

Le Messenger

des descendants de Nicolas Perrot



Association des descendants
de
Nicolas Perrot

1595, rue Piette, Joliette (Québec), J6E 3W3

A word from the President

This year, the descendants of Nicolas Perrot are invited to assemble in Bécancour, on September 21 next, where Nicolas settled between 1672 and 1677. This commemorative day will begin with a mass celebrated at the Nativité-de-la-Bienheureuse-Vierge-Marie church, at 3075, avenue Nicolas-Perrot. You may recall that this building is fairly recent, since, on December 20, 2000, fire consumed the previous church dating to 1892.

After the mass, you will be asked to cross the street to proceed to the municipal hall, where the mayor of Bécancour, Maurice Richard, will unveil a commemorative plaque designating this hall under the name of our ancestor. After which, the Association president will unveil three displays illustrating the life and accomplishments of Nicolas and with the aim of cementing his memory. The commemoration will be followed by a cocktail offered by the Ccity of Bécancour to the descendants of Nicolas Perrot. After which, the participants will be directed toward the Auberge Godefroy for the banquet to be served in the Louisbourg room.

In the afternoon, we will present an interview with historian Jacques Lacoursière and will end this day with our annual General Assembly to bring you up to date on the state of our Association and to elect its directors.

This day will be memorable and all the Board members hope to see you there.

Claude Perreault
President



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NOTICE

We're always looking for old family photos, anecdotes, or picture of a descendant of Nicolas Perrot who has distinguished him/herself in some sector or other to highlight in our PORTRAIT pages and a new section which will be added, entitled AMONG OURSELVES.

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

TIMETABLE September 21, 2008 Bécancour

- 10:30 Commemorative mass - Church of the
Nativity-of-the-Blessed-Virgin-Mary
(Nativité-de-la-Bienheureuse-Vierge-Marie)
3075, avenue Nicolas Perrot



- 11:30 Commémoration de lieux de mémoire communs
Municipal hall (facing the church)
- 12 noon Cocktail offered by the City of Bécancour
Municipal hall
- 12: 45 Move to the Auberge Godefroy
- 13:00 Banquet
Salle Louisbourg, Auberge Godefroy
17575, boulevard Bécancour
(Saint-Grégoire sector)
- 14: 30 Filmed interview with historian
Jacques Lacoursière on Nicolas Perrot
Auberge Godefroy
- 15:00 General Assembly
Auberge Godefroy
- 16:00 End of the activity

ROOM RESERVATIONS

A block of 10 rooms has been set aside in the name of the Descendants of Nicolas Perrot up to the 21st August, 2008 at the rate of 155 \$, double or single occupancy, and at 93 \$ per additional person.

Prices and reservations

To reserve, please fill out the reservation coupon inserted in this newsletter and mail it, along with your payment, **before September 15 2008** to

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Receipt of your contribution will guarantee your reservation. We would also appreciate you indicating beforehand, the number and name of each participant.

Price of the meal :

Members : 35 \$ / person
Non-members : 40 \$ / person



On the menu :

Variety of juices
Assortment of Viennese breads and buns
Chopped seasonal fruit and cottage cheese
Choice of fruit yogurt
Crunchy garden bits
Assorted salads and condiments
House cretons, pâtés and cold meats
Bread, butter and assorted jams
Scrambled eggs, bacon, jambon, sausages
Two chef's hot dishes (fish and meat)
Fresh garden vegetables
Scalloped potatoes and rice
Quebec Province cheese assortment
Fresh fruit salad
Various desserts, coulis and English cream
Fresh milled coffee, tea, milk

THE CHURCH OF 1892

In 1892, an imposing edifice of neogothic and romanesque architecture replaced the 1810 church. The interior was realised according to plans by Quebec City architect Émile Tanguay. Besides one of the first Casavant organs (1893), the church boasted works by Antoine Plamondon, including the main choir piece and the way of the cross.

22/12/2000 – 6:19 pm - *“The church of Bécancour, near Trois-Rivières, was completely ravaged by fire Friday morning. Only days from Christmas, it is truly sad news for the residents of this municipality. The fire started around 3:30 am. Local firemen called in colleagues from three other stations to help control the blaze. Even the truck-ladder from Trois-Rivières West was summoned for the occasion.*

Firemen were able to save the presbytery which was partially damaged when the bell-tower collapsed. The church itself is a total loss: only the building’s stone walls were left standing. An entire epoch of Bécancour heritage has gone up in smoke, as the church was more than one hundred years old.” [report by Ghislain Morissette]

The first churches (1699 – 1810)

A first chapel was erected in 1699 to serve the colonists and the Jesuit mission which looked after the Abenaki, on the island of Montesson. This is undoubtedly where Nicolas Perrot would have been buried in 1717.

Around 1735, the Abenaki retreated to the land they currently occupy and thereon built a second church of wood, some 60' long by 30' wide. This church was also used by the colonists, but was destroyed by lightning in 1757.

Meanwhile, in 1748, a 3rd church, in fieldstone, had been constructed on the current site. 1808 saw the start of a 4th church on the site of the old convent of the Sisters of the Assumption, which was finished in 1810. Finally, this latter building would be abandoned following the erection of a new edifice, the 5th church, whose construction had begun in 1886 and was finished by 1892.

Source: Deshaies, Marcel, c.s.v., *Bécancour : ma paroisse : terre bénie de mon enfance et amour sacré de ma patrie*, 1977



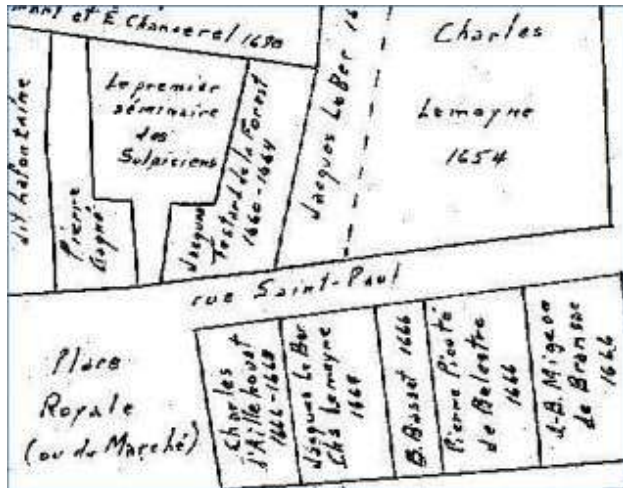
The fire on December 22, 2000



NICOLAS AND THE WIDOW TESTARD (1666)

André Clément Perreault

The 1666 census mentions a certain "Nicolas Pero, 22 ans" working as a "domestique engagé" [hired servant] for Marie Pournin, widow of Jacques Testard dit Laforest in Ville-Marie (Montreal). Jacques had died in 1663, and Marie must now take care of her husband's store, in their house on Saint-Paul street.



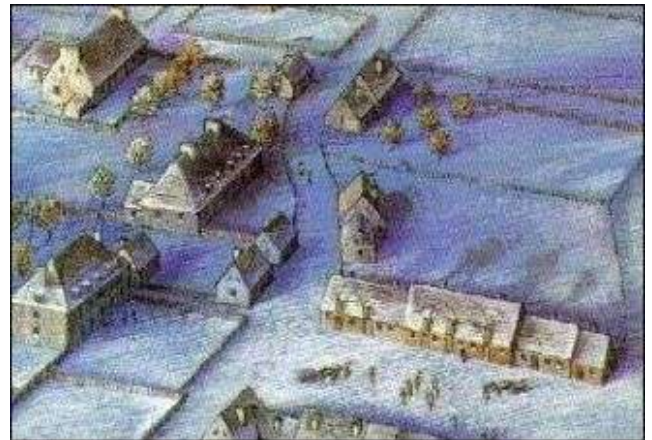
"The content of the store left by Jacques Testard de La Forest in 1663 is quite revealing as to the merchandise which appealed to the Amerindians. We can divide it into three broad categories of equal value: tools (knives, axes and ice-cutters), the "chaudières de traite" [trading pots] and porcelaine. Small articles, like mirrors, rings, awls, bells, as well as powder and lead for guns, completed the stock but accounted for less than 10% of the total value of trading items." ¹

Testard's concession was contiguous with those of Jacques Le Ber and Charles Le Moyne, on Saint-Paul near the marketplace (Place Royale) and would today correspond to street numbers 137 to 143. ²

« It must be said that family and business ties were very close between these three individuals. The sieur Le Ber, originally from the region of Rouen, had wed Jeanne Le Moyne in 1658.» ³ And Jeanne Testard, sister of Jacques, married François Le Ber in 1662.

Fur dealers, Le Ber and Le Moyne shared a large house, half on the property of one, and half on the other. (here is a reconstruction by Francis Back,

based on a 1685 plan).⁴ The two small houses to the southeast are those which belonged to Testard.



This is the context within which Nicolas finds himself at the time of the 1666 census. Quite the ideal situation for learning the fur business and perfect his learning of the Amerindian dialects while negotiating with them. But how did he come to be there in 1666? Let us first discover who the widow Testard was.

The fascinating story of Marie Pournin

According to the census, the widow Testard, Marie Pournin, is 35 years old. But, in reality, she was born on July 31, 1622. The baptismal record has been digitized by the SGCF (Société de généalogie canadienne-française).

« This last day of July one thousand six hundred and twenty-two was baptised in the church of Pouques by the undersigned priest thereof after vespers Marie, daughter of honorable man Mr. Jean Pournin Sieur de la Faye and of Dame Catherine Durant his wife. Her godmother is the exalted and illustrious princess Marie by the grace of God Queen of France and of Navarre Mother of the King represented by Dame Anthoinette Depont Marquise de Guercheville her Lady-in-waiting her godfather Reverend Father in God Messire Jean Duplessis Bishop of Luçon Grand Chaplain of His Majesty and [they] have signed the original » ⁵

Marie, Queen of France, was Marie de Médicis, mother of Louis XIII, and Jean Duplessis, bishop of Luçon, none other than Cardinal Richelieu. Marie's father, Jean Pournin, however, is somewhat of a mystery. « Might his title, Sieur de La Faye, suggest a link with the lords of Faye-la-Vineuse, of whose barony the lands of the Du Plessis family, located in

*Richelieu and constituted as a seigneurie, were dependent ? »*⁶

In 1627, management of the Compagnie des Cent-Associés [the “Hundred Associates (investors) Co.”] is confided to Richelieu. “Based on the *Hôtel-Dieu* [hospital] archives and given her relationship to Cardinal Richelieu, we can conjecture that Marie Pournin arrives in Montreal in 1644, the year in which the responsibility of the Cent-Associés for embarkations to New France ceases. In the *Hôtel-Dieu* archives (1643-1649 period), it is written that Jeanne Mance cares for the patients, aided by Catherine Lavaux and Marie Pournin.”⁷ During this period, Marie becomes a mid-wife and, in 1658, when Jeanne Mance must return to France for a while for reasons of poor health, the running of the hospital is entrusted to her.

Marie appears to have first married Guillaume de La Bardilière, in France, but when is unclear as is whether she was widowed at the time of her arrival in New France. On November 24, 1659 in Montreal, she wed for a second time, Jacques Testard, son of Jean, knight, and of Anne Godefroy. Two sons were born from this union. Jacques died suddenly on June 22, 1663.

A third marriage would follow, on February 6, 1668, with Jacques de La Marque, another merchant, with whom she would give birth to a daughter, Marie-Anne, on May 16, 1669. « *Notwithstanding this marriage, Marie Pournin pursues her mercantile activities ... and even negotiates leases with him for lands which belong to her.* »⁸ She died in Montreal on October 1, 1699 and was buried the next day. She was 77 years old.

Hypothesis

Could a previous connection have existed between Nicolas Perrot and the widow Testard? Perhaps. Nicolas would have had, among his friends in Trois-Rivières, during his time with the Jesuits, Michel Godefroy, the son of Jean Godefroy. Indeed, we can distinguish, in a list drawn up by notary Guillaume Le Roy in 1671, Michel’s name among « the friends and family » present at the signing of the marriage contract between Françoise Raclos and Michel David.

This Michel Godefroy would later on be godfather to one of the children of Nicolas.

Jacques Testard, as previously stated, was the son of Anne Godefroy, sister of de Jean Godefroy, himself a native of Rouen, trader, interpreter, seigneur of the Godefroy fief, and an important land-owner in Trois-Rivières. The news of his nephew’s demise, at the young age of 35, would have spread rapidly through the Godefroy family. Marie would have needed a capable interpreter to negotiate with the Amerindians in her store. This was an ideal moment for Nicolas to ask the Jesuits to free him from his contract with them and to make his entry in the fur business; possibly Jean Godefroy had himself noticed that the young man had a certain facility for dialects.

1. Landry, Yves et al., *Pour le Christ et le Roi: La vie au temps des premiers Montréalais*, p. 140
2. Chartrand, Roger, *Le vieux-Montréal, une toute autre histoire*, p. 146, detail from a map of Place Royale area.
3. Chartrand, Roger, op. cit., p. 146
4. Landry, Yves et al., op. cit., illustration Francis Back
5. website: *Fichier Origine*, <http://www.fichierorigine.com/detail.php?numero=243395>
6. Chartrand, Pierre, (comments on a website:) <http://www.histoire-genealogie.com/spip.php?article812>
7. Perron, Daniel, *Marie Pournin, Fondatrice de l’Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal ?*, Cap-aux-Diamant, No 61, Spring 2000
8. Perron, Daniel, op. cit.

Web site to consult : <http://www.siefar.org/>

NEW MEMBERS

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| 038 | Claire Perreault-Serré (Corwall, Ont) |
| 107 | Suzanne Trainor (San Anselmo, CA) |
| 108 | Sébastien Perreault (Brandon, Man) |
| 109 | Annie Allard (Repentigny, Que) |
| 110 | Terry Weiss (Dallas, TX) |
| 111 | Lise Perrault-Perron (Westmount, Que) |
| 112 | Mme Marcel Perreault (Trois-Rivieres, Que) |
| 113 | Denis Perreault (Schumacher, Ont) |
| 114 | Madeleine Perreault (Gatineau, Que) |
| 115 | Martin Perreault (Prévost, Que) |
| 116 | Denis Boulanger (Ste-Anne-des-Lacs, Que) |
| 117 | Jean-Marc Blake (Dorval, Que) |
| 118 | Lise Chabot (Montréal, Que) |
| 119 | Lisette David (Bromont, Que) |
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SUMMONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Madam, Sir,
You are hereby summoned to attend the annual General Assembly of the Association of Descendants of Nicolas Perrot.

**Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 3pm
at the *Auberge Godefroy*
17575 boul. Bécancour (route 132)
Bécancour (Québec)**

THE DAY'S AGENDA

- 1 – Nominate the Assembly chairperson
- 2 – Nominate the Assembly secretary
- 3 – Adopt the agenda of the day
- 4 – Adopt the minutes of the General Assembly of September 16, 2007
- 5 - Report of the President
- 6 – Read and adopt the Treasurer's report
- 7 – Adopt an action plan for 2008-2009
- 8 – Nominate an elections chairperson and secretary as well as 2 scrutineers
- 9 – A) Ratify the nomination of Yves Perreault to the position of Association Secretary (mandate ending in 2009) and of André-Clément Perreault to director position no 5 (mandate ending in 2009)

B) Election of Board members :
 - Vice-President - (2 years)
 - Treasurer (2 years)
 - Director (2) - (2 years)
 - Director (3) - (1 year)
 - Director (4) - (2 years)
- 10 – Closing the Assembly

Yves Perreault
Secretary

NB Persons interested in occupying a position on the Board of Directors must send in their names to be put on the ballot at least 3 days before the opening of the meeting.

ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recall of article 9 of the rules and by-laws

The corporation is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 5 to 9 persons, to wit, a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and 1 to 5 Directors, for a mandate of 2 years. However, to allow for overlap, in 2006-2007, the positions of President, Secretary, 1st, 3rd and 5th Director will only be elected for one year.

Following the receipt of all candidacies at the Secretariat of the Association at least three (3) days before the date of said Assembly, the candidates will be declared elected if there is only one candidate for that position

Should there be more candidates than positions to be filled, the Assembly, by secret vote, will designate the candidate retained for each of the those positions.

Should there be fewer candidates than there are positions open, the Assembly will either fill the vacant position(s) or ask the Board to fill the position(s) at their first meeting.

These Directors are elected each year by the members that have come together in an annual General Assembly convened by the Secretary.

All the Directors of the corporation are volunteers.

THE FORM FOR SUBMITTING YOUR CANDIDACY IS HEREIN ENCLOSED

**Minutes of the General Assembly
Of Sunday, September 16, 2007
(Auberge Saint-Gabriel, Montréal)**

Were present

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| 01 – Allard, Pierre (Repentigny) | 44 – Perreault, Gérard (Trois-Rivières) |
| 02 – Antonin, Alain (Saint-Hippolythe) | 45 – Perreault, Gilles (Anjou) |
| 03 – Asselin, Pierre-Yves (Longueuil) | 46 – Perreault, Mme, Gilles (Anjou) |
| 04 – Asselin, Mme. Pierre-Yves (Longueuil) | 47 – Perreault, Huguette (Trois-Rivières) |
| 05 – Audette-Perreault, Thérèse (St-Lazare) | 48 – Perreault, Jean (Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare) |
| 06 – Baker, Paul (Montréal) | 49 – Perreault, Jeanne-d' Ard (Joliette) |
| 07 – Blake, Jean-Marc (Dorval) | 50 – Perreault, Jean-Pierre (Casselman, Ont) |
| 08 – Charron, Marguerite (Pierrefond) | 51 – Perreault, Johanne (Joliette) |
| 09 – Charron, Pierre (Pierrefond) | 52 – Perreault-Christin, Lise (St-Charles-Borromée) |
| 10 – Christin, Noël (St-Charles-Borromée) | 53 – Perreault, Riopel, Lise (Saint-Paul) |
| 11 – DeGuire-Perrault, Christyane (Montréal) | 54 – Perreault, Louis (Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare) |
| 12 – DeGuire-Perrault, Constance (Montréal) | 55 – Perreault, Louise (Lavaltrie) |
| 13 – DeGuire, Jean-Claude (Deux-Montagnes) | 56 – Perreault, Lucille (Longueuil) |
| 14 – Duquette, Thérèse (Sainte-Julienne) | 57 – Perreault, Madeleine (Trois-Rivières) |
| 15 – Falardeau-Perreault, Murielle (St-Lazare) | 58 – Perreault, Madeleine (Joliette) |
| 16 – Gagnon, Claude (Montréal) | 59 – Perreault, Marie (Pierrefonds) |
| 17 – Gascon, Hélène (Montréal) | 60 – Perrault, Marie-France (Sainte-Thérèse-de-Blainville) |
| 18 – Hébert, Marie | 61 – Perreault, Mariette (Lanoraie) |
| 19 – Jacquemont, François (Montréal) | 62 – Perreault, Michel (Saint-Eustache) |
| 20 – Lafond, Hélène (St-Alphonse-Rodriguez) | 63 – Perreault-Jacquemont, Micheline (Montréal) |
| 21 – Lalonde, Francine (Casselman, Ont) | 64 – Perreault, Micheline (Laval) |
| 22 – Laverdure, André (Montréal-Nord) | 65 – Perrault-Dubreuil, Monique (Montréal) |
| 23 – Lefoll, Annie (Repentigny) | 66 – Perrault, Nicole (Montréal-Nord) |
| 24 – Loiselle, M. (Montréal) | 67 – Perreault, Pierrette (Saint-Paul) |
| 25 – Marier, Suzanne (Montréal) | 68 – Perrault, Rachel (Montréal) |
| 26 – Mc Innis, Sébastien (Montréal) | 69 – Perreault, Régina, (Montréal) |
| 27 – Mireault, Françoise (Joliette) | 70 – Perreault, René (Lévis) |
| 28 – Murphy, Jocelyne (Laval) | 71 – Perrault, Rita (Sainte-Thérèse-de-Blainville) |
| 29 – Parent, Thérèse (Joliette) | 72 – Perreault, Roméo (Longueuil) |
| 30 – Perreault, Albert (St-Alphonse-Rodriguez) | 73 – Perreault, Ronald (Montréal) |
| 31 – Perreault, André (Berthierville) | 74 – Perreault Sandy (Saint-Jérôme) |
| 32 – Perreault, André Clément (Gatineau) | 75 – Perreault, Serge (Saint-Liguori) |
| 33 – Perreault-Larocque, Céline (Lavaltrie) | 76 – Perrault, Serge (Montréal) |
| 34 – Perreault, Chantal (Longueuil) | 77 – Perrault-Deguire, Thérèse (Montréal) |
| 35 – Perreault, Claude (Joliette) | 78 – Perreault, Thérèse (Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare) |
| 36 – Perreault, Denis (Schumacher, Ont.) | 79 – Perreault, Yann (Montréal) |
| 37 – Perreault, Denise (Saint-Eustache) | 80 – Perreault, Yves (Saint-Jérôme) |
| 38 – Perreault, Édith (N.-Dame-de-Lourdes) | 81 – Racine, Donald (Montréal) |
| 39 – Perreault, Eugène (Saint-Lazare) | 82 – Perreault-St-Amour, Denise (St-Ambroise-de-Kildare) |
| 40 – Perreault-Allard, Fabienne (St-Alexis) | 83 – Sauriol, Émélie (Trois-Rivières) |
| 41 – Perreault-Blake, Francine (Dorval) | 84 – Sauriol, Jacques (Trois-Rivières) |
| 42 – Perreault-Sylvestre, Francine (Repentigny) | 85 – Scott-Taillefer, Thérèse (Montréal) |
| 43 – Perreault, Françoise (Laval) | 86 – Perreault (fille de Régina) |

Word of welcome

Claude welcomes all Association members and presents the Board of Directors.

1. **Nominating an Assembly President**
A motion is tabled by Eugène Perreault, seconded by Chantal Perreault, that Claude Perreault act as Assembly President. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG 07-09-16-01)

2. **Nominating an Assembly Secretary**
A motion is made by Serge Perreault and seconded by Gérald Perreault, that Michel Perreault act as Assembly Secretary. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-02)

3. **Adopting the day's agenda**
A motion is made by Albert Perreault, seconded by Thérèse Perrault, to accept the day's agenda as presented. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-03)

4. **Adopting the minutes of the founding General Assembly**
Before adopting them, Gérard asks that a change be made to the minutes as regards the name of a person who submitted his candidacy and asks that the name of Claude Perreault be replaced by that of Noël Christin.

A motion is made by Gérard Perreault, seconded by Serge to adopt the minutes of the founding general assembly as modified. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-04)

5. **The President's report**
Claude reads his report and highlights the major points for the year ending June 30, 2007. (see Le Messager des descendants de Nicolas Perrot, vol. 1, n° 4 – August 2007).

A motion is made by Jean-Pierre Perreault, seconded by Chantal, to adopt said report. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-05)

6. **The Treasurer's report**
Albert presents his report for the year ending June 30 last and asks if any further explanations are required. No further query having been received, a motion is tabled by Jean-Claude DeGuire, seconded by Chantal, to accept the report as presented. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-06)

7. **An action plan for 2007-2008**
Claude presents an action plan for 2007-2008 to the Assembly. A motion is made by Gérard Perreault, seconded by Jean-Pierre, to adopt the action plan as presented. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-07)

8. **The question of membership in the Association des Familles Souches**
A motion is put forward by Gérard Perreault, seconded by Jean-Pierre, to adopt the report presented by the Board on the question of our Association becoming a member of the Association des familles souches (Association of Founding Families of Quebec). The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-08)

9. **Nominating election officials**
A motion is made by Chantal, seconded by Nicole Perrault-Laverdure, nominating André Laverdure as Elections President and Michel Perreault as Elections Secretary. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-09)

10. **Election of Board members**
Positions to be filled are those of President, Secretary and 3 directorships.

Claude Perreault, having submitted his candidacy for the position of President within the allowed timeframe, and Serge Perreault, having similarly submitted his candidacy for the position of Director n° 1 within the allowed timeframe, are declared elected by the Elections President.

Lise Perreault, seconded by Albert, tables a motion to ratify the nomination of Claude Perreault, to the post of President and that of Serge Perreault, to the post of Director. The motion is adopted unanimously. (AG-07-09-16-10)

No candidacy for the post of Secretary having been submitted, the position will be filled by the Board at their next meeting.

Christyane DeGuire, seconded by Serge Perreault, nominates Chantal to the position of Director n° 3. Chantal, having accepted being nominated as a candidate, and there being no other nomination, is unanimously elected.
(AG-07-09-16-11)

There being no name put forward for the position of Director n° 5, that position will be filled by the Board.

The agenda having been exhausted, the President closes the the Assembly.

Michel Perreault
Secretary

Claude Perreault
President

André Laverdure
Elections President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2007-2008 fiscal year was especially busy with the preparation for the commemoration of a shared memory site whose results you witnessed this morning. It was, I must say, a demanding and exhilarating task which we owed to ourselves to accomplish to restore the reputation of our ancestor which many administrators had shaken.

It was important, in our view, to re-position Nicolas Perrot in his true historical perspective and to take the necessary measures to make him known to future generations. From now on, anyone who steps foot in the Nicolas Perrot municipal hall will not be able to ignore the person, his discoveries, his accomplishments. We have therefore realised a goal that we had set for ourselves. I would like to thank Mr Maurice Richard, mayor of the city of Bécancour, as well as members of the city council for their support for the project and their valuable collaboration. Thanks are also due to the Board members, those of various services of Bécancour who have helped us, with advice and assistance, to complete this project.

Besides the commemoration initiative, two other initiatives were begun this past year, that of preparing the annual get-together and that of editing the newsletter, *Le Messenger*. Allow me to thank all the people who have contributed their time to make a success of today's activity, and to thank those who have collaborated on the production of *Le Messenger*. During the past year we published two issues of the newsletter. However each publication had 12 pages instead of eight. Our intent is to publish four times a year.

That said, we must now look to the future and start preparing for the next get-together. In the course of this next year, the Board will also work towards obtaining a coat of arms for the Association, which will likely be presented to you at the next General Assembly.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Board for their support and their collaboration, especially those persons who will not be renewing their mandate.

Claude Perreault
President

Financial Report 2007-2008
(July 1, 2007 to June 10, 2008)

REVENUE

New memberships and Renewals		
New memberships	125,40 \$	
Renewals	914,78 \$	
		1 040,18 \$
Revenue from activities		3 210,00 \$
Reimbursement (petty cash)		104,20 \$
Total revenue		4 354,38 \$

EXPENDITURES

Activity of 19-09-2007 / annual get-together		
Publicity	40,00 \$	
Auberge Saint-Gabriel	1 635,59 \$	
Museum of Archeology & History of Montreal	550,50 \$	
		2 226,09 \$
Le Messenger (printing)		824,49 \$
Secretariat		
Stamps and postal fees	162,87 \$	
Ministre du revenu du Québec	16,00 \$	
		178,87 \$
Petty cash		121,70 \$
Web site		70,00 \$
Total expenditures		3 420,65 \$

Net revenue **933,73 \$**

CAPITAL

Balance on July 1, 2007	901,65 \$	
Excess of revenues at 30-06-2008	933,73 \$	
Balance on June 30, 2008		1 835,38 \$
The token share		5,00 \$

Albert Perreault
Treasurer

Claude Perreault
President

PORTRAIT

Shannon Perreault [nicolas > claude]



Shannon with her parents
(André Clément Perreault and Margaret Lacasse)

Having obtained a B.A. in theatre from Ottawa University and a communications diploma from Algonquin College, Shannon moved to Toronto to further her career. Besides acting, she has also dabbled in film editing, and voice-overs for commercials and animation in television. Lately, she has concentrated on acting for the theater and producing.

In December 2007, Shannon and her husband Jordan Pettle, himself an actor and graduate of the National Theatre School of Montreal, presented a play in Chicago. Shannon is currently appearing in "If We Were Birds" at Théâtre Passe Muraille as part of the Summer Works summer festival and Jordan is playing in the English version of "L'invitation au château" by Jean Anouilh, ("Ring Round the Moon"), in Toronto.



Céline Perreault (1901-1987)
Shannon's grandmother



Shannon and Jordan Pettle



Rosalba Roberge (1875-1939)
wife of Charles Perreault, from Sainte-Mélanie,
great-grandmother of Shannon

A BIT OF GENEALOGY

A few American cousins, descendants of Michel

Nicolas Perrot & Madeleine Raclos (Ildebon & Marie Viennot) Champlain, 11-11-1671



Michel and Jeanne Beaudry (Guillaume & Jeanne Soulard) Trois-Rivières, 17-10-1712



(1st marriage) ← **Joseph-Guillaume** → (2nd marriage)
Lise Genevieve Han-Chaussé **M. Josephte Letartre**
(Nicolas & Geneviève Laporte) (René & Josephte Jolivet)
Saint-Sulpice, 23-01-1736 Neuville, 7-6-1751

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Sulpice I & Ursule Léonard-Mondor
(Jean-François & Ursule Gauvin)
Lavaltrie, 18-02-1765

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Pierre-Sulpice & M. Jeanne Rinfret
(Jean-Bte & Josephte Delorme)
Saint-Sulpice, 21-6-1773

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Sulpice II & Marguerite Laporte
(Antoine & Marie Champoux)
Saint-Sulpice, 18-01-1791

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Pierre-Sulpice & Angélique Guilbault
(François & Marie Larivière)
Saint-Paul, 12-1-1807

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Édouard & Véronique Guilbault
(Charles & Émérance Blanchard)
Sainte-Mélanie, 26-11-1832

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Joseph & Nancy Vaillancourt
Ontario (?), about 1840

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Hilarie & Marie Tellier
(Pierre & Marie Racette)
L'Assomption, 2-8-1841

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Charles-Arthur & Christine Héту
(David & Emélie Alarie)
Ste-Mélanie, 7-10-1862

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Joseph Henry PERO & Mary Hare
Delphi, IN, 25-10-1871

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William & Esther Huard
Montréal, 20-9-1880

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Harmond & Angéline Grégoire
(Isaac & Marie Daragon)
Troy, NY, 27-10-1895

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**William Joseph PERO
& M. Mathilda Moeller**
(Adam & Paulina Ziegler)
Rochester, NY, 14-9-1898

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**William Alexander &
Virginie DeJordy (Desourdie)**
(Pierre & Virginie Jacques)
Haverhill, MA, 29-1-1906

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**George Henri Leopold &
Gladys Marg. Loretta Therriault**
Troy, NY, 27-10-1924

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**Roy William I PERO
& Ethel Mae Horton**
Rochester, NY, 1927

↓
Irene Flora Perreault

↓
**John Leo Daniel
& Hwan Ja Choi**
Seattle, WA, 25-6-1966

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**Roy William II PERO
& M. Jane Elizabeth Ryan**
(William & Grace Muntz)
Rochester, NY

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**Edward Raymond Perreault
(1) & Marian Jane Laskie**
Haverhill, MA, 19-4-1953

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**Daniel
Frederick**

↓
**Suzanne PERO
& Brian Trainor**
San Anselmo, CA, 26-9-1987

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**Cynthia Lynne
Alan Edward**

(1) later married to Barbara Jane Blaisdell (Wendell & Gertrude Leblanc), Haverhill, MA, 27-6-1980