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AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT HILAIRE DE NALLIERS**



Message from the president



Greetings to all the members of the Association.

As I write these lines, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025 has just taken place on October 12th, 2025, at the Cabane à sucre Chabot, in Neuville. It was a warm gathering attended by about 50 people (see pp. 18-20).

On this occasion, a souvenir **slideshow** of the journey to our roots in France, which took place from September 11 to 25, was presented. The slideshow highlighted **four significant moments** for the Chabot.

1) On September 17th, we visited the church of Ste-Madeleine de la **Ventrouze**, place of baptism of Marie Mésangé, wife of Mathurin. The church is in great need of restoration. Perhaps we could help this small town of 140 inhabitants in their effort to restore it (pp. 4-5).

2) On September 19th, we admired the **Logis de la Chabotterie**, family estate of noble Chabots and historic site of Vendée (p.6).

3) Then, on September 21st, we explored **Jarnac** and learned more about its history and the noble Chabot who ruled there, including Baron Guy Chabot and his famous *coup de Jarnac* (p. 7).

4) On September 22nd, we travelled to Saint Hilaire de **Nalliers**, birthplace of Mathurin. We participated in the blessing, by the parish priest, Father Dominique Lubot, of the **memorial plaque**. We were received there with generosity (pp. 15-17).

At the AGM, we also paid posthumous tribute to the late Claude Chabot, in the presence of members of his family including his wife, Francine Carbonneau, and his two daughters, Julie and Nancy. Coinciding with the departure of Jean-Marc Chabot and Claude Dion from the Board of Directors, Julie Chabot, eager to help and to carry on her father's work, joined the Board as Vice-President. Julie's involvement delighted everyone and was seen as an additional sign of confidence in the Association's future. She

brings valuable experience, having previously served on a board of directors. Moreover, her expertise as a team leader in the Client Services Division at the Quebec National Business Register will be very useful. We already appreciate her cheerfulness. I would now like to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to support the work of the Board's team in one of the many tasks that keep us busy throughout the year. One does not need to be a Board member to lend a hand. Please let us know about your availability.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**From now on, the address of the Association is
228 rue du Méandre, Lévis QC G7A 5A6**

FINANCE

The treasurer handed over very sound audited financial statements. We ended the financial year on May 31st, 2025 with assets of \$11,396,64 and a surplus of \$3,746,61 (p-8). Let us mention that, in addition to the members' contributions, we have solicited companies and individuals during the past year. On our website, under the Support the Association section, you will see that our donors are now divided into 4 categories: Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Their names and/or business cards are mentioned in this issue of this newsletter.

SUCCESSION IN GENEALOGY

Diane Chabot-Pard (09), who has been involved from the very beginning alongside Claude Chabot, continues to enrich the Brother's Keepers database (BK). Moreover, we are also delighted to welcome a new volunteer genealogist, Yves Chabot (608), resident of Saint-Eustache. You will find a short biography of Diane and Yves on page 12.

Marcel Chabot recounts the exemplary life of his sister Carmelle (pp. 9-11). Diane Chabot-Pard draws our attention to the story of a Chabot, adopted by a man named Walker, after the death of his father (pp. 13-14). Thus, although Mathurin's blood was always flowing in his veins, the notoriety of Roy Arthur only appears under the surname of his adoptive father. Enjoy your reading.

Marie-France Chabot (80), president.

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LA VENTROUZE, HOMELAND OF MARIE MÉSANGÉ

By Marie-France Chabot (80).

For those who may not know her, MARIE MÉSANGÉ, is the wife of Mathurin Chabot. She bore him 13 children over 22 years, between December 1662 and July 1684.

She was born on April 4th, 1643, the daughter of Robert Mésangé and Madeleine Le Houx, in La Ventrouze, in the district of Mortagne-au-Perche. She migrated to New France around 1661 to join her grandfather Jacques Lehoux, who had arrived since 1647. He is the ancestor of all the Le Houx families of America, as evidenced by a plaque displayed in the Church of Ste-Madeleine.

The focal point of the commune is the Church of Ste-Madeleine, built in the 15th century and designated a historical monument in December 1981. La Ventrouze has only 140 inhabitants: few in number, but extremely generous. We were welcomed there as "very special guests" and treated to an abundant meal at the Town Hall, by Mrs. Évelyne Revet (mayor since 2005). She herself had baked the bread and the pâtés!



From left to right: Doris Chabot-Lavoie, her brother Marc Chabot, Francine (Marc's wife), Céline Chabot-Hall, Céline Goupil (Marie-Anne Chabot's daughter), Christian Chabot, Marie-France Chabot, Josette Goupil (Marie-Anne Chabot's daughter) and her husband Laurent (behind her), Esther Chabot, Yves Chabot et Mrs Évelyne Revet, mayor.





During our visit to the Church of Ste-Madeleine, we saw just how badly it needs to be restored. Work began in 2005 but the commune's resources are limited. Some €150,000 have been spent over the past 20 years, yet much remains to be done. The photos included here (including one of the baptismal font where Marie was baptized) give a good idea.

Mayor Revet wrote to me on October 24th: *"I promise you that for as long as I am in office, we will take care of this religious heritage. That was not the case in the past".*



In 2026, the commune plans **1)** to restore a section of the roof, **2)** to redo the floor of the choir loft, which is starting to give way, and **3)** to replace the old broken chairs (see above) with 4 or 5 rows of 2 pews, separated by the central aisle, all to be crafted by the La Ventrouze cabinetmaker Mr. Bruno Meleux).

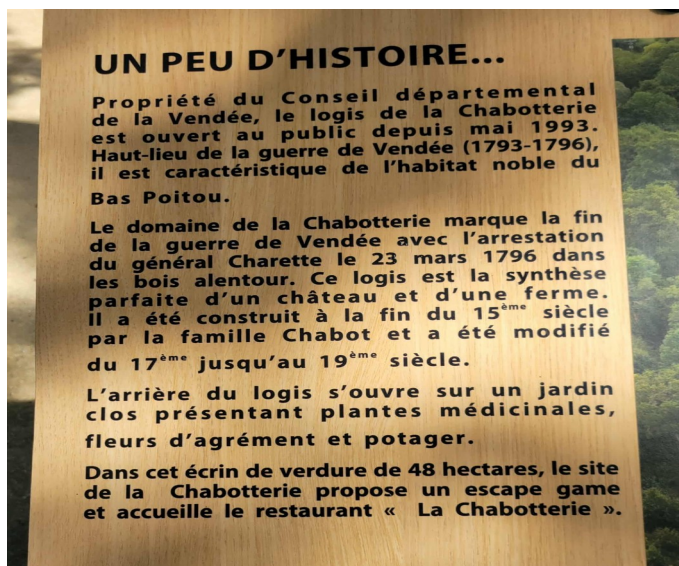
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP RESTORE THE CHURCH OF STE-MADELEINE, THE PLACE WHERE OUR FEMALE ANCESTOR MARIE MÉSANGÉ WAS BAPTIZED.

Informed of our intention, the city council has offered, as a sign of appreciation, to engrave the name of the Association of Chabot on each of the new pews financed by us. The more we give, the more pews will bear our name. Each of pew will cost at least €500.

Our goal is to collect 5 000 € (10 x 500 €). Already 1 000 € were given by the president and her spouse Jacques Couture. You too can make a donation by making an Interac transfer at (lgchabot@association-chabot.com) mentioning the purpose of the transfer (Fonds Église Sainte-Madeleine) or by mailing a cheque to the order of the Association des Chabot mentioning the purpose of the donation (Fonds Église Sainte-Madeleine) and using the new address of the Association: 228 rue du Méandre, Lévis, QC, G7A 5A6.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.

LOGIS DE LA CHABOTTERIE FAMILY ESTATE AND HISTORIC SITE OF VENDÉE



This estate, located in Montéverd in Vendée, remained in the Bourbon-Chabot family until the 20th century. The tower at the top bears a coat of arms and was erected in 1611. General Charrette was confined in the kitchen (above) before being executed. The house was opulent, as demonstrated by its furniture and garden.



GUY CHABOT, BARON DE JARNAC, HÉROS DU CÉLÈBRE DUEL

We visited the city of Jarnac, on September 21st, 2025. The city, crossed by the Charente river, is home to medieval ruins as well as several Cognac distilleries.

The Chabot, high-ranking nobles, close friends of royalty, inherited the Jarnac estate (the whole town) around 1400.

They lived there for several centuries. In the 15th century, they built a magnificent Castle where the Kings of France stayed regularly, one after another. Unfortunately, the Castle was destroyed during the Wars of Religion. Today, a public park occupies the site.

Beginning with Louis Chabot, 1st Baron de Jarnac, there were many barons, including the famous Guy Chabot (1514-1584), 7th Baron of Jarnac. Guy Chabot who lived mainly at the Court of François I, who held him in special friendship, due to the services rendered by his father and by his uncle, Admiral Chabot de Brion (p. 52).

As we know, following rumours and slander insinuating that Chabot had been "maintained" by Madame d'Estampe, the favorite of François I, Baron Guy Chabot was forced by Henry II to fight in a duel against François de Vivonne, Sieur of the Châtaigneraie, on July 10th, 1547, at the Château de St-Germain-en-Laye. Against all odds, he won this sword duel by striking his opponent twice in the left calf, triggering a haemorrhage that took out the fighter.

Authors agree that nothing unlawful or underhanded explains Chabot' victory (p.63-64). Yet, the Trévoux Dictionary, published by the Jesuits in the early 18th century defines the Coup de Jarnac as: *"a fatal and unforeseen blow, (...), which is always taken in a negative sense, meaning a move that one does not expect, which ruins someone, or destroys their fortune, by allusion to the duel in which Jarnac killed the Châtaigneraie with an unforeseen stroke"*,

According to Philippe Josserand, professor of medieval history at the University of Nantes, whom we met at the Mitterrand Museum, this travesty of meaning would be a form of vengeance on the part of the Jesuits against Guy Chabot who was the first in his family to convert to Protestantism.

Note: The paginated quotes are taken from the book *Jarnac à travers les âges*, by Robert Delamain, first published in 1925. by Stock.



The city of Jarnac has adopted the coat of arms of the Chabot family as its own.



Crypte où les corps de seigneurs de Jarnac, des Chabot, ont été déposés.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024-2025

These financial statements, audited and declared compliant by Mr. Jean-Luc Marcoux, were adopted unanimously on October 12th, 2025, on a proposal by Clément Chabot (89) supported by Richard Chabot (123)

ASSOCIATION DES CHABOT**RESULTS****EXERCICE ENDED ON MAY 31 2025****2024-2025****2023-2024****PRODUCTS**

Members contributions	2 930,05 \$	5 327 \$
Brunch	3 143,50	2 545
Donations	4 535,50	1 817
Reimbursement from the caterer	0,00	250
Casino	0,00	0
Promotional items	0,00	0
Rebate	2,91	31
	10 611,96	9 970

CHARGES

Brunch	3 587,60	3 133
Printing	1 778,36	1 554
Computer and website	100,65	1 209
Office supplies and mini warehouse	262,14	312
F.A.F.Q.	287,44	484
Mailing	0,00	26
Travel expenses and meetings	0,00	50
Bad debts	0,00	25
Business register	60,84	38
Genealogical expenses	450,00	0
Bank fees	37,20	62
Claude Chabot death expenses	301,12	
	6 865,35	6 893

**SURPLUS (SHORTFALL) OF PRODUCTS
ON THE CHARGES**
+3 746,61 **3 077**
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING
7 650,03 **4 573**
NET ASSETS AT THE END
11 396,64 \$ **7 650 \$**

TO LEAVE A TRACE

By Marcel Chabot, member 96

Before December 2024, I had published in the Association's newsletter a serie of texts related to five members of my family which originally counted eleven children (the third, baptized Charles-Édouard, died a few days after his birth.). Since then, I have introduced you to Jeanne, Roger, and Madeleine. Now it's Carmelle's turn.



My sister Carmelle – As Memory Serves



Carmelle was born on June 1st, 1935, in Saint-Lazare-de-Bellechasse. It was probably Father Eugène Beaudet, the parish priest, who baptized her. On July 13th, 1957, she married Victor Bissonnette, born in Sainte-Claire, the neighboring parish. Together, they had 3 children, all born in Sainte-Claire.

Like her older sisters Jacqueline and Madeleine, Carmelle also took the path of exile to Portneuf as soon as she had finished primary school, to continue her secondary studies there. She was very young and I imagine that prospect would not have delighted her. But given our parents' financial situation, it was certainly the only way to allow girls to pursue their education. Grandmother Aurélie, sister of the parish priest Adélarde and Emma, his housekeeper, must have been involved in this decision. An exceptional woman, hard-working and generous, she undoubtedly wished granddaughters to have the best life possible.

This premature exile made it so that I have few memories left of this dear sister who undoubtedly changed my diapers and rocked me when I was a baby... except that I am left with the vague sensation of the warmth of her back when, on winter evenings, probably frightened by the creaking of the roof planks, I would take refuge in her bed where, always welcoming, she would make a little place for me... It was so cold in the bedroom where we slept that on some mornings a thick layer of ice covered the windowpanes.

Carmelle had a nickname: "Miche". I never knew who had given it to her. In our family, it was not customary to let the children saddle each other with a nickname, perhaps because it was a seedbed for arguments. What I know is that Miche, pardon Carmelle, did not appreciate being addressed that way and that, despite her good nature, she would grimace whenever someone used that name...

Thus Carmelle continued her secondary schooling in Portneuf. When I was five or six years old, I remember going there with André and my parents, visiting uncle Adélarde and aunt Emma. Carmelle showed me around, including the convent where, behind what must have been a stage, there was a strange crank-operated machine used to imitate thunder. I was quite amazed by it, and it fired my imagination. If my memory is accurate, on the way back, we had been down by the Portneuf River which was bubbling below us before flowing into the St. Lawrence River.

Later, we find her at the Normal School run by the Sisters of Notre-Dame-du-Perpétuel-Secours, in Saint-Damien-de-Buckland, where she studied to become a teacher. Once again it is likely through the intervention of Aurélie and Emma that this was made possible. So I had few opportunities to see her, except during the summer holidays. Sometimes we would go together to pick seasonal berries: strawberries, raspberries and blueberries... But since I was a bit of a spoiled baby, I certainly was not the one doing most of the work. She nevertheless gently endured my romps and my shenanigans, unlike Madeleine who showed herself less indulgent. She also participated in haymaking, raking or trampling, depending on the days or needs. And sometimes, when Adrien or Maurice were absent, she had to go, often with Madeleine, bring water to the foxes in their pen. But as they feared the fangs of these small yapping animals, they came up with all sorts of strategies to avoid approaching the fences... Their actions greatly amused my brothers. I even believe that they took a mischievous pleasure in often entrusting them with this task.

It was at that time that I received my first and only spanking... through the fault of the ever-gentle Carmelle... She was washing Roger's car in front of the stable and I wanted to give her a hand... But as, in my eagerness, I was getting in her way more than was helping, so she pushed me aside, telling me to go play elsewhere... Upset, I allowed myself to yell at her: «You damned fool,» and so on, a bit too loudly and vehemently... Reading his newspaper on the side of the road, Dad had heard everything. I saw him come out holding in his hand the sturdy flyswatter he had made himself. I got a good ten whacks, firmly applied to the right thigh... I ran to hide in the hayloft until I had finished my crying and my sorrow. A few minutes later, once dad had abandoned his reading to go to work, she appeared in the doorway to the hayloft like an angel and came to comfort me with gentle words... It was there that I understood that Dad would not tolerate us hurling insults, even at our brothers and sisters... Lesson well learned!

Once she graduated, she first taught at Saint-Lazare, in a one-room schoolhouse of the fourth concession, then in Saint-Malachie, the neighboring parish. This parish had formerly welcomed Irish immigrants who, for all practical purposes, were now completely assimilated, except for a few holdouts among the older ones. Thus in her class, there were Founteyns, now Fontaines, Kellys, and Doherty. Our sister Jacqueline taught at another school nearby. So some evenings, after class, they had the opportunity to visit one another and discuss the day's events.

It was around the same time that the boys began to court her and she met Victor who would become her husband. He was a musician, a guitarist, who played with his brother, a violinist, at the evenings parties so popular with young people on weekends. Mom, always concerned about her daughters' virtue, worried when she saw her leave in a car, alone with this young man... A musician sometimes drinks and can be fickle... She would have liked me to serve as their chaperone, but it was not a task for me... and Dad, who trusted his daughters, reassured Mom. It must be said that in the early 20th century, young people's courtship were very closely monitored... For example, the space between the chairs on which the young sweethearts grazed at evenings must have been sufficient to let the family dog pass between them. That helps to understand Mom's state of mind...

The musician proved wise and won Mom's approval. The wedding was celebrated in Saint-Lazare on July 13th, 1957. The reception took place at home; I was not quite 15, and I remember the atmosphere, the music, the jigs of a certain Didier Blouin... The couple lived in a flat located near the Saint-Damien railway station, before finally settling in the village of Sainte-Claire, Victor's native parish.

Years pass, children are born and grow up... And then one day tragedy struck. One night, their son Michel, barely 18 years old, was seriously injured in a car accident and died from his injuries. He was a healthy, lively young man, with a head filled with projects... The burden is heavy for Carmelle, because the brutal loss of a child is a wound that never truly heals for a mother.

2007. Fifty years of marriage is no small milestone! Her children, Daniel and Carole, marked the occasion, the whole family gathered in an enchanting setting... And of course there are songs and music, in a family of musicians and singers how could it be otherwise?

And then comes retirement. The couple lives a peaceful life, going up the hill to listen to the birdsong where Victor, the amateur handyman, has set up a small eco-friendly chalet powered by solar energy. On fine summer Sundays, they welcome children, grandchildren, parents and friends. And then, several times a year, they go out with André and Laurette, (another devoted couple, tragically taken in December 2023) to entertain the elderly people of the nearby nursing homes.

At the dawn of her 90 years, but appearing to be no more than 75, so remarkable are her agility and presence, she continues to maintain the small house where the couple lives. At 94 years old, her husband has lost his agility and is moving with increasing difficulty and slowness. So, she, as lady of the house, takes care of cleaning, meals, groceries, as well as the care he needs.

What more can be said of this sister so kind and gentle... Has she ever even raised her voice? Outgoing, warm, and beautiful too, with this indefinable beauty that exudes calm and serenity. I have a soft spot for her... Is it because she is closest to me in age or because she takes after our mother in both face and soul?

In the end, no matter the reasons, it's enough that she knows it! She has many other qualities... intelligent, skillful with her hands, curious, always sharp-witted... But I wouldn't want to embarrass her, she who is already so reserved and shy...

Marcel Chabot (96).



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OUR GENEALOGISTS

Diane Chabot-Pard (09)

«Genealogy captured my interest 30 years ago when my children asked me to make a family tree of our families: Pard, Chabot, Belval and Martel. I contacted everyone who could tell me more about these families. Then one day, my husband and I went to the Basilica of Sainte-Anne de Beaupré; in the basilica gift shop, there were small booklets on the different lineages of those who settled Quebec. I bought them and still have them. Then in 2005, when my mother passed away, the desire to know more beyond her siblings sparked my interest. One day when I left a question on a genealogy website and told myself that I would surely have an answer in a few years, I had quite a surprise: that very evening, Claude Chabot replied to me! My eyes must have been wide as saucers and my jaw must have dropped that evening ... In short, we contacted each other afterwards. We quickly became friends and I wanted to be part of his research. Over the years, my hobby became a passion. There is not a single day where I do not consult the old newspapers from the library and archives of Quebec, the old newspapers from elsewhere in Canada and the United States through Newspapers.com, there is of course Facebook which I check from time to time, and also Ancestry.ca.

My husband and I have been surveying cemeteries for several years to take pictures of the Chabot tombstones. We went to Maine, to meet some Chabot, who were very generous in welcoming us and showing us where their ancestors were buried; we have always stayed in touch ever since. A few years ago, we drove to Saskatchewan to meet the descendants of Joseph-Edmond Chabot and Gilberte Palmier with the help of their daughter Mariette. What a beautiful trip it was! We met people with whom we talked, ate, laughed and learned a great deal about the Chabot who left Sainte-Claire from Bellechasse to settle in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan.

My longtime friend, Claude Chabot, left us last January for the great journey back to our ancestor Mathurin, and I believe he continues to accompany me in my research every day.»

Yves Chabot (608)

«I began to take an interest in genealogy in 1979 during the Chabot gathering at St-Laurent de l'Île d'Orléans, coinciding with the tricentennial of the Island. I bought a booklet containing my ancestral lineage and some information about the history of Mathurin, written by Mr. Paul Lachance. Later, in the 80s, I took a short course on genealogy in Saint-Eustache. Since then, I have kept up-to-date a record of births, marriages and deaths in my Chabot-Mercier family. I keep every photos I can on this topic. I am the administrator for two Facebook groups of the Chabot and Mercier families. I often exchanged my research findings with my brother Viateur, who has since passed away, and shared the same interests as I do.

I am a member of the Saint-Eustache Genealogy and History Society where I also volunteer. I regularly follow training sessions (Ancêtres, BK, Family Search, etc.). I also attend the gatherings of the Chabot and Mercier families, from time to time.

After working for 30 years in an automobile plant, in Boisbriand, and then for 13 years as a horticulturist, I have been retired for a few years. Besides genealogy, my favorite activities are photography, cycling and walking as well as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter. I also enjoy camping. Together with my wife, we also do volunteer work. »

Roy Arthur CHABOT Walker, a dance instructor in the 1930s and 1940s

Dance has always been part of our lives: be it in cabarets, dance halls, family gatherings, wedding receptions as well as in the movies we watched comfortably seated in front of our televisions.

Tap dancing ... we only have to think of:

Shirley Temple, child star in the 1930s, famous for her curls and her talent for dancing, especially tap.
Fred Astaire, often associated with Gene Kelly, another major male figures of Hollywood musicals.
Charlie Chaplin, whose career began in a troupe of child tap dancers before he became a movie legend.

The ballroom dancing (social dance) ... we only have to think of:

Patrick Swayze: the actor famous for his ballroom dancing, especially in *Dirty Dancing*
Fred Astaire: although best known for his musicals, he danced a memorable ballroom sequence with Audrey Hepburn in *Funny Face*, a memorable ballroom dance scene, and also in *Shall We Dance* with Ginger Rogers, in 1937.
Richard Gere and **Jennifer Lopez** in "*Shall We Dance*," released in 2004
Beauty and the Beast, the Disney animated movie. released in 2017, in which Belle lets herself be whirled around by the Beast as if her whole being were carried away by emotions.

The life of Roy Arthur "Chabot" Walker



Roy Chabot was born Joseph Damas Leroy Chabot on April 13th, 1903, in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts. He was the son of Damas J. Chabot, a cigar maker, and Catherine Gertrude Lyons, who married in 1901. His father, Damas, died at the age of 35 after only eleven days in the hospital; he had paresis which is not in itself a fatal illness, but he died as a result of its complications.



His widow, **Roy's mother**, remarried in 1913 to Arthur H. Walker. Since Catherine Lyons' two children, Roy and Ruth, no longer had a father figure, Arthur Walker adopted them both, and from then on, they bore the surname Walker.

It was at this point that the Chabot line came to an end, at least in appearance, because despite the civil formalities, Chabot blood would forever flow in their veins.

Roy Walker married Irene L. Fredette as his first wife. From this union were born Roy A. Jr. and Marilyn R. Walker. Their marriage began to falter shortly after the birth of their second child. Roy later married Ruth I. Ford, and two more children were added to their family, Robert F. and Ruthann Walker.



An accomplished dancer, Roy (Chabot) Walker became a dance instructor. He founded and directed the Roy Walker School of Dance in Holyoke, Greenfield, and Chicopee. He taught tap dancing, ballet, acrobatics, adagio, and ballroom dancing. He also performed in shows with his first wife, Irene Fredette, who was also his dance partner.



Roy Walker was also president of Dancing Teachers of America in the 1930s and 1940s. Many of his students have become famous with the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes in New York City. He then taught ballroom dancing at Bridgeport Central High School in the 1950s. In addition to teaching dance, he was employed for 17 years at AVCO Corp. Stratford, Connecticut.

Roy Arthur Walker passed away at the age of 81 on November 20, 1984, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Ruth I Ford Walker joined him on August 28, 2006. Both are buried in St. Jerome Cemetery in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

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By Diane Chabot-Pard (membre #09)



Family Tree of Roy Arthur (Chabot) Walker

Mathurin Chabot married Marie Mésangé on 1661.11.17 at Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Québec

Jean Chabot married Eléonore Enaud on 1692.11.17 at Saint-Pierre, Ile d'Orléans, QC

Antoine Chabot married Madeleine Leclerc on 1741.07.24 at Saint-Laurent, Ile d'Orléans, QC

Antoine Chabot married Marie Josephte Ruel on 1770.09.03 at Saint-Pierre, Ile d'Orléans, QC

François Chabot married Appoline Goddu on 1797.10.17 at N.-D. du Rosaire, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

Thomas Chabot married Phébée Olivier on 1837.02.06 at Notre-Dame du Rosaire, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC.

Damas Chabot married Mary A. Proulx on 1869.05.17 at Holyoke, Hampden, MA

Damas J. Chabot married Catherine Gertrude Lyons on 1901.04.22 à Holyoke, Hampden, MA

UNVEILING OF THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IN NALLIERS ON SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2025



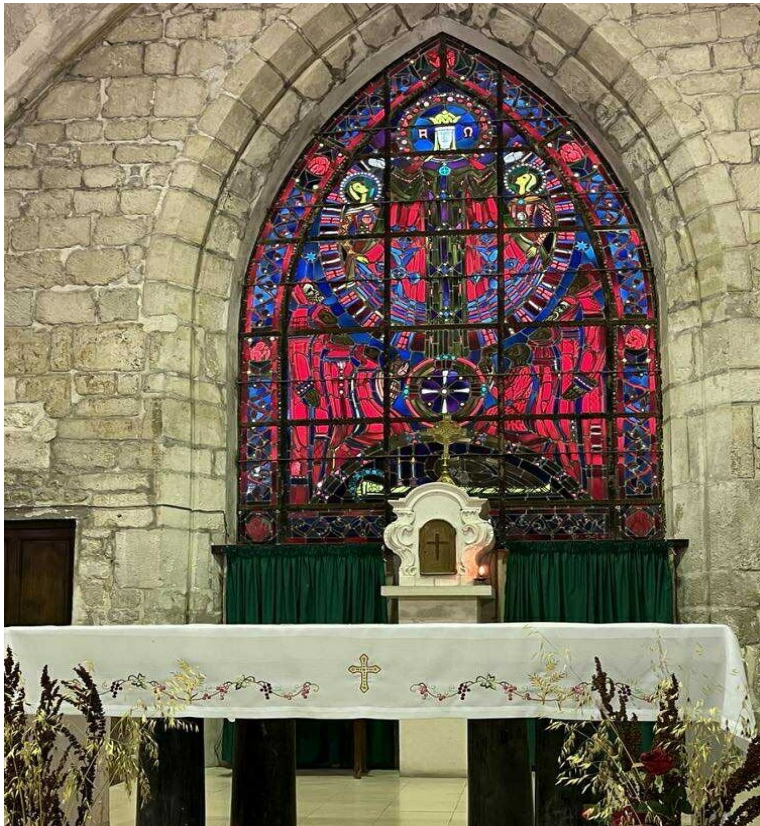
Mathurin Chabot, our common ancestor, was born in Nalliers in Vendée, on August 18th, 1637. He was baptized the same day by the parish priest Jacques Gouppilleau. Since there remains some uncertainty as to whether his baptism was celebrated in the Chapel of Chevrette or in the Church of Saint Hilaire, both located at Nalliers, out of caution, we chose to have the plaque state simply that he had been baptized "in this parish Saint Hilaire".

The plate, (see photo on the title page), made by the Bremand Marble of Nalliers, measures 60 cm by 45 cm and is made of White Teak Marble. It is very beautiful. The plaque was unveiled on August 20th in the presence of the parish priest, Father Dominique Lubot, and the 1st deputy mayor, Mr. H. LeLong. It cost \$1,952.62. A donation of €1000 (\$1707.12) was made to the parish which will hosts the plaque on its walls permanently.

On Monday, September 22nd, at 9:30 AM, we were welcomed into the Church by Father Lubot and several parishioners. The plaque is located very close to the entrance of the church, in the section known as "the baptistery", on the left hand wall, as you enter. Visitors simply cannot miss it. Father Lubot gave a welcome address and then unveiled and blessed the plaque. The liturgy committee had prepared a booklet with psalms and hymns. The ceremony lasted about 45 minutes. Then we were able to visit the Church, after which we headed to the Town Hall for a reception.



This 12th century church, dedicated to Saint Hilaire, the Bishop of Poitiers, features 13th century gothic vaults, as "Angevines Vaults". It had to be rebuilt after being destroyed by Protestants in the 16th century. Abbé Jacques Goupilleau, the very priest who baptized Mathurin, carried out major alterations. The church contains works of great beauty, including the Mazetier stained glass window (bottom left). This 9 meters high window, weighing more than 4 tons, created in 1935 by Louis Mazetier, was installed for a few months in Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral, for testing. It was then crated up and "forgotten" in the galleries of the cathedral, which spared it from the ravages of the Second World War. Installed inside the church of Saint Hilaire since 2018, it thus escaped the fire at Notre-Dame de Paris in 2019.



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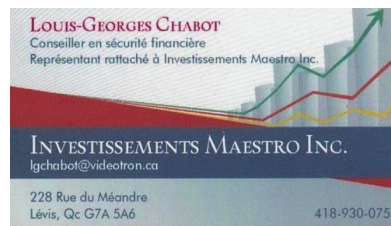


At the Nalliers Town Hall, not only were we introduced to the history of the Church and the commune, through a video, but we were also gifted a framed picture of the stained glass by Mazetier, that we had previously admired at the Church.

We were then served food and drink, all under the care of the deputy mayor and the liturgical committee led by Mrs. Piette.

Thank you so much for this generous and so truly «Chabot» welcome !

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IMAGES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 12th, 2025



A warm welcome was extended from 9:00 AM by Louis-Georges Chabot, treasurer, and his sister Jacynthe.



Diane Chabot-Pard, accompanied by her husband François, answered questions from the members using the Brother's Keeper database.



Participants talking before the proceedings start



The room was well decorated by Annie Matte.



Attendees shop the crafts of Jasmine Dion & Nicole Goupil (daughters of Marguerite and Marie-Anne Chabot)



TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CLAUDE CHABOT, OUR FOUNDER



While the Founding Assembly of the Chabot Association took place at the Cabane à sucre Chabot, on October 14th, 2007, 18 years later, on October 12, 2025, we held the 17th Annual General Meeting in the same place and we highlighted the death of our founder, who passed away on January 26th, 2025.

Fortunately, in recent months, we had the time to honor him in Les Chabotteries no. 68 and 69 and by having a commemorative plaque honoring our ancestor and the work of Claude unveiled in France. A photo of this plaque was given to his wife, Francine Carbonneau, who shared a few words with us. She spoke with emotion about Claude's perseverance and thanked us for the commemorative plaque and the tributes paid.

Left: Claude Chabot and Marie-France Chabot at the 2007 meeting

Bottom: Family of Claude:

back row: Julie (her daughter), Martin Grenier (husband of Nancy), Cédrick (son of Julie);
in front: the president, Nancy (daughter of Claude), Francine (his wife).





An attentive audience watched the slideshow recounting the various steps of the journey to the sources. Travelers present at the AGA said they felt: "as if they were there!" The whole presentation lasted 45 minutes. Then the AGM was conducted smoothly with the active and continuous participation of the Board and other members present.



We went on to enjoy the brunch served at the Cabane, including some sweet maple treats! Several door prizes were then awarded, including products from the Cabane à sucre Chabot and 2 gifts given by Nicole Goupil and Jasmine Dion. The "half and half" raffle was won by Mrs. Marguerite Chabot (with over \$100). Thanks to everyone.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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