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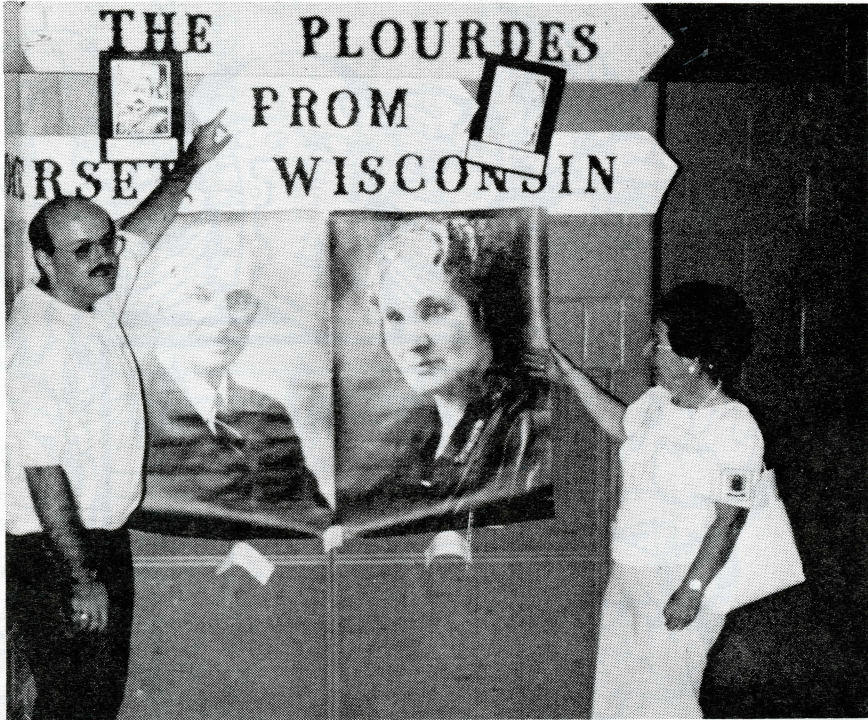
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*Steven A. Pelletier & Rolande Levesque of the Madawaska Historical Society admiring the enlarged photographs of the grandparents of Sister Maria Conselo & Sister Mary Laboure who were present at the Plourde Family Reunion, July 24-25-26, 1987 at Madawaska, Maine. (See inside)*

Approximately 1000 descendants of Rene & Marguerite (Berube) Plourde gathered to pay homage to the Patriarch and Matriarch of the noble Plourde family in North America. Records tell us that on July 7th, 1695, the young man Rene, from the St. Pierre Parish of Poitier, France was granted land along the St. Lawrence River at Kamouraska, Quebec. To date we know neither his date of birth or death. Future research is needed. We would also ask those knowing the name of the Plourdes from Wisconsin, to please forward it to the Madawaska Historical Society.

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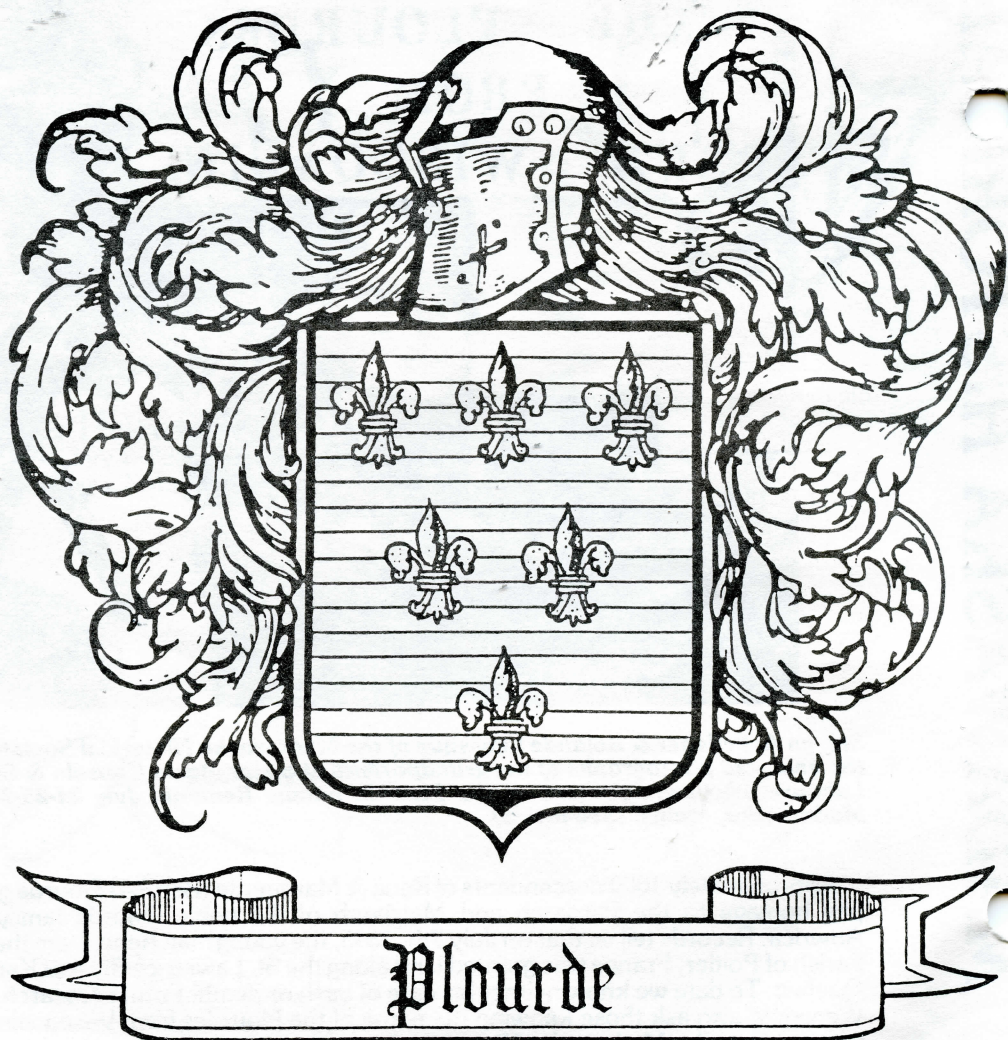
**Plourde Family History**

by Guy D. Dubay

Book Compiled

by

Warrena Morin and Linda Dube



# State of Maine



Be it known to all that  
We, the Members of the Senate and  
House of Representatives

join in recognizing

the descendants of Rene and Marguerite Jeanne (Berube) Plourde,  
the first Plourde known to settle in North America (1695),  
who will hold their family reunion in Madawaska  
on July 24th, 25th and 26th of 1987;

And be it ordered that this official expression  
of sentiment be sent forthwith on behalf of the  
Legislature and the people of the State of Maine

Given this 4th day of June 1987  
at the State Capitol  
Augusta, Maine

*Charles P. Ryan*  
President of the Senate

Secretary

*John C. Treadwell*  
Speaker of the House

Clerk

Introduced by Rep. Edward A. McHenry  
Sponsored by Sen. Raymond Theriault  
Rep. Hilda C. Martin  
Rep. Judy Parabis  
Speaker John C. Martin

From: Madawaska  
From: Aroostook  
From: Van Buren  
From: Frenchville  
From: Eagle Lake

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Rene Plourde established the PLOURDE name upon  
the North American Continent in the year of our Lord, 1695, and

WHEREAS, his descendants traveled to the shores of the St.  
John River, and

WHEREAS, his descendants have established themselves over  
the entire North American Continent, and

WHEREAS, their efforts and sacrifices contributed greatly  
to the early development of this community, and

WHEREAS, many of the PLOURDES have distinguished themselves  
in public service not only in this Municipality but throughout  
the entire nation as well, and

WHEREAS, these same descendants have organized in order to  
hold a Reunion at Madawaska in the State of Maine, and

WHEREAS, this celebration will be held in Madawaska on the  
24th, 25th, and 26th days of July in the year of our Lord, 1987.

BE IT THEREFORE resolved that we, the Selectmen of Madawaska,  
do declare the 24th, 25th, and 26th days of July, 1987 to be  
known as the PLOURDE REUNION in this community and that said  
Reunion is a time for celebration and renewal of acquaintance  
and friendship.

WE THEREFORE have caused this document to be duly signed in  
our presence and proclaim the PLOURDE REUNION throughout the Land,  
and resolve that it be incumbent upon future generations to do  
Likewise.

MAJAWASKA BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Richard J. Colton*  
*Raymond Theriault*  
*Joseph E. Blaisie*  
*Conrad L. Ryan*  
*Marvin A. Goff*  
*John C. Treadwell*  
John Treadwell

We have this 4th day  
of June in the  
year of our Lord 1987  
affixed our hand and  
seal.

# THE PLOURDE REUNION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



Left to right: Sharon Ouellette, Norman J. Plourde, Janelle Plourde, Raymond Plourde, Jackie Daigle, Roger Plourde. Back row: Adrien Morneault, Claudette Plourde, Warrena Morin, Norma Michaud, Rachel Beaulieu, Linda Cyr, Norman M. Cyr.

## Plourde Family Reunion Program

**REGISTRATION** - Friday, July 24 -- 9 am to 4 pm, Madawaska High School Cafetorium

a) Registration in the official Plourde Registration Book which will be preserved at the Tante Blanche Museum.

b) Publications for sale will be available including our own Plourde Descendants Genealogy book.

c) Tickets for sale for all events, and sales of Plourde reunion memorabilia.

d) Genealogy display will be on hand.

**TALENT SHOW** - Friday, July 24 -- 7 pm, Multi Purpose Building, 7th Avenue  
Talents from Plourde family members plus local talents.

**BONFIRE** - Friday, July 24 -- 9:30 pm, Multi Purpose Building, 7th Avenue

**Registration Continues** - Saturday, July 25 -- 9 am to 3:30 pm, Madawaska High School Cafetorium, 7th Avenue

**BUS TOUR** - Saturday, July 25 -- 8:30 am, Madawaska High School Cafetorium  
Departing from Madawaska High School at 8:30 am to visit local St. John Valley historical sites.

**BANQUET** - Saturday, July 25 -- 5:30 pm Social Hour -- 6:30 pm Dinner, Madawaska High School Gym, 7th Avenue - Menu to include buffet consisting of the following: pot-en-pot, fiddleheads, b-b-q chicken, sweet & sour meatballs, baked ham & pine-apples, roast beef, turkey, cole slaw, and tossed salad.

**SOCIAL EVENING & DANCE** - Saturday, July 25 -- 9 pm, Multi Purpose Building

**MASS** - Sunday, July 26 -- 11 am, St. David "Cross Site" (weather permitting) Multi purpose Building (rain site)

Offering by Fr. Mike Plourde with other area and visiting Plourde priests as concelebrants.

# Who's Who at the Plourde Reunion



**RECOGNIZED PLOURDE**  
 — Isabelle Plourde of Madawaska was presented a plaque during the Plourde Family Reunion Banquet for being the oldest Plourde family member in attendance. Plourde, 89, is a resident of Wisdom House in Madawaska. The Plourde Family Reunion was held in Madawaska this past weekend.

—Bayly photo

## PLOURDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Oldest Family Member:

Isabelle Plourde (age 89)

Largest Family Present:

40 members of the Pierre Plourde family.

Married the Longest:

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Plourde (57 yrs)

Youngest:

4 month old, Derrick Plourde

Traveled the Farthest:

U.S. - Patricia P. Greenlaw,  
 Ontario, CA (3900 miles)

Can. - Philip Plourde, Edmonton,  
 Alberta, (3000 miles)

Rev. Peter Plourde, Rome, Italy



SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Myriam Boudry (left) of Ottawa, Ontario signs the registration book at the Plourde family reunion held at Madawaska last weekend. Violaine Plourde Baudry (right) and Norma Plourde Michaud of Madawaska hold a wooden plaque with the Plourde family crest. (NEWS Photo by Jeannine Albert)



SISTER MARIA CONSELO (left) of Colbert, Wash., with the Mary Immaculate Order, and Sister Mary Laboure of Fort Worth, Texas, with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, attended the Plourde family reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 24, 25 and 26, in Madawaska. The two nuns were

promoting devotion to the perpetual rosary and sold religious items to raise funds to support schools and build a convent in Texas. Luana Plourde (far left) and her mother, Norma Plourde, look at pictures the nuns showed. (NEWS Photo by Jeannine Albert)

## ATTENTION PLOURDE TRAVELERS

Any Plourde Family member interested in visiting Poitu, France in July 1988, contact Mr. Jean Marie Germe at 3 rue Aline Blay, Les Ormes, 86220, Dange-Saint-Romain, France

WHO BROUGHT THE PLOURDE NAME TO THE ST. JOHN VALLEY?

I  
 Rene Plourde - Marguerite-Jeanne Berrube  
 [26 Aout 1697 Riviere Ouëlle]

II  
 Pierre Plourde - Ursule Levesque  
 [21 Janv. 1728 Riviere Ouëlle]

Augustin Plourde - Madeleine Levesque  
 [11 Juil. 1728 Riviere Ouëlle]

# Genealogy

III  
 Pierre Plourde - Louise Hudon  
 [14 fev. 1757 Riviere Ouëlle]

Pierre - Marie Louise Plourde - Jean Baptiste  
 Duperre (1738-1831)  
 (1727-1766) Lizotte  
 (1735-1812)

IV  
 Pierre Plourde  
 Dorothee Lavoie  
 29 Janv. 1781  
 Riviere Ouëlle

Gabriel Plourde  
 Louise V. D'Amours  
 8 oct. 1792  
 [Trois Pistoles]

Hubert Plourde  
 Theotiste Paradis  
 3 oct. 1803  
 Kamouraska

Josette Pierre Plourde  
 Paradis  
 1799 Kamouraska

Perpetue  
 Hudon-  
 10 aout 1801  
 Riviere Ouëlle

Reine  
 Levesque  
 13 janv. 1813  
 Riv. Ouëlle

Prosper Plourde  
 Angelique Richard  
 10 janv. 1791  
 Riviere Ouëlle

V  
 Pierre Plourde  
 Desanges Rosalie  
 Lagace Cote  
 18-6-1812 30-8-1825  
 S. Andre K. R. duloup

Juste  
 Plourde  
 Emerance  
 Roy-Desj.  
 4-2-1823  
 Kamouraska

Reni\*  
 Plourde  
 Adelaide  
 Ringuette  
 26-9-1843  
 S. Basile NB

Ignace\*  
 Plourde  
 Emelie  
 Lizotte  
 3-8-1830  
 R. Ouëlle

Pierre\* Pascal  
 Plourde  
 Apolline M. Louise  
 Theriault Lebel  
 22-10-1829 1837  
 R. Ouëlle

Narcisse\*  
 Plourde  
 Marguerite  
 Ouellet  
 10-1-1882  
 R. Ouëlle

Reni\*  
 Plourde  
 Marguerite  
 Thibodeau  
 29-10-1839  
 S. Basile NB

Nicolas\*  
 Plourde  
 Angelique  
 Beaulieu  
 10-1-1830  
 R. Ouëlle

VI  
 Louis\* Plourde  
 Marceline Flavie  
 Gagnon Bourgojn  
 9-8-1841 19-1835  
 S. Basile N. B.

Pierre\* Plourde  
 George\* Plourde  
 Sophie  
 St. Bruno  
 Van Buren, Me.

Ste. Luce  
 Frenchville  
 Me.

Baker Brook  
 Drummond  
 NB

Grandis  
 Me.

S. Francois  
 Clair NB  
 Fort Kent  
 St. John, Me.

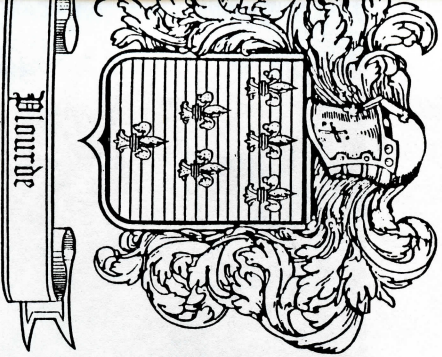
Jacques  
 Fort Kent  
 Me.

Edmundston  
 S. Jacques  
 NB

Van Buren  
 Matne

S. Basile  
 Edmundston  
 NB

\*Indicates immigration from the Province of Quebec to the St. John Valley





# Ouellette Family Reunion

P.O. Box 118

Frenchville, Maine 04745

Dear Ouellet-Ouellette Cousins,

December 1987

It is with honor and pleasure that we extend an invitation to all Ouellettes to gather on July 1, 2, 3, 1988, in a celebration to commemorate Rene (Houallet) Ouellette, our first ancestor to arrive in North America during the seventeenth century.

The 1988 Ouellette Family Reunion is being sponsored by the Madawaska Historical Society. All Ouellette activities will be held in Madawaska, Maine.

Many events are being organized to make this Reunion fun and memorable. Please complete the Family History Sheet and return so that we can update our genealogical records. Also check off the activities in which you would like to participate.

1.  Research my Genealogical Line.
2.  Photos and information for the Ouellette Book now in progress. (Please send photos & Genealogy sheet by February 29, 1988)
3.  The Ouellette Banquet - Reservation \_\_\_\_\_ (how many)
4.  Participate in the Outdoor Ouellette Mass.
5.  Historical Tour of the Valley.
6.  A donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to defray the reunion expense.
7.  Participate in the Ouellette Soiree (evening).

We have available a list of local hotels and motels and campgrounds accommodations. We would truly appreciate your sharing this information with any Ouellette relatives of whom we are not aware and send us names and addresses of relatives we may have missed.

Sincerely,

Theresa Ouellette Pelletier  
Corresponding Chairman

OUELLETTE FAMILY REUNION

## 1987 MUSEUM AQUISITIONS & DONATIONS

The Emile Hebert House	Mr. & Mrs. Normand Hebert
1 Box Hebert Reunion Books	Reunion Committee
Small Sacred Heart Statue (repaired)	Mrs. Adrien Dufour
Wall Clipboard for Statements (c. 1920)	Mrs. Adrien Dufour
Framed piece of loom-woven flax cloth (Frame made by Roland Taylor)	Laura Lizotte Taylor
Loom-woven woolen blanket made by Mrs. Eloie (Allpoline Cyr) Lizotte (c. 1870)	
The American Woman's Cookbook	Yvonne (Mrs. Francis) Cyr Estate
2 Grand Isle Maine Tax Ledgers (1902-1927)	Yvonne (Mrs. Francis) Cyr Estate
Plourde Registration Book	Plourde Reunion Committee
Acadian Day Proclamation for Conn.	John Marquis
Acadian Day Proclamation for Mass.	John Marquis
State of Maine Acadian Day Proclamation (2nd copy)	Rep. Edward McHenry
Miscellaneous	
Work Fare Helper	Town of Madawaska
Research Center and Mail	Librarian, Pat Theriault & Staff

**MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**1987**



*Albert Homestead  
M. Historical Soc*

November 1, 1986 Now Account Balance	\$2,641.46
Transfer from savings	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$8,641.46

**INCOME:**

T. Albert Book	\$ 210.00	
Publications	2,114.60	
Membership	488.00	
Donations	142.00	
Dividend Income Now Account	<u>77.97</u>	
Gross Income		<u>\$3,032.57</u>
		\$11,647.03

**EXPENSES:**

Postage	\$ 120.00	
Electricity	54.50	
Insurance	449.00	
Publications	156.00	
Labor Museum	808.00	
Other Expenses	1,733.60	
Fred's House	<u>6,950.970</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$10,272.47</u>

Balance	\$1,401.56
Transfer to T. Albert Account	<u>210.00</u>
Ending Balance Now Account	\$ 1,191.56

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Now Account Balance November 1, 1987	\$1,191.56
Casco Northern Bank Savings Account	<u>8,134.21</u>
	\$9,325.77

Canadian Funds	
Central Bank & Trust (interest not posted)	\$2,478.70

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DEPOSITS US FUNDS	\$9,325.77
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**RESERVES:**

Photo Project	\$ 400.49	
T. Albert Book	2,006.53	
Cyr Family Reunion	<u>4,183.10</u>	

TOTAL RESERVES	<u>\$ 6,590.12</u>
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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT...	<u>\$ 2,735.65</u>
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DEPOSITS CANADIAN FUNDS	
Cyr Family Reunion Reserve	\$ 2,478.70



## 1987 MEMBERSHIP

Eunice Barthelemy  
Amanda Bourgoin  
Amanda Bond C.G.R.S.  
Joyce Brown  
Henry Bruce Cyr  
Marie Daigle  
Roland & Rita Devost  
Patricia Davino  
Elaine Thibodeau Daun  
Micheline Mazerolle, O.S.U.  
Caorole P. Martin  
Cynthia McCausland  
Maxine Page  
J. Lawrence Pelletier  
Clair Pelletier  
Loretta Cyr Smith  
Allen Voisin



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Madawaska, Maine  
Springvale, Maine  
Mapleton, Maine  
Wetumpka, Alabama  
Madawaska, Maine  
Norton, Vermont  
Hill Bridge, New Jersey  
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Chicago, Illinois  
Missoula, Montana  
Caribou, Maine

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Two Rivers, Wisconsin

## ANNUAL DUES

The Madawaska Historical Society - 198\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35.00)

Please renew my membership for 198 \_\_\_\_\_

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