

Dear cousin AUDET dit LAPOINTE,

The Association of the Descendants of Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe was founded on April 23rd, 2002, by a small group of descendants of Nicolas and Magdeleine Després.

The goal of the Association is to reunite all survivors, direct or by marriage, of the Audet dit Lapointe descendants that have colonized New France and the Americas, to publish our ancestry, to create Audet dit Lapointe archives and establish a library of various publications concerning the history of the Audet dit Lapointe families and to distribute this information by newsletters or other means.

The principal activities of the association are the regular distribution of newsletters called "Nicolas et Magdeleine", organizing family gatherings, regional and international family reunions, and trips of interest for the members of the Audet and Lapointe families, as for instance, to the birthplace of our Audet dit Lapointe ancestor.

However, it is obvious that all of this cannot be accomplished without a sufficient number of active members. Therefore, we are presently in an enrollment campaign throughout Québec, Canada and the United States.

We invite you to become a member of our association by filling out the enclosed membership form and returning it to us along with your membership dues. It would be great if other Audet dit Lapointe families in your area could be informed and encouraged to join (*make as many copies as necessary*). If possible, please fill out the genealogical questionnaire on the reverse side of the reply coupon.

We are fortunate to have a family name that has become so deeply rooted in New France and in North America since 1663. Together, let's work in reestablishing ties among the Audet dit Lapointe family to benefit all descendants of Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe and Magdeleine Després.



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A bit of history

Nicolas Audet was baptized on July 12th, 1637, in the parish church of St-Pierre in Maulais, France. Today, this parish is part of the village of Taizé, in the canton of Thouars-I in the department of Deux-Sèvres. The son of Innocent Audet and Vincende Roy, he arrived in Canada around 1663 at the age of 26. Monsignor de Laval confirmed him on March 23rd, 1664. In the 1666 census, he is working on Monsignor de Laval's farm in St-Joachim, Cap Tourmente. He is already using the surname Lapointe.

On June 22nd, 1667, Monsignor de Laval, *seigneur* of Beaupré and Île-d'Orléans, grants him a concession of land, consisting of three *arpents* of frontage along the Saint Lawrence River on the south side of the island. Notwithstanding his obligation to settle on his land within the year, on October 13th, 1668, he is working as a porter at Monsignor de Laval's Episcopal residence in Québec.

Magdeleine Després was born about 1655. Her parents, François and Magdeleine Le Grand, are from the parish of Saint-Sauveur in Paris. She is one of the so-called *Filles du Roi* (Daughters of the King), recruited in France in 1669-1670, in compliance with Intendant Talon's wishes. On August 30th, 1670, in the afternoon, in the presence of Anne Gasnier and Élisabeth Estienne, who sign as witnesses, Magdeleine, who was then 15 years old, accepted and promised to marry Nicolas by signing a marriage contract before notary Romain Becquet. Father Thomas Morel celebrated their marriage on September 15th, 1670, in the parish church of Ste-Famille, Île-d'Orléans.

In the 1681 census, they owned about 15 *arpents* of developed land, six horned animals and a gun. An inventory taken September 27th, 1706, by notary Étienne Jacob, details their total worth: seventy five developed *arpents* of land, a house 24 feet long by 18 feet wide finished in rough beams, including two full sized rooms, two fireplaces, a cellar and attic, and a barn and stable finished in planks measuring 60 by 20 feet.

Nicolas was buried December 10th, 1700, in the St-Jean cemetery in Île-d'Orléans. Magdeleine survived him by 12 years. Their farm today bears the lot numbers 192 and 193 on the land registry of the parish of St-Jean, Île-d'Orléans.

“ Their children ”

Our ancestors Nicolas Audet and Magdeleine Després each came from France and were married on the île d'Orléans in 1670. Here is the list of their children, as determined by Guy Saint-Hilaire in 1986, and now recognized by the PRDH (Programme de recherche en démographie historique).

1. **Nicolas**, born in 1671, died shortly after his birth.
2. **Nicolas**, born in 1672, married the recently widowed 15-year old Marie-Louise Chabot in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1697. They had nine children and died in St-François-du-Sud (Montmagny), he in 1751 and she in 1756. Among their progeny was Renaude Lapointe.
3. **Pierre**, born in 1674, married Marie Dumas in 1698, in St-Jean de l'île d'Orléans. They had nine children. He died in 1715 and she died in 1760.
4. **Jean-Baptiste**, born in 1675, married Marie-Louise Godbout in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1708, and she gave him twelve children. Jean-Baptiste died in 1728. In 1698, his father had gotten him a piece of land which will stay in the family for several generations. Descendants met on the island in 1979, during the 300 year anniversary celebrations for four parishes and related family festivals, and a commemorative marker was then affixed to St-Laurent church.
5. **Madeleine**, born in 1677, married Jean Pouliot in 1697. They settled in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans. Before her death in 1761, she had nine children.
6. **Joseph**, whose birthdate in October, 1680 is no longer a matter of dispute, married Jeanne Pouliot, in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1703. They had seven children. He died around 1731, and she died in 1759. He inherited the ancestral farm owned by his father since 1667. He is the ancestor of a considerable lineage which quickly extended from Gaspé to the Detroit/Windsor area, especially significant in Saguenay-Lac St-Jean.
7. **Marie**, born in 1682, married Maurice Crépeau in 1702. They settled in St-Pierre de l'île d'Orléans. She had twelve children and died in 1775.
8. **François**, born in 1684, married Marguerite Bernard, in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1709, and they had nine children. A large portion of their descent is found today in the Eastern Townships. Their descendants are divided between the Audet and Lapointe surnames.
9. **Marguerite**, born in 1686, married Louis Émery dit Coderre in 1722 in Boucherville, where she had gone with the family of her brother Joachim. Having given birth to two children in St-Sulpice, she ended her days in L'Assomption in 1758.
10. **Innocent**, born in 1689, married Geneviève Lemelin in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1710. They will have fourteen children. He died in 1774, she died in 1778. The family had moved in 1739 to Boucherville where it was blessed with a total of 92 grandchildren. Among his descendants are numbered the brothers Louis and Edmond Odette, Ontario philanthropists.
11. **Joachim**, born around 1691, married Marie-Louise Roberge in St-Laurent de l'île d'Orléans in 1716. In 1720, they settled in Boucherville where they would later die, he in 1747 and she in 1769, after having had twelve children.

Outline of the association's newsletter called “ Nicolas et Magdeleine ”

It was in recognition of these two people, to whom we owe so much for making us part of this world, that the name of this newsletter was chosen. We carry the name of Audet, Lapointe and its derivatives, but there was also Magdeleine Després, who, while giving up her maiden name, gave life to all those generations to come. Therefore, we would like to make a place for all the women who, though sometimes in the shadow of their husbands, contributed equally to the ancestry that is our passion

Why a newsletter:

The newsletter serves as the communications link among members and lets everyone keep informed. With this newsletter, you will be aware of research problems that often occur in genealogy... It also introduces you to other members of the family who chose to publish parts of our family history, allows you to relate your anecdotes and findings that you wish to share with other members and informs you of upcoming activities. It will give you information concerning your ancestors, stimulate your research and encourage you to share your discoveries... and finally, it is the means to share information with your cousins, no matter how far away they may be.

Nowadays, our 16 page newsletter is published three times yearly in February, June and October. You will come across genealogical articles, answers to members' questions and various items of interest for all members. Articles and photos of general interest are always appreciated.

“ Services ”

Genealogical researches and more are offered to members. More information is on the back cover of the newsletters. If you want to share your genealogical findings with the others, send them by mail or email to the addresses on the back of this page.

Summary of reunions since the foundation of the association in 2002

- 2003 - Sept. 13th in Île-d'Orléans, 333th anniversary of wedding of Nicolas and Magdeleine.
 - 2004 - Sept. 11th at Cap-à-l'Aigle in the Charlevoix region, land of many of our ancestors.
 - 2005 - Sept. 10th in St-Gédéon, Lac St-Jean. Many Audet-Lapointes came from Charlevoix.
 - 2006 - Sept. 16th and 17th in Sherbrooke, QC. Presentation of our official Coat of Arms.
 - 2007 - Sept. 8th and 9th at Lac-Etchemin in the Chaudière-Appalaches region. Big reunion.
 - 2008 - October 4th 2008 at Lac Beauport. Inauguration of our monument in Île d'Orléans.
 - 2009 - May 8th to 21st, trip to France - Maulais, regions and Paris.
 - 2009 - July 5th AGM (Annual General Meeting) in Drummondville. Presentation on the trip to France in May 2009.
 - 2010 - July 30, 31 and August 1st in Ste-Germaine-Boulé, in the the Abitibi region.
 - 2011 - Sept. 24th in Gatineau. Collection for the restoration of the baptismal font in Maulais, France
 - 2012 - July 14th in Maria in the Gaspésie region. Those who came to see us got a warm welcome.
 - 2013 - September 21st in Quebec, 350th anniversary of the possible arrival of Nicolas aboard the first vessel bringing the « Filles du Roy » in 1663.
 - 2014 - August 1st to August 4th, trip to Manchester, New-Hampshire, USA and environs.
 - 2014 - September 21st, Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Drummondville, QC.
 - 2015 - August 22nd, reunion and AGM at the Hotel Universel of Rivière-du-Loup, QC.
 - 2016 - August 27th, Annual gathering at L'Isle-aux-Coudres where some ancestors lived.
- More details in future newsletters and also on the Web site.

Welcome to the Association.