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# The President's Word

On 15 October, the KFA held its very first virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM). A first ever! After having to cancel our planned gathering and AGM on 13 August 2022, we agreed to consider holding a virtual AGM.

Thanks to the generosity and competence of Gilles Kirouac, we managed to do so! Gilles is a younger brother of Céline, KFA's first vice-president. Gilles holds a diploma in physics from Laval University and an MBA from UCLA. Until he retired, he owned *Les systèmes informatiques Myriade*, his company located in Quebec City. Not only he generously organized the virtual AGM, but he also patiently taught us how to take part! Needless to say that we are very grateful to him for organizing the event and leading us all through the whole process on the Day. So, the present words of thanks, are well deserved as he enabled us to keep administering the KFA as democratically as possible.

It would have been nice if more people had joined the virtual AGM; however, it was held according to the KFA rules and regulations. Unable to hold an AGM for three years because of the pandemic, we really felt the need for a formal consultation, at least, more formal than simply by publishing the administrative reports in *Le Trésor*. During this AGM, members virtually present were able to approve the activities' report published in the last *Trésor* as well as the financial reports including that about the *Jacques Kirouac Funds*.

Those present also approved extending the mandates of Board members for another year. Mercédès Bolduc-Villeneuve was voted to revise the 2022 financial reports as she had been doing in the last few years. According to the KFA rules and regulations, this position should be held by a KFA member present at the AGM and not by a board member. We hope to remedy this at the 2023 AGM.

This is a chance to tell you about Mercédès' qualifications! She has a college degree in finance and accounting, is a certified bookkeeper, holds a university business administration certificate and (GCC) a manager competence certificate in finances and, let's not forget all the satisfied clients she has been serving for over 20 years. We believe that the KFA financial reports have been well revised in the past three years and are in good hands. Thank you very much Mercédès.

## Website

In the activity report, presented at the AGM, which you read in *Trésor* 139, I mentioned that the galleries of photos of previous KFA gatherings would be brought up to date this autumn. On 12 November, we were very happy to announce - via *Trésor Express* - that the last five galleries of photos completing all 38 gatherings held since 1979, were now online.

I cannot find the words to properly thank Mrs. Lucille Kirouac for achieving this feat over a number of years in order for one and all to virtually relive each reunion through so many photos now available on the KFA website. It is



Photo: François Kirouac collection

François Kirouac

also a chance to remember many "dear departed cousins".

## KFA GATHERING IN 2023

As our annual gathering was planned to be held in Quebec City this year, at its last reunion, the KFA Board members agreed to do it in our provincial capital, on Saturday, 9 September 2023. Preparations are already under way and we will let you know the details through a *Trésor Express* and on our website as soon as possible. In your 2023 agenda, please write the date to be sure to be free on **SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2023**.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I like to take advantage of my last President's message every year, to wish you all and your families, in my name and in the name of the Board members, happiness, health and peace for the coming year. Looking forward very much to meeting you next September in Quebec City.

# SEASON'S GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Once again this year, **OUR YOUNGER TREASURES**, Alexandre de Kervoach's descendants, hope you enjoy a very special Holiday Season, and wish you a Happy New Year filled with **HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY!**



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Nahla Arabelle



Lexie



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Serena, Joseph, Selah, Kayla, Samuel and Silas



Ella



Henri



Thomas



Nev



Elliana and Theodore



## LOOKING FOR STORIES ON THE THEME KIROUACS AND THE SEA translated by Marie Lussier Timperley

In the previous Trésor, no. 139, you read about a K/ descendant, Navy Lieutenant Paul Timperley (p.5), then on page 6, we invited you to send in stories with a marine, maritime or ocean flavour, all related to Kirouacs or K/ descendants.

We all know that to reach the New World, our ancestor had to cross the Atlantic arriving in 1726 but we have yet to find the name of the boat he sailed on, from which port he left and when exactly he landed here. Today, we are delighted to offer you a poem written by Robert Kirouac, one of the founding members of our Association. His contribution is the first one received. May there be many more.

The Editor

### *The Sea...*

*I am on my way back from much too short a holiday, I am on the ferry somewhere between the province/island of Newfoundland and the continent. I am enjoying the ocean's immensity.*

*Water, only water all around me ... Water in all shades of blues, concealing so many hidden mysteries: singing whales, playful dolphins and some cods, but also how many graceful medusae, fierce crustaceans, giant algae ... I can easily imagine so many other beautiful waterlogged scenery!*

*Home for me, is by the Saint-Lawrence River.  
Sometimes the River, like the ocean, is foggy, full of stories and of southwest winds ...*

*I sailed on it, I swam in it, I visited its islands and discovered its winged inhabitants ... but the sea, flowing and growing into the ocean, that is a totally new dimension!*

*The sea ...<sup>1</sup>*

*Just as generous as its homonym, "la mère", mother.  
A mother nourishes and also rocks ... For her, we are always children, small and vulnerable ...*

*It is said that we were born from the plentiful blue ocean but when at sea, human beings feel a lot more affection for the fertile green earth, their adoptive mother.*

I spent many hours on the ferry between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

At the time, Radio-Canada<sup>2</sup> was inviting its listeners to write something on the theme The Sea for their summer programme entitled: Comme une bouteille à la mer: i.e., Like tossing a bottle at sea...

Robert Kirouac, 29 July 1999



<sup>1</sup> (In French), the sea is "la mer".

<sup>2</sup> French CBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

## New Kirouac Family Association Board Member

On 13 August 2022, according to article 6.06 of the KFA Rules and Regulations, the Board members nominated **Renald K rouack** to the KFA Board.

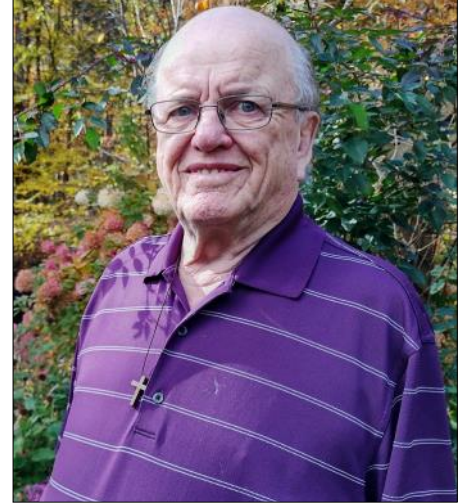
Renald, a K descendant in Simon-Alexandre's branch, was born in the Saint-Sauveur parish in Quebec City in 1946. He is the son of Lucien K rouack (GFK 01852) and Th r se Loiselle-K rouack. He is the eldest of six siblings. His father worked all his life for the Quebec Department of Transport.

The family settled in the rapidly developing Sainte-Foy area in 1950 when Renald was four years old. He completed all his studies in Sainte-Foy.

After completing a land surveyor course, he worked twelve years for the Quebec Department of Transport. He was involved in two very important projects: first the construction of the Champlain Boulevard (route 136) a beautiful 10-mile road along the St. Lawrence River linking Pierre-Laporte Bridge to Parliament Hill in Old Quebec. Later on, he worked eighteen months on the construction of a giant multi-crossroads linking Quebec City's three main boulevards: Laurier, Henri IV and Duplessis. This crossroads is located on the northwest side of the bridge. (\*see Google Maps).

After that, for the next eight years, Renald was a milkman in Charlesbourg and Orsainville, Quebec City suburbs. Finally he bought the convenience store at Jardins de M rici in Quebec city and operated his own business in this high-end residential complex for eighteen years.

Socially, he was always involved. President of the Optimist Club at Lake Saint-Charles for three years. He was also the president of the Lions Club in Quebec-North for another three years. He was a Knight of Columbus, fourth degree; and was Grand-Knight of the Neufch tel and Vieux Charlesbourg



Renald K rouack  
(Photo: Fran ois Kirouac)

Council for two years. Afterward, he was a member of the Notre-Dame-des-Laurentides Council of the Knights of Columbus. Renald was also a Church Warden in his parish and sang in various choirs.

We wish him all the best in his new functions as a member of the KFA Board.

Fran ois Kirouac

**A special message from Mark Pattison, KFA Regional Representative for Eastern USA**

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# Ancestry of Renald K rouack



# Y-DNA TESTS

New results for the Kervoach descendants by Greg Kyrouac

based on information provided by Aidan Kelly,  
Australian genealogist researcher

As reported in the last Annual Report of the President, published in *Le Trésor* 139, we have been working to determine our family origins through testing of our DNA.

Both Jacques Kirouac, KFA founding president, and François Kirouac, K/ family genealogist and actual KFA President, had their DNA assessed several years ago to prove that the two branches of the K/ family have the same ancestors, and in fact, the test verified what the genealogy had told us.

Since then, DNA testing for genealogical purposes has been greatly improved and the cost to do the testing has reduced as well. The first tests were relatively simple and gave us basic information.

François also took other tests in order to further the research started in 2009 and, if possible, find out more. His results went from 12 to 37 genetic markers.

Last June 2022, an Australian genealogical researcher, Aidan Kelly, who has been studying the Kelly/Kelley families from Ireland, found that François was a match to the Kelly family. First, a little background information from Aidan will be useful to help us understand what genetic researchers have learned.

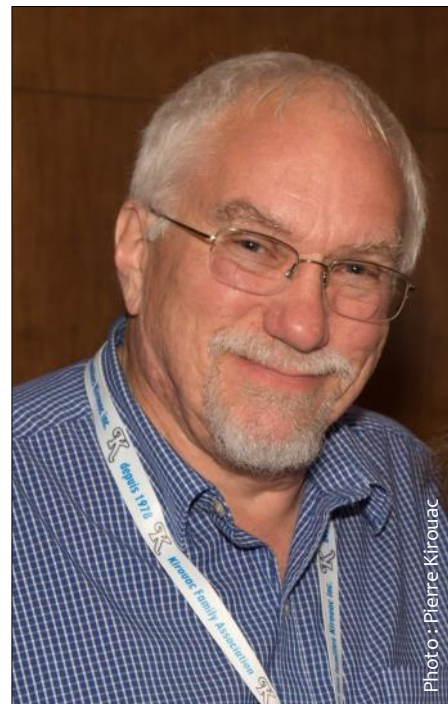
We cannot escape our genetic history; all humans have 46 chromosomes which are found in all of our cells, in two pairs (we get half of our chromosomes from our father and half from our mother). Our DNA molecules can be traced back to the first humans.

The 23rd chromosome determines whether someone is female (two X-chromosomes) or male (one X-chromosome from the mother and a Y-chromosome from the father).

Science, and more recently genetic testing companies, have discovered that the DNA base-pair molecules on the Y-chromosome mutate on average about once every 120 years - that is about once every three generations at 40 years a generation.

This is only the average, and the pure science is far more technical, but the point is that genealogical researchers like Aidan are comfortable with the notion that there is one “mutation” every 120 years, which can help provide a timeline to guide genealogical research.

Aidan was specifically looking at the Y-chromosome which determines whether someone is male, and he found that in François’ DNA test, there was a match of 34 of the 37 genetic



Greg Kyrouac,  
KFA regional representative  
for Central USA

markers evaluated on his Y chromosome to a Matthew Kelly.

Although this is not an exact match, it indicates that there is a common ancestor in the past. Using the “mutation” information, he estimated that François and Matthew had a common ancestor which could be as far back as 1000-2000 years ago. However, there are many more genes on the Y chromosome and Aidan suggested that I complete a more advanced DNA test, a deep dive DNA test that compares the genes of two de K/voach descendants instead of one Kirouac with a Kelly.

When I completed the 23andMe DNA test over three years ago, it suggested that my Y-chromosome was of the same family as ancient Irish kings, so I was willing to try a more advanced Y-DNA test to see if I would be related to the Kelly/Kelley clan as well.

The first test looked at 111 sites on the Y-chromosome and indicated that I was also related to Matthew Kelly, but when comparing the 37-gene test, I matched 33 of the 37 genes, so I was not as closely as François who matched 34 of the 37 genes.

This shows that the tests' results may vary and that the best way to find sure and precise data is to have a BIG Y test; as the BIG Y test studies the mutations by basic pairs and not only the simple sites without the basic pairs.

Aidan then suggested that I upgrade to the BigY test which compares 700 genes on the Y-chromosome. He felt that test would be the key to solving the puzzle of whether our yDNA goes back to Ireland and, if so, to which Irish tribe we are most closely related. I decided to have the BigY test for my DNA and I received the results in mid-September.

My yDNA test results tell us that I am part of a group called the Z2961+ and ZP77+ group. Aidan reviewed the results, and he says that the ZP77+ mutation is found about 4000 years ago - so about 2000 BC. Apparently, it is likely that all the ZP77+ lived in Ireland and historically that would have

<sup>1</sup> See the article on page 14 of the present *Trésor* about the Bell-Beaker culture.



Photo: Aidan Kelly collection

Aidan Kelly and Veronique Teissier, in Fremantle, Western Australia delving into Veronique's French ancestry using DNA techniques.

*A*idan Kelly is a lawyer who lives in Fremantle, Western Australia. He co-ordinates the Kelly family DNA study that includes over +1000 test results and he has been able to assist many researchers to find family connections amongst the multiple Kelly families of the world.

Aidan is a keen researcher on a range of topics including local history and consciousness. He has adopted the position that people are drawn to genealogical research because it helps them understand their own consciousness and related sense of self, consciousness being an amalgam of many things including DNA, family, food, dust, history and sense of place.

His own family history includes great grandparents from France (Le Nay / Ditley / Missel), Denmark (Andersen / Hansen), Ireland (Kelly / O'Connor) other European countries (Leverman / Rowlands). For fun, Aidan swims and surfs and plays double bass and guitar.

been associated with the movement of the Bell-Beaker culture from mainland Europe to Ireland in 2500 BC.

The Bell-Beaker culture is an archaeological culture named after the inverted-bell beaker drinking vessel used at the very beginning of the European Bronze Age.

One example of the ZP77+ is the Ui-Maine Kelly family, which Aidan has been studying. They are also Z2961+ and ZP77+ and are strongly associated with Ireland.

Historical records show these Kellys have been part of Ireland since at least 300AD but the general view is that this group of Kellys were also of Bell-Beaker

background who arrived from mainland Europe in 2500BC.

So, the idea that ZP77+ has been part of Ireland since 2000 BC is not controversial. To understand what this tells us about the ancestry of the K/ pedigree requires us to know a bit more about DNA haplogroups.

Further summary and explanation will happen over the next few months. What Aidan can say now is that while the ZP77+ groups were and still are associated with Ireland, the results from other yDNA testers show that there are a range of contemporary male surnames associated with ZP77, including our family which is known to have been in Brittany in the 1500s.

Further, my results place me in a group called BY41043, that contains people with surnames of Sproats from the USA, Carroll from Ireland, and Reed from England.

On the recent results these are all grouped in the JD13-JD22 SNP groups which is a sub-branch of the ZP77+.

The Ui-Maine Kellys are in a close sub-branch and further it is obvious that aside from the Ui-Maine Kellys who are still associated with Ireland, there are ZP77+ that are associated with a range of places outside of Ireland.

So, some people with the ZP77+ did get away from Ireland to places such as current day England, Scotland, Wales, and France. As Aidan comments further on, the yDNA results of these families that left Ireland

eventually recorded their own *single nucleotide polymorphism* (SNP), which is a change in one's DNA code at a specific point, and therefore, these changes show a branching in the SNP line under ZP77+ and this helps estimate a date of branching and relocation away from Ireland.

**In conclusion, based on the information and review to date, Aidan's view is that the K/ male line was at one time in Ireland, to be clearer, the narrative appears to be that as the Bell-Beaker culture arrived in Ireland about 2,500 BC; this included a male line that was to give rise to ZP77+.**

That SNP arose sometime after 2000BC and can be found today in the Ui-Maine Kelly family in Ireland (which includes the Trainor family that branched from the Ui-Maine Kelly family in about 600 AD). So those families never left Ireland prior to 1500 AD.

In the case of the K/ family, a descendant of ZP77+ did leave and he appears to have established himself in Brittany, France and that line is the K/ line that includes Greg and François.

Aidan points out that the yDNA results show that the K/ line is solid for the last 10 SNPs working from today to 10 SNPs ago. So, based on 120 years for a yDNA SNP, which means 1200 years of not very much branching in our K/ line.

More test results may change that number but, on its face, it appears that the K/ line has been one line without branching for at least the last 1200 years.

So, from that data we can hazard a guess that the male individual K/ ancestor moved from Ireland to France at least 1200 years ago.

Further, in addition to the Irish families such as the Ui-Maine Kellys and Trainors that stayed in Ireland, there are other branches of the ZP77+ group which are from current day England, Scotland, Wales, and France.

The data shows that these families all branched from the same ZP77+ stem branch (call that ZP77+ sub-branch the JD13-JD22 sub-branch) on average about 15 SNPs ago.

That means that 15 SNP x 120 years a yDNA SNP suggests that about 1800 years ago, there was a significant branching event that occurred which split that line into at least three new lines. These events were usually due to famine, war (religious or not) or advance in technology.

To clarify, that means that there was one family, the ZP77+ / JD13-JD22 family branch that about 1800 years ago had a radiation of separate male line descendants (this would happen over 1-3 generations because the SNP only arise every 120 years or 3 generations, so it is not possible to say whether the radiation of male lines happened as all brothers, there may have been sons and grandsons etc., involved.

So, let's say that about 200AD an event or events occurred where the ZP77+ / JD13-JD22 group branched in to at least three branches, one being the K/ family.

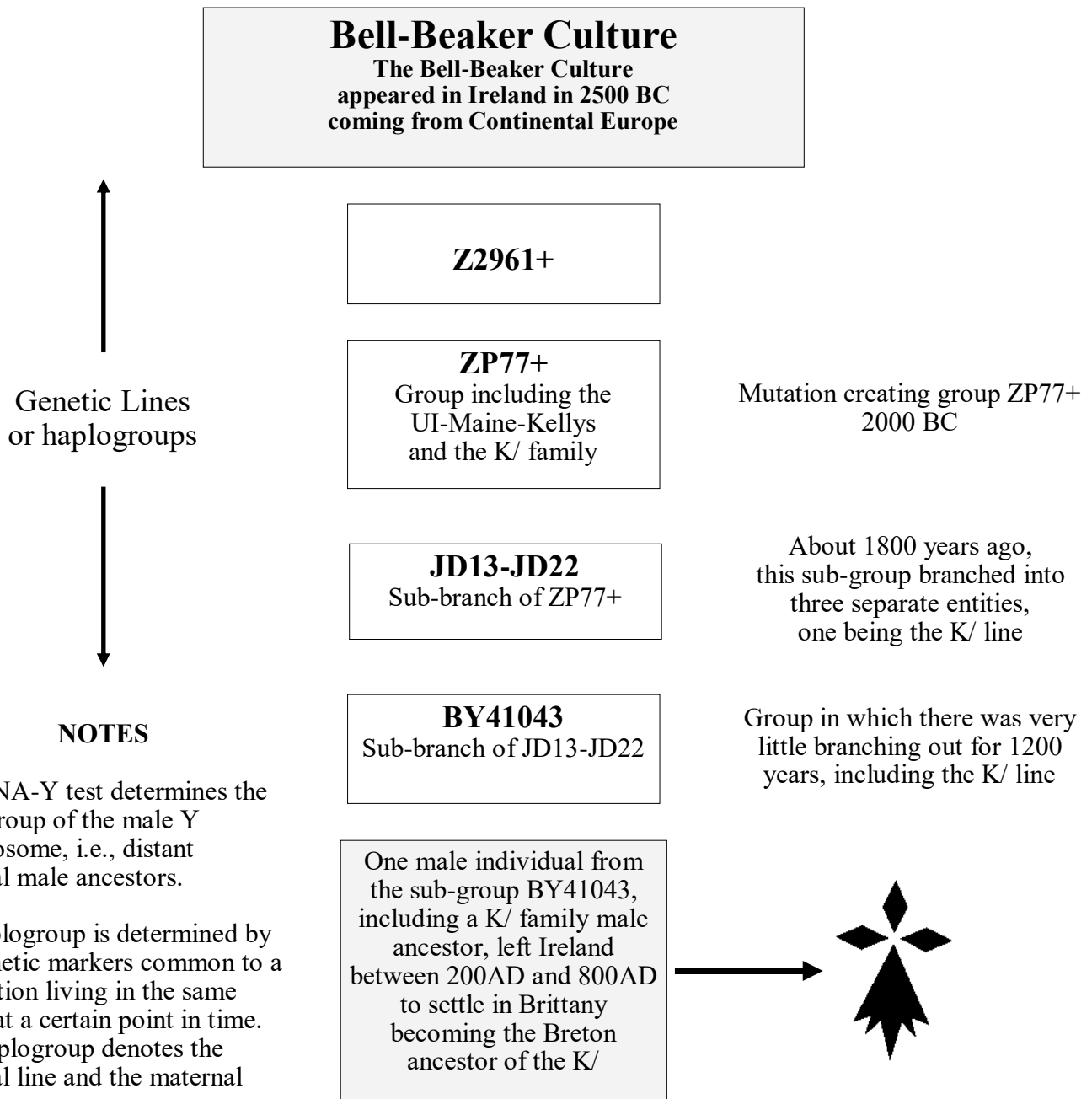
For whatever reason, there was an exodus from Ireland of this group between about 200AD-800AD and some time around then the K/ male line moved from Ireland to France and established itself in Brittany, France.

Aidan invites the Kirouac descendants to familiarize themselves with the present study, prepare notes and comments, particularly about the period in history when the branching out took place; and

also get familiar with the groups and sub-groups that brought the K/ out of Ireland.

There will be more to come!

## DIAGRAM OF THE FIRST RESULTS FROM THE DNA ANALYSES



# PROUD BRITTANY BEFORE 1532

by André Larané<sup>1</sup> (translated by Marie Lussier-Timperley)

*As mentioned in Greg Kyrouac's article, genealogical research using DNA to find the origin of our family takes us back to Brittany over a thousand years ago.*

*We thought the following article written by André Larané, published on Herodote.net, a French history website, on 24 November 2022, would be helpful to better understand the historical context regarding the surprising revelations about the K/ ancestry found through results of DNA testing.*

*The Editor*

The Ancient talked about **Armorique**, as the Celtic root of the word is **armor** meaning the **sea**. Brittany happily welcomed the megalith civilisations, i.e., civilisations of the large standing stones, and there are many of them near the gulf of Vannes (Locmariaquer, Carnac, Gavrinis, etc.).

Before the Roman conquest, the Armorican Celts were divided in five main peoples: the Redone, whose name survives in the name of the town of Redon, the Vénète, around Vannes, the Namnète, around Nantes, the Curiosolite, around Saint-Brieuc and the Osismien around Brest.

Because the Breton peninsula extends into the ocean, and is somewhat away from the centres on the mainland, it kept its Celtic roots better than the rest of Gaule, as France was known then. Hence from the fifth to the seventh century, the Celts from the Island of Britannia, (today's Great Britain) decided to take refuge in Armorique when their island was invaded by hordes of



Dolmen in Bretagne  
(Photo: Pixhere.com, public domain)

Angles, Saxons and other German tribes! Thus the Armorique became known as Bretagne, i.e., Brittany in English, the name it keeps to this day.

Emperor Louis the Pious (778-840) conferred the title of duke to the Breton chief Nominoë (800-851). On 22 November 845, at Ballon near Redon, the new duke completely defeated the armies of Charles the Bald, son of Louis the Pious. From then on, during seven centuries, Brittany remained fiercely independent. (The realm of Bretagne was officially born in 849 when Nominoë was crowned king at Dol. His son, Erispoë, succeeded his father as king of Bretagne and even Charles the Bald, king of Francie (as part of France was known then) recognized it.



Photo: Marie Kirouac

<sup>1</sup> Born 30 December 1952 in Montoulieu (Haute-Garonne), André Larané founded Herodote.net in 2004 after a first career in science journalism. (Source: Wikipedia)

Photo taken at Carnac, in Brittany, during the *Return to the Sources*, the journey of discovery for 32 KFA members between 3-18 July 2000.

# THE BELL-BEAKER CULTURE (*culture campaniforme* in French)

Why looking at this European continental culture when studying DNA genealogy?

by Marie Lussier Timperley

In Greg Kyrouac's article we discover that the first results of his DNA advanced test show that our Kirouac family has some distant ancestors from the Bell-Beaker culture by its English name. Before learning about the Bell-Beaker culture, in my mind, I could picture a drinking vessel shaped like an inverted bell. However, wanting to translate Greg's article into French, I needed to find out about that culture in French! Internet was most helpful but they were on about "Campaniforme"; a new word meaning nothing to me and what a tongue-twister as well.

Bell-Beakers lived in Ireland already some 2,500 years B.C. Where did they originate? I look up "campaniforme" in French and discovered a thesis defended by Olivier Lemerrier at Aix-en-Provence in 2002. His study covered 300 archeological sites in Southwest France where were found 1,200 pottery fragments, most of them decorated. You can read his English theses. There is also a French summary and a German one<sup>1</sup>.

Knowing that a Bell-Beaker is an inverted bell-shaped pottery goblet, I then learned that thousands were found in burials all over continental

Europe and the style is part of the European protohistory<sup>2</sup> phenomenon known since the discovery from the late 19th century in many parts of Europe, particularly in Chalcolithic burials<sup>3</sup> containing such inverted bell-beakers called in French campaniforme or caliciforme (from chalice). Besides their distinctive forms, these ceramics were decorated in many distinctive ways, according to the peoples and the areas where they were found. It is also interesting that their characteristics set them apart from other potteries also found by archeologists in burials during the same period.

So this culture, whether under its English, French or German name, spread through continental Europe<sup>4</sup> starting along the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts reaching all the way to Czechoslovakia as early as the third millenium B.C., also covering the Eneolithic period<sup>5</sup> and part of the ancient European Bronze<sup>6</sup>. The development of this culture followed population movements and spread along waterways.

The Bell Beaker phenomenon is not an ethnic culture like most other archeological cultures at the time,

but points to a vast multicultural commercial network where a variety of new artifacts, ideas, traditions, were exchanged and spread, including metal work, in copper, bronze and gold as well as archery.

Nowadays with all the genetic discoveries, those networks are linked to various haplogroups. The Bell-Beakers are the transition between the end of the Neolithic or Chalcolithic period and the beginning of the Bronze age in Continental Europe. It ended around 2200 B.C, except in Britannia (today's Great Britain) where the Bell-Beaker culture lasted until 1800 B.C.

The vast Bell-Beaker network of Pottery decorated in circular bands using combs or ropes influenced by the megalitic culture, can be divided up into five distinct archeological cultures each with its own features: Central Europe (East), West. South, South-East and Maritime Europe: Bretagne and the Tage River area of Portugal.

<sup>1</sup> *Le site de Préhistoire de l'Université de Bourgogne (Prehistorical website of Bourgogne University – English thesis plus a French and a German presentation) at: <http://ubprehistoire.free.fr/Le-Prof-Article1.html>*

<sup>2</sup> *Historical period comprised between prehistory and history.*

<sup>3</sup> *Copper age or Chalcolithic Age, refers to the Neolithic period when men learned about copper metallurgy before the bronze metallurgy later brought about the Bronze Age.*

<sup>4</sup> *To discover and follow the most recent archeological digs of the Bell-Beaker period in Brittany go to: <https://www.inrap.fr/des-habitats-du-campaniforme-concarneau-il-y-plus-de-4000-ans-finistere-15804>*

<sup>5</sup> *Period extending from 2500 to 2000 B.C.*

<sup>6</sup> *Period from the beginning of the third millenium B.C. to 800 B.C.*



Bell-Beakers

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# KATE KIROUAC, PURE ENERGY FROM BEAUCE

by François Kirouac

In the previous *Trésor des Kirouac*, number 139, I wrote to you about Kate Kirouac from Chapais (Quebec), daughter of Réjean and Thérèse (née Robichaud) Kirouac. I mentioned that Kate studied at Cégep de Jonquière (College) where, in 2003, she graduated with a degree in Art & Media Technology, option television. Kate having mentioned that at the end of her Art & Media Technology course in 2003, she had met another Kate Kirouac from the Beauce region starting the same course.

My curiosity was pricked and I decided to follow this new trail. What was the likelihood that two people with exactly the same first name studied the same subject at the same College? I could hardly believe it. All the more so, being very familiar with our genealogical database, I knew that Kate as a first name, often used in English as a diminutive for Catherine, but not in French, and Kate was not a popular name among Kirouacs either. Frankly, before hearing about Kate from Chapais, I had never seen the name in the Kirouac database. As a matter of fact, among all the first names entered to date for 15,235 descendants of Alexandre de Kervoach, Kate from Chapais was the very first one in my database.

So, I started by looking on the internet and, yes, I soon found some references to another Kate Kirouac. But this one was from Saint-Georges-de-Beauce. First I found references to some articles written by a Kate for an e-magazine called *EnBeauce.com*, all dating from a few years back. Then I found a Kate Kirouac who was responsible for human resources at a company named Métal Sartigan. On Facebook, I found a Kate Kirouac, a photographer.

So I started off by contacting the Kate responsible for human resources at Métal Sartigan to ask her if she had studied at the Jonquière College in Art & Media Technology. Without any hesitation, she immediately and very nicely confirmed that she was the Kate mentioned by her namesake from Chapais. Adding that she is also the Kate who worked as a journalist for *EnBeauce.com* and the photographer found on Facebook. Within a few minutes, Kate kindly agreed to answer my many questions so I can present her to you, the readers of *Le Trésor*.

## FAMILY ORIGIN

Genealogically speaking, Kate Kirouac from the Beauce, is not really unknown to us, because her father, Jacques Kirouac, was a member of the Robert Kirouac's Band during the 1960s and 1970s<sup>1</sup>. His brother, Alex, was the drummer for two bands **Kain** and **La Chicane**<sup>2</sup>.



Famille de Kate Kirouac. De gauche à droite : Bastien, Olivier, Kate et Adam. (Photo: courtesy Kate Kirouac)

Talking genealogy, while Kate from Chapais belongs to Simon-Alexandre's branch, Kate from Beauce belongs to Louis's branch. Her roots are even in Warwick because she is a descendant of Calixte Kirouac and his wife Clarisse Desharnais<sup>3</sup>.

Kate's grandfather, Gérard Kirouac, worked in a bank as one time and also as an immigration officer. Unfortunately, Kate never knew her Kirouac grandfather, who died on 6 September 1985 at the age of 76, just before Kate was born. Kate's mother, Ginette Labbé-Kirouac, was expecting at the time, and remembers her father-in-law, Gérard, who kept hoping he would meet his new granddaughter.

Kate's paternal grandparents, Gérard Kirouac and Marie-Anne Pellerin, met in Rouyn-Noranda in Abitibi, where their four children were born. First Robert, then Jacques, followed by Richard and Nicole. In 1951, the family moved to Sherbrooke (Eastern Townships) and lived there for ten years, until 1961.

<sup>1</sup> See *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 88, Summer 2007, p. 33.

<sup>2</sup> See *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 129, Spring 2019, pp. 29-30.

<sup>3</sup> See photo of the farm site on p.3, in document on KFA website: <https://irp.cdn-website.com/7bb0d2a7/files/uploaded/WARWICK-QUEBEC.pdf>

# Ancestry of Katz Kirouac



G rard's parents were Alphonse Kirouac and Mary Howard, and been living in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, since 1916. Alphonse was a travelling salesman for 54 years. He worked for the Warwick clothing manufacture, a large entreprise where his brother, Franois-Xavier, was also one of the travelling salesman before becoming the manager and eventually the owner for a short period.

In 1961, G rard and his wife moved to Courcelles, in the Granit area also in the Eastern Townships, about thirty miles west of Saint-Georges-de-Beauce. Later Kate's grandfather, G rard, left his family for seven years to earn a living abroad. He even worked in a bank in Caracas, Venezuela. During those years, his wife and children lived in Victoriaville, Quebec Centre Region).

Jacques Kirouac, Kate's father, first married Micheline Landry, daughter of  douard Landry and Alberta Vincent. They had two children, Jacques Junior and Nathalie. Then Jacques married Ginette Labb , daughter of G rard Labb  and Anne-Marie Beaudoin, and they are the parents of Kate and her brother, Alex.

At this point, I need to stress how music is very important to the Kirouacs in Kate's family, among close and distant cousins. Perhaps you remember that the Kirouac branch living in and around Detroit, Michigan, are also descendants of the Kirouac/Desharnais couple and among them there was another Jacques Kirouac (1920-2001) who was a professional musician under the name Jack King<sup>5</sup>. Indeed, during the 1930 and 1940, this Jacques Kirouac<sup>6</sup> was leading the orchestra called **Jack King and His Knights of Royal Rhythm**. The group was very popular in the Detroit area and, three years in a row won the **Detroit Battle of the Bands**; however, WWII put an end to the activities of this Big Band.

### PROFESSIONAL LIFE

As mentioned before, Kate Kirouac from Chapais studied at C gep Jonqui re College, graduating in 2003 in Art & Media Technology, with television option. Kate from Beauce, Jacques' daughter, graduated in 2006, three years later opting for radio training. How did they meet as they did not know about each other and did not even study at the same time?

When Kate from Beauce arrived at C gep Jonqui re, a teacher told her that she had taught another Kate Kirouac before. So, Kate from Beauce looked up Kate from Chapais on the internet and contacted her. Since, they have become friends on Facebook.

<sup>4</sup> See pages 21-23.

<sup>5</sup> See *Le Tr sor des Kirouac*, number 114, Spring 2014, pp. 9-16.

<sup>6</sup> He was a first cousin of G rard Kirouac, Kate's grandfather. So, there is family link between the two Jacques Kirouacs, they were second cousins.



From left to right: Kate Kirouac, Adam Thiboutot, Olivier Thiboutot, Bastien Thiboutot, Jacques Kirouac and Ginette Labb .

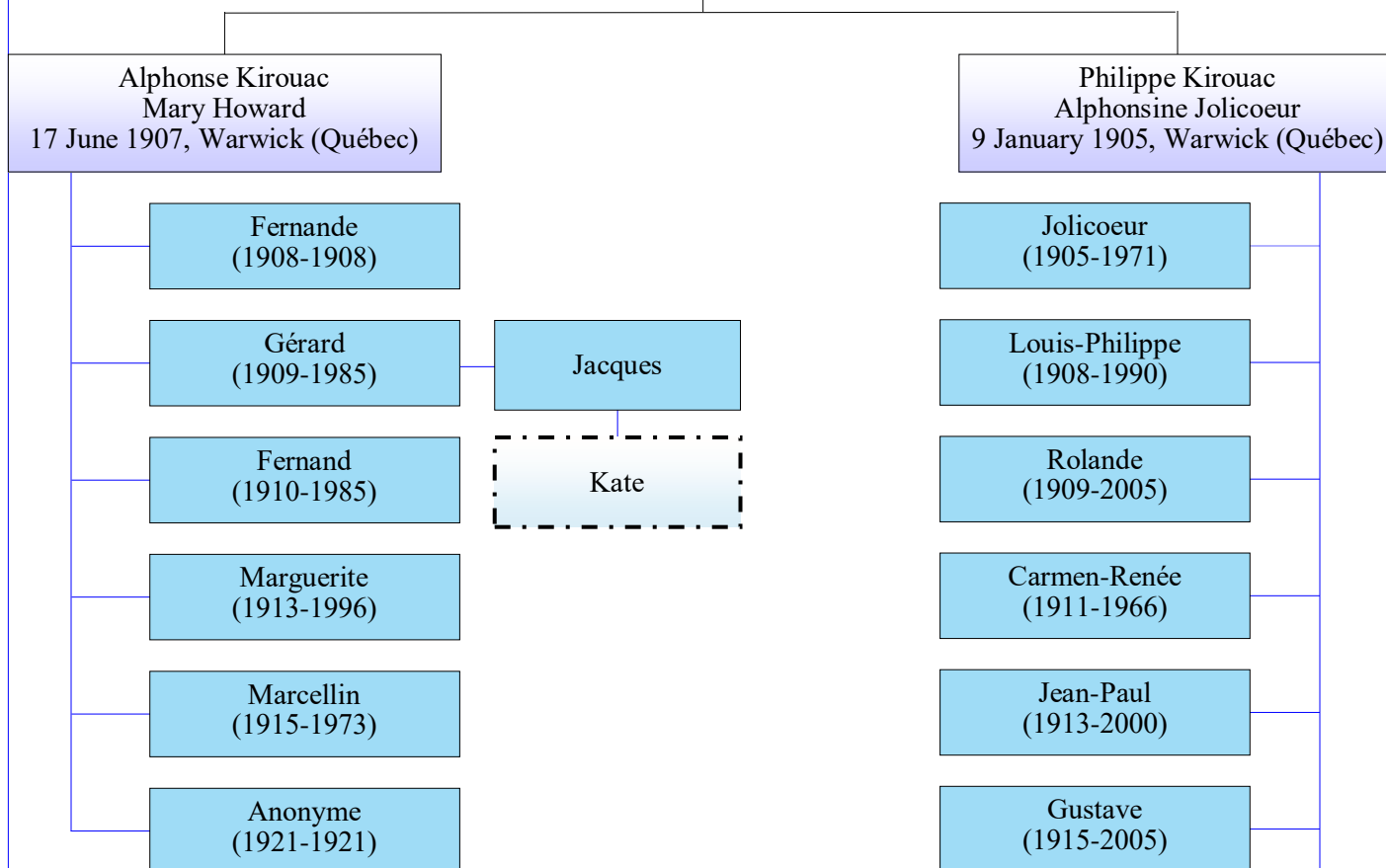
(Photo: courtesy of Kate Kirouac)



Alphonse Kirouac (1883-1961)  
and his wife, Mary Howard (1884-1963)  
(Photo: Jacques Kirouac collection)

**THE VARIOUS LINKS BETWEEN THE DESCENDANTS OF  
ALPHONSE KIROUAC AND MARY HOWARD WITH THE DETROIT KIROUACS**

**Calixte Kirouac and Clarisse Desharnais  
11 August 1862, Warwick (Québec)**



The left column gives some of Mary Howard's descendants including one of Gérard's son, Jacques, Kate's father. So far we know of 45 descendants of Mary Howard and Alphonse Kirouac.

When she landed in Canada, Mary was adopted by Thomas-Jean Samson and his wife Agnès Janelle. This couple owned the local Warwick Hotel, which was located where today's Grégoire & Desrochers Funeral Parlour is on Saint-Joseph Street in Warwick, Quebec.

In the right column, we have listed all the children of Philippe Kirouac and Alphonsine Jolicoeur, all living in Michigan, near Detroit. So far we know of 110 descendants in that family. Jacques Kirouac, orchestra leader in the Big Band Era of the twenties and thirties in Detroit, was a first cousin of Gérard, Kate's grandfather.

Mary Catherine Kirouac-Robinson, photo on pages 18 and 19, is the daughter of Jules and therefore a second cousin of Gérard, Kate's grandfather.

Finally, there is another link to mention that of the KFA regional representative for eastern USA, Mark Pattison, who is the son of Jeannine Kirouac-Pattison, the youngest child of Philippe Kirouac and Alphonsine Jolicoeur. To read Jeannine's memoir, go to the KFA website at: <https://www.familleskirouac.com/en/lien-int%C3%A9ressants>

After graduating in 2006, Kate from Saint-Georges-de-Beauce went to work for Radio-Canada (French CBC, Canadian Broadcasting Company) in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta. During her time in Western Canada, she also wrote some articles for *Le Franco*, Alberta's only French-speaking newspaper created in 1928.

After this training period, Kate wanted to come back home in Beauce to be near her family. She found work with *EnBeauce.com*, a digital newspaper, and worked a few months for it. Always eager to improve herself, she accepted a position in telecommunications, first for the town of Saint-Georges' Police Department and afterward with the Quebec Provincial Police in Quebec City, where she worked between 2007 and 2012.

The varying hours made telecommunications very demanding. Work shifts can be day, night, on-call and weekends. After a few years, Kate wanted some change in her lifestyle as well as learning new things so she registered in a course in industrial relations at Laval University. She obtained a bachelor's degree in 2014 and took on a job at Manac Inc., a semi-trailer manufacturer in Saint-Georges-de-Beauce. She worked there from 2014 to 2018.

In October 2018, she became coordinator at Métal Sartigan Inc. Her special mandate was to create a human resources department. Besides this responsibility, since November 2020 she is also working at Cégep Beauce-Appalaches (College) as content specialist in the human resources course, i.e., a course to learn to evaluate acquired knowledge; in other words, she is teaching students how to do the job she is doing at Metal Sartigan. And, at the same time, she is also doing a master's in business administration and financial planning.

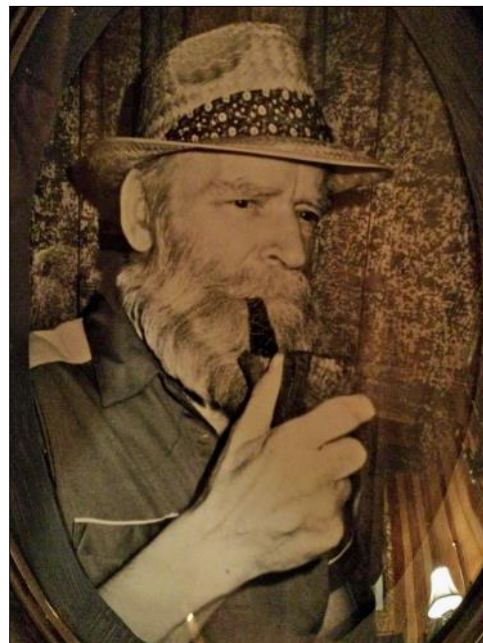
Is it any surprise that on her CV one reads that she is well organized, dynamic, resourceful and hard-working? Indeed, her professional career proves it all and that is without including her social involvement. Indeed, Kate is also a member of the organizing committee of Journée ressources humaines en Beauce i.e., Human Resources Day in Beauce as well as being in charge of communications for the Drakkar de Beauce in Saint-Georges, a team of oarsmen competing in Rabaska<sup>7</sup>.

And there is more. Just like her grandfather, Gérard Kirouac, she has always been fascinated by photography. During her student years, she took advantage of the advent of *Facebook* to make herself known as a portrait specialist and a wedding photographer. In spite of her incredibly full days, she never stopped using her camera, even today still taking on the occasional contract.

As for her personal life, meaning her family life, she has two young sons, Bastien who is five, and Adam who will be two before Christmas. She is a mother and has a wonderful partner, Olivier Thiboutot, who owns a maple grove and is getting ready to produce some famous Beauce maple syrup! We can rightly say that Kate lives to the max, enjoying every moment!

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<sup>7</sup>Rabaska is a very large birch canoe made and used by North American Indians. Nowadays, people keen on team outdoor sports enjoyed the rabaska particularly because of its size and stability. See photos on Internet: <https://www.sepaq.com/quoi-faire/rabaska.dot>



Gérard Kirouac (1909-1985)  
(Photo: Jacques Kirouac collection)



Marie-Anne Pellerin (1919-2014)  
wife of Gérard Kirouac  
(Photo: Jacques Kirouac collection)



Kate Kirouac and her brother, Alex  
(Photo: Kate Kirouac collection)



Jacques Kirouac, Kate's father  
and Adam Thiboutot's proud grandfather  
(Photo: Kate Kirouac collection)



Jacques Kirouac junior (1969-2006)

# MARY HOWARD-SAMSON'S BRITISH FAMILY

by Marie Lussier Timperley

In Trésor number 127<sup>1</sup>, an article was published about Geraldine Madeleine Kirouac, born at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on 25 August 1940, she died on 24 May 2017 at Sherbrooke, Quebec. She was the daughter of Fernand Kirouac and Leona Sharp, Fernand was a brother of Gérard, Kate's grandfather mentioned in the previous article and both were the sons of Mary Howard-Samson and Alphonse Kirouac.

I met Geraldine at the annual Kirouac Family gathering held at Sherbrooke in August 2010<sup>2</sup>. But it was on 30 May 2017, at her funeral, that I was able to recuperate the very few precious family documents including her grandmother, Mary Howard-Samson's British uncle's letter. Joseph Malone's letter was obviously typed from the original manuscript and was handed to me by Mrs. Judy Ross, the last person to look after Geraldine Kirouac and her affairs until her death in May 2017, still single at Sherbrooke.

Given that the letter was typed, could the handwritten original still be in the hands of one of Mary's descendants? I would think that each of her children received a typed copy. That we do not know but we are very happy indeed and lucky that one copy is now safely in the KFA's archives.

The letter gives us precious information about Mary's British family. According to Joseph Malone's letter, dated 24 January 1896, we find out about Mary Howard's parents, her mother's siblings, etc:

Mary Howard's mother, Mary Ellen Malone, widow of James Howard, was one of seven:

- ◆ **Mary Ellen Malone**, widow of James Howard, was the mother of Mary Howard;
- ◆ **Jack the eldest**, and Mary's uncle, died on 31 December 1894;
- ◆ **William**, the second son, emigrated to Canada; then went to Nebraska, USA, and nothing more was ever heard from him;
- ◆ **Joseph who wrote the letter, could be the third son;**
- ◆ **Ernest and Alfred** both left home to find work further afield in the UK ;
- ◆ **Daniel**, the youngest, died very young, just before their father died;

Two daughters, the eldest was **Mary Ellen Malone**, she married James Howard, a widower with five children; **the youngest, Elizabeth Ann Malone**, was married (possibly before her older sister was; (her husband's name is unknown); but we know that she already had seven children by the time her brother-in-law died and left her sister with two orphaned little girls, Mary and Hetty. She took in little Hetty when Mary went to the "Home", i.e., the orphanage.

We find out that Mary Ellen, the older sister, married a widower named James Howard, who had five children. His eldest son, twenty, and his eldest daughter, eighteen, left the house when their father married Mary Ellen Malone. The three youngest, Lizzie, about fourteen, Alfred, twelve and Ernest, ten, lived with their father and their stepmother Mary Ellen Malone.

Married in 1882, Mary Ellen Malone and James Howard had two daughters: Mary Howard, born on 25 October 1884 and Hetty, likely between, 1886 and 1888. Mary was baptized in St. Edmund's Parish<sup>3</sup>.

Jacques Fortier<sup>4</sup>, one of Mary Howard-Samson's grandchildren, as of today, also added that James Howard, son of John Howard, was a machine maker and lived on Chester Street at Newton when he married his second wife, Mary Ellen Malone in 1882.

James Howard, was older than his wife, Mary Ellen Malone, and died six or seven years after they were married. In the 1890 UK census it says that he was about fifty years old, and it seems that he died soon after. His three youngest children from his first marriage went to live with an uncle, one of his brothers.

Mary Ellen Malone-Howard went back home to live with her widowed mother, and where her single brother, Joseph, also lived (he would have been the only breadwinner!). She brought along her two very young daughters:

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<sup>1</sup>See *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, pp 27-32.

<sup>2</sup>See the story of when I met Mrs. Ross and recuperated her precious archives for the KFA in *Le Trésor*, number 127, pp. 33-34.

<sup>3</sup>The Rector of St. Edmund, that is the Parish priest, in Miles Platting, a suburb of Manchester, was Canon De Splinter, originally from Belgium. He took on a growing parish, where a first chapel was opened in 1873 followed by a new mission in 1877. He enlarged the local school and built a new church in 1896. St. Edmund was part of the Diocese of Salford. Canon De Splinter died in 1899. The parish founded in 1871, was closed in 2007.

On Google, if you consult a map of Manchester, GB, you will see Salford and Miles Platting in the centre of today's Greater Manchester; if you look southwest, you will see another suburb called "Timperley" which my husband, Brian Timperley, and I were keen to visit during one of our last UK holidays.

<sup>4</sup>Son of Marguerite Kirouac (1913-1996) and Marcel Fortier. See table on page 18.

Letter written by Joseph Malone, Mary Howard's uncle,  
to Thomas-Jean Samson, at Warwick (Quebec), on 24 January 1896

Letter sent to  
Thomas Samson  
Warwick, Que.  
Canada

COPY

Jan 24th, 1896.  
43 Lilley St.,  
Queens Road,  
Manchester, Eng.

Dear Sir; /

Kindly excuse me taking the liberty of writing you, but your kindness towards my Niece, Mary, calls for some return. All that I can do is to thank you most sincerely from my heart, May God Bless You.

If you only knew my joy when I received her letter and know how happy she is you would understand me. Perhaps it would be as well to tell you some of our history. Well, some twenty years ago (I am 31 years of age) our family consisted of Father, Mother, 2 sisters and 5 brothers. First the youngest brother Daniel died, then Father. But before these deaths, my second eldest brother, named William, went to Canada. Well when Daniel died we ceased to hear from him, he had gone into the States and the last time we heard of him he was in Nebraska. I believe that is how it is spelled, anyhow he wrote that the only person to be seen there was Red Men and Red Soldiers, that is some 15 years ago and we have never heard from him since.

Well, Mary Ellen, my eldest Sister got married (this is Mary's Mother) to a widower. His family consisted of a young man, 20, and a young woman, 18 years of age. These two left their father's house when he got married. Then, there was Lizzie, Ernest and Alfred, they remained at home. Lizzie would be about 14, Alfred 12, and Ernest 10 years of age. So some six or seven years passed on when James Howard died (Mary's Father) then Lizzie, Alfred and Ernest went to live with their eldest brother who was married. My sister came to our house along with Mary and Hetty. But a great change had happened in our own family by this time, there was only Mother and I. The other two brothers had left the Town and I was working miles away. (I had forgotten to tell you that my sister Elizabeth Ann had been married about the time of the commencement of this short history, and at the time of James Howard's death had seven in the family).

Well about 12 months after came the death of Mary's Mother then shortly afterwards my own Mother died. Well I tried to keep the house going for the sake of the little orphans and my sister sent one of her eldest children to manage for us, but I could not do it. So I told my Father confessor, Father Walsh, and he advised me to send them to the Home, I consented but my sister would not let Hetty go so poor Mary. I went into Lodgings and after 12 months I got married and little Hetty spent her time between the two Aunts.

Dear Sir I am sorry to say Mary's uncle Jack and eldest brother is dead, he died on the 31st December, 1894.

I will now bring my letter to a close my thanking you again and if you wish for any further information I will gladly give it to you. I have Mary's Certificate of Birth and if you wish for it I will send it on to you. I and our family have lived in the Parish of St Edmunds since 1878. If you would like to correspond with the Rector, his address is St Edmunds, Miles Platting, Manchester. Name: Canon Desplenter.

I am, Dear Sir, Your humble servant, JOSEPH MALONE.

P.S. Please give enclosed letter to my niece Mary.

Mary and Hetty Howard. At that time, Mary Ellen's younger sister had been married for some years and had seven children of her own when her brother-in-law, James Howard, died.

About a year later, Mary Ellen Malone-Howard died and her mother also died. Which means that Joseph, who wrote the letter, lost his sister and his mother within a few months. His sister, Elizabeth Ann, sent him one of her eldest to look after the house and the little orphans and Joseph writes that he tried to carry on, but it proved too much for him. So he went to his Roman Catholic parish priest to ask for guidance<sup>5</sup> about what to do for his two orphaned nieces.

In his letter, Joseph explains that Mary was placed in a "Home", i.e., an orphanage. At the time, there were many orphanages in Great Britain, particularly the Bernardo Homes which are still operating today. However, Elizabeth Ann could not bear to see little Hetty go to the "Home" so only Mary was sent to the orphanage. However, it is important to know that she was placed there temporarily because she still had a family to look after her. She was not put in the "Home"

to be adopted and certainly not to be sent abroad to Canada or even Australia!<sup>6</sup>

At the time of Geraldine's death and after I had the "letter", I wanted to know more about her English grandmother, so I managed to reach a Mr. Jacques Fortier, thanks to the Sherbrooke History Society, through which he had been trying to find information about his English grandmother, Mary Howard-Samson. He told me that according to the family tradition, Mary Howard would have been about six when she arrived in Canada.

She had arrived with a group of English orphans sent to Canada to be adopted by families here; however, she was not supposed to be in that group; she had simply slipped in without being noticed. A group of children were brought to the Hotel in Warwick, Quebec<sup>7</sup> where various local families were expected to pick the expected, and usually requested, children. But Mary Howard's name was not on the list. It was the only missing name on that list! Therefore, no family had claimed her and that is when the innkeeper, Thomas Samson and his wife, Agnès Janelle, decided to adopt little Mary, who from then on became Mary Howard-Samson. Given what we know about what happened in England, we can say that it was in the early 1890s. Mary was born on 25 October 1884 and was baptized in the Roman Catholic parish of St-Edmund.

<sup>5</sup>In Great Britain, still today, there are Catholics and Roman Catholics. There is an important difference: the Roman Catholics recognize the Pope's authority, but the others, Catholics only, do not recognize the papal authority.

<sup>6</sup>Between 1869 and 1932, over 100,000 children were sent from Britain to Canada through assisted juvenile emigration. These migrants are called "home children" because most went from an emigration agency's home for children in Britain to its Canadian receiving home. The children were placed with families in rural Canada. Source: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/home-children-1869-1930/Pages/home-children.aspx>

<sup>7</sup>Knowing that Warwick (Quebec) was a transfer point for the British children being adopted in the area: does anyone know how many arrived at Warwick? How many stayed in the region? And how many local families have one ancestor born in Great Britain? Nowadays, thanks to DNA, it would be possible to discover the answers to all these questions and find many distant cousins on both sides of the Atlantic.



"Doesn't all the attention on us remind you about our first years together!" This was Mr. Alphonse Kirouac question to his wife, Mary Howard-Kirouac. Mr. Alphonse Kirouac, is a very well known businessman, who recently retired with his wife at the Maison des Chanoinesses des Cinq Plaies (a Sherbrooke private residence run by a religious order whose name means: Canonesses of the Five Sacred Wounds). Here are Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Kirouac, photographed in their bedroom where the colour scheme matches the comfort of the room. (Photo La Tribune, Sherbrooke daily newspaper, Wednesday 21 October 1953, page 3)



# Rendez-vous DÉTROIT

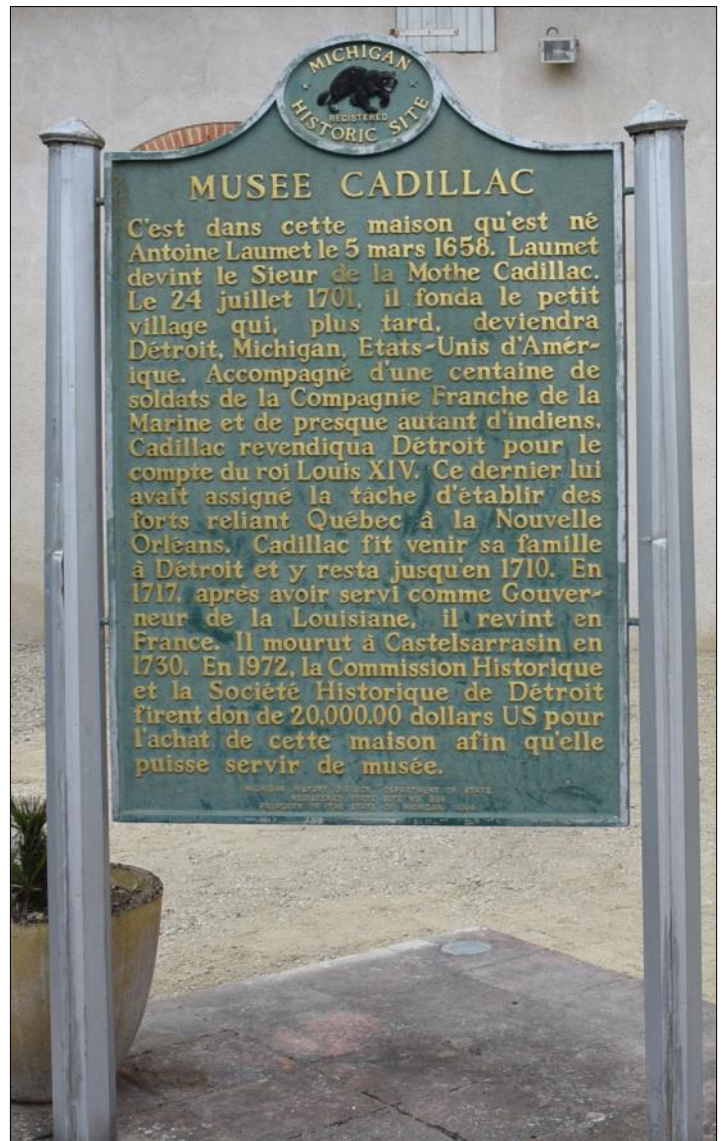
This year, the **Rendez-vous** took place at the *Dossin Great Lakes Museum*, on Belle Isle, this lovely island in the middle of the Detroit River, across from Detroit on the American side and Windsor on the Canadian side.

For some ten years, Catherine Kirouac Robinson (whose grandfather was born in Warwick, Quebec) has been working with a wonderful group of people interested in the French origin of their city and keen to keep alive Detroit's French roots. Some, like Cathy and Elizabeth Bourne-Nido, have French-Canadian roots; others do not



(Photo : John Cooper,)

Catherine Kirouac-Robinson and Elizabeth Bourne-Nido, responsible for the *Rendez-vous de Détroit*.



Official Michigan Markers in front of the home of Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac at Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave, in France. (Photo: John Cooper, *Rendez-vous Detroit*)

<sup>1</sup> See chart on page 18.



The organizers of the Rendez-vous de Détroit. From left to right: John Cooper, Dennis Nido, Elizabeth Bourne-Nido, two unidentified participants and Catherine Kirouac-Robinson. (Photo: John Cooper collection)

but are fascinated by everything French and by Detroit's French roots.

This year, the **Detroit Historical Society** was particularly involved in the *Rendez-vous* to mark a very important 50th anniversary, the preservation of the home of **Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac at Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave, in France.**

When the **Detroit Historical Society** learned that Cadillac's home in his hometown of **Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave** was to be demolished, the reaction was swift. The DHS raised money, bought the historical home, restored it and gave it back to the town in 1972, to be preserved as a museum in the memory of *Antoine Laumet* who added, *Sieur de Lamothe-Cadillac*

to his name on his wedding day in 1887 in Quebec City!

At *Rendez-vous Detroit*, a livestream meeting took place between DHS President and CEO Elana Rugh and Rebecca Salminen Witt, Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer, with the mayor of St-Nicolas-de-la-Grave, Bernard Bouché and Xavier Caron, founder of *Cadill'Rock*, a band that pays tribute to local son, Cadillac. It was a positive exchange of thanks and gratitude, with everyone looking forward to future collaborations in recognizing Cadillac's historic legacy. *Cadill'Rock* will be coming to Detroit in March 2023 for the *Nain Rouge Parade*.

To take a virtual tour of the museum and the town, on a

search engine, enter **Lamothe-Cadillac Museum (Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave)** to visit the museum and read about the life of Antoine Laumet Sieur de Lamothe-Cadillac (1658-1730).

In the Museum courtyard are two bronze plaques, donated by the Michigan Historical Markers, one in French and one in English.

The Lamothe-Cadillac Museum is the only American museum located in France and it is the only American museum outside the USA

Sources:

*News release by Elizabeth Bourne-Nido, and various websites.*



House where Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac was born in Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave, in the Department of Tarn-et-Garonne, France. (Photo: John Cooper)

Official plaque installed by town of Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave on the house where the founder of Detroit, Michigan was born. (Photo: John Cooper)



One of many rooms inside the house where Antoine Laumet de Lamothe Cadillac was born in the town of Saint-Nicolas-de-la-Grave.

(Photo: John Cooper)

## De Kervoach Descendant Through The Female Line

### Matthias Rioux

by André St-Arnaud

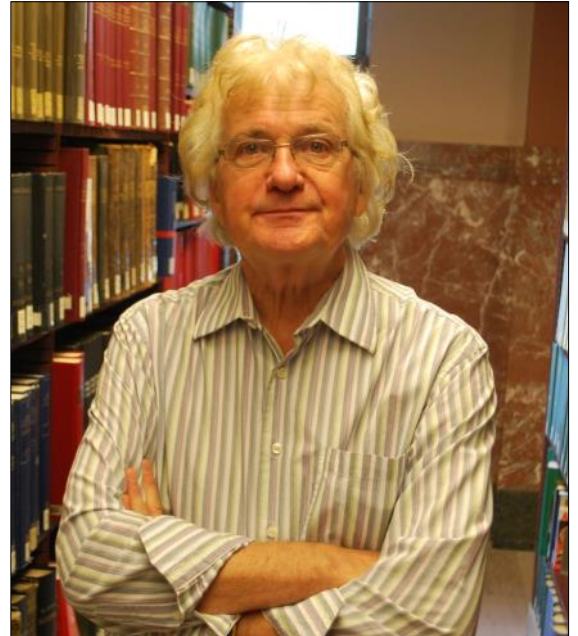
**M**atthias Rioux, born at Rivière-à-Claude, on the Gaspé Peninsula, facing north on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on 29 March 1934, is the son of Adélarde Rioux, fisherman, and Céline Lefrançois.

In 1961, he obtained a teaching diploma at École normale Jacques-Cartier (Teachers Training College). Then at Montreal University, he completed a BA in pedagogy then a licence in education administration in 1965. He studied at UQAM (Quebec University at Montreal) from 1973 to 1975, earning his master's in political science followed by a master's in regional development at UQO (Quebec University in Outaouais/Gatineau) in 2010. In 2018, for his 84th birthday, he received a PhD in Political Sociology and Regional Development from Laval University. His thesis was entitled: *La Gaspésie dans tous ses états: grandeurs et misères du développement régional au Québec*. (*The Various Shapes of the Gaspé Peninsula: Greatness and Highs and Lows of Regional Development in the Province of Quebec*).

From 1961 to 1967 he taught in the French Catholic school system. From 1965 to 1994, he was a journalist and a TV and radio commentator; from 1967 to 1970 he was also vice-president of the Centrale de l'enseignement du Québec (Quebec Teachers' Unions); from 1967 to 1971, president of the Alliance des professeurs du Québec (elementary and secondary teachers union); public relations vice-president and general director of CKLM-radio from 1985 to 1987. From 1987 to 1994, editor of Avenir Magazine and owner-editor of *MéMo* magazine. Cofounder of the Mouvement Québec-français; general secretary of Union des artistes (Actors' union).

In 1994, he was elected MNA (Parti Québécois) for Matane and was reelected in 1998; was Labour Minister in Bouchard's Cabinet from 29 January 1996 to 15 December 1998 and Minister responsible for elders from 23 September to 15 December 1998. He was president of the Quebec Cultural Commission from 4 March 1999 to 4 March 2001 and president of the Economy and Work Commission from 27 March 2001 to 5 March 2003; then resigning as MNA. He was coordinator of the construction industry's monitoring committee from February 2013 to autumn 2014.

On 22 November 2007, he was decorated Commandeur of the *Ordre de la Pléiade*. A distinction created in 1976 by the Francophone International Organisation to acknowledge the merits of personalities who served the association's ideals of cooperation and friendship.



Matthias Rioux, on 7 June 2013 in the library at the Quebec Parliament.

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As it is never too late to pursue higher education, at the age of 84, Mathias Rioux obtained a doctorate in political sociology and regional development at Laval University with a thesis entitled: *The various states of the Gaspé peninsula: greatness and miseries of regional development in Quebec*.

Sources: Internet sites of *l'Assemblée nationale du Québec*, *Ici-Radio-Canada* and *Mémoires du Québec*.



# Ancestry of Mathias Rioux

## Generation 1

Alexandre de Kervoach  
circa 1702-1736

Cap-Saint-Ignace (Québec)  
22 October 1732

Louise Bernier  
(1712-1802)  
(Jean + Geneviève Caron)

## Generation 2

Louis Keroack  
dit le Breton  
(1735-1779)

Cap-Saint-Ignace (Québec)  
11 January 1757

Catherine Mètot  
(1739-1813)  
(Joseph +  
Hélène le Normand dit Jorign)

## Generation 3

Victoire Keroack  
(1766-1823)

Cap-Saint-Ignace (Québec)  
7 November 1785

Joseph Caron  
(1759-1815)  
(Bonaventure +  
Marie-Clair Langelier)

## Generation 4

Victoire Caron  
(1795 - 1838)

L'Islet (Québec)  
13 January 1824

Germain Bernier  
(1789 - 1865)  
(Louis + Euphrasie Bernier)

## Generation 5

Marcelline Bernier  
(1836 - 1934)

Rimouski (Québec)  
15 February 1858

Théophile Rioux  
(1834 - 1907)  
(Vital + Césaire Martin)

## Generation 6

Alfred Rioux  
(1865 - 1951)

Mont-Louis (Québec)  
19 January 1886

Lucie Robinson  
(1869 - 1908)  
(Narcisse +  
Philomène Bérmehez)

## Generation 7

Adélard Rioux  
(1900-1983)

Saint-Anne-des-Monts (Québec)  
9 October 1923

Céline Lefrançois  
(1904-1988)  
(Napoléon + Malvina Martin)

## Generation 8

Mathias Rioux

Roland Dupuis  
(Victor + Berthe-Alice Lacosté)

André St-Arnaud, November 2022

# A KIROUAC MEDIEVAL WEDDING



The wedding of Vincent Gabriel Kirouac and Katrine Connolly took place in the Catholic church of Notre-Dame de la Consolation at Montpellier in Outaouais region. Father Ronald Beaulne, a Montfortain, from nearby Thurso presided the ceremony.

(Photo: Julien Schroder)

Vincent Gabriel and his parents, Yves Kirouac and Lucie Paré.

(Photo: Julien Schroder)



The newlyweds, Vincent Gabriel Kirouac and Katrine Connolly, on Saturday, 24 September 2022. In the background, the activities of the second edition of the MONTPELLIER MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL, once more a great success. (read about the first edition in: **Le Trésor des Kirouac**, Number 137, Autumn 2021).

(Photo: Julien Schroder)

Vincent Gabriel's palfrey is called *Telperion*, after **the elder of the Two Trees of Valinor, called the White Tree, which shed silver light on the domain of the Valar**, in J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, *The Silmarillion*. Katrine's steed is called *Coeur-de-Lion* (*Lion's Heart*), this mare carried Vincent Gabriel in his quest to ride across Canada on horseback. (see *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, no. 100, Summer 2010, pp 30-33 and no. 108, Summer 2012, p. 30).

(Photo: Julien Schroder)



Vincent Gabriel's siblings: from left to right: Maud Vallière-Polo, holding her son, Lionel Polo Kirouac, her husband, Simon William Kirouac; Dr Simon Philibert and his spouse Dr Patricia Christine Kirouac; and the proud and happy parents, Yves Kirouac and Lucie Paré-Kirouac.

(Photo: Julien Schroder)

At first the wedding was to take place in 2020 but had to be postponed to 2021; however, again COVID derailed the fiancés' plans. The lovely princess Elena was born on 19 October 2021. Finally in 2022, what a great day it was to finally being able to gather the family and celebrate at the same time as the second édition of the Montpellier Medieval Festival.

(Photo: Julien Schroder)





The Tambours du Patrimoine, the Quebec Drumline group, lead the wedding party from the church in Montpelier to the site of the Medieval Festival about a third of a mile away. The newlyweds are on horseback like some of the guests while others walked. What a flamboyant entrance they made on Saturday, 24 September 2022 at the Medieval Festival. Over 1000 people, including many children of all ages, enjoyed the festive day and practicing or learning various medieval sports. (Photo: Sophie Design)



One of the six valiant knights who joust in honour of the newlyweds. (Photo: AMQ)

Photo to the right: Sir Augustin from Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures\* being helped by his Fair Lady, Vincent Gabriel's very first riding master. (Photo: AMQ)



(\*adjacent to Quebec City to the south)

# APPRECIATED BOOST FOR OUR KFA WEBSITE

by Lucille Kirouac

**D**oes the name GARANT, mean anything to you? Have you ever heard of Garant Tools?

Well, Mr. Louis-Marie Garant former President and General Director of OUTILS GARANT, a Quebec tool company located in Saint-François-de-la-Rivière du Sud. Garant is a name known to any one in need of gardening tools for summer and many winter tools.

Mr. Garant as well as my husband, Jacques Boulet, and myself are all volunteers in our local historical society, given our interest in heritage and genealogy. Mr. Garant visited the Kirouac Family Association: [www.familleskirouac.com](http://www.familleskirouac.com) and found it very interesting.

In addition, Louis-Marie Garant built, and looks after, the Saint-François Heritage website for the Société du patrimoine: [www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org](http://www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org). This web site is hosted by Cyber Cat a company belonging to Benjamin Garant, Louis-Marie's son, and the father enjoys complete freedom as how he uses the heritage's web site. So, Mr. Garant, senior, offered to publicise the KFA's website on the St-François Heritage website.

Let me explain, all visitors of the St-François' heritage website, automatically see an hyper-link to reach the Kirouac Family Association's website.

Of course, this generous offer was immediately accepted by our President François Kirouac.

Of course when you want to visit the KFA website, you enter: <https://www.familleskirouac.com/en>

If you wish to check what I have just explained, go to: [www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org](http://www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org)

and click on the link – **site de familles** (the last link on the list) –



The heart of the municipality of Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud: heritage site, church, convent, school and various services.  
(Photo: courtesy of Louis-Marie Garant)



Between two rivers. Upper left: the mighty Saint-Lawrence River and to the right: Rivière du Sud snaking from east to west. In the centre, Saint-François East Road going towards the next municipality of Saint-Pierre-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud. Admire the rich land of Saint-François. In the middle of the photo note the Garant Company installations. (Photo: courtesy of Louis-Marie Garant)

and keep moving until you reach "Site de l'association des familles Kirouac", then click on the photo and you will immediately find yourself on the KFA website. On the way to the KFA website you will see links to other families like: familles Garant, Boulay (Boulet, Boulé), Bonneau, Blais et Labrecque).

The website [www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org](http://www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org) offers much information about the municipality of Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud, its history and institutions, its living and deceased inhabitants as well as numerous

publications about this beautiful area in the Chaudière-Appalache region of Quebec.

So, do enjoy visiting both websites <https://www.familleskirouac.com/en> & [www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org](http://www.patrimoinesaintfrancois.org).

### REMEMBER AUGUST 2004

On 7-8 August 2004, many de Kervoach descendants gathered in the village of Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud to commemorate the many Kirouac families' important contribution to the region. The wonderful weekend was organized by Lucille Kirouac and her husband, Jacques Boulet, who still live in St-François. On Saturday evening after a very nice dinner, all the participants enjoyed the historical skits produced by Hélène Kirouac. We invite you to look up *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 77. pp. 5-13 as well as the gallery of photos on the KFA website at:

<https://www.familleskirouac.com/en/newpage401c989c>

# CASCADES, MORE THAN A JOB, A FAMILY STORY

Excerpt from a Cascades' in house newsletter<sup>1</sup>

Three generations of dedicated men in one Kirouac family working at Cascades<sup>2</sup>. The company first heard from a Pierre Kirouac<sup>3</sup>, a student who worked at Cascades on a short term basis while completing his studies. But when he met his wife<sup>4</sup>, Pierre finally decided to work for Cascades on a permanent basis. After a thirty-five-year career as a Cascadeur<sup>5</sup>, Pierre is now retired. His son, Philippe Kirouac, also started working at Cascades while he was a student. In 1997, having just completed high school, Philippe tried hard to get a job with Cascades. Now, after twenty-five years as a Cascadeur, let's say that he succeeded! Like his father, and grandfather, Tommy Kirouac, also started at Cascades as an intern. Since 21 October 2021, he has been employed as a full-time electro-mechanic.



Pierre Kirouac with his son, Philippe and his grandson, Tommy. (Photo: courtesy of Cascades)

## Why did you want to work for Cascades?

**Pierre** – That is quite a story! When I was 22, a cousin of mine, working for Cascades, said to me: "Pierre, bring your CV (*curriculum vitae*) to Cascades, they are looking for



The parents of Pierre Kirouac, Gabrielle Cayouette and Yvan Kirouac, on their wedding day at Saint-Hyacinthe on 19 July 1952. (Photo: Pierre Kirouac collection)



workers!" So the same evening, I went to see the manager of one of the smaller factories to let him know that I wished to work for Cascades, He answered: "You can start tonight!" So, I have been a Cascadeur ever since.

**Philippe** - My father always spoke highly of Cascades and, at the time, it was the company offering the best salaries and the best working conditions. So I did all I could to get a job and I succeeded. I am still very proud of it.

As soon as I had completed my high school studies in 1997, I brought my CV to (the personnel office at) Cascades; however, it took six months before I heard from the company. So I had no choice but get another job in the meantime. I worked at Sani Marc located in Victoriaville. One day, at lunch time, my father called

<sup>1</sup> Founded in 1964 at Kingsey Falls by Antonio Lemaire and his three sons, Bernard, Laurent and Alain. Cascades is specialized in the recycling, fabrication, transformation and marketing of paper and cardboard products. There are over eighty factories, 10,000 employees, and over 500 products and services available. Cascades is one of the twenty most important papermaking industries in the world. Please visit their website at: <https://cascadescanada.ca/about/>

<sup>2</sup> On 30 June 2012, those attending the annual Kirouac Family Reunion were given a private tour of the Cascades headquarter at Kingsey Falls. Read the report of this gathering in *Le Trésor des Kirouac*, number 109, autumn 2012, pp. 5-19.

<sup>3</sup> Son of Yvan Kirouac and Gabrielle Cayouette and grandson of Lionel Kirouac, president of the Warwick Woollen Mills from 1954-1980.

<sup>4</sup> Louise Guillet, wife of Pierre Kirouac.

<sup>5</sup> Cascadeur (stunt man in English) is a play on words as Cascades is the name of the company; however, the employees are real dedicated workers.

me from Cascades to tell me to come for an interview ASAP. I immediately asked my boss if I could have Thursday morning free but he told me it was quite impossible because I had been working at *Sani Marc* for only a week. Knowing that I had little chance to be hired by Cascades and against my father's advice, nevertheless, I gave my notice and went to the interview. After working twenty-five years for Cascades, all I can say is that was the best decision I ever made in my life.

**Tommy** - Indeed, I can also say that my father always spoke highly of the company. It has always been Cascades. So as soon as I finished school, my aim was to work for this company. I saw the working conditions and benefits my father and grandfather enjoyed at Cascades so I was really interested! Like my father, I started as an intern. Once I had completed two professional diplomas in electricity for the building trades and in electromechanics, I was hired fulltime.

### What does Cascades represent for you?

**Pierre** - As far as I am concerned, Cascades is a Quebec company that really takes care of its employees. To be a Cascadeur means enjoying excellent working conditions, good insurance, a good salary; it also means working with a nice "gang". The company management is excellent and no matter the obstacles, Cascades always manages to adapt and carry on successfully.

**Philippe** - Cascades has always been a Quebec flagship industry! The company enjoys an excellent reputation. Looking at people working at Cascades, you can read in their eyes how proud they are to work for the company! I even remember that when I was at school, everyone dreamed of working for Cascades, especially on the heavy machinery! And we really form a tight-knit group. Besides we have created a special Facebook group for the electromechanics working at the Drummondville plant and us in Kingsey Falls, where we can answer each other's questions!

**Tommy** - During my internships, I worked for other companies but none offered the possibility of working on giant machinery like those at Cascades! Cascades has the most modern equipment, the latest technology available. At Cascades, right from the beginning, I learn something new every single day!



Lionel Kirouac, grandfather of Pierre Kirouac  
(Photo: KFA collection)

Cascades is very important in the life of three generations of Kirouacs. When talking with them, one really feels how proud they are of working for Cascades and to see their sons choose the same road.

Be it at Drummondville or at Victoriaville, each one of them has many stories to tell about their experiences and their memories in various plants. And Cascades can be grateful and proud to have three generations of Kirouacs within its large family: it means being able to count on three dedicated and hard-working men.



Photo: Pierre Kirouac from Boucherville

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, visit of the Marie-Victorin Park at Kingsey Falls, a botanical garden given to the town by Cascades.

From left to right: the late Pierre Kirouac from Trois-Rivières, KFA president from 2002 to 2005; his sister, Suzanne, a guide for Park Marie-Victorin, and Louis, Pierre's brother, who was also the KFA representative for the greater Montreal-Outaouais-Abitibi region from 2003 to 2012.

To see all the photos, visit the KFA Website at: <https://www.familleskirouac.com/en/newpage2ba12895>

To learn more about the park, go to <https://www.parcmarievictorin.com/en/>

# Review of *The Beat Generation Boxed*

Jack in the Box by Mark Pattison

To borrow from St. Luke the Evangelist, "in my first account Theophilus," I had written a decidedly middling review of a new Jack Kerouac-influenced anthology of poetry and music, "*Jack Kerouac: 100 Years of Beatitude*," for the previous issue of *Le Tresor des Kirouac*.

It is not my intent here to apologize for that review, but to direct you, the reader, to a far superior collection, "*The Beat Generation Boxed*," a five-CD set of jazz and poetry featuring our kinsman.

It may be hard to find; this compilation was issued in 2014. But for those willing to look on the internet for it, you will be richly rewarded.

With nearly six hour of music and poetry and other spoken-word highlights, the Enlightenment<sup>1</sup> label actually packaged three prior releases and reissued them in their original form -- including the cover artwork -- before putting all of it into a box.

The first two CDs are "Jack Kerouac: The Complete Collection." We can debate about how "complete" the collection is, but the material contained on them is that which Kerouac had intended to be released for public consumption. Three vinyl LP albums' worth of material fit easily onto two compact discs. The original titles from the 1950s are "*Poetry for the Beat Generation*," "*Blues and Haikus*," and "*Readings by Jack Kerouac for the Beat Generation*."

On the first of these, Kerouac shares credit with Steve Allen, a renaissance man of his day. Allen, who possessed a fertile mind and wit, was an early host of "*The Tonight Show*" on U.S. late-night TV when he sat at the piano and accompanied Kerouac's poetry.

"*Blues and Haikus*" features Kerouac reading over the improvisations of two U.S. jazz saxophonists of note: Al Cohn and Zoot Sims. It should be noted that Kerouac hardly lived in a vacuum.



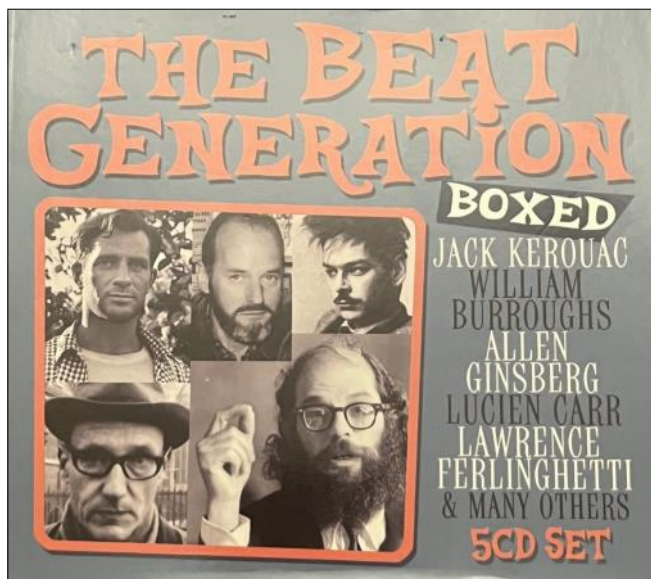
(Photo: Mark Pattison collection)

Mark Pattison, our regional correspondant for Eastern USA.

He thrived on hearing the hard-bop jazz<sup>2</sup> of the era, and his writing clearly shows that influence.

"*Readings by Jack Kerouac*" features no musical accompaniment, although the listener will be able to detect Jack shuffling the pages of his poetry while he's reading in the recording studio. There are also bonus tracks featuring Kerouac interviews from radio and television, including a very young William F. Buckley.

The third CD in the box set is "*Diggin' the New Breed: The Beat Generation & Postwar America*." It's not the audio feed of a TV



Box with five CDs of jazz and poetry dedicated to Jack Kerouac. (Photo: Cynthia Pattison)

<sup>1</sup>Enlightenment Records UK. The Enlightenment label aims to collect together an artist's finest albums in 4-6 CD boxed sets at a budget price.

<sup>2</sup>Hard-bop, an aggressive, driving, hot style of modern jazz developed by East Coast musicians in the late 1950s as a rejection of the more relaxed, cool style of West Coast jazz.

documentary, or a podcast slapped onto a CD. No, these are distinct, discrete explorations of the lives and times of Kerouac and two of his contemporaries: William Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg. It was Kerouac's commercial success with "*On the Road*" that made it possible for the public to at least consider Burroughs' musings and Ginsberg's poetry.

One highly salient point made in this CD documentary is the wrong impression "*On the Road*" detractors had: that Kerouac's novel went hand in hand with rock & roll. That's because "*On the Road*" was published in 1957, after a number of rounds of editing the original manuscript.

By 1957, Elvis Presley and other early rockers had made great inroads in the pop music scene. But few then knew that Kerouac had written the manuscript in 1951, when he was still enthralled by improvisational jazz practiced by the likes of Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, and others.

The final two discs in the set, "*Beat Generation Jazz: The Music That Shaped a Revolution*," features Parker, Gillespie, Lester "Prez" Young, Dexter Gordon, Billy Eckstein, George Shearing, and Annie Ross' terrific tune "Twisted."



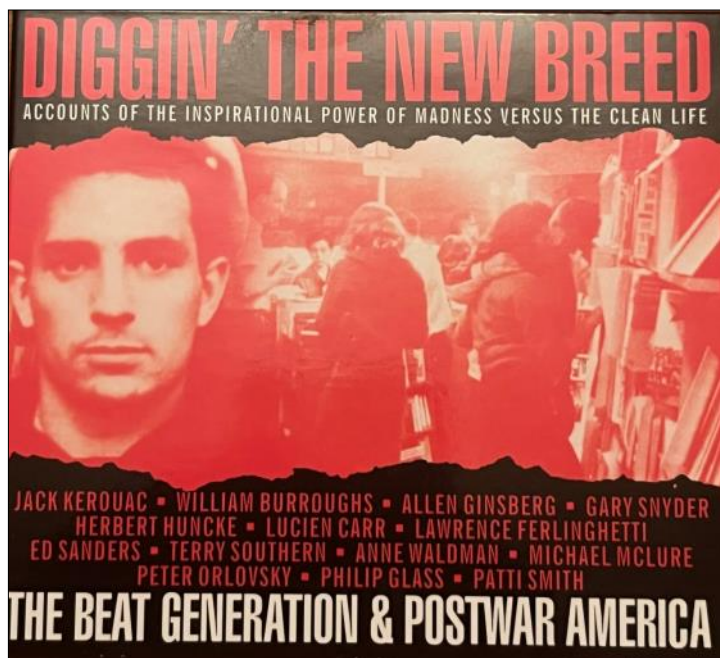
Cover of the first two CDs entitled *Jack Kerouac: The Complete Collection*. (Photo: Cyntia Pattison)

You'll hear some Kerouac-Allen duets from "*Poetry for the Beat Generation*," but there's far better context in this set than in "*100 Years of Beatitude*."

So, before the Jack Kerouac centennial gets too small in the rear-view mirror, do yourself a favor and search out this collection.

Perhaps, better yet -- given what time of year it is, put it on your Christmas gift list and let someone else do the searching!

P.S.: There is another two-CD set in the anthology, but there is no photo or mention of Jack on the cover.



Jack Kerouac is in the left photo of the cover of 'Diggin' the New Breed: Accounts of the Inspirational Power of Madness Versus the Clean Life,' an audio documentary that is part of "The Beat Generation Boxed." (Photo: Cyntia Pattison)

**Merry Christmas to all!**



# IN MEMORIAM

## **AUGER, ANDRÉ (1943-2022)**

At St-François-D'Assise Hospital, Limoilou, Quebec, on 1 October 2022, at 79, died André Auger, husband of Nicole Leullier. He was the son of the late Israël Auger and Marie-Rose Kirouac. He leaves to mourn his wife, Nicole Leullier, his son Stéphane, his siblings: Yvette (the late Laurent Leblanc), Colette (the late Odilon Potvin), Jean-Guy (Colette Godin), his brother-in-law, Conrad Leullier, nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends). André Auger is now with his siblings who preceded him in death: Jacques (Denise Leconte), Roger, Lise, Marcel & Thérèse and his sister-in-law, Diane Leullier. Funeral liturgy took place in the chapel of the Funeral Residence La Seigneurie at Beauport on 14 October and his ashes were placed in La Seigneurie's columbarium. **André was a first cousin of Michel Bornais, former KFA secretary.**

## **BURTON, FLORENCE ALICE (1927-2022)**

Florence Alice Burton passed away peacefully on May 25, at 95. Florence was born on 30 April 1927, in Chebanse, Illinois, the daughter of Abe and Alice Sparenberg. Florence was one of five siblings, sisters Irene and June; brothers Emerson and Ralph. She married Maynard L. Burton (son of **GFK 02736**) on 28 June 1947. They were married for 58 years until his passing in May 2005. Maynard and Florence had four children: Jim, Kathy, Julie and Laurie. In June 1969, they moved to Livermore, California. Maynard worked for General Electric and traveled the world as part of a team maintaining nuclear reactors. Florence was executive secretary for the Livermore Valley School District. She leaves seven

grandchildren: Jim, John, Jenna, Ryan, Brianna, Devin and Kristen. After Maynard's passing, Florence became great-grandmother to Lucas, Lionel, Grant and Wesley. Her funeral service was held on June 25 at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.

## **DAILEY, MICHIAL LOUIS (1953-2022)**

Mike was born in Joliet, Illinois, on 10 February 1953, to Louis P. Dailey and La Vona (**Curwick**) Dailey. He died in Phoenix, Arizona on November 21, 2022. He is survived by his sisters, Joann and Pat. His sister, Linda, and brother, George, preceded him in death. Mike earned a culinary degree at Joliet Culinary School. He leaves his partner Thomas Drew. His kingdom was the kitchen, managing restaurants and a bar in the Chicago area. He will be greatly missed by many nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces and other relatives.

## **DUVAL, ANGÈLE (1934-2022)**

At Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, on 23 September 2022, at 87, died Mrs. Angèle Duval-Bonneau, wife of Roland Bonneau. She was the daughter of the late Gaston Duval and the late Adrienne Kéroack (**GFK 00138**). Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn, her children: Guy (Johanne) and Donald (Guylaine), her grandchildren: Janie and Mélissa (Simon), her sisters, the late Gisèle, Jeannine and the late Jeanne, her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces. A funeral liturgy was held on 15 October 2022 at Claude LeSieur Funeral Home at St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

## **KIROUAC, CLAUDE (1956-2022)**

At Coaticook, on 22 September 2022, aged 66, died Mr. Claude Kirouac (**GFK 01461**) husband of Lorraine Leblanc-Kirouac. Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his two

children: Marylène (Olivier), Jean-François (Noémie), his grandchildren: Justin, Edouard and Clara, his mother, Réjeanne, his brother, Michel (Mireille), his sister, Guylaine (Paul). A funeral liturgy was held on 9 October 2022 at the Goyer Funeral Home in Coaticook, Quebec.

## **KIROUAC, COLETTE (1942-2022)**

At the CHSLD Hospital in Saint-Louis-du-Ha! Ha!, on 22 November 2022, at 80 years and 4 months, died Colette Kirouac, daughter of the late Marie-Rose Cimon and the late Thomas Kirouac (**GFK 01425**). She leaves to mourn her children: Annick Gosselin (Roger Tremblay), Carl Bossé, Robert Bossé (Josée Morin); her grandchildren: Arianne, Marion, Phélix; one great-grandson, Wesley; her siblings, and many relatives from the Kirouac and Cimon families as friends. A funeral liturgy was held on 2 December 2022 at the Caron Funeral Parlour at Saint-Louis-du-Ha! Ha! Followed by interment in the parish cemetery.

## **KIROUAC, COLETTE (1951-2022)**

At Québec, on 8 October 2022, at 71, died Colette Kirouac (**GFK 00708**), daughter of Richard Kirouac and Thérèse Lambert. She leaves to mourn her siblings: France, Pierre (Diane Bircher), Josée (Pierre Duhamel) and André (Johanne Soucy); nephews and nieces Mathieu de Bonville (Leila Fendri), Mélanie de Bonville (Jean-Philippe Reny), Marianne de Bonville (Étienne Durand), Alexandre Kirouac (Sandi Miudo Carduso), Nicolas Dusseault (Jacynthe), Jonathan Kirouac (Stéphanie Perron). Funeral will be held later this autumn. **Colette was the cousin of François, Kirouac the present KFA president.**

**KIROUAC, GUY  
(1926-2022)**

Guy Henry Kirouac (GFK 00401), 96, of Evergreen Road, Leeds, Mass., passed peacefully in his sleep on October 12, 2022, under the compassionate care of the staff at Care-One at Northampton with his loving family by his side. He was born July 9, 1926, in Albert, France, to the late Arthur and Leonora (Ancelle) Kirouac. He was predeceased by all three of his brothers, Real, Rene and Michael Kirouac and by his wife of 70 years, Rachel (Poulin) Kirouac.

Guy was a WWII veteran and French prisoner of war; he was imprisoned at one of the Nazi death camps, Buchenwald, as well as several internment camps in France. He joined the U.S. Army at the end of the war. Guy immigrated to the United States in 1948 and settled in the Northampton area. He retired from Kollmorgen Corporation in 1988 after 35 years of service as a machinist and assembler of periscopes. Guy enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, boating, and playing cards. He especially enjoyed sharing his Vermont camp with friends and family. His greatest love was his wife and family.

Guy is survived by his three children and their spouses: Daniel (Beverly Pomeroy) of Chesterfield, Mass., Diane Mongeon (Stephen Mongeon), Denise Linscott (Gregory Linscott, Sr.). He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Melanie Kirouac, Steven Kirouac, Jenny Livingstone, Hillary Wildman, Timothy Funk, Gregory Linscott, Jr., Robert Linscott, and Mitchell Linscott, his eight great-grandchildren: Joseph and Paige Krupa, Emily Kirouac, Liam Livingstone, Henry and Molly Wildman, Brice and Grace Linscott, as well as many nieces and nephews. On 26 October 2022, a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Hills Parish, in Haydenville, Mass., to celebrate the lives of both Guy Kirouac and his wife Rachel Kirouac who died

March 2020 and whose funeral could not be attended due to the COVID pandemic.

**KIROUAC, JEAN-CLAUDE  
(1955-2022)**

At Hôtel-Dieu Hospital in Quebec City, at 67, on 16 November 2022, died Jean-Claude Kirouac (GFK 00532), son of the late Roland Kirouac\* and the late Mariette Pouliot-Kirouac. He leaves to mourn his wife, Lisette Fleury-Kirouac; his children: Jean-Simon, Andréanne (Rhett Lawler); his two granddaughters, Alice and Daphné Kirouac Lawler; his mother-in-law, Thérèse Jobin (the late Auguste Fleury); his siblings: Denis (Noëlla Levesque), Elisabeth (Jean-Guy Laberge), Louis (Céline Boucher), the late André, Gilbert; his sisters-in-law from the Fleury family: Johanne, Martine (Danny Monfette), Mireille (Jean Boutin); as well as many relatives and friends. A memorial liturgy took place on 2 December 2022 in the chapel of the Funeral parlour Complexe de la Cité at Quebec City. **\*Roland Kirouac, his wife, Mariette and their son, Louis were among the first fifteen KFA founding members of in 1978. Roland was also the financial auditor for the KFA from 1986 to 2009, year of his death.**

**KIROUAC, MATHIEU  
(1970-2022)**

Mathieu Kirouac, spouse of Christine Fillion, died at Montreal on 25 September 2022, aged 51. Besides his partner, he leaves to mourn his parents, Denise Cholette and Réal Kirouac (GFK 01371), his brother Jonathan (Geneviève Laroche), his mother-in-law Géraldine Desrosiers (Éric Bouchard), his sisters-in-law, Marie-Pier Fillion (Guillaume Gagné) and Maud Fillion (Simon Dufour), many cousins, nephews and nieces and other relatives and friends. His funeral was held at the Church of the Purification-de-la-Bienheureuse -Vierge-Marie at Repentigny (Quebec) on 11 October 2022.

**KIROUAC-BEAUDET,  
MONIQUE  
(1933-2022)**

Peacefully at the CHSLD Cooke Hospital in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, on 12 October 2022, aged 89 years and three months, died Monique Kirouac (GFK 02149), widow of Gérard Beaudet. She leaves to mourn her children: Suzanne Beaudet (M. Robert Gendron), Marc Beaudet (Marie Smith); her grandchildren: Sarah Anne Beaudet (Mathieu Comtois), Cynthia Beaudet (André Lalande), Steven Gendron, Liz Gendron (Jean-Pierre Bourgon); her great-grandchildren: Sophie Comtois-Beaudet, Annabelle Lalande, Alexia and Keven Gendron-Paquin, Alexandre, William, Zachary and Zoé Bourgon; her sisters: Gertrude Kirouac (Marcel Caron), Denise Kirouac (the late Joseph Laroche); her sister-in-law, Lucienne Lapierre (the late Robert Kirouac) as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

**KIROUAC, ROLAND  
(1934-2022)**

À l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, At Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, Quebec City hospital, on 3 September 2022, died at 88, Roland Kirouac, husband of Mariette Fortin. Born at Notre-Dame-du-Portage on 8 January 1934, he was the son of the late Marie Kirouac and the late Georges Kirouac. Funeral was on 29 October 2022 at Saint-Ignace-de-Loyola Parish Church in Beauport, Quebec. His ashes were interred in Giffard Cemetery. Besides his wife Mariette, Roland Kirouac leaves to mourns his son, Marc (Sylvie Massé); his grandson, Alexandre; his sisters-in-law: Réjeanne Bélanger (the late Gérard), Isabelle Dionne (the late Lucien) and nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Roland was predeceased by his son, Yvan and his siblings: Jean-Baptiste, Ovila, Georges, Anita, Annette, Lucienne and Simone.

**KYROUAC, LAURA MAE  
(1958-2022)**

Laura Mae Kyrouac died on 1 September 2022. She was born Laura Mae Hasemeyer on 17 September 1958. First daughter of Keith P. and Mercedes D. Hasemeyer. On 19 July 1975, she married Timothy Kyrouac, son of Paul Kyrouac (GFK 00247) and Armelia Castongia. She leaves to mourn her four children; Jason (Angela) Kyrouac; Kimberly (Jack) Gross, Nathan (Mariah) Kyrouac, Nicholas (Allison) Kyrouac; ten grandchildren: Christian Faber, Jacob Kyrouac, Kaylee (Ethan) Crockett, Emily Kyrouac, Carter Gross, Kenna Gross, Sydney Kyrouac, Emma Kyrouac, Jones Kyrouac, and Asher Kyrouac. Surviving also are brothers: Mark (Sue) Hasemeyer; Bruce (Rhea) Hasemeyer; Kevin Hasemeyer; and Keith Hasemeyer Jr. Sisters Suzette (Joe) Wilson; Cindy Karasiewicz; and Kathleen Richey; her sister-in-laws: Paula (Bernie) Buckley; Annette (Matt) VanDerMolen, Julie (James) Rawlins; Jennifer (John) O'Gorman. Laura was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral Service was on 8 September 2022, at Community Bible Church, Fort Smith, Arizona, followed by burial at Oak Cemetery. **Timothy is a first cousin of Greg Kyrouac, genealogist.**

**LAURENCELLE-KIROUAC,  
JEANNINE  
(1931-2022)**

Jeannine Laurencelle Kirouac from at La Broquerie, aged 91, died on 29 September 2022 at Villa Youville in Sainte-Anne (Manitoba). She was the widow of Gérard Kirouac (GFK 01658). She leaves to mourn her children MÉRILLE (Colette), **Georges\***, Diane (Philippe), Réal (Debbie) and Noël (Adèle); her grandchildren: Pascal (Magali), Sylvain, Jasmine (Vincent-Gabriel), Stéphanie (Shawn), Patrice (Nicole), Myriam, Sébastien, Marc, Laura, Janelle (Éric) and Alixe (Logan); her great-

grandchildren: Daphné, Joëlle, Grégoire, Mireille, Marie-Élise, Milanne, Charlotte, Raphaëlle and Maëlle; her siblings: Ubald (Huguette), Rénald (Betty), Gilbert and Ginette Finch; her sisters-in-law Lucille Laurencelle, Gaby Lemieux, Lucie Kirouac and Marie-Reine Vieville. She was predeceased by her husband Gérard in 1982; her parents Georges and Clara (née Beaudry); her parents-in-law, Alphée and Imelda (née Michaud); her siblings: Yvette Marie, Lucien, Yvette Isabelle, Noël, Irénée (Lorraine), Gérard and Monique Préfontaine; her family-in-law: Joseph-Alphée (Annette), Claire (Gabriel Choiselat), Honoré (Agnès), Sr Anne-Marie, Roland, Gertrude (Henri Normandeau), Eugène and Fernand Vieville; as well as nephews, nieces and friends. Her funeral was held on 15 October 2022 in Saint-Joachim Parish Church in La Broquerie. Interment in parish cemetery. **\*Georges is the KFA regional representative for Western Canada, and he organized the 1989 KFA gathering held at La Broquerie, Manitoba.**

**KEROACK-MUMFORD,  
ELEANOR  
(1928-2022)**

Eleanor "Ellie" (Keroack) Mumford, 93, passed away 11 November 2022. Born in Palmer, 20 December 1928, she was the **daughter of the late Albert (son of GFK 00085) and Anna (Shea) Keroack.** Eleanor was a registered nurse. She and her husband were rarely apart over their 69 years of marriage. In addition to her beloved husband Bob, she leaves to mourn her children, Kyle Mumford (Linda), Kristin Mumford (Kevin), and Kara Healey; her grandchildren, Brendan, Ryan, Brenna and Matthew and great-grandchildren, Cole and Harrison. She was predeceased by her son Kerwin Mumford, last earlier this year; and her siblings, Eileen Keegan and Alvin Keroack. The Funeral Mass was held on 18 November at St. Michael's Church, East Longmeadow, Mass. where

Ellie and Bob were faithful communicants. Burial will follow the Mass. At the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

**MUMFORD, KERWIN  
(1956-2022)**

Kerwin J. "Jim" Mumford, age 66 of Brockton, died on 16 August 2022 at home. Born in Springfield, and raised in East Longmeadow, Mass., he was the son of Robert E. and Eleanor (Keroack) {**granddaughter of GFK 00085**} Mumford of East Longmeadow. In 1974, Jim graduated from high school and, in 1978 from Hartt School of Music. In high school, with the Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble he toured Prague, Budapest and other eastern European cities. Early in his music career, he played the saxophone in bands aboard ships cruising the Caribbean. He was a member of the Randolph Community Band and the Canton Community Band and a longtime member of the Pine Oaks Golf Course. He was known as an old fashioned, selfless, hardworking, and kind man who would do anything for his children. In addition to his parents, Jim is survived by his children Brenna Holmes-Mumford and Matthew Holmes-Mumford. He was the brother of Kristin Mumford, Kyle Mumford, and Kara Healey. He is also survived by his former wife Kim Meredith Holmes. Funeral Mass on 24 August at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**PROVENCHER, JEAN-DANIEL  
(1975-2022)**

À l'Hôtel-Dieu de Lévis, le 21 At Lévis Hôtel-Dieu Hospital on 21 October 2022, at 47 years and five months, died Jean-Daniel Provencher, son of the late France Kirouac (GFK 00553) and Paul Provencher. He lived at Lévis. A memorial ceremony took place at Coopérative funéraire des Deux Rives in Quebec City on 26 November 2022. Burial of ashes will be at Saint-Charles Cemetery at a later date. Besides his father, Paul, he leaves to mourn his brother Guillaume; many aunts, uncles, and

cousins; work colleagues and friends at the City of Lévis. He is now with his mother, France. **He was a great-grandnephew of Céline Kirouac, first vice-president of our Kirouac Family Association.**

**ST-CYR, JEANNINE  
(1935-2022)**

Jeannine St-Cyr, died on 7 November 2022, at 87, in Quebec City. She was the daughter of Marie Paule-Kirouac (**GFK 00548**) and Albert St-Cyr. She leaves to mourn her sister-in-law, Françoise Dugré, widow of Guy St-Cyr and many nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends. **She was the cousin of Céline Kirouac, KFA first VP.** She is now reunited with her late brothers and their late wives: Gaston St-Cyr & Suzanne Gaulin, Robert St-Cyr & Pierrette Dallaire, Maurice St-Cyr & Madeleine Larue, Paul St-Cyr & Françoise Lauzon. Funeral was held on 10 December 2022 at Saint-Benoît Church in Quebec City.

**SANDRA, SUSAN ELAINE  
(1948-2022)**

Susan Elaine Sandra, 74, died on 13 November 2022, Susan was born on 1 February 1948 in Kankakee, Illinois, to William Burton (**son of GFK 02736**) and Joan (Moody) Burton. As a student at Loyola of Chicago she met her true love, Alexander Sandra. They were married on December 27, 1969. They settled in Iowa City in 1978 to raise their family. Sue worked as a labor and delivery nurse, while working she earned a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Iowa. She leaves to mourn, her husband of 52 years, Alexander Sandra; her children: Amy (Randy) Short, Joanna (Rodney) Short, and David (Jennifer) Sandra; six grandchildren: Kelly, Katherine, Calvin and Ryan Short, Evelyn and Claire Sandra. She is survived by her brother, Scott Burton, one niece, Alexandra Burton and many cousins. Susan was preceded in

death by her parents, William and Joan Burton. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on 23 November 2022 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Coralville, Iowa. Private burial at Ridgewood Cemetery in North Liberty.

**TETRAULT, RON EDWARD  
(1945-2022)**

Ronald (Ron) Edward Tetrault, 77, died 4 October 2022, at Maple Ridge Care Center in Spooner, Wisconsin. He was born 6 July 1945, in Spooner, the son to Henry and Alverna (**Curwick**) Tetrault. Ron was a graduate of Spooner High School, class of '63. Soon after graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Vietnam War. Recently, he was a proud member of the Spooner Rodeo Committee. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his sister Donna (Tetrault) Ennis. He is survived by his brother, Ernest (Kathy) Tetrault, and his sister Fae (David) Tippo, niece Lesa Molitor (Tony Johnson), nephew, Steven Tetrault (Angela Clark), niece Nicola Tippo (Robert Spittler), niece Cheri Tippo, many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews. A service of remembrance is in the planning and will be held at the Northern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

**THUOT, RENE JOSEPH  
(1948-2022)**

Rene Joseph Thuot died on 11 September 2022 at the age of 74. He was born 9 August 1948 in Worcester, Mass., to Roger and Olive (Roy) Thuot. He graduated from Wachusett Regional High School and served proudly in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He resided in Worcester County for most of his life until retiring to Florida in 2016. He was active in the community serving on boards/committees and coaching youth sports. Rene worked in the construction and plumbing supply business for many years. He leaves behind his loving and beloved wife of 50 years, Kathie Kirouac (**great granddaughter of GFK 00273**), and two sons Lawrence (significant

other Melanie) and Marc (wife Nicole and her children); and six granddaughters. He is also survived by his two sisters Denise DeAmicis and Suzanne DesRosiers, a brother Robert, one niece and three nephews, his sister-in-law Karen Kirouac and a foster son, Richard Allard and his family. He was an avid golfer, loved sports and every genre of music. He was a fun-loving guy who loved to laugh. Rene will forever be remembered for his sincerity, selflessness, loyalty and quick-wit to those he cared for. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. In accordance with his wishes, he was cremated, no services are planned.

**KIROUAC-TURNER,  
PAULINE ALPHONSINE  
(1939-2022)**

On 8 August 2022, Pauline Turner, née Kirouac, (**GFK 02291**) died at 83. She was born on 10 February 1939 in Quebec City, daughter of Blanche Laroche and Alexandre Kirouac. She was a retired employee of Ecole Secondaire L'Essor. Pauline was a loving mother, grandma and great-grandmother to her daughter and son and their families. Jeff and Lisa Turner and their children Sidney (Chris), Ryan, Alex and Evan; Chantal and Brian Ruggaber and their children Brendan (Stephanie), Kyle and Alana and her great-granddaughter Laurel. Pauline is survived by four siblings Therese, Pierrette, Yolande and Robert Kirouac and predeceased by five siblings Rita, Jeanine, Ghislaine, Claude and Paul Kirouac as well as her parents. She also leaves many nieces and nephews and friends including Carmen Murdoch. Pauline's humor, wit and zest for life will be greatly missed. A Memorial Mass was held on 12 August 2022 at St. Anne's Parish Church, Windsor, Ontario.

**Our Deepest Condolences  
to the  
Bereaved Families**

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The KFA's computerized genealogical database comprises a number of persons' names for which we are missing either the spouse and/or the parents' names. Answers to the following questions would enable us to complete our data. Feel free to consult previous issues of *Le Trésor* and forward us the relevant info.

*With many thanks  
François Kirouac*

## Question 764

What are the names of the parents of Wendell Sears, first spouse of Theresa Wood, daughter of James Wood and Doris Kérrouack. The couple was married on 22 May 1976 at Sackville, New-Brunswick, Canada.

## Question 765

What are the names of the parents of Lise Simoneau, spouse of Lawrence Kerouac, son of Lauréat Kerouac and Ethel Metcalf. The couple was married on 20 September 1997 à Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada.

## Question 766

What are the names of the parents of Sylvie Provençal, spouse of Paul Kirouac, son of Ivan Kirouac and Pierrette Soucy?

## Question 767

What are the names of the parents of André Kirouac whose spouse is Carmen Girard? Also what are the names of the parents of Carmen Girard? André Kirouac and Carmen Girard are the parents of Marjorie Sylvie Kirouac and Richard Kirouac.

## Question 768

What are the names of the parents of Jeffrey Juckett, second spouse of Rita Kerouac, daughter of Vernon Kerouac and Joan Meisterling? The couple was married on 3 December

1985 at Kankakee, Illinois, USA.

## Question 769

What are the names of the parents of Rob Holley, second spouse of Diane Kerouac, daughter of Vernon Kerouac and Joan Meisterling?

## Question 770

What are the names of the parents of Sonia Côté, spouse of Jean Kirouac, son of André Kirouac and Pauline Mercier?

## Question 771

What are the names of the parents of Anna McRoberts, spouse of Bruce Kirouac, son of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 772

What are the names of the parents of Diane Gadsen, spouse of Donald Lovett-Kirouac, son of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 773

What are the names of the parents of David Agnew, spouse of Sheila Kirouac, daughter of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 774

What are the names of the parents of Rhonda Budd, spouse of Robert Kirouac, son of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 775

What is the family name of Sandy, the first spouse of John Kirouac? John Kirouac is the son of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 776

What are the names of the parents of Heather McDougall, second spouse of John Kirouac, son of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett?

## Question 777

What are the names of the parents of Peter Bruno, husband of Judy Kirouac, daughter of Albert Kirouac and Diana Lovett? The couple was married on 15 April 1972 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## Question 778

What are the names of the parents of Jean-Luc Bélanger, husband of Marie-Renée Fournier, daughter of Marcel Fournier and Lucia Kirouac?

## Question 779

What is the name of the mother of Caitlyn Kirouac, daughter of Dale Kirouac, who is the son of Darrell Kirouac and Arlene Forrest?

## Question 780

What are the names of the parents of François Grégoire, second spouse of Diane Kirouac, daughter of Odilon Kirouac and Simonne Pelletier?

## Question 781

What are the names of the parents of Peter Houlahan, spouse of Nicole Kirouac (1941-1995), daughter of Odilon Kirouac and Simonne Pelletier?

## Question 782

What are the names of the parents of John Crocker, husband of Lorraine Kerouac (1923-1970), daughter of Elmer Kerouac and Leah Soucie?

## Question 783

What is the name of the mother of Robert Miller, son of Carl Miller, and spouse of Linda Kerouac, daughter of Elmer Kerouac and Leah Soucie?

Please send us your genealogical questions and we will try to find the answers. It will be a pleasure to print the answers in a future *Trésor*.

The Editor

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