

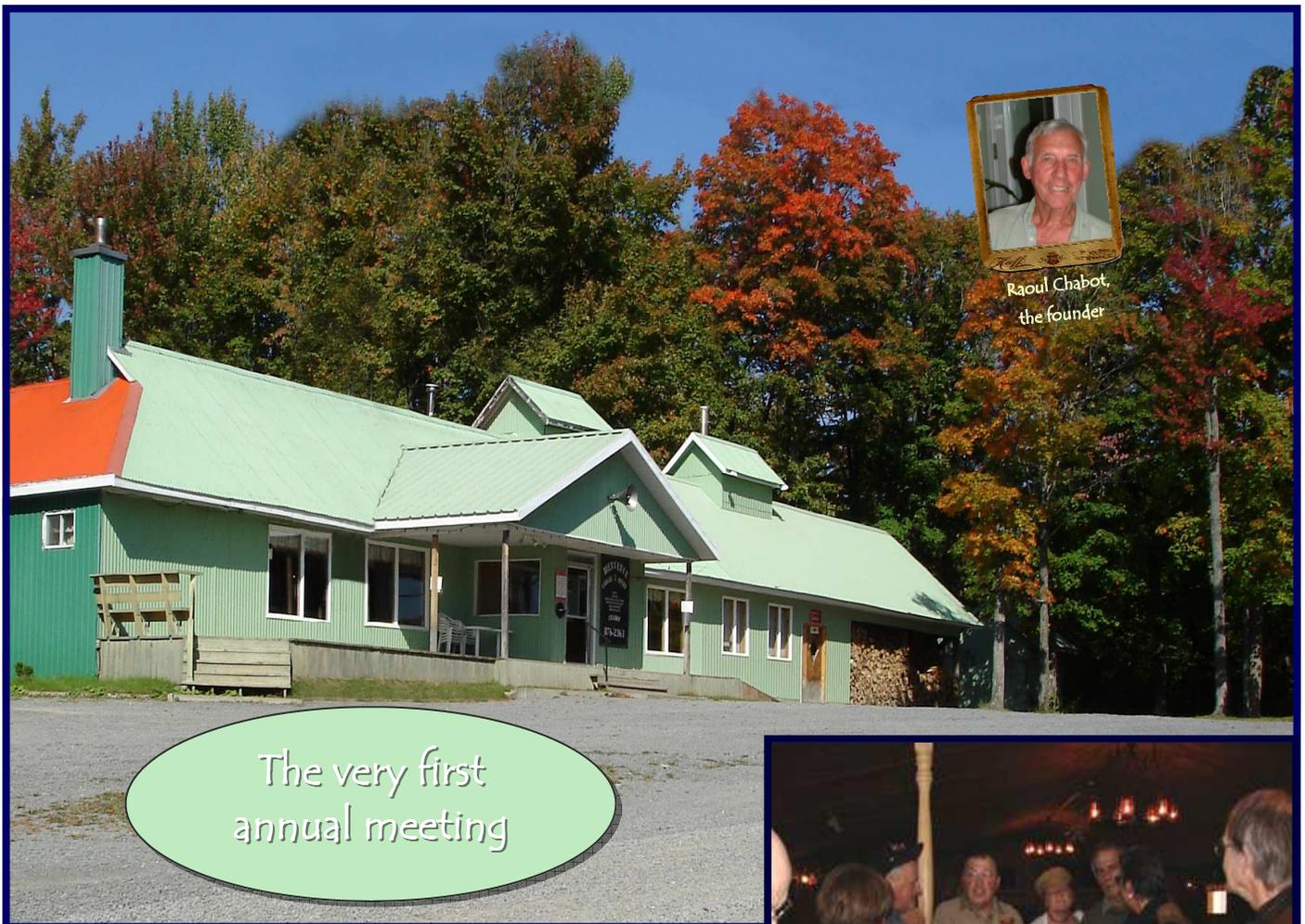


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Raoul Chabot,
the founder

The very first
annual meeting

*At Chabot sugar
shack in Neuville*



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President's line



To all members, thank you for your trust, and well done for your social conscience. It is very important to have a legal structure in order to preserve the history of our roots, and to remember our ancestors, for us and for future genera-

tions.

I take this opportunity to thank Me Marie-France Chabot who generously gave of her time to lead the general meeting on October 14. Moreover, she spontaneously offered her services to re-examine our rules.

I would like also to thank Paul-Henri Lachance, pioneer of our cause; he was the genealogist organizing the largest gathering of the Chabot families ever known which took place on Orleans Island on August 4, 1979, under the chairman Paul-Eugene Chabot. For those who were present at the brunch, we observed his talents as composer and singer. Besides, you will find a copy of his song on page 9 of our newsletter

I would not want to forget the enormous work of the welcome team, my spouse Francine Carboneau, our treasurer Nicole Chabot and her husband Claude

History of the Association foundation

On May 11, 2007, I forwarded by email the first survey in order to create the Association. The results were positive, and on June 1, 2007, in the presence of 9 people, we held a meeting for the foundation of the Association at the Pavillon Casault at Laval University, Quebec, to legally start the *Association des Chabot*. On June 18, 2007, we received our letter-patents from the Government under the number: 1164506231. In the following days, we became members of the *Federation des familles souches du Québec* under the number: 286.

Following several meetings, we decided our plans and action on gathering membership. On October 14, 2007 we held the first general meeting assembly for the Association. As result, 133 people participated in this gathering. This was beyond our hopes and dreams. Better yet, after this assembly, six other people joined.

Sicotte, my brother Eddy Chabot and my sister Lucie Chabot, secretary, who took part of her six month leave to help me to structure this organization.

I would like to mention the moral support that I have received for years from certain people who dreamed of seeing the creation of the *Association des Chabot*:

Jacques Chabot of St-Francois-de-Montmagny

Jean-Paul Chabot of St-Charles-de-Bellechasse

Jacques Chabot of Ste-Marie-de-Beauce

Me Gaetan Chabot of Montreal

Josette Drouin of St-Magloire

Diane Chabot-Pard of Montreal

Luc Chabot presently Vice-president of Quebec

I would like also to thank the owner of the Chabot Sugar Shack in Neuville, Mario Chabot, for the great place he provided for us, and for the quality of the meal. Everybody enjoyed the place, and we were lucky enough to also be a part of a special event, the 46th wedding anniversary of a happy marriage between Raoul Chabot and his spouse Mariette Cantin (Mario's parents). He was also the founder of this splendid sugar shack, 44 years ago.

To continue, what's happening now? Presently, we are creating and publishing our newsletter named "Les Chabotteries", which we hope will become a dynamic and interactive communications tool between members.

We need all of you to help and do what you can for the survival of the Chabot Association.

How??

Primarily by remaining a member and by recruiting new members Secondly, by providing us with information on your immediate family.

Finally, by participating in the formation of your regional committee

Together, let's preserve and protect our history and our roots.

Claude Chabot

Editor's Line



Launching an interesting publication about the Chabot family is a great challenge. We will do it with the participation of our members, your participation. Our target is to become "the reference" insofar as Chabot family history is concerned. We will proceed with precision, respect, and enthusiasm.

In our magazine, we will introduce Chabot families from different periods, looking, if possible, at their social, economic, and political environment. Of course, we will speak about our ancestor Mathurin on his arrival in New France, and we will follow him to Chateau-Richer, and to Orleans Island. We will be witnesses to his descendants' dispersal, first on the south side of Quebec, into the Montreal area and, thereafter, all over the province of Quebec and elsewhere in Canada, and in the United States.

In addition to the purely genealogical information, we will discover them by looking at the documentation of the times (archives of notaries, military and legal records) and what they have done.

For the last 150 years in history, we count on your memories and your personal research (the famous shoe box where you carefully keep your souvenir albums, photos, postcards, death notices, and even some old correspondence).

Many of you have stories to tell us before they fall into oblivion. Share them with us. You want to, but don't know how? You are scared of writing badly, of making mistakes? You don't know how to title it? Do not fear to launch yourself into this adventure. Personally, I am at the same stage. We can count on Jean-Louis to correct mistakes, and help with style and language quality. We provide service to help answer your questions. If Claude Chabot with his data bank of almost 58,000 names on the Chabot

cannot answer it, we will launch a call to all. We will establish the ascending genealogy of some well-known Chabot, and we will let you speak of and introduce us to your Chabot family. We will announce certain events (birthdays of our elders who are over 80, wedding anniversaries of more than 40 years, publications in the newspapers, etc)

In this first number, Lucie Chabot tells us what happened at our first general meeting while gathered together for a Sunday brunch at the Chabot's sugar shack in Neuville. Paul-Henri Lachance reveals to us the words of his song for the "Association des Chabot", the one that he sang for us on this occasion. Afterwards, we discussed the great gathering of the Chabot descendants at Orleans Island in 1979. We will give you some details on Mathurin's family and we will relate the first settlement of Mathurin on Orleans Island in the Seigneurie of Charny-Lirec.

A second Chabot family did exist; this is the family of Michel Chabot, also known as Lamarre. We know very little of it. We open our pages to every one who would like to introduce them to us. Good reading!

Andre Goggin,

(Chabotté by his mother
Florence Chabot)

Note : If you have some stories to tell us, do send them to us; we will do our best to translate and to put them into the newsletters to inform everyone.

Finally, the first gathering

Finally, we have reached this date which will mark a turnover into our history, the Chabot; the realisation of a dream which became reality for many of us who were present on that morning, the day of the creation of the "Association des Chabot".

This story began with a simple survey that Claude Chabot had made to some people who, like him, were proud of their ancestors and their lineage. Our president was able to gather together his passionate team and also gather members along the way right across the country, and from other parts of the world. A general meeting had to be held. What could bring people together better than a good meal, so an invitation for a brunch was launched.

On that morning, the organizers and some volunteers showed up at the Chabot's Sugar Shack in Neuville so they could greet people. Happy and enthusiastic, their main goal: to be attentive and to see to the well-being of one and all. The tension did not last very long; starting at 9:30 a.m. the first Chabot arrived, and without interruption they kept coming with their families until 11:00 a.m. at which time everyone was present, and we appreciated the great attendance. The table where the books and documents on genealogy provided by Claude Chabot were exhibited was a real success. Many new members signed up...our president has a lot of charisma, and knows how to be convincing. The atmosphere, warmed by the song of Paul-Henri Lachance, was very festive. The exchange was very animated; with a lot of talking and people meeting new relatives for the first time, and sharing their stories. The food was plentiful, delicious, and much appreciated. Thank you to Mario Chabot, owner of the sugar shack, and to all his crew for the warm welcome.



Sunday, October 14, 2007 will remain particularly memorable for us, the founding members of association. It was also our goal to officially nominate our administrative board. Thanks to the incomparable work done by Me Marie-France Chabot, everything went smoothly, humorously, and with subtlety. This first general meeting was a real success. Cheers! Thank you, Marie-France.

On the photograph are the first five administrators elected to form the administrative board. From left to right: Andre Goggin, director, Lucie Chabot, secretary, Claude Chabot, president, Nicole Chabot, treasurer, and Luc Chabot, vice-president.

Lucie Chabot



Mathurin's family

Mathurin Chabot was born on August 18, 1637 and was baptized at St. Hilaire de Nalliers, Archdiocese of Luçon in Poitou, France. He is the son of Jean Chabot and Jeanne Rodé.

He married **Marie Mésange** on November 17, 1661 in Quebec. Marie is the daughter of Robert Mésange and Madeleine Lehoux. 13 children were born to them :

Michel was baptized on December 31, 1662 at Château-Richer. (His birth date is left blank in the registry!) He would marry Angélique Plante.

Joseph was born August 31, 1664 and baptized September 1, 1664 at Château-Richer; He would marry Marie Françoise Pouliot.

Pierre was born around 1666 (his baptism has not been traced). His first marriage would be to an Amerindian, Symphorose Meroutapoucuc or Tapa-koé, and his second marriage would be to Dorothée Mercier.

Jean was born November 2 and baptized November 7, 1667 at Ste. Famille, Isle of Orleans. He would marry Éléonore Énaud.

Mathurin was born May 2 and baptized May 15, 1669 at Ste. Famille. He would be massacred by the Iroquois around 1690.

Marie was born September 4 and baptized September 9, 1671 at Ste. Famille. She would marry Charles Pouliot.

François was born and baptized February 24, 1674 at L'Ange Gardien. His spouse would be Marguerite Noël.

Anne was born April 13, and baptized April 19, 1676 at Ste. Famille. She would die at an early age (death May 7, 1676, burial May 14 at Ste. Famille)

Françoise was born May 7 and baptized May 16, 1677 at Ste. Famille (death May 23, and burial May

28, 1677 at Ste. Famille).

Antoine was born April 19, 1679 and baptized April 24 at Ste. Famille. He would become the parish priest of St. Anne-de-Beaupré.

Louise was born February 11 and was baptized February 13, at St Laurent, Isle of Orleans. She would first marry Antoine Pouliot, and subsequently marry Nicolas Audet, also known as Lapointe.

Marguerite was born September 6 and baptized September 28, 1682 at St- Laurent. She would marry André Pouliot.

Louise Françoise was born July 30, 1684 and baptized the next day at St. Laurent. She would die very young (death and burial March 10, 1687 at St. Laurent).

André Goggin

The first horses in New France

In July 16, 1665, the first horses arrived. The Jesuits, in Relation de 1664-1665, report that, «savages who had never seen any admired them, and were astonished that the moose of France were so manageable and so pliable to the will of man». ¹

André Goggin

¹Marcel Trudel, La seigneurie de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales, Fides, 1997. p. 409

Mathurin settles in Orleans Island in 1665

Married to Marie Mésange for the past 4 years, and father to two young boys (Michel, age 2, and Joseph, age 1), our ancestor Mathurin decides that it is time to establish residence in the domain of a seigneur. The day after obtaining the cancellation of his farm lease contract from Toussaint Toupin of Chateau Richer, he takes action. On July 15, 1665, he signs a contract with Abel Sagot, also known as Laforge, to purchase of a concession in the rear fief of Charny-Lirec, in the seigneurie of Beaupré. His piece of land did measures 2, 5 arpents * on the north coast of the Isle of Orleans. Today, the town hall of the town of St. Pierre is built on what was once Mathurin's land.

The Seigneurial Regime

The first colonists are not at liberty to establish themselves wherever they desire. The rules are clear: the seigneurial regime is applicable to all, and the colonist must acquire a concession in a seigneurie. The times were far from being democratic; that would come later with the French Revolution. The king was omnipotent and could express all his whims. "Such is the wish of the King" overruled much of the opposition.

The French feudal system is the base of the seigneurial regime. The King grants territories to the seigneurs of New France «with the goal of recruiting businessmen to collaborate with the settlement.»

In the case of Mathurin, this is the seigneur of Beaupré which is held by the Company of Beaupré. The seigneur could fulfill his obligations to the king by creating a new seigneurie inside one that had already been granted, thus creating what is called a rear fief. In this rear fief there will be a new seigneur with rights and obligations similar to his. In this manner, the Company of Beaupré had created the back fief of Charny-Lirec whose new This nobleman is a priest and a member of the Lauson family, who, in 1663 possessed more than 60% of the

lands granted by the King in New France; that is, 7 seigneuries totaling 6, 3 million arpents. Today, the Lauson-Charny family has left its name to two municipalities on the left bank of Quebec, near Lévis.

The seigneurie of the rear-fief of Charny-Lirec encompassed the upper half of the Isle of Orleans, except for the two extremities, which constituted two different rear-fiefs: that of Argentenay to the east (today known as St. François), and that of Beaulieu to the west (Ste-Pétronille).

Charles de Lauson-Charny had been very active. He had granted more than 70 concessions to the colonists. That was a lot, when we know that the population of the country in 1663 was approximately 3000 people.

There was no village at Charny-Lirec, and it seems that there was no local priest to perform religious ceremonies in this seigneurie.

In 1666, Monsignor Laval acquires the rear fief of Charny-Lirec, and joins it to the seigneurie of Beaupré of which he completes the acquisition of in 1668. Afterwards, Monsignor Laval would grant new lands in the southern part of the Isle.

The Transfer of Granted Lands

The first colonist in a seigneurie received the land at no cost, on the condition that they would clear and cultivate the land, and live there in a home (what is called to have a place for the hearth fire).

When Mathurin Chabot purchases the concession from Abel Sagot, also known as LaForge, at Charny-Lirec in 1665, the price paid corresponds to the value of the work obtained by the seller, plus the value of the livestock, the tools, and the crops. We will try to analyze this contract in a future article.

André Goggin

* Note : An arpent measures about an acre.

The Duties of the settlers (Mathurin) to his seigneur

The cens: This is an annual tax, rather symbolic in nature, by which the settler acknowledges that the seigneur keeps eminent property rights on the land that is granted, and that he only holds a concession. The amount is generally indicated in the contract.

The rente: This is a perpetual rent paid in currency, or in nature, often one or two pounds of butter and 2 or 3 capons or fat hens. What a diet for the seigneur and his family!

The lods and sales: This is equivalent to today's welcome taxes, payable by the new owner and corresponding in the rear-fief of Charny-Lirec to the equivalent of the revenue produced during the current year. Mathurin surely had to pay this.

The banality of the flour mill: The settler had to turn over one-fourteenth of the wheat milled to his seigneur.

Fishing: When the fish catch exceeded the needs of the family, the seigneur wanted his share. This is the case with eel fishing, which was very popular in that era because this fish kept very well.

André Goggin

✂ *To be continued in the next issue, where Mathurin moved his family to St-Laurent.*

THE NEWSLETTER REQUESTS YOUR HELP,

this is for its survival!

How could you help us??

- By convincing yourself that this newsletters is your newsletter, and that each member must feel involved. In this way, the publication will remain alive and will progress.
- Let us know about different events, stories, or family anecdotes, wedding anniversaries (40 years and more), the death of one of your family members, or if you wish to pay homage to or underline the events of one of your family members. In other words, let us know about all actual or historical events so that your newsletter will be captivating and interesting to read.
- If writing is not something you like to do, then ask a friend or a relative to write it for you. Otherwise, we are always available to help you out. Get in touch with the Vice-president who will be very glad to collect the information

Thank in advance for your collaboration.



The word is yours now.

Jean-Louis Chabot

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The Chabot's song

Written and showed at the brunch on Oct. 14, 2007
by Paul-Henri Lachance (son of Lucienne Chabot)
To the tune of "Le régiment de Sambre et Meuse"

Refrain: *Tous les Chabot d'Amérique
Viennent de France, pays de Mathurin
Et quand ils font de la musique
On reconnaît les joyeux poitevins*

1^{er} couplet: *Ils ont vécu sur la grande Île
Près de Québec, en Canada
Ce n'était pas toujours facile
On faisait tout, même soldat !*

2^e couplet: *On y trouvait de jolies femmes
Qui savaient coudre et bien chanter
Et si parfois venaient des drames...
On oubliait dans l'amitié...*



3^e couplet: *Grand Mathurin aimait Marie
Sa douce épouse au nom d'oiseau
Cette « Mésange » était l'envie
De tous les noirs étourneaux...*

4^e couplet: *Tous les Chabot aiment à rire
Avec les gens qui sont près d'eux
Ce n'est pas cher un beau sourire
Et tout le monde en est heureux.*

The musical piece which inspires Paul-Henri is drawn by Robert Planquette.

Those who would like to hear the musical extract "Le regiment de Sambre et Meuse" may go on Internet on the following web address:

www.chanson.udenap.org/50_chansons/02_regiment_de_sambre_et_meuse.htm

Pictures taken on the web site



Interview with Paul-Henri Lachance



Our guest, M. Paul-Henri Lachance, member of the organization of the great gathering of the Chabot, which was held on August 4, 1979, at St-Laurent on Orleans Island

AG – My mother told me that there were many people who attended this gathering.

PHL – Yes, a lot, we were between 2,000 and 2,500 people.

AG – How did the idea for this gathering come about?

PHL – We celebrated in 1979 the tri-centennial of the four parishes on the island: St-Francois, St-Jean, St-Laurent and St-Pierre. Within the framework of this event, we had incited the families to gather. Nineteen families answered the call, including the Chabot and Lachance, the two families of my parents. The festival of the Lachance is celebrated, religiously and civilly on June 24, the day of the St-John-Baptist, and the one for the Chabot, later, on Sunday August 4.

AG - How did it go the day of the gathering?

PHL –First, we have to talk about the Lachance family, on the day the St-John-Baptist. It was a terrible day. It was rainy, and we had really bad weather. The church was full. Everything that we had to do happened inside.

Fortunately, we had the visit of the Quebec Prime Minister Rene Levesque. In the evening, we had so much leftover food that we distributed everything to the people of the village after having announced it from a car equipped with speakers.

AG – For the Chabot family festivities, was luck on our side?

PHL – Yes (while laughing). We were a bit worried during the preparations, but we had a wonderful day.

It was nice and warm that day at St-Laurent. It appears that it was the family festival where they sold the greatest amount of beer. We had reserved the Convent, but we only used it for the meal.

AG – How did they get in touch with the participants?

PHL – We used the telephone directory of all the regions. I had prepared a small pamphlet so they could return their ancestry to us. To those who answered by telephone, we sent an invitation and this small pamphlet. We asked them to get in touch with all the Chabot families that they knew. We have sent 2,500 invitations. There was a lot of enthusiasm.

AG – How did you identify the people?

PHL – We wanted the family to be identified through Mathurin's sons. For the descendants of Joseph, the card was blue, those of Jean, it was green, and for Michel, it was red. For the occasion, I was wearing a costume from Mathurin's era; a flax shirt, and trousers made of homespun cloth.

AG – Talk to us about your lineage.

PHL – They are from the Island. I am from Jean, one of the Mathurin's sons. My mother, Lucienne Chabot, lived near the church of St-Laurent, on the top of the hill.

AG – Did you compose your song about the Chabot for this occasion?

PHL – No, I composed it this year. I had the idea for some time. I wanted something that was cheerful and unifying. I chose as refrain an old French military song used by the Sambre and Meuse Regiment. It had to be easy to remember, without the requirement of a text. They sang this song while

they were walking.
(He sang it for me with rhythm)

AG – Talk to us about your religious life.

PHL – I have fifty years in the priesthood. The first twenty years, I was a priest on the south shore (St-Raphael-de-Bellechasse, Ste-Bernadette-de-Lauzon) and then ten years in Quebec on the north shore (St-Jean-Baptiste and St-Pascal). Afterwards, I was promoted to parish priest for twenty years at Sacre-Coeur-de-Jesus (in the area of St-Sauveur in Quebec), Duberger, and finally at Beaupre (not to be confused with Ste-Anne-de-Beauprè). Finally, I have been doing pastoral animations with the elderly for the past ten years.

AG - How did you initiate yourself to genealogy?

PHL – I was young. While I was studying, I had spent a summer giving a helping hand to the parish priest at St-Jean, Orleans Isle. In my free time, I was flipping through the parish register. Also at this place, they had a book written by Turcotte, one of the genealogist pioneers. I found the Lachance and the Chabot ancestors. I permitted myself, without asking the parish priest, to underline in red the Lachance ancestors, and in green the Chabot ancestors. This is how I realized the descendants of Mathurin's sons; Michel, Joseph and Jean. I was very happy because seldom does one have this opportunity.

AG – You went back to your roots?

PHL – I have been to France, my ancestors' country in 1980. I believe it was one of those rare occasions that one is able to look at a parish register where both of their ancestors were baptised (Nalliers for the Chabot and Notre-Dame-du-Havre for the Pépin dit Lachance).

AG – We left after a quick look at the ancestral property at St-Laurent.

Interview made by André Goggin

OUR SUPPORT SERVICE

We offer some support to our members looking for their Chabot ancestors.

How to do it: just forward your questions or information to us, either by mail or by email, to the following address:

Les Chabotteries (Association des Chabot)

P.O. Box 1900, Succ. Ste-Foy

Québec, Qc G1V 4C6

Or at leschabotteries1@hotmail.com

We will publish them in our next bulletin, so that we will be able to help you into your research.

 *Chabotteries Team*

Question No 1

I am looking for the parents of Etienne Chabot married to Isabelle Langlois around 1856 in the Monteregie area. They had 14 kids and most of them got married in the province of Quebec. Etienne died in Manchester, New Hampshire (USA) under the name of Stephen Shepard. (He was a mason).

Claude Chabot

Question No 2

I am looking for the name of the parents of Agathe and Marie-Madeleine Chabot. Agathe got married to Jean-Baptiste Corbin, on April 24, 1775 in Trois-Rivières, while her sister got married to Joseph Bonneville on Jan 18, 1775 in the same city. Thanks for your help!

Claude Chabot

Question No 3

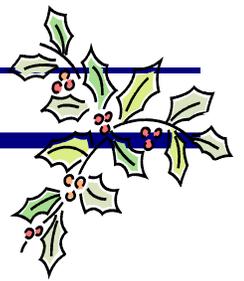
I am looking for the name of the parents of Albert Chabot married to Marie-Ange Harvey. I am also looking for the date and the place of their wedding. They would have a girl named Alice wed to Paul-Emile Perron. Thanks!

Claude Chabot

Question 3

Je cherche le nom des parents d'Albert Chabot marié à Marie-Ange Harvey. Je cherche aussi à connaître l'endroit et la date de leur mariage. Ils auraient eu une fille du nom d'Alice, mariée à Paul-Émile Perron. Merci !

Claude Chabot



*We would like to take this
occasion to wish you all the best
for Christmas and also
an Happy New year!
Your administrative board*



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