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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, it is very important for me to thank you for your continued interest, loyalty and support at this unique time in the Association's history. Without you, we would not be able to continue to offer you this valuable newsletter and maintain our operations.

Now, in December, we are facing another wave of Covid-19 with the arrival of the Omicron variant. As a matter of fact, for our next face-to-face activities, our association will have to adjust to the reality imposed by this prolonged pandemic.

I want to reassure you that in 2021 the board members were very active in finding ways to come together in 2021. Unfortunately, and despite all our efforts, we had to cancel our face-to-face activities, that is to say the sugar shacks in April and a meeting in October at the Auberge de l'abbaye d'Oka. Again, we chose to use the Zoom platform for our AGM video conferencing as well as board meetings. In January 2022, Council members will resume virtual meetings to determine its objectives for the coming year.

Project Archives

On November 6, 2021, many of the council members travelled to visit the Centre d'histoire de Saint-Hyacinthe, where our archives are stored. The purpose of this visit was to take stock of our documents.

We took photos of certain objects and documents in order to digitize them. I must admit that the trip was a great success. But there remains a lot of work to be done because we are required to remove our archives from this centre by the end of May 2022. Fortunately, through Denis Racine, we found another centre that could receive our archives. The Centre de

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Généalogie, des Archives et des Biens Culturels de Château-Richer¹ will accept a donation of 5 to 6 boxes of our 26 boxes. We are planning to digitize documents that will not be in the new archive collection.

Once again, I would like to thank all members of our Board and in particular:

- Denise Racine and her husband, Gilles Gratton, for the organization of our meeting at the Auberge de l'abbaye d'Oka which we had to cancel at the last minute
- Gilles Gratton for the distribution of MailChimp press release and YouTube videos of the first gatherings
- Jacques H. Racine for the translation into English of l'Enraciné and for maintaining our website and financial statements
- Denis Racine, for our Enraciné newsletters
- Jean-Louis Racine and Denis Racine for our archives
- and Francine Cayouette for her excellent notes and minutes.

In closing, I want to assure you that we will be communicating in due course through e-mail the face-to-face activities that we hope to be able to carry out in 2022. Until then, be careful and be well.

Jean-Paul LeBlanc

20 December 2021

Note: 1- Our link with the city of Château-Richer, Québec, is that Marguerite Martin, our ancestor and wife of Étienne Racine, died there on 25 Nov 1679.

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NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual general assembly was held virtually on 15 August 2021. Thirteen members participated. At the election of administrators and directors, Anne-Sophie Guimond-Racine was elected an administrator to replace Jean-Louis Racine, who had resigned from his post earlier in the year. Also, Denis Racine was appointed vice-president and Lorraine Racine remained as second vice-president.

OUR REUNION

Unfortunately, our reunion foreseen for 11 October 2021 at the Cistercian Abbey of Oka, in the Laurentides region near Lake Deux-Montagnes, had to be deferred to a later date because of the health situation. We thank Denise and Gilles Gratton for their work in setting up the reunion. We hope to be able to plan for a reunion in the near future.

IN MEMORIAM

- **MARIE RACINE**, widow of Eugène Nadeau, daughter of the late William Racine and the late Olivine Perreault, deceased in l'Institut Universitaire de Santé Mentale de Québec on 5 January 2021 at age 94;
- **JEAN-PAUL RACINE**, husband of Maud Harvey, son of the late Emmanuel Racine and the late Alma Plamondon, deceased on 19 March 2021 at age 80;
- **RENÉ TREMBLAY**, husband of Nicole Racine, of Saint-Tite-des-Caps, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec on 12 May 2021 at age 65;
- **MARIO RACINE**, husband of Caroline Grégoire, son of the late Lucien Racine and the late Simone Souigny, of Casselman (ON), deceased on 18 May 2021 at age 60;
- **NOËLLA GAUTHIER**, widow of Robert Racine, deceased at Québec City on 19 May 2021 at age 91;
- **LAURENT RACINE**, son of the late Alfredo Racine and the late Marie Bernard, deceased at Centre d'hébergement de Limoilou, Québec City, on 31 May 2021 at age 92;
- **DENISE RACINE**, wife of Raymond Gagnon, daughter of the late Médéric Racine and the late Anna Paré, deceased at l'Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on 10 June 2021 at age 82;
- **JEAN-MARC RACINE**, husband of Reina Giroux, son of the late Hermas Racine and the late Alphonsine Gratton, deceased at Saint-Eustache on 15 June 2021 at age 93; M. Racine was a clerk at the Municipality of Aylmer (now Gatineau) from 1967 to 1974.
- **GISÈLE RACINE**, widow of Bernard Blier, deceased at Laval on 18 June 2021 at age 75;
- **VIVIANE GRATTON**, wife of Ronald Racine, of Casselman (ON), deceased on 24 June 2021 at age 80;
- **PAULETTE RACINE**, widow of Marcel Demers and partner of Auguste Mockie, daughter of the late Alfredo Racine and the late Marie Bernard, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Lévis on 1 July 2021 at age 90;
- **ALFRED RACINE**, spouse of Yvette Fournelle, son of the late Ubald Racine and the late Laurette Roy, deceased at Saint-Jérôme on 1 July 2021 at age 80;
- **RICHARD RACINE**, husband of Colette Talbot, son of the late Jean-Baptiste Racine and the late Germaine Blouin, deceased at l'Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on 6 July 2021 at age 82;
- **GILLES RACINE**, husband of Claudette Charron, son of the late Jean-Paul Racine and the late Irène Hébert, of Sainte-Julie, deceased on 8 July 2021 at age 78;

- **ROXANNE RACINE**, wife of Gilles Hogue, daughter of the late Roméo Racine and the late Rosine Rivard, deceased at Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines on 18 July 2021 at age 75;
- **JEAN-GUY RACINE**, husband of Thérèse Bilodeau, son of the late Philippe Racine and the late Juliette Martineau, deceased at Québec on 29 July 2021 at age 80;
- **JOCELYNE OUELLET**, wife of Gilles Racine, deceased at la Maison du Havre du Lac-St-Jean on 3 August 2021 at age 63;
- **GHISLAINE RACINE**, wife of Roger Duchesne, daughter of the late Joseph-Omer Racine and the late Rita Couture, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu of Québec City on 11 August 2021 at age 75;
- **DANIELLE RACINE**, wife of Denis Jean, daughter of the late Jean-Louis Racine and the late Madeleine Grenier, deceased at la Maison Aline-Chrétien, at Shawinigan, on 11 August 2021 at age 68;
- **MARIE-THÉRÈSE RACINE**, daughter of the late Alfred Racine and the late Alberta Castonguay, of Alfred (Ontario), deceased on 15 August 2021 at age 91;
- **HEDWIDGE ROBERGE**, widow of Laurent Racine, deceased at Québec City on 15 August 2021 at age 87;
- **NICOLE RACINE**, wife of Jean Murphy, daughter of the late Donat Racine and the late Marie-Ange Lafèche, deceased at Casselman (Ontario) on 19 August 2021 at age 70;
- **FRANCINE RACINE**, daughter of the late Albert Racine and the late Hermina Robitaille, deceased aux Foyers Farnham, at Farnham, on 21 August 2021 at age 76;
- **MARIO RACINE**, husband of Céline Pichette, son of Raymond Racine and Colette Caron, of St-Ferréol-des-Neiges, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec on 22 August 2021 at age 62;
- **YVETTE RACINE**, daughter of the late Raymond Racine and the late Blanche-Alice Tremblay, deceased at Palliative Care Institute of the Saguenay on 6 September 2021 at age 70;
- **MARIO TREMBLAY**, husband in a first marriage of the late Guylaine Racine, and in a second marriage of Nathalie Richard, deceased at Québec City on 12 September 2021 at age 63;
- **JEAN-GUY GALARNEAU**, husband of Carmen Racine, of Beaupré, deceased at l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, Québec City, on 14 September 2021 at age 90;
- **GILBERTE BONIN**, widow of Claude Beauchesne, of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon, deceased at CHSLD Heather de Rawdon on 20 September 2021 at age 88; Mr. Beauchesne was one of the few descendants in Québec of the paternal lineage of blacksmith Pierre Racine (1755-1833), of the branch Racine dit Beauchesne, who married Marguerite Groleau in

1784, and who died at Berthier-en-Haut (now Berthierville) and whose descendants settled in Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon.

- **CAROLLE DUPONT**, wife of Sylvain Racine, deceased at Pointe-du-Lac on 25 September 2021 at age 51;
- **ROMÉO RACINE**, husband of Françoise Dallaire, deceased at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu on 3 October 2021 at age 89;
- **SYLVAIN RACINE**, spouse of Marie-France Descamps, son of the late Jean-Claude Racine and the late Mariette Chartrand, deceased at Sainte-Thérèse on 6 October 2021 at age 60;
- **MATTHIEU AUDET**, husband of Mélissa Racine, of Val-des-Sources, deceased accidentally on 10 October 2021 at age 31;
- **ÉLYSE RACINE**, spouse of Gaétan Proulx, son of the late Gilles Racine and the late Claire Courtemanche, deceased at la Maison au Diapason, in Bromont, on 26 October 2021 at age 64;
- **FRANÇOISE RACINE**, daughter of the late Joseph Racine and the late Marie-Anne Gauthier, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec on 31 October 2021 at age 90;
- **LAURENNE TRUDEAU**, widow of Réal Racine, deceased at Gatineau on 4 November 2021 at age 86;
- **CAMERON BERTRAND**, widower of Yolande Racine, deceased at CHSLD St-Prosper on 6 November 2021 at age 95;
- **MADELEINE RACINE**, wife of Jean Couture, daughter of the late Roméo Racine and the late Berthe Belley, deceased at l'Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on 6 November 2021 at age 86;
- **JONATHAN RACINE**, son of Gilles Racine and Monique Fortin, deceased at La Baie on 9 November 2021 at age 43;
- **ALICE TREMBLAY**, widow of Albeni Racine, deceased at l'Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on 14 November 2021 at age 93;
- **SUZANNE RACINE**, daughter of the late Gabriel Racine and the late Cécile Thibault, deceased at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Sherbrooke on 23 November 2021 at age 83;
- **ROGER RACINE**, widower of Brigitte Beaulieu and spouse of Éline Charland, son of the late Henri Racine and the late Anne-Marie Raymond, deceased at Victoriaville on 13 December 2021 at age 73.

- **BENOÎT RACINE**, husband of Lise L'Heureux, son of the late Adélard Racine and the late Florida St-Gelais, deceased at l'Hôpital de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on 30 December 2021 at age 79;
- **WILFRID RACINE**, husband of Micheline Éthier, son of the late Albert Racine and the late Berthe Coderre, deceased at Laval on 13 January 2022 at age 90.

We extend our sincere regrets to the families of the above.
 Note: Our thanks to Pierre Racine for his dedication in the production of this list.

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ANOTHER RACINE DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

In the previous edition of the L'Enraciné (no. 101), we wrote about four Racine descendants of Étienne Racine and Marguerite Martin who had fought in the American Civil War (1861-1865) and who had died on the battlefield. We must add a fifth one.

Duncan Oakes was born in 1845 in Canada. He was the son of François-Régis Beauchesne and Flora Blanchette (White). In immigrating to Malone, New York, his father changed both of his names to become Richard Oakes. Duncan enrolled in Malone in the 98th Infantry Regiment on 10 October 1861 and died Cold Harbour, Virginia on 3 June 1864.

His two brothers Joseph (Joseph Oakes) and Alphonse (Adolphus Oakes) also served: Joseph (1835-1916) enrolled in Malone on 27 July 1862 into the 106th Infantry Regiment and was released from the service Baltimore, Maryland, on 13 June 1865. Adolphus (1847-1911) enrolled in Malone in the 98th Infantry Regiment (the same as his brother Duncan) on 29 March 1864 and demobilized in Richmond, Virginia on 31 August 1865.

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THE RACINE DIT BEAUCHESNES

One of the four sons of Étienne Racine and Marguerite Martin, Pierre Racine (1654-1729) and his wife Louise Guyon had nine children, five of which reached adulthood. The fifth child, Joseph, was born on 27 November 1690 in Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. He married Marguerite Pilote in a first marriage on 23 September 1715 in Québec City and the couple had nine children. From a second marriage to Louise Gagné on 11 September 1738 in Baie-St-Paul, the couple had a further six children. Of all the children in both marriages, eight would reach adulthood: five girls and three boys. Joseph Racine was a witness at the marriage of Louis Poulain and Françoise Drapeau on 17 May 1734 in St-François-de-Sales, Ile Jésus (now known as Laval) and left Québec City in 1743 to settle first in Baie-St-Paul, the site of his second marriage. His wife Louise Gagnon had died in 1755 during the birth of his daughter Rosalie. Joseph then moved in with his son Antoine-Joseph-Casimir in Montréal in 1766, where he died on 26 November 1768, nineteen days after his son's marriage.

Joseph Racine adopted the nickname Beauchesne from 1728 onwards, upon the death of his wife Marguerite Pilote. Similarly, Joseph's brother Pierre (1689-1755) adopted the nickname Sainte-Marie and François-Clément (1700-ap. 1743) took on the nickname Clément. Curiously, the other brother, Jean-Baptiste (1687-1757), never took a nickname.

So why the nickname Beauchesne and why in the year 1728? We do not know. In all of the civil administration documentation before 1728, in the census of Québec City in 1716 and in the act of concession of land from the Ursulines in 1717, Joseph uses only the name Racine. We will try to explain it, even if the reasoning may be somewhat weak. Perhaps he had been in the militia, because in the King's Army all the soldiers had a nickname. In that era, the militia often fought alongside the regular forces of the Troupes de la Marine or with other regiments, as was the case in 1759 on the Plains of Abraham. But let us not forget that in 1728 Joseph was 38 years of age, which was not considered to be young in the demographics of the period. In addition, New France was not at war with England at that time.

The same nickname of Beauchesne was also used by the descendants of Joseph Bourbeau dit Beauchesne (1699-av. 1764), husband in a first marriage of Madeleine Leclerc Fleurant (deceased in 1728 in Bécancour) and in a second marriage of Marie-Marguerite-Agathe Bigot, in 1732 in Bécancour. With his thirteen children, he left an extensive descendance in the regions of Centre-du-Québec and l'Estrie who bear the name Beauchesne, thus creating confusion in trying to identify the origins of a Beauchesne who lives in Montréal or the United States.

Among the children of Joseph, many of the girls used only the name Beauchesne. The nickname Beauchesne seems to disappear from civil registries after 1760, only to reappear periodically from 1787 onwards in Saint-Cuthbert or in Berthier-en-Haut, when registering the baptisms of the children of Pierre Racine dit Beauchesne and Marguerite Groleau. It also reappears from 1804 onwards in St-Joseph-de-Soulanges (today known as Les Cèdres) in the baptisms of the children of Michel Racine dit Beauchesne and Catherine Roussel.

And returning to Joseph Racine dit Beauchesne, we mention among his sons:

- Pierre-François-Michel (1720-1795) married Charlotte Dupuyau dit Marquis and the couple has five children. Only one son, Pierre (1755-1833) would perpetuate the nickname. Pierre married Marguerite Groleau in 1784 in Deschambault and settled in Berthier-en-Haut (now Berthierville). His sons Pierre (1785-1845) and Joseph-Marie (1791-1848) would have many children who lived at first in St-Cuthbert, and then in St-Gabriel-de-Brandon. All of these descendants would use only the name Beauchesne. Some of the descendants would leave Québec to settle in New England. Among those, Pierre Beauchesne settled in Middlefield, Massachusetts with his family in about 1865, while his cousin Prosper Beauchesne moved to Warren, Rhode Island in about 1875, where he and his children would use the name Beauchaine.

- Joseph-François-Michel, born in 1724, a "coureur des bois" and voyageur. In 1745, he went on an expedition to Lake Bourbon and to Fort Bourbon, which is northwest of Winnipeg on the Saskatchewan River, an area that is now part of Manitoba. He married Angélique Gélibert in 1746 in Detroit (today in Michigan) and was deceased in 1764 in Vincennes, Indiana. The couple had no descendants who bore the name of either Racine or Beauchesne. However, he did leave his name to the village of Côte-à-Beauchesne on the banks of the Wabash River in Indiana; and

- Antoine-Joseph-Casimir (1743-1827), who married Marie-Marguerite Champy dit Deslandes in 1768 in Montréal, would have three sons who would carry the nickname: Joseph (1769-1855), husband of Marie-Charlotte Marchia, settled in St-Joseph-de-Soulanges (now Les Cèdres); Pierre (1773-1848), husband of Marguerite Dutemple, also settled in St-Joseph-de-Soulanges; and Michel (1774-1855), husband of Catherine Roussel dit St-Pierre, would leave St-Joseph-de-Soulanges in 1803 to settle on the other side of the river in St-Anicet, the place of his birth. His descendants would use either the name Racine (who abandoned the nickname) or Beauchesne (who kept only the nickname), and these Beauchesnes would anglicize the name upon crossing the United States border to be called Beauchaine, Boshane (or Boshaine) or Oakes. Let us look deeper into that.

Joseph Beauchesne, husband of Charlotte Marchia, had eight children. We had lost track of his sons Jean-Baptiste, François-Régis and Jacques during the period 1850-1860 in the 3rd edition of the Racine Family Genealogical Dictionary published in 1993. We found them in New York State.

- Jean-Baptiste Beauchesne moved from St-Polycarpe to De Kalb, New York, in about 1849 and was known as John Boshane. He had three sons, who used the name Boshane and lived in Gouverneur, New York, and there were descendants found. One of the sons, Joseph Boshane (born in Massena, New York, in 1842, was baptized in St-Polycarpe, Québec in 1845 and was deceased in 1908 in Gouverneur) enrolled in 1863 in the 14th New York Artillery Regiment and fought for the Union in the American Civil War.
- His brother François-Régis Beauchesne moved to Malone, New York in about 1860 and called himself Richard Oakes. He married, in a second marriage, Sara A. Phillips on 15 November 1884 in Bangor (NY). His descendants used only the name Oakes. One of his sons, Duncan Oakes, enrolled in the Union Army and died at Cold Harbour, Virginia in 1864. These Oakes would be enmeshed with other Oakes families, originating from England or from native Indian heritage, who also settled in the region.
- His other brother Jacques settled in Bombay, New York in about 1865 and called himself James Boshane. He died on 12 September 1905. Most of his descendants used the name Boshane, however one of his sons, Calixte (renamed to Colin) would name himself Oakes; he was married in 1883 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died in 1938 in Ashford, Connecticut.

As for Pierre Beauchesne and his wife Marguerite Dutemple, they also had three sons: François-Xavier (husband of Marie-Reine Périard), Étienne (husband of Flavie Brabant) and Jean-Baptiste (husband de Julie Galarneau). We lost track of the first two after 1849, but Jean-Baptiste would get married in the United States and returned to St-Anicet in 1845 and St-Polycarpe in 1847 to have his children baptized. We tracked him down under the name John Boshane (or Boshaine) in Gouverneur, New York in the American census records of 1860 and 1870. His son Jean-Baptiste, who became John Boshaine, was born in November 1844 and baptized on 18 January 1845 in St-Polycarpe; he joined Company D of the 1st Regiment of the New York Light Artillery from 24 August 1864 to 16 June 1865 during the American Civil War. John Boshaine married Louise Brozo (probably Brosseau) in 1866 and died in 1907 in Gouverneur. The couple had at least six children who would perpetuate his name of Boshaine in Gouverneur and in St. Lawrence County New York.

Gouverneur is a small city currently with 7,400 inhabitants. It was formerly sited on the New York Central Railway line and is located in St. Lawrence County, which borders the St. Lawrence River to the north, across the river from Cornwall and Brockville in Ontario.

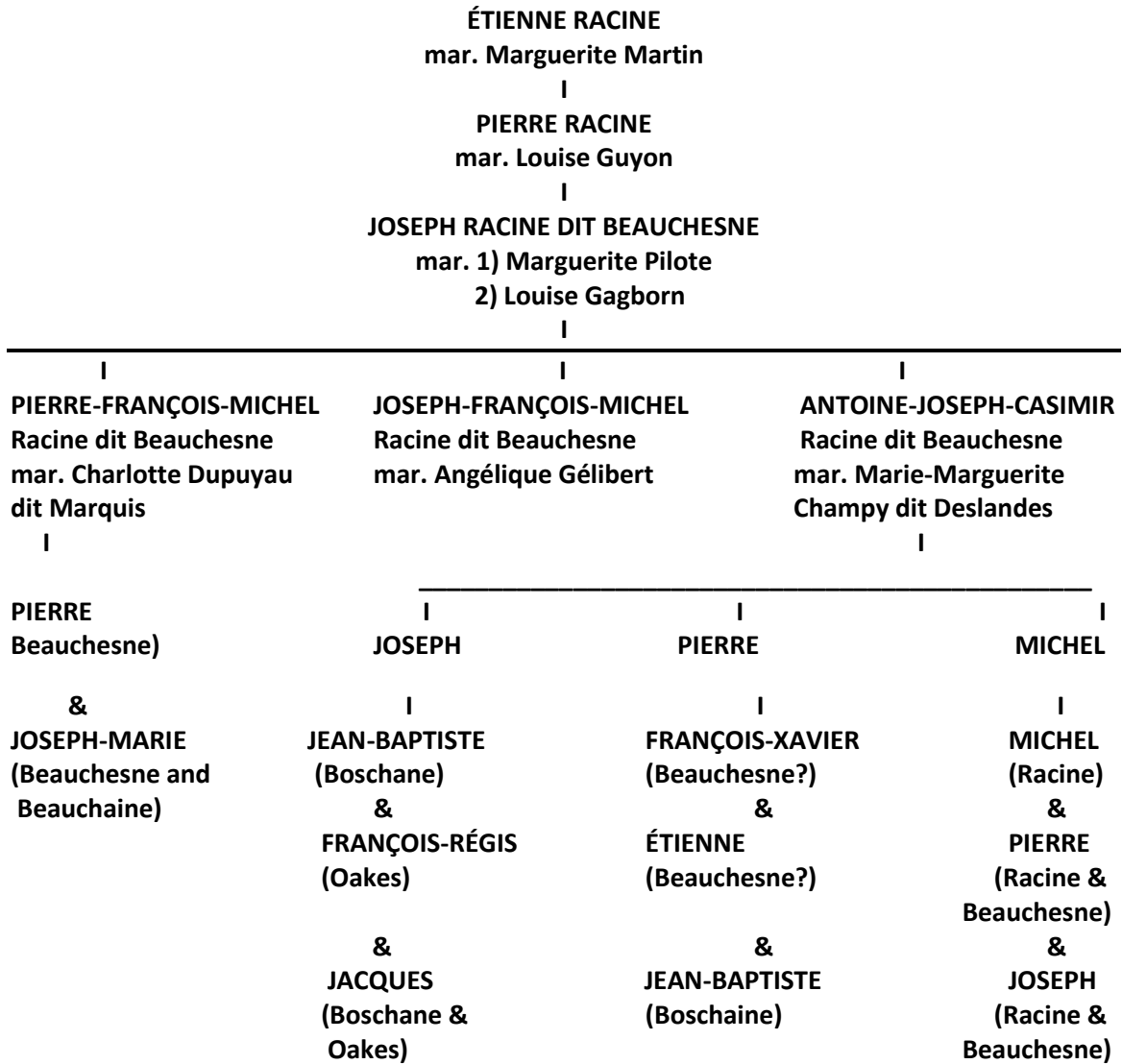
Michel Racine dit Beauchesne and his wife Catherine Roussel dit St-Pierre had three sons who had descendants Michel, Pierre and Joseph.

- Michel Racine dit Beauchesne (1802-1869) and his wife Marguerite Lebeau dit Caza lived in St-Anicet and they had ten children. Six of their sons settled in Crysler, Ontario, all of whom used the name Racine. Their grandsons Alexandre and Michel moved to Morinville, Alberta (whose church burned down last June) and Picardville, Alberta. Another grandson, Damase, was a member of the Provincial Parliament of Ontario representing Russell County during the period 1905-1921.
- Pierre Racine dit Beauchesne (1810-1888) and his wife Henriette Lebeau dit Caza lived in St-Anicet until 1862, when they moved to St-Isidore-de-Prescott, where they would live out their days. Of their fourteen children, their eldest son Pierre (1836-1925) stayed in St-Anicet and used the name Beauchesne only. His other sons, Léandre, François-Xavier, Joseph, Marcel, Olivier and Alphonse stayed in Ontario, in Fournier and in St-Isidore. Léandre and his descendants used only the name Beauchesne while the others would abandon the nickname in about 1860 and used only the name Racine.
- Joseph Racine dit Beauchesne (1820-1872) and his wife Archange Lebeau dit Caza (sister of Henriette) had eleven children, one of whom Joseph (1842-1935), was secretary-treasurer of the municipality of St-Anicet from 1911 to 1924. Another son, Augustin (1851-after 1875) was married in 1875 in Penetanguishene, Ontario. Other sons were François-Xavier (1855-...), Damase (1846-1926) and Louis (1856-approx. 1885), who would be married in Marinette, Wisconsin in 1880. We lost track of Augustin and François-Xavier. As for Joseph and Damase, they and their descendants used only the name Beauchesne. On the other hand, Louis and his descendants settled in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and used the name Racine.

It is difficult to follow this branch of the family given all the changes in names. The anglicization of the family name is difficult to understand because in the 1860s when these Beauchesnes crossed the border to settle in the villages in northern New York State they were still not very far from Canada. The French-Canadian catholic communities in Canada were still small in population compared to the numerous and well-organized communities of New Hampshire (Manchester), Massachusetts (Worcester, Holyoke, Lowell, New Bedford, Salem, Fall River, Lawrence, Haverhill, Lewiston), Rhode Island (Woonsocket, Pawtucket) and Connecticut (Danielson, Taftville) where a massive immigration of French-Canadians after 1870 allowed them to better preserve their culture. We estimate that some 70,000 Quebecers emigrated to the United States between 1850 and 1860 and that 200,000 emigrated between 1860 and 1880 and few of them returned. Between 1850 and 1900, 800 priests went to the United States to attend to our compatriots. In Rhode Island, French-Canadians numbered 61,000 in 1900 and they were 13 % of the population; one of them, Aram-Jules Pothier, born in Yamachiche in 1854, was the state governor from 1909 to 1915 and from 1925 until his death in 1928.

Denis Racine, AIG

**GENEALOGY OF THE RACINE DIT BEAUCHESNES
AND THE NAME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS**



RACINADES

80 YEARS OLD

Denise Racine of Casselman, our colleague on the administrative council, celebrated her 80th birthday on the 8th of July last. Congratulations!

GUILLAUME RACINE HONORED

Guillaume Racine, Principal of the catholic primary school in Casselman, Ontario, was honored at the annual convention of the Franco Ontarian Association of principals and vice-principals (ADFO). He was one of three recipients of an annual prize which recognizes outstanding performance in commitment, contribution to society and leadership in their community's education. Mr. Racine got his teaching certificate and a Masters Degree in Education before becoming a teacher in the Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario. After two years of teaching, he became an education counsellor to the school board for five years, he was made Principal of the school in Casselman. He is the son of Percy Racine and Fleurette Martin of Casselman, who were members of our Association for many years. Guillaume is 50 years old and, with his wife France Marcil, they are parents of two children, one girl who is studying in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa, and the other is studying statistics at the University of Waterloo. (*Le Droit*, 10 June 2021).

DR MAURICE RACINE



Dr Maurice Racine with his cousin Céline Racine-Paquette

Following his studies in chemistry at SUNY Plattsburgh, Dr Maurice Racine obtained a PhD in medicine in 1978 and took up residency at St-Joseph Hospital in Syracuse (NY). Last July, he celebrated 40 years of service to the community at the small medical clinic of North Country Medical Center along with two other doctors. He is the son of the late Maurice Racine and Lucille Gagborn, the brother of Christine Racine and the cousin of Céline Racine-Paquette, who have all been former or actual members of our Association. Congratulations! (*Press Republican*, 7 July 2021).

LOUIS RACINE

The magazine *Le Chaînon*, published by the Francophones of Eastern Ontario, devoted three pages in its summer 2021 edition to Louis Racine of Casselman. Louis is known affectionately as the "farmer-singer", a folklorist come story teller, a folkdance teacher and caller. Louis Racine was born in Casselman in 1962, the son of Alex Racine and Pauline Charrette. He is the father of four children. He combines his passion for music with his work on the family dairy farm, which has

been in the family for six generations. His sister Francine Racine-Cayouette is a partner in the farm and she is also Secretary of our Association.



We remember very well Louis' singing at our reunion in Cornwall in 2016.

He launched his first album, entitled "Le Navo", in 2003. The theme song of the album, which he had learned from his father, earned him high praise at the Festival Mémoires et Racines in Joliette in 1999. He is one of the founders of the group *La Ligue du bonheur* (The Happiness Group) in 2006 and he won the *Billochet du jongleur* prize in 2008 for his contribution to the renaissance, the

preservation and valorisation of Franco Ontarian culture. (*Le Chaînon*, vol. 39, no. 2 (Summer 2021), pp. 26 in 28)

RAYNALD RACINE, VICE-PRESIDENT BOISERIES RAYMOND INC.

In May 2021, Raynald Racine was appointed Vice-President Finance and Administration for Boiseres Raymond Inc. of Montréal. Before that, Mr. Racine was Vice-President Finance and Administration at Gestion Première Moishis (2012-2021), Executive Vice-President at CDM Papiers Décor inc. (2004-2012) and Director General at Papiers Rouville Inc. (2003-2004). Boiseres Raymond Inc. is a company specialising in products for home interiors. The company has been in the residential construction business since the 1960s. Congratulations!

NICOLAS RACINE APPOINTED TO FIRST CLUB MED IN CANADA

Nicolas Racine, shareholder and Director General of Voyage Laurier of Vallon, was appointed Executive Vice-President of Groupe Le Massif, which manages the first Club Med in Canada, which has been established in the area of the Massif de Charlevoix in Petite-Rivière. The opening of the Club Med is planned for 3 December 2021. Congratulations! (*Journal de Québec*, 25 August 2021).

VANDALISM AT CHICOUTIMI CATHEDRAL

A wave of vandalism has beset the cathedral of Chicoutimi. The latest incident occurred during the night of 14-15 September with the theft of the urn containing the heart of Mgr. Dominique Racine, founding bishop of the diocese, who was deceased in 1888. After a series of mischievous events, there has been a reduction in the hours of operation of the church and the church council has had to find ways to raise money for repairs. On the 30th of September, it was discovered that the vandals had thrown the heart in the garbage. This has raised strong emotions in the Québec region of Saguenay, almost on a par with the theft of Brother André's heart from St-Joseph's Oratory in 1974. (*Journal de Québec*, 18 and 30 September and 3 October 2021).

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

No Racines were elected at the last federal elections. However, both François-Philippe Champagne and Mélanie Joly, whose mothers are Racines, and Jean-Yves Duclos whose grandmother was a Racine, have all been appointed government ministers by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Congratulations!

BIRTH



Anne-Sophie Guimond-Racine, one of the administrators of our Association, gave birth to a girl on 8 September last at the Centre mère-enfant du Centre hospitalier de l'Université Laval in Québec City. The baby has been named Hallye. The mother, child and father Carl Ouellet are all doing well. Congratulations!

QUÉBEC MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The municipal elections in Québec were held on 7 November 2021. There were no Racines in the list of outgoing mayors. However, several incumbent councillors' terms were coming to an end:

Guy Racine in Forestville (2,912 inhabitants)
Maryse Racine and Yvon Racine in Fugèreville (311 inhabitants)

Gilles Racine, in Lambton (1,628 inhabitants)

Terry Racine in Lichtfield (454 inhabitants)

Lucie Racine in Saint-Joachim (1,419 habitants)

François Racine in Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac (19,597 habitants) was in office since 2009 and was not re-elected.



François Racine

Among the new electees, Stéphane Racine was elected by acclamation to Seat no. 3 at Saint-Férréol-les-Neiges (3502 habitants).

NEWS OF THE AKOR EXPEDITION OF 2021

The Akor Expedition ended on 8 November 2021 on the shores of Lake Erie. The intrepid team of Nicolas Roulx (son of Julie Racine), Guillaume Moreau, Philippe Voghel-Robert, Étienne Desbois and Jacob Racine, travelled

from the meteorological base on Eureka, Canada's northernmost island, 1600 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle, to Point Pelée, the southernmost point of the country. They covered some 7600 kilometers on skis, canoes and bicycles on a trip that lasted 234 days.

Congratulations to these brave explorers!

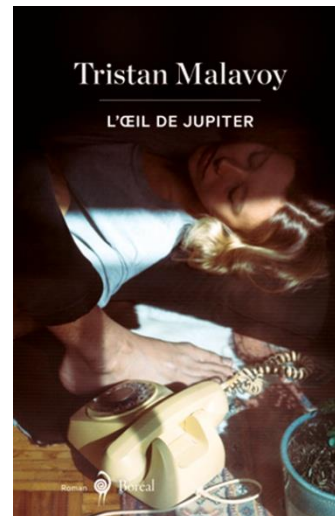
LITERARY PRIZE FRANCE-QUÉBEC

On 17 November 2021, Québec author Tristan Malavoy-Racine, son of Marie Malavoy and Réal Racine, was named laureate of the Prix Littéraire France-Québec 2021 for his book *L'œil de Jupiter* (the Eye of Jupiter), published by Éditions Boréal. This prize is presented by the Fédération France-Québec/francophonie since 1998 to recognize the excellence of contemporary québécois novels and the prize is awarded



Tristan Malavoy-Racine

annually to one of the authors. This second novel recounts the story of Anne Gis , an Acadian refugee whose family was relocated by France to Santo Domingo, at M le St-Nicolas, in 1763, following the great exodus from Acadia, in order to maintain the slave empire. But on 22 August 1791 the slaves revolted and reclaimed their liberty. This war led to the independence of Haiti and forced many of the slave owners to flee the country. This is how Anne ended up in New Orleans, a penniless orphan. We know little about the rest of the immigrants to New Orleans. In the current timeframe, Simon Venne left his position as a teacher at a CEGEP and travelled to New Orleans. There he met Ruth, a NASA employee who guided him through the streets of the city, which has suffered from several disasters, including hurricane Katrina and the Jupiter cyclone. The book uses an interview format to describe the catastrophes.



RETIREMENT OF DOCTOR ÉLIZABETH RACINE

Dr. Élizab th Racine, a native of Qu bec City who was the founder of the Clinique m dicale de Bromont, announced her retirement on 30 September last, after 32

years of service either in the emergency department, the medical unit and the palliative care unit at Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital and in palliative care at la Maison Au Diapason de Bromont. Happy retirement. (*La Voix de l'Est*, 29 September 2021).

A VISIT TO THE ST-HYACINTHE ARCHIVES CENTRE

For several years, the Association had kept its archives at the St-Hyacinthe Archives Centre. On 3 September last, when Denis Racine and Jean-Louis Racine were visiting the centre to deposit documents, the Director advised them that the centre was moving shortly to a smaller facility. In addition, our Association was asked to become either a depositor of archives or a donor of archives. In the first case, the Association would be charged a fee for deposits to the archives, and in the second case, the costs would be absorbed by the Centre because we would have given our archives to the Centre.

In addition, the Centre realized that the Association's archives, which had been deposited by our beloved late Jean-Paul Racine over many years had grown to a considerable amount of shelf space. The Centre thus agreed to keep only the archival material concerning the Racines of St-Hyacinthe and they requested us to remove the remainder of the material from the Centre. However, this is not a small matter. Our archives are stored in 26 boxes of documents which take up 8 metres of shelf space.

At a virtual meeting of the Administrative Council on 11 October 2021, it was agreed to send a delegation to St-Hyacinthe to review the material, make an inventory and find a solution.

Thus, on 6 November 2021, our President Jean-Paul LeBlanc of Ottawa, accompanied by our Secretary Francine Racine-Cayouette

of Casselman, met up with following in St-Hyacinthe: Jean-Louis Racine of Beloeil, Lorraine Racine of Mascouche, Gérard Racine of Laval, Pierre and Henriette Racine of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield and Denis Racine of Québec City. The group was thus able to

assess the extent of the problem. First of all, there are several items that are very precious, being documents of the 18th and 19th centuries which were found in an old chest in the Racine House, as well as two large format documents concerning the designation of Mount Étienne-Racine by the Québec Toponymy Commission.

Those among the group who were descendants of the two sons of Étienne Racine, being Pierre and Étienne (son) were astonished to see the bill of sale whereby Pierre Racine sold a parcel of land to his brother on 27 March 1700; these were lands inherited by Pierre from his father. Pierre then settled in Québec City on St-Louis Street. There was also an inventory of the goods of Étienne Racine(son) dated 5 February 1722.

Two of the boxes contain books written by people named Racine from either Québec or France. There are eight boxes containing research notes and photocopies of notarized contracts, legal documents and newspaper articles, all of which could eventually be digitized. Another four boxes contain the research of the late Jules Racine.

We have begun negotiations with the Château-Richer Archives Centre, on the Coast of Beaupré, but we doubt strongly that they will not be able to take all of our archives.

There will be more to follow.

Pictures taken during the expedition, which permitted at least a few of our Association to meet in person in the midst of the health measures.



AN IMPORTANT FRIEND OF THE RACINE FAMILY HAS LEFT US

On 7 November last, Mrs. Jacqueline Harcourt of Fumichon (France) left us. Ever since the first voyage to France of Lucien Racine in 1962, it was her and her husband Marcel who would welcome the Racines who visited the village of their ancestor Étienne Racine. Marcel was mayor of the village for many years and their house was directly across the road from the church, so they quite naturally agreed to host us. The

Harcourts met Lucien in 1962 and 1973, Denis' parents Gabriel and Françoise Racine in 1977, and Denis and Jeanne regularly since 1986. They were the ones who organized the welcome of the Racines to Fumichon in 1989 and 2001.

Denis has a tender story to tell about his first meeting with Harcourts. It was in 1986 and Denis and Jeanne had travelled to Fumichon to meet Marcel and Jacqueline, but they had not been informed in advance. Denis had briefly been there in July 1971, but he had not met them.

They rang the doorbell and Marcel opened the door. Marcel asked them if they were the journalists he had been expecting to come and do a story on the church, because the parish had recently refurbished the main altar. No responded Denis, I am Denis Racine from Québec. Immediately, Marcel said: "you are the son of Gabriel (who had died in 1979), you look a lot like him". This was a moment of great emotion and it led to a lasting friendship.

Jacqueline was originally from Blaye, near Bordeaux and she had left there in 1947 to become a teacher in Fumichon. That is where she met and married a local man, Marcel.

We are very saddened at the news and we offer our sincere condolences to Marcel and his family.



Marcel, Jacqueline and William Langlois (26-06-2017)

RACINE FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
(not audited)

For period ending 31 May 2021

	<u>31 May</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>31 May</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021-2022</u>
INCOME			
Contributions genealogical research	\$276.00	\$253.00	250
Dividends received	5.46	0.00	
Exchange US and Euro	66.97	90.43	60
Gifts received	0.00	100.00	0
Memberships	1805.00	2071.00	2000
Promotional material: – Sales	15.00	26.25	25
Reunion 2019 revenue		820.00	
Reunion 2020 revenue	0.00		
Total Income	\$2168.43	\$3360.68	2335
EXPENSES			
Archives	\$130.00	\$135.75	130
Banking fees	120.19	183.48	170
Enraciné	610.00	606.75	625
FAFQ - Insurance	20.00	70.00	70
- Membership dues	218.00	220.00	220
Genealogical research	536.98	0.00	500
Photocopying	14.69	62.69	40
Postal costs	157.40	73.00	75
Printing, stationery, secretariat	3.40	43.50	50
Promotion (Note 1)	0.00	423.75	0
Reunion 2019 expenses		852.21	
Reunion 2020 expenses	0.00		
Tax Québec	36.00	(1.50)	36
Videoconference reunions	67.74	0.00	100
Web site	0.00	0.00	90
Total Expenses	\$1914.40	\$2669.53	2,131
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	\$254.03	\$691.05	204

Note 1 –Purchase of 2 banners plus stands

RACINE FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION INC.

BALANCE SHEET

As of 31 May 2021

ASSETS

	<u>31 May 2021</u>	<u>31 May 2020</u>
Petty cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bank account	\$9622.70	9368.67
Share in Caisse Desjardins	5.00	5.00
Total Assets	\$9727.70	\$9473.67

LIABILITIES

(Nil)

Change in assets

Balances beginning of period	\$9473.67	\$8782.62
Surplus (deficit) for the period	254.03	691.05
Balance end of period	\$9727.70	\$9473.67

Membership. As of 31 May 2021, the Association had the following number of members:

French-Canadians:	81	83
English-Canadians and Americans:	28	21
France:	5	5
Total members	114	109

8 July 2021

Jacques H Racine
Treasurer

For the Administrative Council:

Jean-Paul LeBlanc, President

DEATH OF MEDIEVALIST PIERRE RACINE

Pierre Racine, professor emeritus of the Université de Strasbourg, died on 9 October 2021.

He was born in Dijon on 3 September 1925 à Dijon, where he was a student at the lycée. He was part of the French Resistance in July 1944. During his stay at university, he became interested in the city of Plaisance (Italy), which became the subject of his PhD thesis, entitled *Plaisance, du X^e à la fin du XIII^e siècle. Essai d'histoire urbaine* (Plaisance from the 10th to the 13th century, Essay on urban history) at the Université Paris I in 1977, which was published in 1979.

He taught first at the lycée français and at the Institut Français of Fribourg-en-Brisgau between 1951 and 1967 before becoming associate professor in medieval history at the Université de Strasbourg. He continued his career as a professor at l'Université de Metz in 1974, and then at l'Université de Strasbourg from 1983 to 1994, the year he retired.

He wrote several articles on the economy and the society of the cities of Northern Italy. Of his many writings, let us mention *Marco Polo et ses voyages* (Marco Polo and his voyages) published in 2012 and *Laurent le Magnifique: 1449-1492. Un prince italien de la Renaissance* (Laurent the Magnificent: 1449-1492. An Italian prince of the Renaissance) in 2015.

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THE NUMBER OF RACINES IN QUÉBEC

According to a study published in 2006*, there were approximately 7500 persons using the name Racine in Québec in 2005. The name ranks 173rd in the order of family names in Québec, a far cry from the Tremblays, who are number one with 81,500.

(*) - Duchesne, Louis, Les noms de famille au Québec : aspects statistique et distribution spatiale, Institut de la statistique du Québec, 2006.

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SUGARBUSH PARTIES

At its meeting on 9 January 2022, the Association's administrative council decided to cancel the sugarbush parties this year because of the pandemic.

However, we hope to be able to hold a reunion in September 2022.



A wink of the eye – The “**Désert de Retz**” at Chambourcy (Yvelines, France) is an Anglo Chinese Garden created at the end of the 18th century. It is one of the last to survive. It was created by François-Nicolas-Henri Racine of Monville, who named it Désert based on the Alceste du Misanthrope character of Molière. 2022 marks the 400th anniversary of the birth of playwright Jean-Baptiste Poquelin dit Molière. It is said the French is the language of Molière.

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