## Association at national level

## **Archives of past activities**

## May 17, 2019 Journey to France "Back to the roots" of the association

On this event, a group of thirty-two people, Gagnon's with friends or spouses, flew from Montreal to Paris for a two-week trip to the land of our ancestors. In addition to the historical sites where the Gagnons lived: Tourouvre, La Ventrouze, Malétable, Conan, St-Bohaire, and the Château de Villaines; they also visited Paris, Versailles, the D-Day landing beaches, Mont St-Michel, Nantes, La Rochelle, Brouage, the Loire Valley with its castles, Blois, Orleans, and Fontainebleau.



Johanne Gagnon (La Malbaie), member #7525, narrates this beautiful journey in La Gagnonnière August 2019, Vol.34, No.3, p11.

To mark the 99th anniversary of our organizer-accompanist Jean-Paul Gagnon on December 8, 2019, Conrad Gagnon (New York) has prepared the following souvenir video: <a href="http://www.gagnon-belzile.com/page22.html">http://www.gagnon-belzile.com/page22.html</a>, including Conrad's ode to Gagnon which has already been published in La Gagnonnière of May 2017, Vol.32, no2, p13.

August 6 to 9, 2015 Seventh Great Gathering in Quebec City

**Fall 2014** The Facebook page "Les familles Gagnon et Belzile inc. was created in the fall of 2014 by Carole Gagnon as head of external relations.

Linked to the association, this page is intended for all Gagnon and/or Belzile descendants, (members of the association or not, bearers of the name or not) of the Gagnon ancestors: the 3 brothers (Mathurin, Jean, and Pierre), and a cousin (Robert, ancestor of the Belzile lineage), as well as a half-sister of the three brothers (Marguerite Gagnon) ancestor of the Tavernier, Gravel and Bacon; and Mathurin's first daughter (Marthe) from a previous union in France, ancestor of the Doyon.

It includes publications related to the Gagnon and the Belzile, concerning:

- Stories and genealogies: ancestors, personalities (past and present), families...
- Activities and events: annual meetings of chapters and the association, anniversaries, family gatherings....
- Old photos identified or to be identified, family trees...
- Search for photos, information....

# Become a member of the group! If you have information to share or a request to make, please submit it to us.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/lesfamillesgagnonetbelzileinc/

**October 04, 2005** Installation of a wall plaque at Unesco Park, near Place Royale in Lowertown Quebec City, where the general store of the 3 Gagnon brothers (Mathurin, Jean and Pierre) who arrived from Tourouvre around 1638 with all the merchandise to operate a store was located. A work of art by artist Pierre Laforest.



**In 2002** Plaque installation at the Village Gagnon Historical Park, municipality Nation, Ontario.





**In 1995** Wall plaque in honour of the patriot Lucien Gagnon in the church of Saint-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-Noix (former Saint-Valentin parish).



**May 17, 1992** Large gathering of Gagnon and Belzile in Montreal, during the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Montreal. Participation of 450 Gagnon descendants under the direction of Jean-Paul Gagnon, then president.



#### August 10 to 12, 1990 Sixth large gathering at Mont-Sainte-Anne

**March 08, 1986** The first annual general meeting was held at the Saint-Denys-du-Plateau hall, located at 100, route de l'Eglise, in Sainte-Foy. A first Board of Directors was elected, composed of five Board members and nine regional representatives. The first annual membership fee was then set at \$10 for three "La Gagnonnière" magazine.

**September 04, 1985** This same executive committee initiated the formation of a new corporation, with a view to forming a Gagnon and Belzile family association, whose name would be: The Gagnon and Belzile families Inc.

### August 17, 1985 Fifth large gathering in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré

**Fall 1984** A corporation whose executive committee was chaired by Brother Armand Gagnon, e.c., was formed to organize the 5th major gathering of the Gagnon and Belzile families.



September 14, 1940 Fourth large gathering in Quebec City

July 2, 1930 Third large gathering on Île d'Orléans

1928 à 1942 A previous association of Gagnon with a magazine "Les Gagnon"

August 31 - September 1, 1914 Second large gathering in Saint-Justin-de-Maskinongé

September 15, 1909 First large gathering in the parish of Sainte-Famille de l'Île-d'Orléans