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Next gathering

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Nicolas Matte: A "committed" or a "volunteer"

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Mots du président / President's words

Madame/Monsieur, membres et futurs membres / Dear Sir / Madam, members and future members

L'Association a franchi de nouvelles étapes depuis le dernier bulletin et le 7e Rassemblement. L'effet électronique continue de se faire sentir dans tout l'organisme. Le site Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219160977777125/>

de l'Association dépasse les 780 membres.

La découverte d'une lignée Matte au Paraguay, en Italie et au Zimbabwe et en Ouganda nous apporte de nouveaux horizons.

La mise à jour du site : <https://famillematte.org/> continue de se remplir. Pour les membres, il comprend les capsules d'histoire (plus de 250) avec photos et vidéos., les journaux déjà existants et ceux À VENIR, l'histoire de l'Association, photos et vidéos des activités (plus de 450), rencontres sociales, l'impression du logo sur un de vos vêtements et le lien sur la page Facebook de l'Association, des liens de recherches, notre adresse de correspondance : info@famillematte.org



De plus, l'organisation du 8e Rassemblement est en route, à vous de le découvrir en primeur dans le journal. En terminant, j'espère à tous un 2023 d'accomplissement. Merci de faire partie de l'aventure des Matte.

The Association has reached new milestones since the last newspaper and the 7th Gathering. The electronic effect continues to be felt throughout the group. The Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/219160977777125/> of the Association exceeds 780 members.

The discovery of a Matte lineage in Paraguay, Italy and Zimbabwe and Uganda brings us new horizons.

Site update: <https://famillematte.org/> continues to fill up. For members, it includes history capsules (more than 250) with photos and videos, existing newspapers and those TO COME, the history of the Association, photos and videos of activities (more than 450), social meetings, the printing of the logo on one of your clothes and the link on the Facebook page of the Association, search links. Our correspondence address: info@famillematte.org. In addition, the organization of the 8th Gathering is on its way, it's up to you to discover it for the first time in the newspaper. In closing, I hope everyone for a 2023 of accomplishment. Thank you for being part of the Matte adventure.



Normandy, cradle of the Matte families

By: Diane Matte

In all modesty, I share with you this feeling of belonging that inhabits me and rocks me on each visit to Normandy, a region of France that I love.

I was the wife of a French husband, now deceased. At a very young age, I was introduced to traveling through Normandy. I have always felt this great pride in walking in the footsteps of our ancestor. I miss no opportunity to return there in memory of my late husband and to visit relatives and friends.

One day, I went for a walk there with my children. After renting a car in Paris, I went to Issy, a neighboring town where the Palace of Versailles is located. Nearby, I took the Normandy highway. By a happy chance, I saw the intersection with the real road to Louviers – a beautiful folk song that I then hummed to my children.

From Paris to Mortagne and from town to town, I went to the Château de la Ferté Vidame in Eure-et-Loire, bombarded by the Germans during the war; nowadays trees grow there as remnants through the walls. Shortly after, we come across the native village of Nicolas Matte – Sainte-Geneviève-en-Bray, symbol for me of a comforting presence.



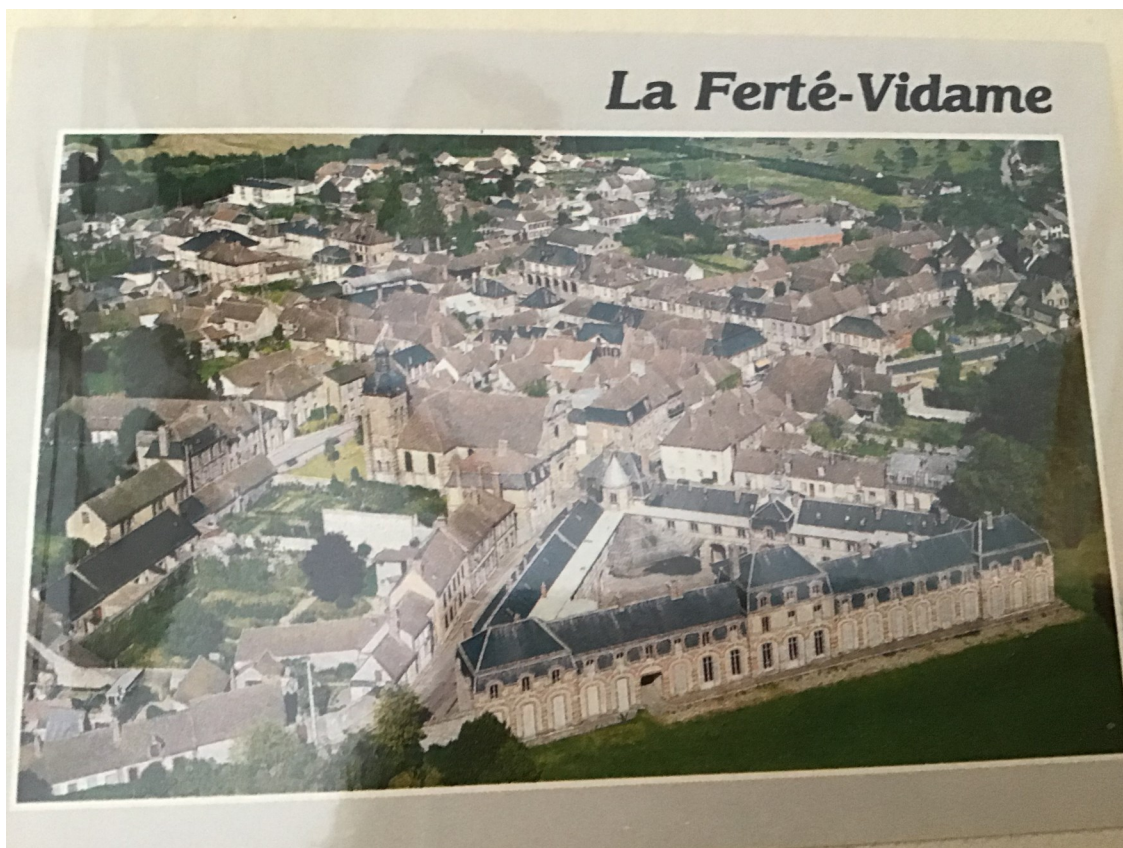
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I also chatted with people who lived through the horrors of war there; many vestiges such as a bridge and a few houses in ruins bear witness to this. A Brien lady told me that she saw her husband and 4 children jump into a minefield as they fled the enemy Germans in a cart. She had her life saved, because she was walking far behind...

I was advised to visit churches since the name Matte is present there. In each of them, the name Matte appeared on commemorative plaques which thus formalize exploits or various donations. Each time, I was invaded by a gentle warmth; I then felt a deep sense of admiration and belonging to my ancestor Nicolas and all his brave friends, pioneers who had left their Norman cradle.

I will end by sharing with you an anecdote that still makes me smile. At each church, I was welcomed on the condition of putting on the skates, I was asked. A little surprised, I realized that slippers of soft fabrics to exchange for our shoes would prevent us from scratching the shiny parquet floors.

I will always remember those church pads. And of these people who respect their heritage.



Nicolas Matte: A "committed" or a "volunteer"

By: Jacques Matte

During the decade from 1663 to 1673, in addition to the military, it is estimated that about 700 settlers and nearly 900 King's daughters settled in New France. Nicolas Matte is part of this number.

Making the decision to leave for a new world, where everything is to be built, abandoning relatives and friends, one's living environment, cannot be done on a whim.

Having few means, Nicolas Matte is one of those who, through work, have contributed to wishing to build a society identical to the one he had left, but without the morals, vices, war, illness, crisis. economic situation or persistent famine.

Despite certain ubiquitous risks (sea crossing, potential conflicts with natives, harsh climate, lack of resources, land acquisition, difficulty in settling down, feeding oneself, supporting one's family, etc.), they are mostly soldiers and hard-working immigrants, called "engaged" who undertake the great crossing of the Atlantic at this time. Contract in hand, these young soldiers and settlers came largely from the coastal and urban regions of France, as did the immigrant women who, by agreeing to settle in New France, hoped to start a family there.

Immigration in the 17th century was in two forms; "**engaged**" or "**volunteers and other immigrants**".

The committed

"Engaged men and women without great resources who spent an engagement with a settler or a merchant to be in their service for a few years (most often three years hence their nickname of thirty-six months) for a salary in cash or in kind. In addition, the cost of passage, lodging and food were paid for them. The contracts of engagement often mentioned the age, place of birth and profession of the recruits and also sometimes the ship of embarkation with the name of the captain. »

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Spontaneously during this period, for many of us, the first reflex towards the colonists who arrived in New France, including our ancestor Nicolas Matte, was associated with "engaged", having contracted a contract of engagement before their departure. Despite much research undertaken about our ancestor with the point of reference that he was potentially an "engaged", on this aspect, everything has remained negative.

In addition to the "engaged", there were also "volunteers".

Volunteers and other immigrants

This less prominent definition is defined as follows: *“Volunteers are immigrants who come of their own accord, at their own expense and without a contract. Once there, however, some will be hired by inhabitants, merchants, the clergy or any other residents of New France.”*

Nicolas Matte, would he be a volunteer, rather than a committed one ?

Censuses

We find the first mention of Nicolas Matte in New France in the census of 1666. The place where he was listed is in Notre-Dame-des-Anges (surrounding sector of Charlesbourg). He is specified to be 26 years old and registered as a resident. In fact, at the time of the census (winter-spring 1666), he was rather 29 years old, since he was born on December 8, 1636. In the second census, that of 1667, we find a Nicolas with no surname, in the sector of Notre-Dame des Angés. This Nicolas is registered as 30 years old, which corresponds to the true age of Nicolas Matte. One would think that Nicolas Matte could have been identified in another sector of Quebec City, but after verification, this is not the case. In the 1667 census, all the other Nicolas are identified with their surname, except Nicolas Matte registered in the 1667 census.

Noms	Classement des Habitans de Notre-Dame des Angés ou de Notre-Dame des Angés	ages	qualité ou mestiere
Jean Jarry		45	Sabotier
Nicolas Matte		26	Sabotier
René Desrosiers		22	Jeuneur de ville de St.
Jean Lebige		25	maître de la ville de St.
David Poiroux		21	Sabotier
Jean Landeau		24	Urbain
Thomas Paquin		45	Jardinier Urbain
Philippe Goyon		34	Urbain
Antoine Goyon		30	Urbain
Jean Goyon		30	Sab.
Etienne Goyon		28	Sabotier de St.
Jean Goyon		25	Urbain
Edme Le Roy		23	Urbain
Nicolas Doullay		30	Urbain
Louis Lorrain		30	Urbain
Jean Goyon		29	Sabotier

1666 census

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This 30-year-old Nicolas is certainly our ancestor, Nicolas Matte. He is registered as a resident and lives with Louis Blanchard (26 years old), husband of Gabrielle Daneville (15 years old). Blanchard's property comprises five acres in value.

In the 1666 census, Nicolas Matte does not appear with Louis Blanchard, which suggests that he lived (and worked) with another owner whose name remains unknown.

Familles		ages (Bonneurs) (Bonneurs) (Bonneurs)	
une habitant a namee Lappee		30	
une habitant a namee Lappee		2	
une habitant a namee a Monsieur	20	30	
Calon joudant			
Jean Biron	60		
Nicolas Duce	25		
Simon cheure	32		
Louis Blanchard	26		5
Gabrielle Daneville	15		
Nicolas	30		
Thomas Louchet	50		7
Sigismond Perrier	50		
Simon	11		
Alcaire Charbonneau	50	100	30
Marguerite Le Roy	45		
Guillaume Biron	44	4	17
Henri Robert	30		
Mario	12		
Agnese	10		
Jacquette	80		
Joseph	6		
Jean	4		
Simon	60		
Jean miron	33		
	20		

1667 census

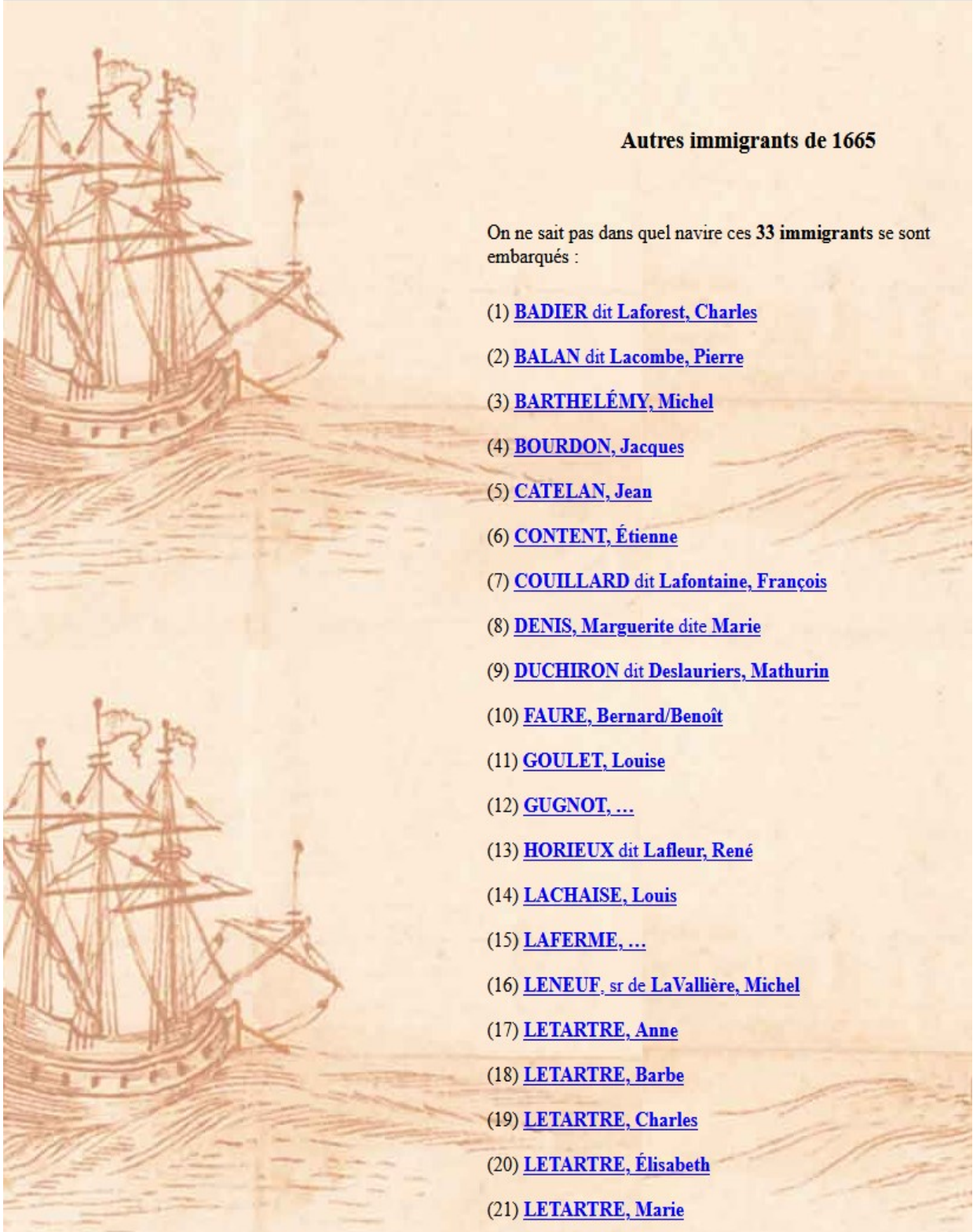
Nicolas Matte "volunteer and other immigrants"

Starting from the hypothesis that Nicolas Matte could be a "volunteer" rather than an "enlisted", and after various searches in the lists of ships from 1663 to 1665, I obtained a list of 33 immigrants who embarked on the same ship in 1665. The list being established in alphabetical order, Nicolas Matte appears in it in 23rd position. The identity of the ship and the captain, however, remains unknown.

The names of the 33 people are inscribed there. Being 28 years old, Nicolas Matte therefore arrived in the summer of 1665 (between June and August) as a "volunteer". He therefore himself assumed the costs related to the crossing of the Atlantic (passage fees, lodging and food). This implies that he had the financial means to undertake this trip to New France. Despite the risks incurred during the crossing, he made the choice to leave his family environment in full knowledge of the facts and never return there.

When he arrived, our ancestor must have found work, probably with a local. He made the choice to become a resident and to learn the workings that would lead him to acquire land to settle there as a resident.

In short, we must recognize that Nicolas Matte is a "volunteer" and not a "committed".

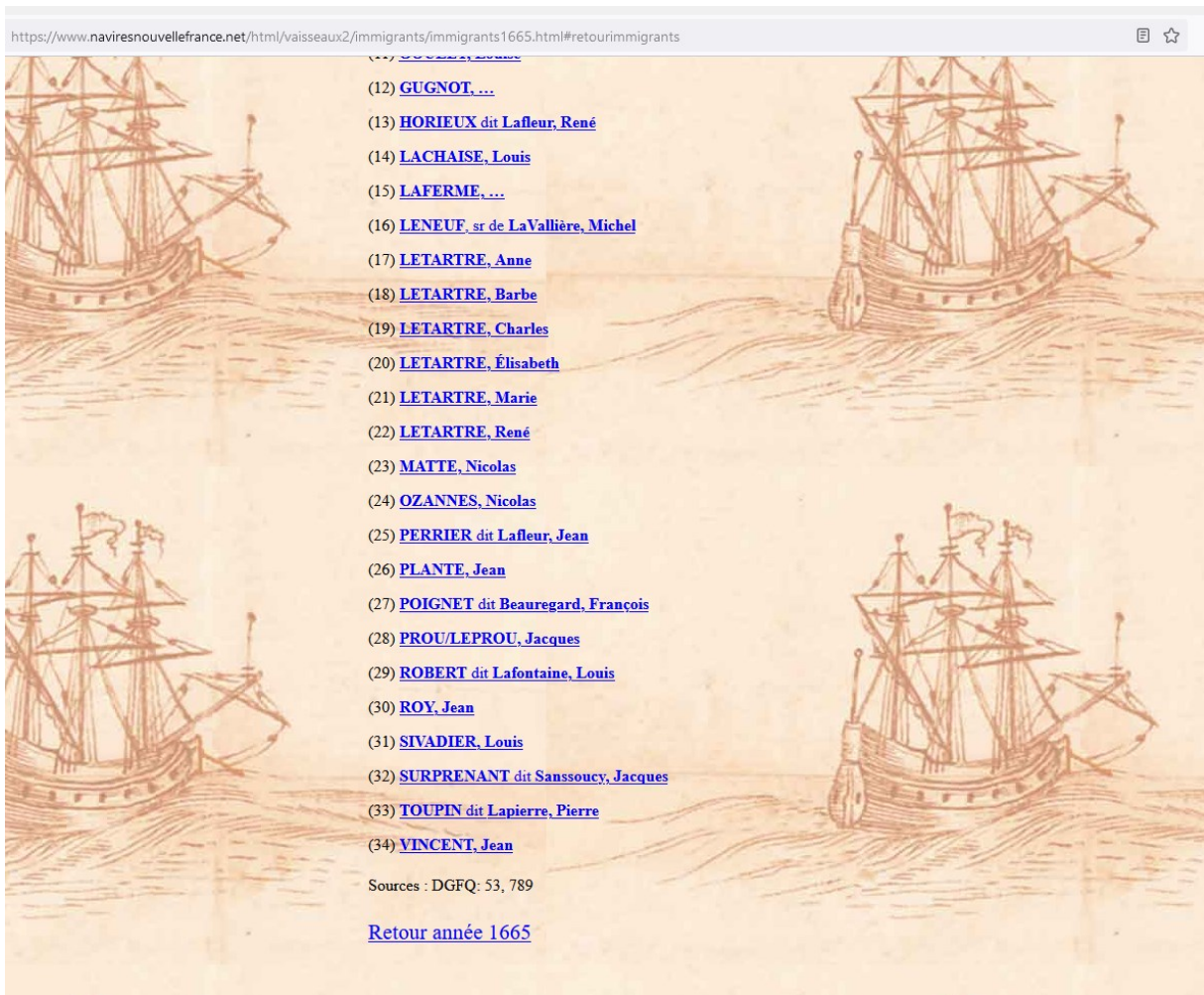


Autres immigrants de 1665

On ne sait pas dans quel navire ces 33 immigrants se sont embarqués :

- (1) [BADIER dit Laforest, Charles](#)
- (2) [BALAN dit Lacombe, Pierre](#)
- (3) [BARTHELÉMY, Michel](#)
- (4) [BOURDON, Jacques](#)
- (5) [CATELAN, Jean](#)
- (6) [CONTENT, Étienne](#)
- (7) [COUILLARD dit Lafontaine, François](#)
- (8) [DENIS, Marguerite dite Marie](#)
- (9) [DUCHIRON dit Deslauriers, Mathurin](#)
- (10) [FAURE, Bernard/Benoît](#)
- (11) [GOULET, Louise](#)
- (12) [GUGNOT, ...](#)
- (13) [HORIEUX dit Lafleur, René](#)
- (14) [LACHAISE, Louis](#)
- (15) [LAFERME, ...](#)
- (16) [LENEUF, sr de LaVallière, Michel](#)
- (17) [LETARTRE, Anne](#)
- (18) [LETARTRE, Barbe](#)
- (19) [LETARTRE, Charles](#)
- (20) [LETARTRE, Élisabeth](#)
- (21) [LETARTRE, Marie](#)

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Site Web "Cimetières du Québec"

By: Gaétan Matte

The base:

For more than ten years this database has been built, a base in perpetual evolution. Some 668 cemeteries are listed there, organized according to the tourist regions (21) of Quebec. For each, a photo inventory of the monuments, with transliteration of the epitaphs, is provided. In the introduction, the geographical and topographical location is described, and information of historical and toponymic interest is presented. It is possible to admire general views of the places and certain details of the funerary furniture, Calvaries, chapels, portals and enclosures and some monuments are chosen either for their commemorative value of characters who have marked their community, or for their conceptual originality, either for their moving simplicity. In addition to these 668 cemeteries already online, there are 315 files in preparation. Some are complete, while others relate to additions to be integrated into cemeteries already online.

The name of each deceased is listed in alphabetical order and refers to one or more views of his monument. You are looking for the memory of your ancestor and you know in which city or which village he died. You select the tourist region and locate the name of the cemetery. If it has already been covered by an inventory, you enter the name of the grandfather and pop-la!, pang in the heart, appears one or more views of the monument sought. The effect is immediate: the memory of the ancestor materializes, memories resurface,

the oral or written history of this loved one suddenly takes shape. This is the magic of reunion, thanks to a tangible witness. The ideators At the origin of this base, two passionate, two accomplice sisters sharing convergent interests: Diane and Nicole Labrèche. It's hers



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that we owe the creation of this site. Both are from Montreal, where they grew up. These two retirees from the world of work are driven by great curiosity. By learning about their respective backgrounds, we understand that both had generosity well anchored in their bodies: one, Nicole, was in turn a teacher, social worker and "*volunteer by profession*", the other, Diane, was her life (34 years old) teacher and interpreter for the hearing impaired. Nicole harbored a contagious passion for genealogy and Diane, a captivating love for cemeteries. "*These are places of tranquility and unspeakable beauty*", she says. She admits that she prefers small memory gardens, those in villages because they are very busy, constantly in bloom and steeped in regular visits from their regulars.

This follower of the more "*living*" dead fields also has a predilection for those with lots of trees: the imposing mature specimens offer islands conducive to meditation, according to Diane. Every summer, for ten years, she spent a month in Maria, in the Gaspé. It was during his frequent walks in the surroundings that his passion for these peaceful stone landscapes was born. Diane Labrèche used to memorize them in images, visuals that she then shared on the large web of the Internet. Rémi Saint-Onge, a computer scientist friend of Productions Tornade, a firm specializing in the creation and maintenance of websites, suggested that he create a database. The idea caught on. Rémi, helped by Vincent Drouin, from Netigo, developed the basis supported in this enterprise by Jocelyne Robertson. On January 17, 2011 the database was online.

Collaborators:

Since its creation the site has been frequented. From this frequentation arose several documented images of family steles which fed one or the other of the inventories. Several offers of collaboration have arisen. Thus, a contribution came from Abitibi: a resident sent a block of 5,000 documented entries in writing and image.

Then 15,000 photos from various regions arrived from one person. Another covered all the cemeteries in Gatineau. Other fans of our site have documented those of Sherbrooke and still others those of the Hautes-Laurentides. An astonishing participation was that of this Gaspé woman, concerned about the abandoned cemeteries in her part of the country. While it's a simple thing to walk through a grassy, freshly mown parish cemetery, it's quite another to make your way through brush, forest and mosquitoes to find small forgotten necropolises (photo of the cemetery Saint -Jean Brebeuf).

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Path that leads to the remains of the cemetery

Remains of Calvary

Another noteworthy collaboration: the one covering all the cemeteries of the Magdalen Islands, accompanied by an update every two years. A person who recently joined the project wanted to lend a hand to transcribe the epitaphs in the Excel application, an application which, at the beginning, was completely foreign to him. Diane Labrèche therefore went back to teaching and, since then, the application has held no secrets for this volunteer who now works regularly and efficiently in the database.

To guide the workers in the field, the Labrèche sisters have designed a protocol that they send to people who offer to document a site. Many offer their services, but few complete their file. The Labrèche sisters had to call on generous people who agreed to complete these files. The project now has several dozen collaborators. One thing never ceases to amaze the designers: they have never met them in person, so they would pass these precious volunteers in the street without recognizing them.

The initiators of the project being determined to maintain free access to their site, all collaborations are voluntary. Disbursements are only for computer technical services. These expenses are covered by a few advertisements. These many voluntary participations are not without consequences on the occupation of the time of our two ideators. Indeed, the Labrèche sisters are a bit of a victim of their own success, taken up by the task of preparing to put the information that regularly comes to them online. Indeed, once a file has been received, there are still several steps to go through before the partial or complete inventory it contains can be published on the network. You have to sort the images, crop them, resize them, number them, transliterate the epitaphs, feed the historical data through research, etc. All this without

forgetting to give sources and credits to everyone. A colossal task!

Anecdote

Diane tells us the story of this man from somewhere in Europe, looking for the stele of his biological mother. This one, of Serbian origin, died in Montreal and was buried in Mount Royal Cemetery. Exceptionally, because this work goes beyond the normal framework of their mission, the two sisters go there. They then note that the batch in question has no marker. They send photographic evidence to the applicant. A few months later, they received a photo of an epigraphic slab, a brand new monument. The adopted son had, to honor the memory of this unknown mother, had a stone of memory placed.

In conclusion

The Cemeteries of Quebec Facebook page and email inbox are overflowing with praise and thanks. Can we see in this another sign that Quebecers, keen as they are on genealogy, hold to their roots and remain very attached to their places of memory. It was therefore absolutely necessary to salute the work of the Labrèche sisters: they alone constitute an operational branch of our Ministry of Culture, all on a voluntary basis! An essential site for all those who are interested in history, heritage, genealogy, a site to visit absolutely for the pleasure of the eyes and to see the extent of the project, which has not finished dazzle us.

According to Diane Labrèche, it is more than 1000 consultations per day that she currently observes.

The future

According to [the Directory of Cemeteries of Quebec](#), a site that claims to have compiled an inventory of burial sites in Quebec, those existing and those missing, there are 3553. [Cemeteries in Quebec](#) have therefore documented 20%. There is room for other volunteers. So here is an opportunity for those who love funerary heritage: there is still a lot to do for many employees, whether it is field work or office work.

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other volunteers. So here is an opportunity for those who love funerary heritage: there is still a lot to do for many employees, whether it is field work or office work.

To make a correction or information

To make a correction or information to a gravestone already online, after clicking on the cemetery and the name of the person concerned, click on the link "I wish to correct or add information - located at the bottom of the photo of the tombstone. »

Added tombstones

To add one or more tombstones that are not already on the site, you can send your photos mentioning the name of the cemetery and the municipality to the following email address:

info@cimetieresduquebec.ca

Text by: France Remillard

Tragic death of Jean-Baptiste Matte

Jean-Baptiste Matte was apparently the son of Alexis Matte and Marie-Françoise Carpentier. Here is what the registers of Fort Duquesne contain: "In the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, the sixth of September, was drowned, in the beautiful river, a certain Jean-Baptiste Matte of the parish of Cap-Santé, called of the Holy Family, who was about twenty years old. His body was buried in the cemetery of Fort Duquesne, under the title of the assumption of the Holy Virgin, at the beautiful river, and the assumption of the Holy Virgin, and that with the ordinary ceremonies by us priests Récolets, undersigned, chaplain to the King, at the aforementioned Fort Duquesne. In witness whereof we have signed. »

Br. Gabriel de Genser, chaplain

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**"Morts tragiques et violentes au Canada
(17e et 18e siècles)" Tome 2**

The Quest for the Traveling Portrait

By: Jeannine Matte-Richardson

They say the key to tracing your family tree is to find the oldest living relative and ask questions. In 2004, that is exactly what I did.

I discovered the my great aunt Cecile Matte, the youngest child of my great grandparents Pierre & Seraphine Matte had returned to New England from Florida after her partner died and was living in an assisted living facility in MA. My memories of Aunt Cecile were mostly of the big Matte family reunions she would hold at her home in NH almost every summer.

During one of our conversations I asked if there were any photos of her family. She said that when her parents died she inherited the family portrait that had been taken in 1920 and when she left Floral City, Florida for the last time she dropped off the portrait to her nephew Walter, who lived in Atlanta GA and that as far as she knew Walter still had he portrait in his home.

It became a wish of mine to see this photo. I was too young when my grandfather Jean died to remember him and thought seeing a photo of my grandfather as a young man would resolve my curiosity. A few months passed and the family was throwing a 90th birthday party for Aunt Cecile and I was asked to speak about my Matte genealogy research at the party. I hurriedly put together several small booklets to hand to each cousin who attended the reunion.

The booklets were well received and so many cousins for putting it together thanked me. I asked those who attended about the portrait but no one seemed to know what I was talking about. Aunt Cecile died of pneumonia in 2005 and I was diagnosed with lung disease and needing oxygen so the quest for the portrait was placed on hold.



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Over the next few years I continued my research on the Matte Families of North America expanding my tree from a local family tree to locating Matte all of America and Canada. It took me 10 years of meetings, research, and history to put together my first edition of the Matte Families of North America. I completed several DNA tests and talked my brother into doing one as well. He matched with a Richard Matte in Ontario who was the son of Gideon Matte who had served as secretary to Prime Minister King during World War II.

Life went on until one day I received an email from a woman named Elaine F. She sent me an email when she noticed we matched on 23andme as second cousins. After we compared notes, Elaine F. turned out to be the granddaughter of Eva Matte, Aunt Cecile's older sister and Walter's daughter. I asked about the family portrait. She said it was in storage in North Carolina and her Dad had given it to her before he died. She had recently moved North Carolina so it was still in storage.

She offered to give it to me! I couldn't believe I would possess this portrait. I waited anxiously for this portrait to arrive. Imagine our disappointment when the glass was broken in transit and scratched the photo. Here is a shot of one of the pieces:

We recently retired and moved to Florida and I did not want the portrait to get lost in the event of my death so I contacted Joan G, a great, great granddaughter of Pierre Damase & Seraphine Matte I met along the way in my research who is a teacher and has long been a lover of "old things". She was honored (her words) to be the latest recipient of this traveling portrait.



The portrait we all treasured is now hanging in her home in Canterbury NH. I am sure she will keep that portrait traveling through the succeeding generations.

I will be sending her a copy of this article to place behind the portrait so the history behind this photo is not forgotten. From the living room of my great grandparents in Lowell, MA to Floral City, FL then given to Walter in Atlanta GA, to Elaine F.'s home, to a storage unit in North Carolina to Merrimack NH and now Canterbury NH where I hope it hangs for a very long time.

Back to the 7th Gathering

*The pleasure of seeing each other again,
some in costume others not in costume...*



*Relive the foundation of our lineage
by "actors" descending from their
own lineage, children of Nicolas
and Madeleine, personified.*

*The discovery, after a pleasant
supper, on the Matte Voyageurs.*

*A 60+ minute video gives members a
chance to rewatch this event.*



*Thank you all for
participating and soon at
the 8th Gathering,
we will see each other again.*



By: Claude Matte