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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of our members and their friends had a good holiday season.

We are in full winter in Canada now. The days are short, it is cold, and there is snow to shovel. But the ski enthusiasts love the weather and there is hockey everywhere in Canada

For those of my age, our bodies no longer permit us to play these active sports. But that does not mean we cannot support the younger people in their winter sports. We can also make the time go faster in remembering the good times we had at our reunion in Montréal last August. And we will see one another at our sugarbush party on April 16th at St-Hyacinthe.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are now collecting information on the families of the Racine women. We want their marriage (spouse, spouse's parents, date and place), as well as the date and place of birth of their children, and marriage details of the children. My address is:

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So long for now,
Jacques H Racine
President

IN MEMORIAM

- **GEORGETTE ROY**, widow of Marcel Racine, deceased at l'Hôpital Laval in Québec City on 20 January 2010 at age 87;

- **MARGUERITE RACINE**, daughter of the late Eugène Racine and the late Marie-Jeanne Laberge, widow of Lucien Ménard, deceased at la Résidence La Belle Époque in Québec City on 25 November 2010 at age 94;

- **MARCEL FILION**, husband of Ghislaine Racine, deceased at l'Hôpital L'Enfant Jésus in Québec City on 29 December 2010 at age 88;

- **MARC-ANTOINE RACINE**, son of the late Eugène Racine and the late Marie-Jeanne Laberge, husband of Cécile Lebrun, deceased at CHSLD Yvonne-Sylvain, in Beauport, on 2 January 2010 at age 84;

- **HUGUETTE RACINE**, daughter of the late Laurence Racine and the late Yvonne Labelle, wife of Denis Blondeau, deceased at Montréal on 2 January 2011 at age 65;

- **LAURETTE RACINE**, daughter of the late Herménégilde Racine and the late Laura Couture, widow of Bertrand L'Écuyer, deceased at Laval on 10 January 2011 at age 92;

- **DENIS RACINE**, husband of Carole Lacroix, son of Gustave Racine and Rolande Dubé, deceased at Québec City on 20 January 2011 at age 62;

- **GABRIELLE RACINE**, daughter of the late Albert Racine and the late Aline Boily, widow of Dr. Fernando Hudon, deceased at Jardins du Haut-Saint-Laurent in Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures on 9 February 2011 at age 101;

- **DIANE RACINE**, wife of Marcel Crevier, daughter of the late Arcade Racine and the late Gertrude Pelletier, deceased at Montréal on 18 February 2011 à l'âge at age 68;

- **LUCIEN RACINE**, husband of Carmen Forgues, son of the late Élie Racine and the late Florence Desrochers, deceased at l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, in Québec, on 21 February 2011 at age 83;

- **GERMAIN LACHAPELLE**, husband of Suzanne Racine, deceased at Longueuil on 25 February 2011 at age 87;

- **HUGUES RACINE**, son of the late Joseph Racine and the late Blanche Tardif, deceased at l'Hôpital de L'Enfant-Jésus, in Québec, on 25 February 2011 at age 74.



L'absence n'est-elle pas, pour qui aime, la plus certaine, la plus efficace, la plus vivace, la plus indestructible, la plus fidèle des présences.

Marcel Proust.

RACINADES

ÉLISABETH PELERIN

Élisabeth Pelerin (1831-1910) married Benjamin Racine (1826-1885) on 21 September 1852 at Saint-Michel (Bellechasse County). They had twelve children. Two of their sons, Charles and Alfred, immigrated to Massachusetts, while Achille and Joseph stayed in Québec. We know a lot about Achille's family because his son Guillaume (William) settled in Sainte-Luce-sur-Mer (Rimouski County) and his children have been members of our Association (daughter Huguette was an administrator).

After her husband's death, Élisabeth Pelerin donated land for the construction of Saint-Antoine de Bienville Church at Lévis in 1896. Upon her death in 1910, she was interred in the crypt of the Church. When the Church was closed in 2004, her remains were transferred to the cemetery at Mont-Marie in Lévis and her tombstone was conserved by the regional historical society of the region of Lévis.

REHABILITATION OF THE EX-COMMUNICATED OF SAINT-MICHEL

Jean-Baptiste Racine dit Noyer (1721-1788), his son Laurent (1757-1784), their cousin Marguerite Racine (1756-1784), Félicité Doré (wife of Charles Dubord) (1728-1784) and Pierre Cadrain (1716-1786), all of Saint-Michel (Bellechasse County), were ex-communicated by the Bishop of Québec, Monsignor Briand, for having sided with the Americans during the war of 1775-76. One of the ex-communicated interrupted the sermon of Jesuit priest Lefranc during mass on Sunday 10 October 1775, crying out: "That's enough preaching in support of the English". The Bishop of Québec had received assurances of religious freedom from the English as a result of the Québec Act and he wanted to rally support for the English from the French-Canadians. The Bishop threatened ex-communication on all those who disagreed. Rejected by all of the citizens of the village, our ex-communicants died alone and abandoned. Their bodies were buried in a field on the 4th concession road of Saint-Michel. Afterward, in October 1880, their bodies were exhumed and reburied in a part of the parish cemetery reserved for the bodies of un-baptized children. Their story was told by writer Louis Fréchette, who dedicated an emotional poem entitled "*Les excommuniés* (the ex-communicated) in his book *La Légende d'un peuple*.

Two hundred and thirty years after the event, Gaston Cadrain of Lévis, a descendant of Pierre Cadrain, is researching the event in order to rehabilitate the memory of these people who were condemned by their religion for purely political reasons. Mr. Cadrain is seeking to dedicate a work of art in their memory at the Saint-Michel cemetery. And to that end, he has requested our Association and its members to help him in this cause, which has a direct effect on the dependants of the ex-communicated living in the counties of Beauce, Montmagny and Bellechasse.

HOTEL WINDSOR OF WHITEHORSE (YUKON)

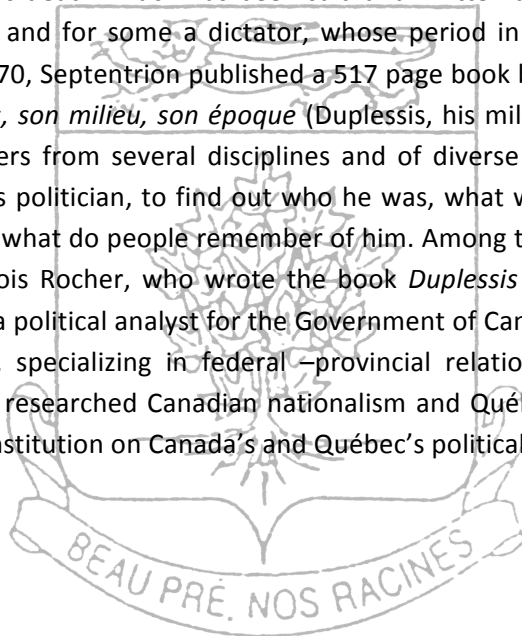
Cariste Racine arrived in the Yukon in 1897. In November 1898 he was managing a sawmill at the end of Windy Arm, which is part of Lake Tagish. In 1900 he teamed up with Edgar Agernon Dixon to open a laundry at Whitehorse, as well as opening the Grand Palace Hotel at Bennett. And then he owned the Windsor Hotel in Whitehorse from 1901 to 1905. The hotel was located across the street from the train station. Samuel F. Racine was the hotel's manager and Jean-Baptiste and Richard E. Racine were clerks. The hotel burned down 23 May 1905, but thanks to an insurance policy which paid him \$10,000, Cariste Racine was able to build a new hotel on the site, which he named the White Pass. Between 1910 and 1915, he made a trip to California and returned with Anna K. Viau, whom he had probably married in California. Anna then took over as manager of the hotel until the late 1940s. (Ref: Association franco-yukonnaise, Empreinte, La présence francophone au Yukon (1825-1950), Whitehorse, 1997, volume 1, pp. 265-266).

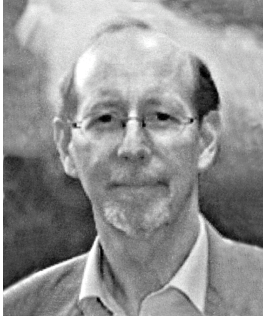
Who was this Cariste Racine? Were Samuel, Jean-Baptiste and Richard his brothers, or were they his sons? In the Racine family Genealogical Dictionary we find a Carisse Racine who was born in 1880 in Little Falls, Minnesota. Carisse was the son of André Racine, originally from Saint-Hyacinthe, and Elmière Brousseau. However, that would make him only 17 years old when he arrived in the Yukon and he had no brothers named Samuel, Jean-Baptiste or Richard.

Incidentally, the referenced volume above mentions a Charles Racine, who went to the Yukon as part of the gold rush. Charles Racine found gold in the Yukon on 12 July 1903 and he named the place of his discovery the Twelfth of July Creek.

JEAN-CLAUDE RACINE SUR DUPLESSIS

Maurice Duplessis, who died on 7 September 1959, was the premier of Québec from 1936 to 1939 and from 1944 to his death. Much has been said and written about this figure. He was a hero, a great nationalist, and for some a dictator, whose period in office was described as a period of darkness. In 1970, Septentrion published a 517 page book by Xavier Gélinas and Lucia Ferretti entitled *Duplessis, son milieu, son époque* (Duplessis, his milieu, his times). Fifty years after his death, researchers from several disciplines and of diverse interests and generations wished to re-examine this politician, to find out who he was, what was his contribution to the evolution of Québec, and what do people remember of him. Among those researchers are Jean-Claude Racine and François Rocher, who wrote the book *Duplessis vu d'Ottawa*. Jean-Claude Racine, now retired, was a political analyst for the Government of Canada during the last twenty five years of his service, specializing in federal –provincial relations, official languages and politics, and heritage. He researched Canadian nationalism and Québec –Canada relations and the effect of the 1982 Constitution on Canada's and Québec's political culture.





POLITICAL SCIENTIST JEAN-LUC RACINE

Jean-Luc Racine is the Director of Research at the National Research Centre of France in Paris. He is also the director of the Study Centre for India and Southeast Asia at the School of Advanced Studies on Social Sciences, where he also a teacher. He is also a professor at the French Geopolitical Institute at the Université Paris VIII. In 2005, he launched the magazine *Transcontinentales*, which he directed until 2008. He is one of the greatest international specialists on contemporary India and Southeast Asia. He is often sought out by the media for his opinions on the emergence of India as a powerful economic force, the continuing conflicts between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, the conflicts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and the rise of China, also a nuclear power. He has published several articles in the past years in prestigious magazines such as *Le Monde diplomatique*, *Ramses*, *Hérodote* et *l'État du monde*. In November 2010, the review *Géopolitique* included a story based on a long interview with Mr. Racine, in which Mr. Racine expressed his views on the historical relations between the nations of Asia, covering the creation of the state of India in 1947 and the rise to power of the communists in China in 1949, which have led to tension over territory between these two countries. The interview also covered his opinions on recent China-Pakistan and India-Iran alliances, as well as the involvement of the United States in the region during the first war in Afghanistan in 1979-90 and the second war after 2001. The name of the article is *Pakistan, Inde, Chine: Le grand jeu continue!* (*Géopolitique*, no 111, pp. 29 to 34) (Pakistan, India, and China: the game continues).

RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS IN QUÉBEC PUBLIC PLACES

Saguenay, with 146,000 inhabitants, is the seventh largest city in Québec, having been formed in 2001 by the amalgamation of the former cities and municipalities of Chicoutimi, Jonquière, Kénogami, La Baie, Laterrière, Shipshaw and Tremblay Township. The mayor, Jean Tremblay, is a devout Catholic. He opens sessions of Council with a prayer and a crucifix is attached to the wall of council chambers. These actions have been recently contested at the Human Rights Commission by the Mouvement Laïque Québécois (Québec Lay Movement), led by Mr. Alain Simoneau. On 11 February 2011, Commissioner Michèle Pausé wrote the decision of the Commission, in which she ordered Saguenay to cease reciting prayers at council meetings and to remove all religious items from council chambers. The Commission also ordered the City to pay the plaintiffs a sum of \$30,000 for punitive and moral damages. Mrs. Isabelle Racine, who defended the City in the procedure, indicated that their City may launch an appeal of the decision to higher courts.

DEATH OF A RACINE CENTENNARIAN

Gabrielle Racine was born on 23 July 1909 in Québec City. She was the fifth child of Albert Racine, a well-known dealer in leather, and Aline Boily. She married Dr. Fernando Houdon, who

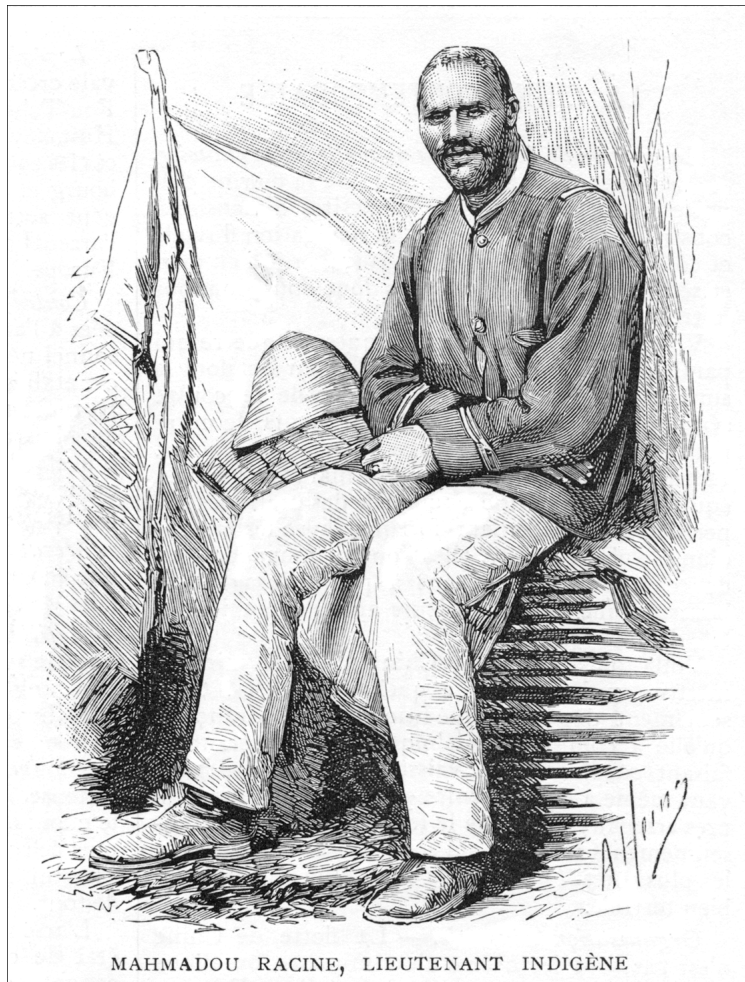


was an anaesthetist at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, on 14 April 1936 at Saint-Jean-Baptiste church in Québec City. The couple had no children. Mrs. Racine died on 9 February 2011 at age 101 years and six months. She died at home, at the Jardins du Haut-Saint-Laurent, at Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures. She had three brothers-in-law: Dr. Gustave Gauthier (husband of her sister Diane), Judge Gérard Vaillancourt (husband of her sister Aline), and lawyer Horace Philippon (husband of her sister Marguerite). Horace Philippon was very involved in politics, having run for the leadership of the Liberal Party of Québec against Georges-Émile Lapalme in 1950. His son Jacques Philippon also became a lawyer and was a Judge of the superior Court of Québec.

RACINES IN OTHER LATITUDES

We know that in countries with a history of slavery, such as Haiti or the French Antilles (Martinique, Sainte-Lucie) some former slaves adopted the family name of the owners when they were emancipated. There are therefore some descendants of these freed slaves who have the name of Racine to this day.

We also know that a similar thing occurred in former French African colonies, especially in Senegal. It is therefore not surprising to find the name of Mahmadou Racine, an indigenous lieutenant, in the Universal Journal of 1883.



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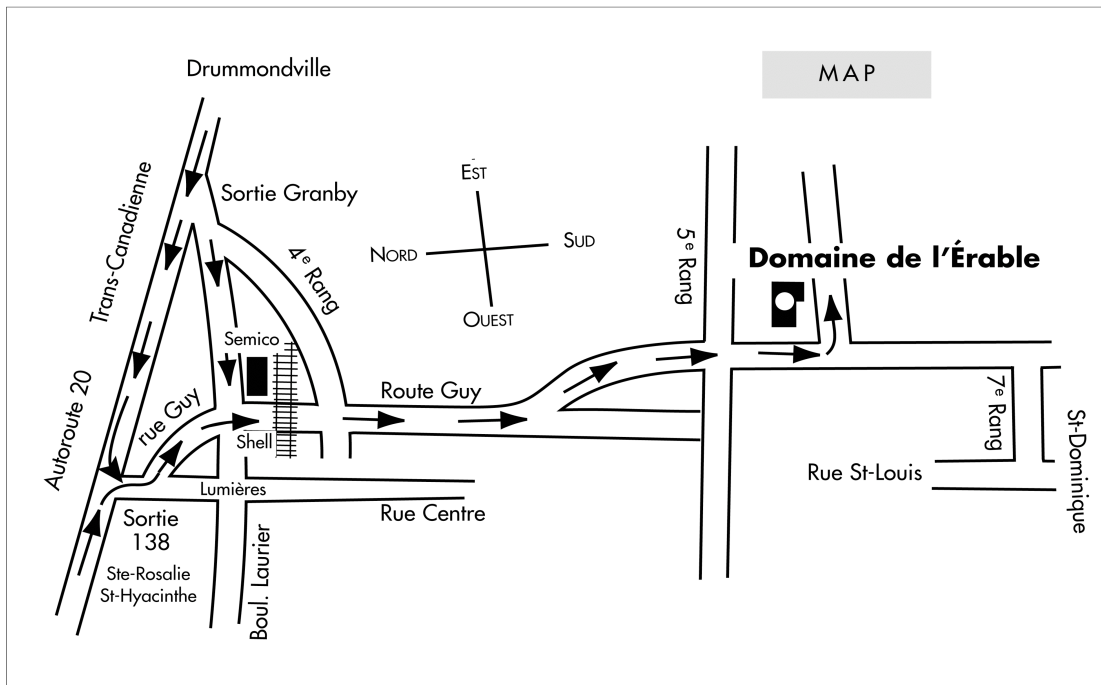
Members, relatives and friends of our Association are invited to attend our annual sugarbush party to be held:

Saturday 16 April 2011

At Domaine de l'Érable
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