

Dear cousin AUDET dit LAPOINTE,

The Association of the Descendants of Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe was founded on April 23rd, 2002 by a small group of descendants of Nicolas and Magdeleine Després.

The goal of the Association is to reunite all direct or by marriage survivors of the Audet dit Lapointe descendants that have colonized New France and the Americas, publish our ancestry, create Audet dit Lapointe archives and establish a library of various publications concerning the history of the Audet dit Lapointe families and to distribute this information by newsletters or other means

The principal activities of the association are the regular distribution of newsletters called « Nicolas et Magdeleine », organizing family gatherings, regional and international family reunions and maybe, organize a trip to our ancestor Audet dit Lapointe's country,

However, it is obvious that all of this cannot be accomplished without a sufficient number of active members. Therefore, we are presently in an enrollment campaign throughout Québec, Canada and the United States.

We are inviting you to become a member of our association by filling out the enclosed membership form and returning it to us along with your membership dues. It would be great if other Audet dit Lapointe families in your area could be informed and encouraged to join. (*make as many copies as necessary*) If possible, please fill out the genealogical questionnaire on the reverse side of the reply coupon.

We are fortunate to have a family name that is so well entrenched in New France and in North America since 1663. Together, let's work in reviving ties of the Audet dit Lapointe family for the benefit of all descendants of Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe and Magdeleine Després.



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A bit of history

Nicolas Audet was baptized on July 12th, 1637 in the parish church of St-Pierre in Maulais, France. Today, this parish is part of the village of Taizé, in the county of Thouars in the department of Deux-Sèvres. The son of Innocent Audet and Vincende Roy, he arrived in Canada around 1663 at the age of 26. Monsignor Laval confirmed him on March 23rd, 1664. In the 1666 census, he is working on Monsignor Laval's farm in St-Joachim, Cap Tourmente. He is already using the surname Lapointe.

On June 22nd, 1667, Monsignor Laval, Lord of Beaupré and Île d'Orléans, grants him a concession of land, consisting of three acres (arpents) of frontage along the Saint Lawrence River on the south side of the island. Notwithstanding his obligation to get established on his land within the year, on October 13th, 1668, he is working as a porter at Monsignor Laval's Episcopal residence in Québec.

Magdeleine Després was born about 1655. Her parents, François and Magdeleine Le Grand, are from the parish of Saint-Sauveur de Paris. She is one of the so-called, Filles du Roi (Daughters of the King), recruited in France by Anne Gasnier in 1668-1669, in compliance with intendant Talon's wishes. It is therefore, during the afternoon of August 30th, 1670, in the presence of Anne Gasnier and Élisabeth Estienne, who sign as witnesses, that Magdeleine who is 15 years old, accepts and promises to marry Nicolas by signing a marriage contract before notary, Romain Becquet. Father Thomas Morel celebrated their marriage on September 15th, 1670 in the parish church of Ste-Famille, lie d'Orléans.

In the 1681 census, they owned about 15 acres of land ready for cultivation, six horned animals and a gun. An inventory taken September 27th, 1706 by notary, Étienne Jacob, describes their total worth as being that of; seventy five acres of land, a house 24 feet long by 18 feet wide finished in rough beams, including two full length rooms, two fireplaces, a cellar an attic, and a barn and stable finished in planks measuring 60' X 20' from one end to the other..

Nicolas was buried December 10th, 1700 in the St-Jean cemetery in Île d'Orléans. Magdeleine survived him by 12 years. Their farm carries the lot numbers 192 and 193 on the actual cadastral map of the parish of St-Jean, Île d'Orléans.

Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe et Magdeleine Després

« Their children »

Listed below are the children of our ancestors as published by Guy Saint-Hilaire in his 1986 publication called "Les Lapointe des Bergeronnes". Nicolas' farm was in the parish of St-Famille, Île d'Orléans until 1680, date at which the parish of St-Jean was created.

- 1. Nicolas**, born in 1671, died when he was an infant.
- 2. Nicolas**, born in 1672, married Marie -Louise Chabot, already a widow at 15 years old, in 1697 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans. They have nine children. They are the ancestors of well known persons such as, Renaude Lapointe and Ernest Lapointe. Nicolas died in 1751 in St-François-du-Sud (Montmagny). Marie-Louise died in 1756.
- 3. Pierre**, born in 1674, married Marie Dumas in 1698 in St-Jean, Île d'Orléans.
- 4. Jean-Baptiste**, born in 1675, married Marie-Louise Godbout in 1708 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans. In 1698, his father donates him land located in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans. The family estate is then perpetuated from father to son. In 1979, while celebrating four parish tricentennials and family reunions on the island, some of their descendants got together to install a commemorative plaque in the local church.
- 5. Madeleine**, born in 1677, married Jean Pouliot in 1697 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans.
- 6. Joseph** is the son who was baptized October 27th, 1680 and who's name has disappeared from the registers. Certain genealogists have deduced that he was a third Nicolas, others say he was Joachim. They think that the second Nicolas died very young and Joseph would have been born in 1679, or in 1681. The Joseph born in 1680 was the one retained by Guy Saint-Hilaire, who himself is a descendant on his mothers side. Joseph inherited the family estate and married Jeanne Pouliot in 1703 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans. They are the ancestors of a long line of Lapointe located mainly in the Saguenay and Lac St-Jean area.
- 7. Marie**, born in 1682, married Maurice Crépeau in 1702 in St-Jean, Île d'Orléans.
- 8. François**, born in 1684, married Marguerite Bernard in 1709 in St -Laurent, Île d'Orléans. A large part of their lineage is located in the Eastern Townships. The name is shared between Audet and Lapointe.
- 9. Marguerite**, born in 1686, married Louis Emery (Coderre) in 1722 in Boucherville, where she rejoined her brother Joachim. She lived the rest of her life in L'Assomption.
- 10. Innocent**, born in 1689, married Geneviève Lemelin in 1710 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans.
- 11. Joachim**, born about 1691, married Louise-Hyacinthe Roberge in 1716 in St-Laurent, Île d'Orléans. They left to settle in Boucherville.

Outline of the association's bulletin called « Nicolas et Magdeleine »

It was reflecting back on these two persons to whom we owe so much for being part of this world that the name of this newsletter bulletin was chosen. We carry the name of Audet, Lapointe and its derivatives, but there was also Magdeleine Després, while giving up her maiden name, gave life to all those generations to come. Therefore, we would like to make way for all the women who, in the their husbands' shadow, contributed equally to the ancestry that passions us.

Why a newsletter:

The newsletter is the link to communication amongst members in order to keep everyone informed. With this newsletter, you will be aware of the deadlocks that often occur in genealogy... It also familiarizes us with the families that willingly publish their history, allows you to relate your anecdotes and findings that you wish to share with other members and will inform you of upcoming activities. It will give information concerning your ancestors, stimulate research and encourage you to share your discoveries...and finally, is ways & means to convey information with your cousins, no matter how far they may be.

Nowadays, our 12 page newsletter is published three times yearly... February, June and October. You will come across genealogical articles, answers to members' questions and various events being of interest for all members. Articles and photos of general interest are always appreciated.

« Services »

Genealogical researches and more are offered to members. More information on the back cover of the newsletters. If you want to share your genealogical findings with the others, send them by mail or email to the adresses in the back of this page.

Summary of reunions since the foundation of the association in 2002

- 2003 - Sept. 13th in Île d'Orléans, 333th anniversary of wedding of Nicolas and Magdeleine.
- 2004 - Sept. 11th at Cap-à-l'Aigle in the Charlevoix region, land of many of our ancestors.
- 2005 - Sept. 10th in St-Gédéon, Lac St-Jean. Many Audet-Lapointes came from Charlevoix.
- 2006 - Sept. 16th and 17th in Sherbrooke, QC. Presentation of our official Coat of Arms.
- 2007 - Sept. 8th and 9th at Lac-Etchemin in the Chaudière-Appalaches region. Big reunion.
- 2008 - Oct. 4th 2008 at Lac Beauport. Inauguration of our monument in Île d'Orléans.
- 2009 - May 8th to 21st, trip to France - Maulais, regions and Paris.
- 2009 - July 5th Annual General Meeting in Drummondville. Review of the trip in France.
- 2010 - July 30th, 31st and August 1st in Ste-Germaine-Boulé, in the the Abitibi region.
- 2011 - Sept. 24th in Gatineau. Collection for the restoration of the baptismal font in Maulais.
- 2012 - July 14th in Maria in the Gaspésie region.
- 2013 - Sept. 21st in Quebec, 350th anniversary of the possible arrival of Nicolas aboard the first vessel bringing the « Filles du Roy » in 1663.
- 2014 - August 1st to 4th, trip to Manchester, Sept. 21st, Annual Meeting in Drummondville, QC.
- 2015 - August 22nd, reunion and AGM at the Hotel Universel of Rivière-du-Loup, QC.
- 2016 - August 27th, Annual gathering at L'Isle-aux-Coudres.
- 2017 - Sept. 9th and 10th General meeting in Jonquièrre, QC, in the Saguenay region.
- 2018 - August 18th General meeting in Laval, QC.
- 2019 - August 24th General meeting in Salaberry de Valleyfield, QC.
- 2020 - Meeting cancelled due to the Covid-19.
- 2021 - September Virtual Annual General Meeting on the Internet.
- 2022 - September 24th General meeting in Sainte-Famille, Île d'Orléans, QC.

More details in future newsletters and also on the Web site.

Welcome to the Association.