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President's line



Dear member,

Fall is at our doorstep and this means that this is our last newsletter before the annual meeting. In the previous newsletter, I told you of my decision to step down President of our association.

Shortly after this decision, I went for the fourth time to the hospital for more tests and a coronarography exam so they could evaluate of my heart. The results are not the best; I have an artery that is block and the situation cannot be rectified. Therefore I have been advised to limit my stress level and preserve my energy.

It has been rewarding to do research our ancestors for the past ten years. I have been in contact with so many thousands of Chabot persons who all descendant from Mathurin Chabot our common ancestor who came from France to Quebec in 1657. I have also accumulated a data bank of family stories and some pictures to confirm all our stories. With an exceptional small team, we have brought up an association from its conception in June 2007 to our present day membership of almost 300 members. We have in place our rules, a quarterly newsletter, a web site and soon I hope a coat of arms to identify ourselves. We should be proud of our roots and our association. At our meeting on October 18, 2009 we will elect a new President and Treasurer as we need fresh faces to move forward with new ideas.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention the important to confirm your attendance at the meeting. We need a head count for the catering, and the paperwork preparation and you will cheer up the committee who organized this meeting so please show your support and confirm.

This would be a nice occasion to invite your family members to participate and to share this moment with different Chabot lineages. See you soon and it will be my pleasure to meet you and to shake your hand.

Claude Chabot

Editor's line



In our last newsletter, we asked the members to help us to create a new column and to have the participation of our lectors. We chose as our first subject school days by asking for your stories from those days. We were sad to see that no one sent any stories in.

That brings me to our newsletters and I am sending you a cry from my heart. We put a lot of work into our publications to keep them interesting but we need your help as our story file is running low and soon we will be force to reduce the frequency of our newsletters.

You verbally tell us those stories but we need your written input. We are in contact with other Family Associations and it seems the ones that have the greatest success are the ones whose members participate. What is happening with us our Chabot families? It makes me think of a song by Petula Clark that is says "*Tout le monde veut aller au ciel mais personne ne veut mourir*" (Everybody wants to go to heaven but not body wants to die) that we could translate.....so in our case "Everybody wants to read our newsletters and those stories but nobody wants to write" So I leave it in your hands.

We will help you so do your best to write them and we will put them into print. We do not want those precious memories to be lost, so share them and preserve them for future generations.

We will continue with our long saga in regards to Mathurin Chabot family, our ancestor, we will talk about Marie-Louise who became widow at fifteen years old.

We will meet Claude Chabot, our present President who started all of this so many years ago. Claude is a good fellow and enjoys talking to people with his colourful language, about himself, his passion for the

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The Little Chabots Love the Little Pouliots—Part 2

Marie-Louise, Young Widow at 15 Years Old

Note : To simplify the text we use the following abbreviations: N for birth, B for baptism, D for death, and S for burial. Our sources are taken principally from the P.R.D.H. (Program of Historic and Demographic Research of the University of Montreal), and the Drouin Numerical Fund.

Marie-Louise was born June 30 and baptized July 13, 1681 at St. Laurent, Isle of Orleans.

When she is very young, death touches her family; her brother Mathurin dies when she is about nine years old¹ and she loses her mother at the age of ten.

On January 19, 1696 she goes to notary Genaple with her father to enter into a marriage contract with Antoine Pouliot, her neighbor. Antoine and Marie-Louise marry on January 30, 1696 at St-Laurent. Marie – Louise is a little more than fourteen, and her husband Antoine is 23 years old. Antoine was N the 3 and B the 13 of December 1672 at Ste-Famille. He is the son of Charles Pouliot and of Françoise Meunier.

Marie Louise is really young to marry at 14 years old, an age when a young girl still needs the advice of her mother. Yet, her sister Marie engaged herself to be married at the age of only 12². In contrast to her sister who finally does not honor the signed marriage contract, Marie-Louise will go to the altar to marry. What could have motivated their parents, Mathurin and Marie Mésange to want to marry their daughters off so soon? We do not know, but at the moment of the marriage of Marie-Louise, Mathurin is a widower and in bad health. He lives with his son Joseph, who in exchange for a plot of earth³ must care for him till he dies. The house has emptied since the death of his spouse Marie Mésange in 1692.

Only Francois, Antoine, and Marguerite are left. As everyone seems to live at Joseph's, we can believe that Mathurin seeks to lighten the burden of his son Joseph whose spouse (Francoise Pouliot and the future sister –in-law of Marie –Louise) is about to give birth⁴.

Antoine brings to the household three arpents of land on the river that he had obtained with the financial help of his parents⁵. The young bride will not profit from her happiness for very long. As a member of the militia, her husband Antoine is called to go and fight the Iroquois. We learn from a legal document dividing his property after his death that he drowned the fifteenth of August 1696 in a place that is not indicated⁶. His case is similar to that of Mathurin, the brother of Marie-Louise who might have died in a similar campaign led by the militia. Thus, Marie Louise becomes a widow after only seven months of marriage. For the young woman, this tragic event happens only two months after the death of her father, who after having been admitted to Hotel-Dieu of Quebec (we know that he was there May 6), had died there on June 12, 1696 after a long convalescence. Decidedly, Marie-Louise experiences a series of unfortunate events for a young girl of her age.

A document, an act of division of community property shows us that his brother Michael is her guardian as she is a minor (she is but 25 years old), and that the estate of Antoine is divided equally between her and her in-laws. Marie Louise inherits half of the land, or an arpent and a half of frontage on the St.Laurence River, and an annuity of 20 pounds annually paid by her in-laws⁷.

The young widow of fifteen is rapidly searching for a new spouse even though her deceased husband left her with no posterity. She needs arms to clear the land on the seigneurial concession that she owns, or it will be lost. Six months later, February 12, 1697, she goes before the notary in the presence of her guardian to sign a marriage contract with Nicolas Audet also known as Lapointe of St-Jean, Isle of Orleans. Nicolas is twenty-four years old. N the 13 and B the 21 of September 1672 at Ste-Famille, he is the son of Nicolas Audet also known as Lapointe and of Madeleine Després. The wedding takes place two

months later on April 15, 1697 at the church of the parish of St-Laurent. The young bride brings to the community her land of one arpent, two oxen, and a cow, which is quite a lot and is unusual for a woman of her age ⁸.

Marie-Louise gives birth to nine children in this second marriage, all born and baptized at St-Laurent: Françoise (N September 30, 1699), Marie-Madeleine (N January 20, 1703), Marie (N September 8, 1704), Jean-Baptiste (N July 29, 1707), Marie-Françoise (N December 30, 1709), Marie-Anne (N March 30, 1712), Geneviève (N April 10, 1714), Thérèse (N May 9, 1717), and Louis (March 31, 1720).

Marie Louise lived to be 75 years old (D the 17 and S the 19 of November 1756) and her husband Nicolas 79 (D the 22 and S the 24 of October 1751). The two died at St. François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud. Everything indicates that they went to spend the remainder of their days with their daughter Geneviève who lived there ⁹.

The descendants of Marie-Louise include Mrs. Renau- de Lapointe (1912-2002), journalist and senator (1971) who was the first French-speaking woman to preside over the Senate, a task which she exercised from 1974 to 1979 ^{10 11}.

BY André Goggin

- 1 See our article on Mathurin, son in Les Chabotteries No 6, Spring 2009
- 2 See our article on Marie in Les Chabotteries No 7, Summer 2009
- 3 BANQ, June 4, 1690, act of gifting a dwellin located on Isle St-Laurent by Mathurin Chabot and Marie Mésange to Joseph Chabot, their son, Notary Genaple, 4M00-2466
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- 11 Discussion with M. Guy St-Hilaire, historian of the Association of the descendants of Nicolas Audet also known as Lapointe

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genealogy, what brought him to create the actual Association and finally the reason why he has to slow down into his activities. He will always remain the **spirit** of our organization.

For the other articles, Nicole will give us her comments in regards to a Chabot reunion in North Bay, Ontario and we will bring back to our memory the story of Doctor Philippe Chabot. In regards to our next annual general meeting for the Chabot on October 18th coming up in Montreal, we will tell about the migration of the first Chabot from Orleans Isle towards the Montreal area. Finally, Jean-Louis will talk to us about the huge gathering held in 1979.

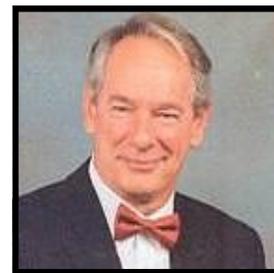
Good reading!

André Goggin

(Chabotté by Florence Chabot, my mom's)

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The Arrival of the First Chabots in the Region of Montreal

For the occasion of the gathering of the Chabots in Montreal next October 18, we believed that the members would be interested to know how and why the first Chabots established themselves in that region.

It is the grandsons of Mathurin who would leave their native region of the Isle of Orleans to go in the direction of Montreal. It is not known exactly at which moment they moved. The most reliable source we have is their marriage contracts.

The first were the sons of Michel. André seems to be the first to arrive. He marries Catherine Boulard also known as Cambray on March 11, 1719 at Rivière-des-Prairies. His brother Michael joins him in the region. He marries Madeleine Coron at St-Francois-de-Sales on November 6, 1724. However, we know that Michel lived at St-Francois-de-Sales before that date and that he visited Madeleine, as they are both cited as witnesses to the baptism of the little Pierre Lebel in 1721¹.

Two of Joseph's sons will have the same idea a few years later. Jean-Baptiste marries Marie Josephte Darnis also known as Tourangeau in Montreal on January 23, 1732, and his brother does the same in Laprairie on November 6, 1741 with Cécile Joanne.

What urged them to make this move and distance themselves far from their families at a time when the families were separated by almost non-existent means of transportation?

The first reason was that seigneurial concessions were beginning to be rare in the Isle of Orleans. The youth who left the island only had two choices. They could establish themselves in a town such as Quebec, Montreal, or Trois-Rivieres where to survive they had to have a good trade. Lacking that, the others had no other choice but to establish themselves in another seigneurie to clear the land for a concession. That is probably the path chose by the young Chabots.

The second reason is that the Great Peace of Montreal with the Indians in 1701 favored the colonial de-

velopment of the region. Before the peace treaty, the colonists were subjected to Iroquois attacks. Cultivating a plot of land meant that it had to be cleared with a gun within reach. This did nothing to reassure a family with young children. The Great Peace permitted an opening to the colonization of several seigneuries.

Finally, the colonial authorities had organized a system of defense where the French soldiers exercised their authority in the towns and during military expeditions. The defense of the colony in the seigneuries depended principally on the militiamen who were recruited from the countryside. The region of Quebec was the most distant from the Indian menace and from the menace of the English in New England, and the militiamen were more in demand in the region of Montreal. Many of these youths could belong to the militia at the age of thirteen². The lure of adventure, the desire to see the country, the fantasy that they would look good in front of the girls, and probably the feeling that they were part of the adult world incited them to volunteer. Many of these young militiamen remained in the regions where their services were required to establish seigneurial concessions and to propose marriage to girls from the area.

Maybe André and Michel came under these circumstances. As far as Jean-Baptiste and Pierre are concerned, it may be due to the incapacity of the seigneurs of the region of Quebec, particularly those of the island, to furnish a future to these young men.

Par André Goggin



¹ PRDH, RAB-21965

² See our note on Mathurin Chabot fils in Les Chabotteries No 6 Spring 2009

Gathering of Edouard Chabot Descendants

On July 4th 2009 in North Bay, Ontario, more than 110 descendants of Edouard Chabot got together (he had married on May 7th, 1901 to Mélanie Ruel from Ste-Justine de Dorchester), son of Juste Chabot and Mélanie Renault (born April 10th, 1869, Ste-Claire). They came from Quebec across Canada to British Columbia, and all parts of Ontario, we replied to this invitation that was made a year ago, to see each other once again and to pay tribute to our parents that passed away.

At the reception, the organizers Claire and Jeanne (Antonin's daughters) gave us a colourful ribbon attached to each of the ten kids of Edouard that we were attach to: Évangéline (Justine), Gracia, Philippe, Valère, Antonin, Florent, Adrienne, Simone, Irène, and Rose (a little sister Cécile and their mother who passed away in 1920). I could not hide my joy for this reunion and my surprise to see people I had not seen in more than 35 years and to recognize them. I was also amaze to witness their humour, their fast and direct talking, their physiognomy.

The evening was animated with liveliness by Jeanne Chabot-Arsenault in French and by Irène Roy-



Backholm in English. I appreciated the fact that a place and time had been scheduled in the evening to take family pictures.

This gave us the opportunity to take a picture of our own family and also of all the families present at this reunion. We talked about how through the generation some lineages had spread like fans. Interesting also to see some families, staid in the area of their birth and others left and spread all over the continent.

It was a very emotional moment in the evening when we sang the evening theme song (magnificently writ-

ten by Claire (Antonin's daughter) and by Lyse Brousseau-Couture and Rose-Anna (Justine's daughters). Each verse was finely chiselled and dedicated to each one of Edouard's ten kids. Also, they put love into the creation of a photo show of Antonin and Adrienne family that we were able to see on the computer during the evening.

No generation has been forgotten; for the children there was a treasure hunt and for the young at heart, there were games and disco music animated by Line Smith Cantin, (Rose daughter's) everything put together beautifully and everyone appreciated it.

The next day a brunch, was held and we collected some irreducible moment we shared and souvenirs to bring home with us to treasure.

Gatherings like this are a gift, a type of connection for the next generation, an opportunity to connect once again with our family's who had moved far away and to immortalize this meeting in pictures and for each of us to learn more about our roots. The organisers had a great idea by asking to each us to put together a cardboard picture of our families.

In our parent's era, the pictures were handed down to the eldest child or to the one whom staid at home to take care of them. I was so happy to see pictures of my own father and his siblings that I had never seen before and thankful to be able to get copies of. These are treasures that I have brought back with me from this meeting and furthermore some rewarding exchanges that I had with the relative.



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Interview with Claude Chabot, our president



André - Tell us about your parents.

Claude - My father George Edward Chabot came from Ste-Justine de Dorchester near the U.S. border and my mother Jeannette Brousseau was from Lévis. My father moved to another region. He had been called to go to war. His step-brother who worked at the Davie shipyard in Lévis took him to meet with a foreman who hired him. By working in the construction of warships, he had its certificate of exemption that allowed him to be excluded from actual military service. He was taking a walk around the forts of Lévis when he met my mother who was happy to find a guy who would not go to war. My father was a guy simple as a reed. It could take a glass gin with someone and a beer or a cigar with someone else. He was a friendly man. He was the best guy in the world. There were many Chabot in Ste-Justine, whose four lineages were from Ste-Claire.

My grandfather Achille Chabot was married to Alfreda Morin. He was a logger. He suffered from arthritis or rheumatism and in that time they said: "Poor you, we'll think of you ... and keep the faith!" At the end of his life he was custodian of a lake in St-Luc, near Lake Etchemin. That's where I met him. He lived very modestly

André - Let's talk about your occupation, plumber.

Claude - At first, I wanted to be a draftsman, but I was expelled from Lauzon technical school. Not because of my bad behaviour, but because I didn't have a 60% average. During the exams, I was so stressed out that all I saw were black pages. When I got home, my mother told me I now had to pay her a weekly 25\$ pension and that I had to find a job. I had no formal skills.

I started in a small inlaid floors company. I was paid \$ 0.45 an hour. At work I beat the fellow workers in speed and I was making bonuses. Because of my speed, the others did make bonuses and I lost my friends. I met the boss and I eventually convinced him to increase my salary to \$1.25. The foreman was green with envy when he heard the news as I earned more than him. As a future trade unionist, I went back to the boss and told him that I could not work for someone who earned less than me and who had a family. He increased my pay but shortly after, I told the bosses that if I had to negotiate with him each time I did not want to work for him anymore and I left the company.

Then I went to work for a manufacturer of bags in Lévis. Again, I was much too fast and I caused the assembly line to overflow. I was added a second task then a third. I had a lot of fun, but I was only making \$27 per week. I told the boss that if I was to do three tasks for the same salary he could put my unemployment booklet with my pay. That's what happened.

At the time, my father worked as a plasterer at the "Hotel-Dieu de Lévis", an hospital that was booming and he managed to have me hired. At the age 16, weighing 200 pounds, I was made to be a journeyman assigned to do the cement for the plasterers. One of my aunts once told me that I could not remain a journeyman all my life daily and I had to learn a trade. I chose plumbing because there was availability in this course.

André - How did you become a unionist?

Claude - I became a trade unionist by accident. I worked as a plumber on a construction site at the time there were problems on the construction site of James Bay. The Cliche Commission of Inquiry had been created with the mandate of cleaning up the working relationship in the building construction. The Local Union 144 of the Construction decided to stir things up by hiring the most workers. Their goal was to have a mass of workers so as to stand up to the government. Anyone who was not part of their union risked a beating. Me, I was a member of the CSD, a smaller union. I got quite a beating because I did not want to be part of Local 144. I went to my union and I went on to sue Dede Desjardins, leader of Local 144. The Cliche Commission represented by J. Cliche, with Brian Mulroney and Guy Chevrette as Commissioners, took over the case. I stood twice before the Cliche Commission as a witness.

Because I had testified before the Cliche Commission, the union offered me a job. They even wanted to give me a gun, but I told them I was too smart for that. My trade union career ended in Trois-Rivieres in the world of paper mills. It was a real dictatorship, and I did not feel at my place. I worked for the CSD union for 9 ½ years. I met entrepreneurs to offer their labor to our union. There was a lot of intimidation from the other unions, but firms were allowed to choose the union which, in their view, would be most effective. Finally, I returned to my job as a plumber.

André - How did you get interested in the Chabot family genealogy?

Claude - Genealogy came into my life at the age of 45 years because of a heart attack. I was cut in two by the shock, as my mother said who also had a heart attack at the same age and who is now 82 years. That encourages me. Before my stroke, I was like a dog sled, always pulling forward, no matter the temperature. Overnight, I became the sled to be drawn, and there was nobody to do it. For a year, I was depressed. I learned that the body heals slowly and must be given

time. Like all my activities were manual and outside, I had not expected such major changes as in my life.

To pass the time, I bought a computer and learned to use it, pretending to write to the mayor. I bought a tax reporting software which included a small genealogy program. I entered all data about my family and then I learned that there is a very powerful program called Brother's Keeper that I still use today.

At first I was not doing my research in genealogical societies. I would pick up the phone and ask people if I could meet them. It was a pretext for a little outing. People I met would show me their family photos. I was moved by their stories, moved by the fact that I had lost, in the first after my stroke, my first wife and my father.

At first I wanted to build the lineage of the Chabot in Ste-Justine. It was complicated because some Chabot have married Chabot. With the program I used, I began to dream that one day my research could be used by others. I continued to collect data telling myself that this work ought to be within reach of people. I was provided with lots of pictures. I even submitted a picture of my great grandfather Chabot that nobody in my family had. Today my collection includes 18 500 names of Chabot and about 70 000 files if I include the names of spouses and parents. I also have almost 7 000 photos

André - Claude, how did you come to form the Association of Chabot?

Claude - One day, I contacted the Genealogical Society of Quebec to offer them my work. I was told they were not interested because they had already a lot of material and one day it would go to the shredder. At an appointment with my doctor that I knew very interested in genealogy, I told him about it. He told me that I had everything necessary to launch an association of Chabot.

Over the years, I had established many contacts. I de-

cided to send an email to 250 people by making them part of my project and saying that this would be a pity if all that I had accumulated was lost. I asked them three questions: Would you like to have an association of Chabot? Are you interested to join? And would you be interested in participating? I had 80 positive responses. I formed a team and it was launched. Three months later, at our first gathering in Neuville, Portneuf, we were proud to have over 100 members. At the end of the day, it is the refusal of the Genealogical Society of Quebec that prompted me to build our association.

I would find it boring a lot now if I did have this daily contact with members. In order to discuss renewals, I have a good excuse to get pictures, data, articles for our magazine "Les Chabotteries", or to encourage members to visit our website. Everyone says I am passionate. The biggest challenge of the association is to ensure that there will be a new generation of volunteers, that we will keep the interest of our members. Those associations that do not achieve this are not in good health

André - Very few people in the Chabot family know you do very original sculptures as a hobby. Why sculpture? You've created a personal and very funny style and very that your sister Lucie wanted to highlight in this review.

Claude - It all started for the same reasons as genealogy. I am hyperactive and I must be on the go. I was not in a good enough shape to achieve my retirement dreams, which were to go fishing or hunting, or to do cross-country skiing, but I was not to build birdhouses for the rest of my life. I built a real miniature house in my backyard and finally gave it to an organization for women in need. It was estimated at \$ 6,000 by the assessor in-chief at the Quebec Museum of Fine Arts. Then I moved on to something else ... and that's when my interest in sculpture came about. For me, I'm just "chipping" off pieces of wood and it brings me back to my ancestors. In my childhood, I was amazed by sculptures found in churches.

I love to sculpt faces. It takes a good eye to represent the dimensions and expressions. I wanted to put the sculpture among the flowers in my garden. Lucia turns my sculptures in the painting. A nice complicity has developed with my little sister. She is active and an artist. It surely comes from our mother. Lucia is proud of what I do with my hands and I proud of what she adds to my work. By making sculptures, I have the feeling I'm leaving something behind me.



André - What is your philosophy in life?

Claude - After my stroke and two deaths that followed, I knew that I had limits. Life never goes backwards, and I think I received about twenty years of life as a gift to date. A person who has cancer is not always so lucky. What did I get from doing genealogy? I learned that we are born on a given date and we die at another date. Jokingly, my doctor says that, as genealogists, when we die, we should be happy because it gives a date to save in the file. To me, we must look forward; we must not die before our time.

André - A word to the Chabot?

Claude - I hope that the Association of Chabot lives long. We must find ways to maintain the connection between members. Currently, it moves all the time. You know, ice does not set up when the current flows. I do not know who take it up after me, but I'll always there to help if they call me.

Par André Goggin

Dr Philippe Chabot from Témiscamingue



Louis Philippe Joseph Chabot was born on November 24th, 1896, at Scanoba, near Flint, Michigan, USA. He was the fourth of a family of eight children; his parents were Louis Philippe Chabot and Éléonore Diane Noël. His father worked on a camp.

Philippe was seven years old when his father passed away and the family went back to Clarence Creek, near Ottawa where the country priest Claude Poulin came to the rescue and took Philippe at his presbytery as helper and this allowed him to receive a good education. Philippe had a horse and some chickens to take care of, he heated the church furnace, acted as beadle, attended the village school and he was always first in his classroom.

Then, he went to classical studies at the University of Ottawa and worn the cassock for fifteen months.

For his medical courses at the University of Montreal, Philippe had to manage on his own, either by working or borrowing money to allow him to pay for his courses. His phenomenal memory allowed him to pass with success. He graduated as medical surgeon in June 1923, and he did his hospital training at the Ottawa General Hospital with the "Soeurs Grises de la Croix".

On August 1st 1925, he arrived at Ville-Marie sur le Météor. On September 1st, he established himself at Lorrainville, in Témiscamingue County, opening his office in the house of Mr. Joseph Bellemare (the house located in front of the Caisse Desjardins).

On September 30th 1925, this was the first important call, the first child born at John McFadden House a boy named Charles-Édouard McFadden. He was the first of nearly 8,000 babies that Dr. Chabot brought into the world in Témiscamingue County. Charles-Édouard was also his last patient to be seen at his office, after a career of thirty five years. Dr. Philippe Chabot made also more than 8,000 surgical cases at the « Hôpital Ste-Famille de Ville-Marie ».

On August 8th 1928, Solange Bellehumeur and Philippe Chabot formed their destiny, by getting wed at the Lorrainville Church. There was a ten years age difference. They established themselves in the family house where they stayed all their lives, except in 1934, at the 36 Notre-Dame East where Dr. Philippe Chabot opened his office and his pharmacy. From this union, nine children were born.

After their marriage, Solange Bellehumeur quit teaching and stayed home to raise her children. However, Solange had some Bellehumeur blood in her veins she took care of the family business doing accounting and billings although sometimes her husband interdiction.

Her husband was very busy in the community life. Solange Bellehumeur wasn't left aside as she became involved in "Les filles d'Isabelle, Les Dames de Ste-Anne, le Cercle des Fermières, Campaign priest feast, Ste-Famille Hospital Voluntaries, Nurse Graduation, Emergency Organization when family houses burned, she took in sick people to look after in her home. They had nephews and nieces born right in their own livingroom.

Country doctor, Philippe Chabot practiced his profession 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he never turned down a call. He visited the sick day and night, in good or bad weather, rich or poor, with devotion and good humor. He would travel by foot, or on his horse "Two-Step", by car, by cotter, by train, by snow plane or snowmobile, rented, bought or invented, on the roads, on the mudding tracks, he went promptly to the bedside of ill people living up to forty miles around.

In his social implication, Doctor Chabot occupied the following task, town councilor for six years, mayor of the village for nineteen years, a promoter to bring the electricity, a chair holder of the Lorrainville Industrial Company who built and managed the aqueduct.

He is the founder president of the Radio Station CKVM (Radio Témiscamingue).

For the Provincial and Federal Politics, his trials were unsuccessful, mainly because people wanted to keep him as their doctor so they wouldn't vote for him.

Worn out by his works, victim by his availability, of his devotion and his love for his practice, Dr. Chabot passed away on November 14th 1960, ten days prior to his sixty fourth anniversaries. Solange Bellehumeur passed away on May 27th 1980 at the age of 74 years old.

In his memory, a bridge and a street in Lorrainville are dedicated to him. The Philippe Chabot foundation established in 1983 is dedicated in helping the elderly with a living accommodation centre in the Témiscamingue area.

His life can be resumed by those simple words that a hospital nurse wrote on his mortuary card:

*He goes to God with his soul,
To his family with his heart,
To all with devotion
Often forgiving himself to relieve the pain,
That would be is goal.*

By Jacques Chabot
The last of his children

*We can see him accompanied by his wife Carmen Belle-
mare, who of them made their careers in the education .*



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(See picture on the last page of the newsletter.)

Once back in Quebec City, someone asked me if I had enjoyed seeing relatives that I had not seen in years. I thought about it and I realized they were not all just relatives by blood some of them I had a strong bond with as we grew up together and share our childhood memories with. Distance never stopped families to come to our home and visit and my parents were joyful to welcome anyone to our home and made them feel loved and comfortable and we intern felt that way when we visited them. I was so happy to introduce my children to their cousins in hopes that they too would now form bonds with them.

Thank you to Claire Chabot the unifier, the center of our family wheel who keeps in contact with everyone and who initiated and organised the reunion. Thank you also to her sister Jeanne who gave generously her time and her talents to help at the gathering.

BuNicole Chabot,
Florent's daughter



Claire and Jeanne



A huge assembly for the Chabot in 1979

In many articles of our newsletters Les Chabotteries, or during the interviews with members of our association, we make reference frequently to the gathering held in 1979 at Ile d'Orléans. To us it seems important to recall this event which was a successful gathering and created a lot of interest at the time. There seems to be some confusion about this event and the creation of our association.



In the year 1977, the civilian authority of the island wanted to recall to our memory the tricentennial of the four parishes that are St. François, St. Jean, St. Laurent and St. Pierre. An organizing board was created for each parish with the objective to organize cultural, artistic, sportive and social activities for the occasion.

Let's remember that the presidents of the four parishes committee were Paul-Emile Plante for the corporation of St. Pierre, Mariette Imbeault for St. François, Antoine Pouliot for St. Laurent and Dr. Jean-Louis Bonenfant for St. Jean.

It was during this period of reflection and elaboration that Father Raymond Létourneau had an idea to join the families on the island for the tricentennial. In the project program "Canada at work" 19 families out of 59 listed on the Island had decided to celebrate their ancestors. The Chabot family was among the families with the Bouffard,

Côté, Ferland, Gagnon, etc... who joined this event.

Starting from this point a committee was created and having Paul-Eugène Chabot of St. Pierre as a leader, Odilon Chabot from Charlesbourg (see the article in our newsletter No. 6) and many others including Father Paul-Henri Lachance. Some impressive voluntary work was made to identify and to get in touch with as many Chabot descendants as possible, from the families of Joseph, Jean and Michel Chabot, the three sons of Mathurin.

It happened on August 4th 1979 at St. Laurent on



the ancestral land that the gathering was held for the first time since 1665, the weather cooperated and some

2, 500 descendants of Mathurin met in memory of their ancestors and it was a success!

Remember that the first farm was bought on July 15th 1665 by Mathurin and located at St. Pierre and then sold it to his son Michel in 1679. Mathurin bought a second piece of land on June 11th 1666, located also in St. Pierre but it sold the following year.

Mathurin left his land at St. Pierre and bought his first farm in St. Laurent on March 11th 1674 and a second on October 26th 1678. His sons Joseph, François and Jean became the next owners. To-

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day, the first piece of land is located at 1356 Chemin Royal is owned by Guy Chênevert and the second farm is owned by Mr. Armand Chabot agronomist.

In answer to one of our members questions NO the Chabot association did not form because of this gathering in 1979. This association was the brain child of one man who for years and years worked tirelessly on researching his and all Chabot ancestors it was his passion to secure a large data bank and then a published book of the Chabot families. Claude Chabot is that man and in 2008 we became members of the Fédération des Familles souches du Québec.

By Jean-Louis Chabot



Attention !

Please take note that into the last newsletters a tiny mistake has slipped

In regards to the web site (french version)

In order to keep you inform for the last updated of the association and to know some historic data of our family, *the appropriate web site address is;*

<http://web.me.com/chabotm/asschabot/>

As you know, our web master, Marcel Chabot enjoy when you go for a visit



A very happy anniversary to our Jubilees

Colette Chabot from Lévis

October 2 nd ⇒ **81 ans**

Victorin Chabot from Québec

October 11 th ⇒ **77 ans**

Yvette Chabot from Québec

Octobre 21 st ⇒ **78 ans**

Jeannine Chabot from Gravelbourg - Sask.

Octobre 27 th ⇒ **77 ans**

Aimé Chabot from Ste-Sabine

November 4 th ⇒ **77 ans**

Gilles Chabot from St-Augustin

November 5 th ⇒ **79 ans**

Jean Chabot from Pont Rouge

November 5 th ⇒ **77 ans**

Claude Poisson from Lévis

November 8 th ⇒ **78 ans**

Raoul Chabot from Neuville

November 25 th ⇒ **77 ans**

Alphonse Chabot from Québec

December 7 th ⇒ **76 ans**

Gaston Chabot from Ville-Vanier

December 17 th ⇒ **86 ans**

Noëlla Chabot from Gravelbourg - Sask.

December 28 th ⇒ **87 ans**

As per compile by **Luc Chabot**

Receiving a phone call at his/her anniversary, It is always appreciated .





Annual Assembly and BRUNCH

For the « Association des Chabot »

When : Sunday, October 18th starting at 10:00 am

Where: SALLE Chabot, at 5940, Chabot Str., Montreal, QC, H2G 1S7

Brunch : 22\$ pers. For pre-inscription /ou 25\$ pers. at the door

Activities planning :

10 h *Welcome and exposition visit re:Chabot genealogy*

11 h *Brunch*

12 h *Annual General Meeting*

14 h *End of meeting and discussions*

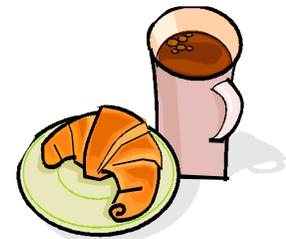


We hope that many of you will show up. Please advise us of your participation by registering yourself in advance and returning the pre-register coupon. Your inscription is required to make sure that number of brunches ordered equal, the number of persons at the meeting. Brunch fees are 22\$ per person pre-inscription and will be 25\$ per person at the door, for children between 6 and 12 years old, the brunch fees is 7, 50\$ and for the children under 6 years old, this is free (**Some supervise activities for the children between 5 and 10 years old**).

We will be please to meet you soon,

The 2009 Annual General Meeting Organization Committee

for the « Association des Chabot »



Please note that the **PARKING** in the street is allowed all around the « Salle Chabot ». There is a lot of place available on Sunday.

Also, we will offer you a parking valet service at the door if you required any help .

Les Chabotteries

Pictures of Édouard Chabot taken circa 1945 with his third wife, his 10 children and their partner in Hallébourg, Ontario where Édouard did own a general store. He passed away on November 21, 1959.



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