Daughter of Elizabeth and Gregory Violette, VFA #1833, submitted by Grandparents Helene and Rod Violette, VFA#12))

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
 Barbara L. Berube, Portland ME
 Roberta Adair, Scarborough ME
 Eleanor Walker, Madison ME
 James A. Violette, Fall River MA
 Larry Violette, East Orland ME
 Karen J Sorgen, Lexington SC
 Violette C Lacaille, Pierrefonds QC
 Delmer Violette, Rocky Hill CT
 Erik Violette
 Patricia Violette, Augusta ME
 Paul Dubay

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.

Hotel, Motel Name	City, State/Prov	Phone	Web	Rate
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		
Campground, RV Park Name	City, State/Prov	Phone	Web	Rate
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:

(please send after Apr 15th)

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								\$
TOTAL COST OF ORDER									\$

Person Making This Order

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

Violette Family Association



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Reunion 2011 Registration

August 5-7, 2011, Van Buren ME

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 1, 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)								\$
Total registration, meals, and donation								\$

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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