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## REPORT OF THE GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

**LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

April 7, 2000: "Le Dictionnaire généalogique des familles acadiennes," and April 8, 2000: "L'analyse des données généalogiques," two lectures given at the 15th Edmundston Book Fair, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Edmundston.

May 5, 2000: "Les bases technologiques de la recherche généalogique" and "Pourquoi est-ce que la généalogie (acadienne) est tellement populaire?," two talks given at the teachers' workshops in School District No. 11, at Marcel-François-Richard High School, St-Louis de Kent.

July 15, 2000: "Plusieurs choses remarquables à propos de la famille Dugas," a lecture given at the 5th reunion of the Dugas family association, in the Carrefour de la Mer, Caraquet.

July 25, 2000: "Les mythes remis en question," a talk given in the series "Les causeries du mardi," sponsored by the Société du Monument Lefebvre, at Monument Lefebvre, Memramcook.

Aug. 16, 2000: "How Do We Get There from Here?," a lecture given at the Isle Madame Genealogical Summit, at La Picasso Community Centre, Petit-de-Grat, N.S.

Aug. 19, 2000: Workshop on family reunions, given for members of the local committee responsible for planning activities for the World Acadian Congress of 2004, sponsored by the Société historique de Pomquet, at the historic dwelling Chez Deslauriers, Pomquet Beach, N.S.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*English Supplement to the Dictionnaire généalogique des familles acadiennes, Part I, 1636 to 1714*, Centre d'études acadiennes, 2000, 478 pp.

Preface to the *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles Arsenault*, by Denis J. Savard (Sainte-Foy, Québec: Éditions MultiMondes, 2000), p. vii.

"Poirier Lineage," *Le Réveil Acadien*, Vol. XVI, No. 4 (Nov. 2000), p. 101.

**THE ANCESTRY OF THE HON. BERNARD LANDRY, PREMIER OF QUÉBEC**

The political arena has once again given us an occasion to catalogue the ancestors of an individual whose family tree will undoubtedly interest the readers of the *Contact-Acadie*. The new premier of Québec is a native of St-Jacques de l'Achigan, a parish founded by the Acadians who were for the most part returnees coming back from over ten years of exile in the English colonies. In this new "Petite Cadie," the refugees were welcomed with open arms by the pastor of L'Assomption, Jacques Degeay, and others (P.-M. Hébert, *Les Acadiens du Québec* [Montréal: Éditions de l'Écho, 1994], p. 260). They re-established themselves here for good. Additionally, from 1772 Father Degeay was helped in his ministry to the Acadians by the young Acadian priest, Jean-Baptiste Bro (Breau), who in 1774 became the first pastor of the new Acadian parish, St-Jacques. During the forty years of Father Bro's pastorate, the parish of St-Jacques flourished, with the result that the Acadian families here struck very deep roots. The Landrys were evidently part of this. Residents of this parish from the time of its foundation, the members of the new premier of Québec's family have continuously lived here right down to the present time. Consequently, Mr. Bernard

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on August 16th, at Petit-de-Grat. I also attended almost all of the other lectures. Many of the other participants in the summit consulted me about their personal genealogical research.

**RADIO CANADA**

Two or three years ago, I was writing two genealogical columns (*Contact-Acadie*, No. 30, pp. 19-20). I am once again a chronicler, but now I am propagating genealogical information by means of the radio.

Each month I go on air as a guest on the program, "Un brin de souvenance" ("A Bit of Remembrance"), produced by Robert Arsenault. Contrary to what I was doing with the column I used to publish in *Le Journal*, which had to do with little-known Acadian families, my subject matter for "Un brin de souvenance" has been our great families, with one single exception. In October 2000, I spoke about the Trahan family. Thereafter, my topic was the Pierre Martin family. These two were among the first colonists who came to Acadia in 1636. On December 13th, I dealt with the wrecks of the ships *Ptolet* and *Duke William* on December 12th and 13th, 1758. In January 2001, I presented the history of the Arsenault family. On February 9th, it was the turn of the Bourque family. In March, the Richards were my subject. Despite the fact that these families are all very well-known, I hope to have made known to my listeners some little-known things about each of them.

I have also been appearing "Au mitan de la place" ("In the Middle of the Floor"). This program, hosted by Gérard LeBlanc and produced by Gary White, leaves the choice of topic to its listeners, because the public is invited to put questions to the guest by telephone. Since September 29th, 2000, I have gone on this show eight times. The majority of the questions put to me to date have concerned the origins of families. When I cannot respond immediately, we defer my answer to a subsequent program.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Between April 6th and 9th, 2000, at the invitation of Mme Jocelyne Lebel of the Upper Saint John Regional Library, I took part in the 15th *Salon du livre* (Book Fair) at Edmundston. Besides giving two talks on the 7th and 8th, I gave an interview to Mme Chantal Poulin at the fair on the 9th.

On October 27th, I attended the fourth Provincial Heritage Forum, which had as its theme "An Adaptive Downtown." This time the annual meeting of representatives of heritage trusts, heritage preservation review boards, and heritage planners was held in association with Downtown N.B.'s annual conference at the Algonquin Hotel, at St. Andrews, N.B.

During November and December, I evaluated a doctoral thesis in history from McGill University. The thesis concerned the historiography of the Forest/de Forest family.

Also during 2000, I furnished genealogical information to Dr. Andrew Orr's office in Amherst, N.S. Dr. Orr was looking to establish family ties between certain of his patients who suffer from Fuchs' Dystrophy, a hereditary disease of the eyes.

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Landry's line is quite easy to reconstruct, considering that his ancestors have always been married in the same parish.

## I

RENÉ LANDRY the younger, born in France about 1634, married in Acadia about 1659 MARIE ERNARD, daughter of — Bernard and Andrée Guyon. René Landry died at Port-Royal between 1689 and 1693.

## II

ANTOINE LANDRY, son of the foregoing, born in Acadia about 1660, married about 1681 MARIE THIBODEAU, daughter of the miller Pierre Thibodeau and Jeanne Thériot. Antoine Landry died at Grand-Pré between 1703 and 1711. (The reader will recall that these are likewise the ancestors of the Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien. See *Contact-Acadie*, No. 31, 2000, pp. 23-24.)

## III

GERMAIN LANDRY, son of Antoine and Marie, born in Acadia about 1695, took as his wife about 1722 CÉCILE FOREST, daughter of Pierre Forest and Cécile Richard of the parish of Ste-mille at Pisiguit. Germain and Cécile resided in the Village-des-Antoine at Grand-Pré at the time of the Deportation. Transported to Massachusetts in 1755, they were listed with their children at Dover in 1760. Three years later they were among those who requested repatriation to French territory. They had to wait until 1766 to be able to go to Québec. They settled in the parish of Assomption, where Germain was buried on April 18th, 1770, at the age of seventy-five. Germain and Cécile had eleven children, including Marie (1726-1790), who with her husband Jacques Hébert came to be the heroine of the celebrated novel by Napoléon Bourassa. (Jacques and Marie were the ancestors of a former premier of Québec, Robert Bourassa.) Also among the children of Germain and Cécile was the following.

## IV

FRANÇOIS LANDRY, whose date of birth is unknown and who married shortly before returning from exile MARIE HÉBERT. Available documentation does not provide the names of Marie Hébert's mother and father. Among the witnesses at her marriage to François Landry there appeared Sylvain Dupuis, Alexandre Dupuis, and Fabien Dupuis, three brothers whose two sisters (Elisabeth and Cécile-Josèphe) had married Héberts (Pierre and Olivier). I am persuaded that Marie Hébert must have been the daughter either of Pierre and Elisabeth or of Olivier and Cécile-Josèphe, but I have been unable to determine which of these two couples were her parents. François Landry died between 1786 and 1788.

## V

JEAN-BAPTISTE LANDRY, son of François and Marie, was born April 8th, 1771, and was baptized on the 21st of the same month, at L'Assomption. He married at St-Jacques de l'Achigan, June 30th, 1794, MARIE-JOSÈPHE THIBODEAU, daughter of Jean-Baptiste-Élie Thibodeau and Marie-Josèphe Thériot. Jean-Baptiste Landry died June 20th, 1821, aged fifty years, and was buried at St-Jacques two days later.

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VI

JEAN-BAPTISTE LANDRY, son of the last-named, born Aug. 29th, and baptized Aug. 30th, 1795, at St-Jacques, first married at St-Jacques, June 15th, 1818, FÉLICITÉ COITOU dit SAINT-JEAN, daughter of Jean-Baptiste Coitou dit Saint-Jean and Catherine Desmarets. Félicité was of Acadian descent, her maternal grandmother having been Catherine Forest, daughter of Joseph Forest and Anne Girouard, former residents of Menoudie. On this side Félicité was a niece of Scholastique Desmarets, whose grandchildren would include the future prime minister of Canada, Sir Wilfred Laurier (1841-1919). After Félicité's death, Jean-Baptiste married secondly, at St-Jacques, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1829, Cécile Varin dit Lapistole, daughter of Henri Varin dit Lapistole and Marie Guédry dit Labine (another Acadian-French Canadian). On Jan. 26th, 1841, at L'Assomption, Jean-Baptiste married for the third time. His new bride was Marie-Josèphe Desautels dit Lapointe, daughter of Charles Desautels dit Lapointe and Marie-Louise Dupil, and widow of Alexis Rivet. Jean-Baptiste Landry died Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1871, twelve days short of his seventy-sixth birthday. He was buried at St-Jacques two days later.

VII

OLIVIER LANDRY, son of Jean-Baptiste and Félicité, his first wife, was born and baptized at St-Jacques, Sept. 17th, 1825. He married his second step-mother's daughter, HÉLOÏSE RIVET, Nov. 25th, 1845, at St-Jacques. Olivier passed away April 18th, 1882, aged fifty-six. He was buried at St-Jacques on the 20th of the same month.

VIII

HORMIDAS LANDRY, eldest son of the last-named, was born and baptized at St-Jacques on Nov. 15th, 1846. At his baptism he was given the names Zotique-Hermas, but he was always known by the name Hormidas. He devoted his life to agriculture, just as had all his forebears. It has been shown that through his mother and grandmothers Hormidas was more French Canadian than Acadian. Through his marriage at St-Jacques, July 15th, 1873, to a pure-blooded Acadian, EUGÉNIE FONTAINE, daughter of Raymond-Saül Fontaine and Dina Richard, Hormidas restored the Acadian-ness of his own descendants. After all, his generation was the one who lived through the Acadian Renaissance, and if St-Jacques was involved in that it was especially thanks to the contribution of his father-in-law's first cousin, lawyer and author Louis-Urgèle Fontaine (1835-1892). Hormidas Landry died May 17th, 1918, aged seventy-one. He was buried at St-Jacques three days later.

IX

JOSEPH LANDRY, son of Hormidas and Eugénie, was born at St-Jacques on Jan. 26th, 1877, and was baptized the same day with the three names Joseph-Olivier-Polycarpe. A farmer like his father, Joseph married at St-Jacques, Feb. 13th, 1906, ÉVA CONTANT, daughter of Narcisse Contant and Élisabeth Gareau. He died Sept. 9th, 1942, in his sixty-sixth year, and he was buried at St-Jacques on the 11th of the same month.

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## X

BERNARD(-JOSEPH-JEAN) LANDRY, son of the last-named, was born and baptized at St-Jacques, on April 3rd, 1908. He was an insurance adjuster. Bernard married at St-Jacques, May 28th, 1934, THÉRÈSE GRANGER, daughter of Magloire Granger and Marie-Josèphe Lépine. He died Sept. 25th, 1958, aged fifty-one years and five months. He was buried at St-Jacques three days later.

## XI

The Honorable BERNARD LANDRY, who became premier of Québec on March 8th, 2001, is the son of Bernard and Thérèse. Mr. Landry was born and baptized at St-Jacques on March 9th, 1937 (as Jean-Bernard-Joseph-Eugène).

This family tree was drawn up about two years ago. Given that the lineage is relatively easy to reconstruct, many other genealogists have been able to draw it up as well. My friend Ulysse Roy, for example, just sent me the same lineage for Bernard Landry. I would like to thank Mr. Roy for his thoughtfulness.

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