

President's Message - May 2005

Well, here we are just a little more than two months away from the Violette Family Reunion. I hope you all got the word that the reunion date had been changed to July 22, 23 & 24th. The staff at the Town & Country Motor Inn is anxiously awaiting our arrival and they will do everything they can to make our stay there as comfortable as possible. Gorham is a picturesque little town nestled in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on the northern edge of the White Mountain National Forest. Within a few miles of this location are a number of attractions which are sure to interest you. Some of these are: Santa's Village, Six Gun City, Heritage New Hampshire, Storyland, Conway Scenic Railroad, Mount Washington Auto Road, Wildcat Gondolas, Androscoggin Valley Country Club, Outlet Stores and more. We are also arranging for a tour of the paper mill in Berlin for those of you who would like to see how paper is made.

What makes the reunion successful, however, are the people who attend. That means you. After all, we are all descendants of Francois Violette so we are all cousins from near and far. Some of you will be coming for the first time while others have been to all the reunions that have taken place since our very first one in 1978. It's always nice to see everyone. We have learned a few more things about our ancestors since the last time we met and we will share some of these things with you.

All the activities at the Town & Country will take place in the banquet room which has been reserved for us for the week end. It is wheel chair accessible. We will have an opportunity to get together starting Friday afternoon with registration. We'll have tables set up for displays so if you wish to bring pictures or a picture album of your family this would give you an opportunity to share this with others. We will also be selling articles of clothing such as hats and shirts. If you can, bring an article to be raffled off to help us defray expenses.

We are planning a dinner Friday evening followed a little while later with entertainment. This will be a presentation by a man who spent most of his career working on top of Mount

Washington and he will share his experiences with us using the many pictures he took over the years. Some of you may have seen Marty Ehngstrom over the years on Channel 8 TV and you'll certainly recognize his 'downeast' twang so this will be your opportunity to see him in person.

On Saturday we will have our hospitality room open for those of you who would like to get together. Others may want to take advantage of the Town & Country facilities which has an inside swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, health club, game room, etc. There will be some free time for those of you who would like to enjoy a game of golf or take advantage of some of the attractions mentioned above. We are planning to have a business meeting in late afternoon and of course we will have our banquet on Saturday evening which will be followed by a dance. The banquet will be a sit down dinner so you have to indicate your choice of entree on the registration form. Something new we are planning for this year, if there is enough interest, is to provide a baby sitting service on Saturday night.

Sunday morning we are planning to have a mass on the premises and after the mass there will be a buffet breakfast. Then it will be time to head for home or for those of you wishing to stay longer you will be able to again take advantage of the local attractions that this part of New Hampshire has to offer.

So now it's your turn. We have provided a registration sheet and a clothing order form elsewhere in this newsletter that you need to fill out and return. PLEASE fill it out and return it as early as you can but certainly by June 20th. **Help us and yourselves by returning the registration sheet and order form as early as you can.** Please don't plan on registering on the day you arrive. ***Call the Town & Country at 800-325-4386 or 603-466-3315 to reserve your room. Once they're gone, that's it!***

We're going to have a great reunion and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

John

IN SEARCH OF

We have lost contact with the members listed below. If you know of their whereabouts, please let Rod Violette know as soon as possible.

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April 2005

MBR#	Name	Last Address
165	Northam Hyland	Waterford, CT
259	Dennis Violette	Rehoboth, MA
417	Michael Labbe	Augusta, ME
435	Lawrence Violette	Lisbon Falls, ME
468	John Violette Sr.	Lewiston, ME
547	Paul Fontaine	San Francisco, CA
548	Donald Nash	Buckfield, ME
551	Elizabeth Betit	Augusta, ME
631	Francine Michaud	Montreal, Que
679	Richard Violette	West Hartford, CT
764	Felix Letalien	N. Adams, MA
850	Addie Wentworth	Augusta, ME
895	Cecile Violette	Lewiston, ME
966	Allen Ouellette	Washington, DC
970	Judy Desjardins	Harpswell, ME
973	Dorothy Ouellette	Van Buren, ME
1055	James Ouellette	Turnbridge, VT
1133	Donald Violette	LaValtrie, Que
1140	Ferdinand Bellarance	Notre Dame du Lac, Que
1157	Ernest Violette	Sturgeon Falls, ON
1180	Lionel Violette	Lake Havasu City, AZ
1230	Mary Larsen Violette	E. Hartford, CT
1274	Regina Violette	West Hartford, CT
1294	Pauline Zarube	Westminster, MD
1371	Jocelyn Battige	Saco, ME
1516	Karyn Metcalf	Hollis, NH
1609	Alice Anibas	Arkansas, WI
1611	Carmella Desjardins	N. D. de Lourdes, NB
1650	Patricia Violette	Augusta, ME
1683	Craig O'Bryant	Claremont, NH
1709	Heidi Robbins	Hanscom AFB, MA
1718	Norbert Violette	Germany
1725	Michael Michaud	Windsor, CT
1728	David Bendell	Newcastle, OK
1742	Laura Foley	Carmel, IN
1790	Susan Violette	Farmington, CT
1814	Michelline Violette	Hamilton, Ont
1819	Gaetan Violette	Edmonton, Alta

MBR#	Name	Last Address
1823	Daniel Violette	Georgetown, Ont
1824	Brigitte Violette	Ottawa, Ont
1939	David Noel Violette	Middleton, WI
1959	Tiffany Shaban	???
1985	Lisa Clement	???
1987	Donna Levesque	???
2003	J. Violette	Boise, ID
2014	Rachel Violette	b. 9 Jan 1959
2015	Robert Violette	Whitinsville, MA
2017	Robert Violette	Cookeville, TN

Hammond River Lots #14 and #15

Ever since Rita published "The Descendants of Francois Violet", I have been interested in Lot # 14 and #15 in the Kennebecassis region that she describes in her book. The lots in question are in fact on the Hammond River sometimes referred to as the Little Kennebecasis. The land is now known as NB Property Identifier # 196626 in Hampton Parish.

Prior to the reunion in 2002, I had made a trip to the region and located the lot described in Rita's book. I took some photos and spoke to the current owners. I did not have the time to research the history of the property myself but a friend, Florine Theriault, who lives in Fredericton undertook to do the research for me, for which I will be eternally grateful.

After persistently following many leads to dead ends, she finally contacted someone who gave her the answers we were looking for.

I believe this to be the facts concerning lot 14 and 15 mentioned in Rita's book.

Lot #14, consisting of 210 acres was granted to Francois by the "Widow Sahah Hunt and Others" land grant of 12 April 1787.

On 15 January 1790, Francois signed a contract to buy Lot # 15 from Henry Darling for 100 pounds. However, records show that Lot # 15 was never deeded to Francois. He must have had a change of heart and decided to move his family to the Madawaska region.

On 4 February 1790, Francois sold Lot # 14 to John Ford for 100 pounds.

On 27 April, 1791 Henry Darling then sold the north half of Lot # 15 to John Ford, and the south half to Andrew Sherwood for 30 pounds, 10 shillings.

In 1982, the parcel was subdivided for the use of Mr. Joseph Steele and the rest belongs to Meadow Brook Farms Ltd. whose directors are members of the Steele family. A portion was expropriated in 1990 for the construction of Highway #1 between St. John and Moncton, NB.

Deceased Violette Family Members

Phoebe St. Pierre Violette, MBR# 574 wife of Philippe Phil Violette of Rocky Hill, CT passed away 6 March 2005 at the age of 90. She was the sister-in-law of our Vice-President Marlene Waterhouse Violette. Phoebe was the oldest member present at the last reunion.

Lorraine Poulin Violette, wife of Gilbert Violette and sister-in-law of Marlene Waterhouse Violette passed away 20 March 2005 after a long illness.

Robert O. Violette MBR# 744 passed away 12 June 2004 at age 63 in St. Petersburg, FL. He was the brother of MBR# 746 Claudette Violette.

Michael Silbo, MBR# 773, husband of MBR# 772 Viola Violette Silvo passed away 3 Aug. 2003 in Southington, CT.

Ann Cyr Hudenburg MBR# 322 of Fairfax, VA wife of MBR # 1303 Col. Don Hudenburg, passed away 17 Aug. 2004 at age 65.

Marlene Hudenburg Gordon, sister of Col. Don Hudenburg and wife of Lt. Col. Phil Gordon passed away 27 Oct. 2004 at Portland, ME
Both Ann and Marlene are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Gabriel Vincent Violette, MBR# 981 passed away on 17 May 2004 at the age of 76 after a long hospital stay in Fort Kent, ME. He is survived by Geraldine Corriveau Violette, his wife of 55 years, his daughter Lea Marie Violette Ouellette, and son Michael.

Donald Ned Fongemie MBR# 1887 died on 3 Feb. 2005. He leaves behind his wife Laura MBR# 1888 and brothers Rodney and Victor MBR# 1889.

Yvonne Violette Lane, sister of Gordon Violette MBR# 33 passed away 22 April 2005 in North Andover, MA at the age of 97.

Jeremie Yvon Fournier, son of MBR# 1792 Helene and Yvon Fournier, died 15 Sept., 2004 at age 19 as the result of a motorcycle accident. A website has been set up to honor his memory at http://members.fortunecity.com/fantasy_girl/jeremie.html

Violette Family Association Reunion

Registration Form

Registration Fees and Costs:

*Registration form must
be returned no later
than June 20th.*

1st.

Registration for Reunion:

Adult _____ \$ 5.00
 Child (under 12) ___ \$ 2.00

Meal costs (Includes full meal, tax and gratuity and entertainment):

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children (under 12)</u>
Spaghetti Buffet	\$12.00	\$8.00
Banquet	\$20.00	\$8.00

(Banquet Adult Choices: Broiled Fresh Haddock
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Grilled Virginia Ham

(Banquet Child's meal :
 Chicken Finger Dinner

(Spaghetti Buffet includes: spaghetti, bread, salad, chicken wings, dessert and more.)

Would you need
Babysitting
Service?

 Yes No
 See back of this page
 For more information.

Name (Note if under 12)	Reg. Fee	Spaghetti Buffet	Banquet	Dinner Choice	Total Registration \$ per person

Total Enclosed

\$ _____

Checks payable to the Violette Association

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Send registration and money to:

Louiselle Violette, Violette Association, 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, NH, 03304

- I will bring an item for the raffle: _____ (*Thank You!*)
- I will bring photos for display.

Violette Family Association

Use this form to order Screen printed T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo (Golf) shirts and Hats.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20th IN ORDER FOR THE MERCHANDISE TO ARRIVE ON TIME

Merchandise	Price	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large \$1.00 extra	XXX-L \$2.00 extra	Total
T-Shirts - Adult	\$ 8.00							
T-Shirts - Youth	\$ 7.00							
Polo (Golf) Shirts-Adult	\$ 13.00							
Sweatshirts - Adult	\$ 16.00							
Sweatshirts - Youth	\$ 15.00							
Hats - Adult	\$ 8.00							
Hats - Youth	\$ 8.00							
<i>(If you want embroidered instead of screen printing add \$5.00 for each article.)</i>								
Total Money enclosed								

BABY SITTING

We are trying to provide a baby sitting service on Saturday night of the reunion if there is enough interest. Saturday night they would have a pizza party and the children would be entertained. We are planning on getting a few experienced high school girls to help us with this task. (They also work at The Town & Country). We will only do this if we have enough children to make it worthwhile. Please fill out the following form if you think you could utilize this service. There will a reasonable fee charged for this service.

Number of children to baby sit Saturday night -	Ages -
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Room Rates:

The room rates at the Town & Country are as follows: \$82.00 per night double occupancy, \$6.00 per additional adult, plus tax. Children twelve and under are free. Room rates Sunday to Thursday are \$10.00 less.

Please remember to call the Town & Country for your room reservation at 1-800-325-4386 or 603-466-3315 before the June 20th deadline. Tell them you are with the Violette Reunion.