

# Violette Family Association

## “we are one”

### President's Message

#### Important Message

**To:** All Violette Family Association Members  
**From:** John Violette  
**Subject:** Change of Date, 2005 Violette Family Reunion

Due to circumstances beyond our control we had to change the date of the next Violette Family Reunion to July 22, 23, 24 2005. The reunion will still be held at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham/Shelburne, New Hampshire.

We have 100 rooms blocked off under the name of the Violette Association and you can make your room reservation by calling 1-800-325-4386 or 603-466-3315. Be sure to let them know that you are with the Violette Family Association. The room rate is \$82 per night plus tax double occupancy and \$6 per additional adult. Kids under 12 are free. The room rate immediately before and after the reunion, (Sunday through Thursday) will be \$72 plus tax. The function room we'll be using during the weekend is wheelchair accessible as are the first floor rooms at the Motor Inn.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this change of date may cause anyone. Please inform other family members that the date of the reunion has changed so everyone will get

the word in time. We already informed our members who are on the internet provided we had their correct e-mail address. If you changed your internet provider and/or have a different e-mail address be sure to let Rod know so he can update his e-mail listing.

The planning for the 2005 reunion is going very well. Registration will start Friday around noon. We're planning a spaghetti dinner that night so we can all be together. We'll have evening entertainment as well. Saturday and Sunday mornings we'll have a buffet breakfast and of course Saturday evening we'll have our banquet followed by music and dancing. During the day on Saturday we're planning some free time so you can do what you please. There will be a few planned activities if you want to participate or you can stay at the motor inn and enjoy what they have to offer such as the swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and exercise room. There is golf across the road, gondola up Wildcat, go up Mt. Washington, visit Six Gun City, Santa's Village, Story Land or Heritage N.H., to name a few. The main thing about the reunion, though, is the people who attend. That means YOU. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

John



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## New Violette Family Arrivals

Your secretary Rod MBR# 12 and his wife Helene (McKinnon) Violette have been twice blessed this year.

Their son Marc MBR# 1831 and his wife Trisha (Houston) Violette had a son, Joshua, born on May 12, 2004.

Gregory MBR# 1833 and Elizabeth (Comer) Violette have adopted Carolina, a beautiful little girl born on September 21, 2003 in Guatemala.



## Deceased Violette Family Members

**#1007 Maurice Fongemie** passed away on June 02, 2004 in Florida. He was the son of Xavier and Melvina Fongemie

**#205 Esther M. A. Turbie-Bradbury** passed away on June 11, 2004 at the Devereux House in Marblehead, MA., at the age of 83. She was the wife of the late Richard S. Bradbury and Edmond O. Turbie. She was born on Jan. 7, 1921 in Van Buren, ME. and was the daughter of the late George and Melvina (Canton) Violette. She moved to Salem, MA. from Lewiston, Maine in the early 1940's. She is survived by Gerald E. and Lois Turbie of Billerica, MA.; a stepson and his wife, Trent and Robin Bradbury of Wales, MA., a brother and his wife, Raymond and Aurore Violette of Hartford, CT., and a sister, Odette Filippone of Revere, MA.

**Robert "Bob" Lafond** passed away on August 4, 2004 in Lawrence, MA. at the age of 78. He was the husband of Corrine Lafond #1375 and the brother-in-law of our past president Tom Daley and our former secretary Rita Daley. He had been a committee member for our 1996 and our 1999 Violette Family Reunions.

**#14 Maurice Violette** passed away on August 21, 2004 at the Springbrook Nursing Home in Westbrook, ME. at the age of 82. He was born on Oct. 02, 1921 in Drummond, N.B. He is survived by a daughter, Patricia McCarthy of Maine. Maurice was one of our historians and had written a pamphlet on the History of the Violette Family. At our first reunion in 1978 he was one of the speakers enlightening us about our ancestry. He was also the chairman of our second reunion in 1979 which was held in Augusta, ME. In 1982 he was part of a group of 47 people who traveled to France to find the origins of the Violette Family. He co-chaired that trip with Rita Lippe.

**#163 Edgard Violette** brother of #14 Maurice above, passed away 20 November 2004 in Augusta, ME.

**Helene (Violette) Dionne** passed away on Oct. 12, 2004 in St. Leonard, N.B. She was married to Eddie (Edouard) Dionne and was the sister of Edmond Violette. She was the aunt of Gil Violette #868.

## Deceased members Cont'd

**Donald J. Fortin Sr.** passed away on Jan. 10, 2004 in Waterville, ME at the age of 77. He was born on Feb. 5, 1926 and was one of 15 children born to Alphonse Peter and Julia (Duquette) Fortin. He was the former husband of Priscilla Helene (Violette) Fortin #1185.

**Aurora A. Violette** passed away on May 26, 2004 at the Maine General Medical Center in Augusta, ME. She was born in Augusta on May 5, 1926, the daughter of the late Arthur J. and Ida (Daniels) Maheux. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Donald J. Violette Sr. of Augusta.

**#534 Juliette Dubois Violette Pelletier**, mother of #18 Aurele Violette, passed away on 25 October, 2004. She was born in Fort Kent, Maine on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1917. She married Aurele Violette Sr. in 1938. Aurele Sr. passed away in 1953.

## Useful notes

**CRAFT RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THE REUNION.** As many of you know we always raffle off items of craft or other things that our members donate at the reunion. The funds raised by this raffle help to defray expenses. Some items take months to make or prepare which is why we are mentioning it at this time.

**CAMPING ANYONE?** There are two campgrounds down the road from the reunion: Timberland (603) 466-3872; White Birches (603) 466-2022.

**DONATIONS** We don't have any dues so we rely on donations to keep us going. Printing and mailing the newsletter is our greatest expense which is about \$700. If you want to make a donation please send a check to our treasurer, Louiselle Violette, 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, N.H. 03304. We still have an account in Canada so we can accept Canadian checks.

**E-MAIL** If you changed your internet provider and/or your e-mail address, please notify our secretary, Rod Violette, at: [rviolette@starstream.com](mailto:rviolette@starstream.com). We recently sent out an e-mail notifying members on the internet about the change of date for the 2005 reunion and about 25% of the addresses were returned.

**DOING RESEARCH?** The Family History Library Building located at 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150-3400 can help. Phone number: 801-240-2584 or 800-346-6044. They have 142,000 square feet on five floors open to the public. A collection which includes over 2.2 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records; 742,000 microfiche; 300,000 books, serials and other formats; and 4,500 periodicals. Contact your local Mormon church. They are very willing to assist you in your research.

**DO YOU KNOW** The date and place of death for Marguerite Violette daughter of Eloi & Celeste Martin (widow of Simon Martin) who married second to Joseph Corriveau son of Joseph & Emerance Robichaud on Oct. 19, 1878 at Van Buren. Allen J. Voisine would like to know and he can be contacted by e-mail at: [its.moi@verizon.net](mailto:its.moi@verizon.net).

**The next reunion will be JULY 22, 23, & 24 2005**

**in Gorham, N.H.**

## Violette Family Group Record

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Additional information may be added on other side, such as grandparents, other children, other spouses, etc.

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# History of The Violette Family Association

July 16, 1978 Rita Violette Lippe after doing years of research on the Violette Family decided to hold a family reunion. She planned the reunion to be held in the parish hall of the Catholic church in Methuen, MA., and originally planned for about 50 to attend. Well, 375 showed up and the Violette Family Association (VFA) was formed that very day.

August 1978 The first VFA newsletter was published and mailed to 46 families

August 1979 The second Violette reunion was held in Augusta, ME. 489 attended the banquet. Maurice Violette was the reunion chairman.

August 1981 Third reunion held in Van Buren, ME, the cradle of the Violette family. There were approximately 850 in attendance including two families of Violettes from France. The highlight of the reunion was the dedication of the large stone memorial to "Francois Violet". It is located in the "Violette Brook Park" on Main Street, Van Buren, ME. Cost was \$1177. Membership stands at 1053. Elmer Violette was the reunion chairman.

September 1982 Forty seven Violettes undertook a sentimental voyage of discovery back to the Old Country of France. They were accompanied by the two people most responsible for discovering the origins of the Violette family: Rita Violette Lippe and Maurice Violette.

1984 Rita Violette Lippe published her long awaited book on the history and genealogy of the Violette Family. Rita was awarded the title of "Genealogist Emeritus" by the Federation des Societes d'Histoire de Quebec.

August 1984 Fourth Violette reunion held at Windsor, CT. 600 were in attendance. Membership now at 1380.

August 1987 Fifth reunion held in Portland, ME. Maurice Violette was the reunion chairman.

January 1990 Violette family mailing list now computerized thanks to MBR# 621, David Violette of Lewiston, ME. It is a tremendous help in keeping the membership lists and preparing mailing labels.

1990 Maurice Violette of Augusta, ME., published a booklet entitled "The Violette Family History".

August 1990 Sixth Violette family reunion held in Grand Falls, N.B. Roger Violette was the reunion chairman.

August 1993      Seventh reunion held in Lewiston, ME. David Violette was the reunion chairman.

July 1996          Eighth reunion held in Gorham/Shelburne, N.H. John Violette was the reunion chairman.

July 1999          Ninth reunion held in Westford, MA. Judy Trudo was the reunion chairperson.

June 18, 2000      We mourned the loss of Elmer Violette, one of our more illustrious and accomplished members. Elmer was the chairman of the Van Buren reunion. He held many elected and appointed positions including Van Buren Municipal Court judge, Maine State Representative, Maine State Senator, Maine Superior Court Judge, and Maine Supreme Court Justice.

August 2002      Tenth reunion held in Edmundston, N.B. with 250 in attendance. Harold Violette was the reunion chairman.

2004              To date there have been 54 newsletters published in 26 years and we now mail to approximately 1000 families.

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**We would like to thank Michelle Archambault, Tom & Rita Daley's daughter, for massaging the mailing list to produce the labels for us**

**THE 2005 REUNION WILL BE HELD IN GORHAM / SHELBURNE, N.H. ON JULY 22, 23,& 24 2005.**

## IMPORTANT LETTER RE: OUR HERITAGE

**John R. Violette, President  
Violette Family Association  
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**November 20, 2004**

**Dear John,**

**Many Violette Family Assn. Members, during our last reunion in Edmundston, N.B., visited the site of the memorial to Francois Violette at Violette Brook in Van Buren. Francois had built the first gristmill (moulin a farine) on this site about 1791 to grind buckwheat flour. Although the original mill was eventually sold and modernized, a gristmill was maintained there until just a few years ago when it was purchased by a Mr. Corriveau in Frenchville and operated there for a number of years. It is now for sale along with a wool carding mill that came from somewhere in the St. John River Valley.**

**The Acadian Village would be a proper place to install these mills to preserve the Francois Violette heritage in the Violette Brook Settlement area. If they are not acquired now, they will be lost forever.**

**The Acadian Village (where you had that great Acadian lunch of chicken stew, cretons and plogues) has 16 buildings, many are original buildings that have been moved to the site. All of the structures house a large quantity and variety of artifacts from the early homes of the area.**

**Alice & I have talked to Ann Roy, President of Notre Heritage Vivant / Our Living Heritage, and we will provide the funds to acquire these mills now and set them up at the Acadian Village.**

**As you and I have discussed, the Acadian Village could use the support of the Violette Family Association members to acquire and preserve items of the early settlement and also to maintain and keep the buildings in repair. Notre Heritage Vivant is a 501 ( C ) 3 organization under IRS laws and donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

**Checks should be made out to: Notre Heritage Vivant / Our Living Heritage and sent to:**

**Ann Roy, President Notre Heritage Vivant P O Box 165 Van Buren, ME 04785 and**

**mark your check in the memo section; "Building Fund".**

**Alderic O. "Dick" Violette**

**Dick and Alice are funding the purchase of the mills. We would hope that some of our Association members would help with the funding of a building to house the mills. John**