



# La Lignée Saindon

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## English Summary

### À vous la parole... / Let's hear from you... (p. 3)

#### Invitation to all Saindons travelers...

Fernand intends to write an article in the March issue of the bulletin about the Saindons who are or have been travelling. You are among those lucky ones, send an email to Fernand listing the countries or cities visited over the years. You can contact him at:

afjt@videotron.ca

#### 2<sup>e</sup> salon des auteurs... / 2<sup>nd</sup> exhibition of Authors in genealogy and history

On October 28, Louise Camirand, André Sindon, Andrée Thinel and Elise Sindon attended this exhibition held in Montreal to promote the Saindon Family Dictionary.

#### Le bulletin en bref / Summary of the newsletter (p. 4)

Joseph Pierre Saindon is featured in this issue of the newsletter. Father of the president, Diane Saindon, you will learn about this man through an article from Mathieu Barré (great grandson), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner of the 2012 Scholarship competition, and some information pointed out by Edith Boileau (granddaughter) on Facebook.

In her editorial, Diane points out the strengths of the Association and gives us some news from the secretariat. Further, Réal thanks all the donors for the quality prizes from the various draws held at the last Family Reunion.

Have you ever felt having gone somewhere without remembering it? Andrée Thinel has a possible explanation for that.

News on Facebook: Rémi Saindon shows a family picture; he gives some information about the town of Sayabec. The page of the Association as a new administrator.

Thérèse Saindon Parent and Jean-Pierre Saindon passed away; tributes are rendered to them.

#### Le conseil d'administration / The Board of Directors (p. 5)

Diane points out the dynamism of the Association, reflected in its various activities (newsletter, website, facebook, family reunions and Family Dictionary). All these great initiatives and the loyalty of members have ensured the continuity, the growth and the renewal of the association and enabled to reach more Saindon of all ages.

Among the projects, Diane mentions:

- the constant updating by André Sindon of the genealogical information in the Database available to members on the website;
- the transcription of Michel Saindon's registry by Andrée Thinel and collaborators;
- the development of strategies to reach young Saindons and their parents.

Recruitment is often done by word of mouth. It is for this reason that we ask you again to publicize the Association to family members. Several means can be used such as:

- offer a membership card; take advantage of the holiday special and pay \$20 instead of \$25; the registration form is available at [www.saindon.org](http://www.saindon.org);
- give information on significant family events (birth, promotion, wedding, graduation, death...);
- discover the website, the family dictionary with family members;
- go on Facebook and exchange with other Saindons; if you are not familiar with it, a youngster will surely be happy to help you.

We wish you nice family reunions; nothing is more

pleasant than celebrate with loved ones. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2013.

### **Martine Saindon**

Recently elected as director, Martine Saindon has been involved in the association for some years now. With her husband Lea Vachon, she helped in the last three family reunions; they are both responsible of the English translation of documents on the website. Martine is the sister of Fernand Saindon, vice president, and you will learn more about her in the coming issue of the Bulletin.

### **Nouvelles du secretariat / News from the Secretary (p. 7)**

#### **- The new Board of Directors**

At the last family reunion, elections were held. Diane Saindon and Marie-Josée Noël renewed their mandate; Fernand Saindon's mandate will end in 2013; Andrée Thinel and Réal Saindon ended theirs after one year. Martine Saindon applied and was elected. A position remained vacant. A new Board of Directors was appointed. Their members are:

President: Diane Saindon

Vice president: Fernand Saindon

Treasurer: Marie Josée Noël

Director: Martine Saindon

Secretary: vacant (position temporary filled by Diane Saindon).

Interested in joining the Board as director, feel free to contact Diane Saindon at: (819) 275-2943 or by email at [jedi.larose@esympatico.ca](mailto:jedi.larose@esympatico.ca)

#### **- Holiday Special**

As previously mentioned, you can offer a membership card to a new member for the special price of \$20.

#### **- Next Family Reunion**

The next Family Reunion will take place in the Bas St-Laurent Region (L'Isle-Verte and vicinity). More details in the March issue.

#### **- 5th World Acadian Congress**

A special Board meeting was held on November 19 to discuss the Association's participation to this event that will take place in August 2014.

### **Concours Bourses d'études 2012 / 2012 Scholarship Competition (p. 8)**

Mathieu Barré, this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner, introduces us to his great-grandfather Joseph Pierre Saindon in a

text entitled "From generation to generation".

Better known as "Jos Saindon", his life was not easy, but his perseverance and commitment in the village of La Conception (600 inhabitants) have earned him many of recognition and praise from those who had the chance to meet, talk, laugh, cry with him, in short to live with him.

As soon as he was old enough to get by and leave home, Jos went to La Conception where he got married to Hélène Forest on June 23, 1936. They spent their life there and raised a family of 10, 3 boys and 7 girls.

#### **From one generation to another**

To fulfill the needs of his family and to help his community, he managed to transform his barber shop in a general store. He became general merchant, mayor, president of the school board, winner of the "Justice of the Peace" in 1955, but more importantly, Jos Saindon was a father, a good man and a man with a big heart.

Totally dedicated to his family, he transmitted values that are still treasured.

Education was important to him. Four of his daughters became teachers. Mathieu's grandmother, Ghislaine Saindon, was one of them. The "gene" was transmitted to Mathieu's mother, Marie-Josée Noël, who earned several degrees and finally to Mathieu himself.

He showed his love for his children through small gestures. For instance, when his wife was absent, he would add some delicacies in the lunch box of his children.

#### **Let's pay a tribute**

Joseph Pierre Saindon has touched the lives of all who knew him. He continues day after day to be present through each and everyone of us, either by our actions, our thoughts, our actions or ideas that come from a man, who was more than a man, he was a true legend for our Saindon family.

Mathieu is proud to belong to this family and to be able to leave his own mark.

### **La ville de La Conception... / La Conception and the Saindon (p. 10)**

Édith Boileau, granddaughter of Joseph Pierre, found an interesting article about the life in La Conception and the role played by her grandfather in the community.

In the Saindon Family Dictionary, there are 33 descendants of Michel Saindon (ancestor) born in La Conception; 13 descendants of Joseph-Pierre and Hélène Forest and 20 from his cousin Vitaline Saindon and Téléphore Clément.

### **Et si la mémoire.... / If the memory of our ancestors was stored in our genes (p. 12)**

Depending on your interest, the genealogical data could be classified differently.

1.- Patrilineal: the patronym is transmitted from one generation to another. The Saindon Family Dictionary is a good example.

2.- Matrilineal: it tracks the mother-daughter link.

3.- Fan chart: the information starts with you, your father and mother, their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on over 10 generations. You will obtain a total of 2047 persons from whom you originate.

At time of conception, some of the genes are transmitted to the child. This may explain why children from the same father and mother are different, even identical twins. In one family, the similarities and differences are not only physical, they could be emotional, psychological, intellectual.

Hence Andrée Thinel's hypothesis: If the memory of our ancestors was stored in our genes?

That could explain why:

1.- when you travel, you feel at home in some places rather than other; this sense of *déjà-vu*. You are more at ease with some persons and others you cannot bear;

2.- you are more interested by some historical periods, by trades or occupations that no longer exist or are completely unknown to you;

3.- school subjects that you like or hate;

4.- events that impress differently members of the same family;

5.- in short, everything that makes each person unique with a potential to develop according to his/her strengths and limitations.

Andrée Thinel came to this while doing research in the Saindon Family Dictionary. She noticed that over the generations, 10 Saindon brides and 6 Saindon grooms were married to Lévesque. Were these couples sharing memories through their genes? Who knows.

### **Souvenance / Rememberings (p. 14)**

On the website of Geneanet ([www. Geanet.org](http://www.Geanet.org)), André Sindon found homemade recipes for two remedies: one against dysentery and another for women with sore breasts!

### **Prix de présence... / Prizes (p. 15)**

Eleven members offered gifts for the Chinese Auction held last August, during the Family Reunion. \$310 were collected for this special draw.

### **Nouvelles / News (p. 17)**

#### **Birth of Zachary Robin**

Congratulations to the proud parents of Zachary, Adamo Saindon Robin and Mélanie Couture. Zachary was born on September 11, 2012. He is the 6th grandson of Gérard Saindon and Anita Rodrigue.

#### **Deaths of...**

#### **Jean-Pierre Saindon (1935-2012)**

His nephew Gaétan Saindon remembers his uncle. Born on September 11, 1935, he died on his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was the eldest of a family of three: Jean-Pierre, late Bernard, and Françoise.

He was employed by the Coast Guard from 1952 to 1966. Upon his retirement, he held several jobs in Quebec at various restaurants to become Maître d' at the Hilton from 1974 to 1999.

Single, he had many friends and was very helpful. He contributed regularly to the bulletin by sending information on Saindon obituaries.

#### **Thérèse Saindon**

On September 7, 2012, died at age 99, Thérèse Saindon wife of the late Adélarde Parent and mother of Romain, Régis, Régine, Rose-Marie, Rolande, Rino and Richard Parent. She was the sister of Rachel and Crescence Saindon and the late Robert Saindon.

Her daughter Rose-Marie pays a vibrant tribute to her mother.

### **Facebook (Groupe Association des Saindon - Sindon - St-Don)**

We reproduce here information published on Rémi Saindon's Facebook page about his family and about Sayabec, formerly known as Saindon in honor of father J.-C. Saindon, founder priest of the parish.

#### **A new administrator...**

Elise Lilie Fay (Elise Sindon) was recently appointed administrator of the Facebook page.

**Here is a reminder**

**Important Notice**

**December 31st, 2012**

**Time to renew your  
Membership!**

Please help the new treasurer by completing your renewal form upon reception and let us know if you change your address.

Thank you.

**Deadline for the next issue**

February 1<sup>st</sup>

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