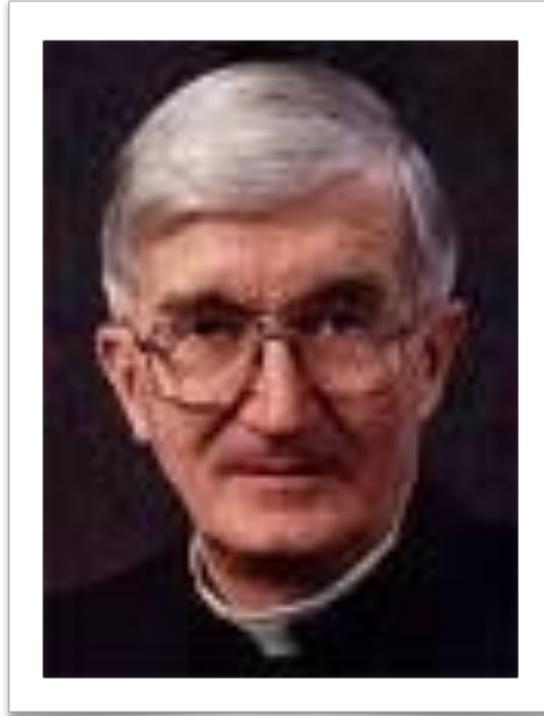


# Le Tissu Blanchet

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Mgr Bertrand Blanchet  
Par Rodrigue Blanchette, mai 2022

## TRIBUTE TO AN EXCEPTIONAL PERSON

**Among the descendants of our ancestors, Pierre Blanchet and Marie Fournier, many people, both lay and ecclesiastical, have marked the history of Quebec, Canada and the United States. But today, we have a person of GREAT VALUE around us.**

**Monseigneur Bertrand Blanchet is a well-known, recognized and very inspiring person. The indelible mark he left on Quebec and Canada, throughout his many involvements, his writings and the services he rendered, are recorded for posterity. At the Blanchet and Blanchette Family Association of America, all members know Monseigneur Bertrand Blanchet. His great contribution to the creation of the association in 1996, his constant presence on the Board of Directors, and the quality of his work in the production of our newspaper, Le Tissu Blanchet, have made their mark.**

However, many people did not have the opportunity to be in regular contact with him and to know the depth of his judgment, his kindness, his dedication and his respect for everybody.

I had the opportunity to meet Monseigneur Bertrand in 1977 during an activity that was both religious and professional. I was impressed by his great simplicity, his professionalism during the activity and his human warmth. Afterwards, we had the opportunity to cross paths.

Once in particular during a trip, on a plane to Quebec City where he was going for his doctorate in biology, and I was on a business trip. At that time, in addition to my professional activities, I was a master student in ethics. We had the opportunity to discuss the intersection of these two programs and the impact on human development. This exchange has remained in my mind, and I can certify that it has been of great service to me in assuming my duties which, at that time, were in the health and social services network.

Monseigneur Bertrand's career path is unconventional. People who are interested in it can access information by browsing some websites. Just to let you know that after being ordained a priest in 1956 in Montmagny, he was a professor at the Collège Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière and then at the CÉGEP in La Pocatière. In 1973, he was ordained bishop of the diocese of Gaspé and then promoted to archbishop of the diocese of Rimouski in 1992. The list of his involvement and writings is long.

The Blanchet and Blanchette family association would not exist without his great involvement and determination. The first attempt to create an association in 1946,

sponsored by a group of people from the Quebec City area and a few religious figures, could not be realized. Monseigneur Bertrand therefore took up the torch in 1996, to carry it high, and give birth to our beautiful association.

It is with gratitude and pride that we must pay tribute to him with gratitude and pride.

His age has never been an obstacle for him. His energy and dynamism are contagious. His great affability, his relevance, his enlightened judgment are qualities and assets that make him pleasant to work with and oblige the people around him to give the best of themselves and to appreciate his presence.

Monseigneur Bertrand is leaving the board of directors of the Blanchet and Blanchette families of America, for reasons of health and not age. The production of the last Tissu Blanchet (January 2022) is largely his achievement. He can and should be proud of what he has given to society over the years and the benefits that people have received.

Mrs. Pierrette Lavoie Sainte-Marie recently wrote: "The way to delay the inconveniences of aging is to remain in the dynamics of action. Our friend Monseigneur Bertrand is a good example of this.

I draw the conclusion of this writing from the philosopher André Comte-Sponville: "Age obliges us to reinterpret our lives, to search for the common thread, to weigh the successes, the failures, the wounds, the turning points, to clean up, to distance ourselves". A personality, like our friend Monseigneur Bertrand, is an example that we cannot meet every day. From there, it's up to each of us to find what we have to do, and to take advantage of the personalities who mark our time.

There have always been people who transcend time and leave their mark, through their works or their creativity, inspiring us. We need these role models. We all need to learn from them. THANK YOU Monseigneur Bertrand for your example.

## A word from the president



### Tissu Blanchet – may 2022 Paul Yvon Blanchette

The 350th anniversary gathering of our ancestors.

For the past 2 years, the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus has hit us hard. We all know of people in our households and neighborhoods who have been affected, become seriously ill or died. We've seen how our governments and our health care system have struggled with this unusual situation, for which no one was prepared.

Since the end of January 2022, as the number of people infected, hospitalized and in the emergency room has dropped, governments have let go. And that gives us a semblance of normalcy. Because we are considerate of each other and because we are adequately vaccinated, our Family Association believes that it will be able to organize the joint gathering of the Blanchet(te) and Fournier families this summer in Montmagny on Saturday, August 20, 2022. We will celebrate in safety the 350th anniversary of the marriage of our ancestors Pierre and Marie. We will also remember the 25th anniversary of our Association and our newsletter, Le Tissu Blanchet.

This reunion will do us a lot of good. We look forward to seeing you again!



**The Board of Directors of the Blanchet (te) Family Association chaired by Paul-Yvon Blanchette**



**The Board of Directors of the Fournier Family Association of America chaired by Mrs. Hélène Fournier**

## **THE SAGA OPPOSING THE COSEIGNEURS BLAIS AND COUILLARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE THIRD CHURCH OF SAINT-PIERRE**

### **SAGA**

A long and eventful history punctuated by several twists and turns, several adventures.

Sports and judicial saga. Political saga.

Example: Saga of the cathedral of Rimouski (not solved to this day); Saga of the location of the Desjardins Telus theater of Rimouski (now solved). Other examples are certainly in your memory.

### **quote**

The saga began in 1946, when the CNRS was looking for a location to install laboratories (Le Monde)

Mr. Michel Blais published in 2021, an excellent and well-documented research on the saga surrounding the construction and location of the third church of St. Peter of the South River. As the family of our ancestor Pierre Blanchet is involved, we believe it is appropriate to reproduce some of this information in the May 2022 edition of the Tissu Blanchet, having first obtained Mr. Michel Blais' authorization on December 16, 2021. We would like to thank him.

Barely 30 years after the blessing of the second church, on October 12, 1751, the time for its replacement had already come. The inhabitants of Saint-Pierre were divided over the choice of its future location: should it be rebuilt north or south of the South River? And on what portion of the land? Or should the old church simply be "patched up"? The answer to these questions will eventually come from the courts.

in a long history that can rightly be described as a real saga. To be convinced of this, one need only look at the chronological list of the many episodes marking the construction of the third church of the parish and listed in the table on page 42 of Mr. Blais' work.

As we recalled in the Tissu of September 2021, in 1709 Pierre Blanchet donated a first piece of land north of the Rivière du Sud for the construction of a church and gave his name to the parish. In 1713, the first church of Saint-Pierre was built on the Blanchet land, as was the second church in 1751.

### **The third church of Saint-Pierre**

On March 1, 1782, more than 120 heads of families from Saint-Pierre went to Saint Thomas to present their project for a new church to the Court of Common Pleas. The third.

### **The two groups state their reasons to the Court**

The interlocutory judgement rendered by the court of common pleas on this first day of March 1782 contains the list of 83 heads of families present and represented by Sieur Michel Blais, father, captain of the militia of Saint Pierre, all plaintiffs for the re-establishment of the church and presbytery south of the river and the list of 39 heads of families present and re-presented by Sieur Couillard, Lord of the place, who all requested a new church and rectory on land already belonging to the factory, located north of the river, a few arpents east of the Blanchet land and the church site

After the intervention of a group of experts mandated by the Court and whose mandate could be summarized as follows: to verify whether the second church is worth repairing; whether the land is of a solid or dangerous nature; to verify whether the land for the new church requested on the north side of the river is of sufficient quality to support it; to verify the land on the south side of the river to see if there is any solid and convenient place where a new church and presbytery could be built.

Finally, to produce an expert report allowing the Court to judge in which place it would be best placed for the general convenience of the inhabitants of Saint-Pierre. After having heard and analyzed the arguments of each of the parties present and having taken cognizance of the report of the experts mandated to study the situation, the Court orders: That a new church and a new presbytery be built, with the approval of the Bishop of Quebec, on the south side of the river on the land of Pierre Sébastien Morin, the place designated by the said experts.

Pierre Sébastien Morin had married Françoise Blanchet, one of the daughters of Pierre Blanchet (the pioneer founder of Saint-Pierre parish and donor of the land for the construction of the first two churches). Pierre Blanchet, our common ancestor, must have had no idea that one day (65 years later), part of his land would also be donated to the Fabrique Saint-Pierre for the construction of the third church. Eventually, this church would be built a few acres to the east.

What we report here is only a pale expression of all the information told in Michel Blais' magnificent work entitled: "Les premiers paroissiens et églises (1713, 1751) de Saint-Pierre de la Rivière du sud et la saga opposant les cosei-gneurs Blais et Couillard pour la troisième église érigée au sud de la rivière du sud (1784- 1785)."

**In a future issue of the fabric, we will try to share with you other juicy details on the same subject**

**Jean-Marc Blanchette**



**Many of you will have recognized the church of Saint Pierre de la Rivière-du-Sud. It is the third church in the parish. It was opened for worship in 1785. It replaced those that were located on the land of the ancestor Pierre. It would be surprising to know the number of our ancestors who came here to meet the Lord and to find an inner breath for their personal and community life. Tissue Vol. 15 No. 2 May 2010 by Mgr Bertrand Blanchet**

# Before becoming Monseigneur, Bertrand was a young boy.

Par Monique Blanchet et Paul-Yvon Blanchette



Mgr Bertrand Blanchet en action

In this article, we want to write a slice of the life of Monseigneur Bertrand Blanchet. Bertrand was born in a family of 7 children, 5 of whom reached adulthood. In order, we find the late Claude (1929), Paul (1930), Bertrand (1932), Fernand (1935-2018) and Monique (1935), still alive after 4 boys and 61 years of marriage.



À l'école de rang, Bertrand et son groupe



Sur cette photo prise en 1938 à l'école de rang no 7, vous voyez l'enseignante Carmen Dion à droite de la dernière rangée. Vous y retrouvez 4 enfants de la famille Blanchet :

1<sup>e</sup> rangée au centre la tête penchée : Bertrand et à sa

gauche : Fernand.

2<sup>e</sup> rangée : 1<sup>e</sup> à droite : Claude et 2<sup>e</sup> à gauche : Paul.

Monique était trop jeune pour apparaître sur la photo.

A big part of the family was born at 430 Chemin du Coteau in St-Thomas-de-Montmagny.



The parents were farmers and the family experienced farm life. Today, this land is owned by Pierre Blanchet, son of Paul. The Rivière-du-Sud flows at the end of the land. At this place, the family used to go swimming and picnicking. Mgr Bertrand, during his leave from the College and Seminary, would write in his diary every day when he went swimming there. The family maintained a large garden and the children were "paid" by the row they weeded. The children went to pick blueberries on their bikes.

### **The vocation of Mgr:**

In an article published in Le Soleil on December 24, 2003, journalist Carl Thériault asked Monseigneur Bertrand if he had ever considered a career other than the priesthood. Here is his answer:

"Not really. Being a priest was an idea that always accompanied me. I remember when I was 11 years old, at the end of the barn, my father asked me in the spring of 1944 if I still wanted to be a priest. I told him that I was still interested. My mother was also deeply religious.

Bertrand began attending the Collège de La Pocatière at the age of 11. He came to visit the family at Christmas and Easter. Visits were rare, especially in winter. The schoolboy left

with his big trunk full of laundry and books. The laundry bag was returned to the family for washing.

In the family, an uncle who was a priest was named Laurent Nicole. Young Bertrand had set up an altar in the barn's hayloft. For the communion, Bertrand distributed carrot slices. In the summer, when the nights were too hot in the house, the boys went to sleep in the barn on the good hay that was harvested and gave off a pleasant smell.

### **More in a future Tissue**

**In another article, I will write about Monique's correspondence with her brother Bertrand during his life as a boarder. Note: the information in this article was provided by Monique Blanchet and the school photo by one of her sons.**

## Tribute to Mgr Bertrand Blanchet by Fernand Fissette, former teaching colleague

I met Monseigneur Bertrand Blanchet almost 50 years ago. In the spring of 1972, as a recent graduate in biology from Laval University, I came across a job offer as a teacher published by the Cégep de La Pocatière. After contacting the school's administration, I was referred directly to the person in charge of the program concerned, Father Blanchet. He welcomed me with kindness and after a simple re-step in the cafeteria of the College, he told me that I was hired. Without really realizing it, I had found a job, a mentor and, above all, a friend for life.

At that time, Father Blanchet had an impressive background of knowledge and experience as a naturalist. When he arrived at the Collège de Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière for his secondary studies, he joined a circle of young naturalists and spent hundreds of hours collecting plants and insects. It was there that he met Father René Tanguay, a teacher and experienced ornithologist, who would pass on to him his passion for birds. After high school, the young Bertrand worked several summers as a natural science instructor at Camp-École Trois-Sau-mons. After four years of theology at the Grand Séminaire de Québec and three years of teaching classical Greek and supervision at the Collège, he was invited to study biology at Laval University. He obtained a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in forest ecology. He would later admit that he did not see himself doing advanced studies within the four walls of a laboratory. He then became a professor of biology at the Cégep de La Pocatière and founded the Natural Science Technology program in 1971. A doctorate in forestry obtained in 1975 while he was already in office as Bishop of Gaspé crowned his university studies.

This first and second year of teaching under his fraternal supervision was for me a wonderful lesson in natural sciences guided by the most competent naturalist I have ever known. He also proved to be the mentor that every young teacher would want to have by his side during his first teaching experiences. He was a passionate and exciting teacher who knew how to transmit his love for nature. He was an understanding and compassionate man who knew how to listen, advise and reassure his students in their moments of doubt.

Unfortunately for us, this collaboration lasted only a little more than a year. The following school year had barely begun when Father Bertrand informed me that he had just been offered to take charge of the diocese of Gaspé. He held this ministry until 1992 when he was named Archbishop of Rimouski. Throughout his episcopal career, his high level of scientific knowledge made him one of the references in bioethics in the Canadian Catholic Church.

In 2008, when he was past the age of retirement for bishops, he returned to the Collège de Sainte-Anne-de-La-Pocatière to spend this last stage of his life. Since then, we have crossed paths from time to time, most often during brief encounters in the course of our respective hikes on the College mountain. It is always a great pleasure to share these moments with him. His friendliness and passion for nature have remained intact over the years.

## Association des Familles Blanchet (te) d'Amérique.

### Compilation des réponses à la feuille de consultation incluse dans le Tissu de Septembre 2021, en remplacement de l'Assemblée Générale en personne, à cause des règles de Santé Publique.

Les membres devaient répondre jusqu'au début novembre 2021. Ginette m'a envoyé les 14 réponses reçues. Si j'ajoute cela les membres du Conseil d'Administration, nous arrivons à 20 réponses. Posons comme acquis que les administrateurs-trice sont d'accord avec les propositions mentionnées.

Question	D'accord	Commentaires
# 1 <u>États financiers 2020-2021</u>	D'accord.	Un membre indique que le déficit est de \$630.32 et non de \$632.32 comme indiqué dans les États financiers présenté en page 13 du Tissu de Septembre 2021. Il pense également à un surplus de \$239.98, au lieu d'un déficit de \$145.65. À vérifier.
# 2 <u>Nomination de l'examineur comptable</u> Prolonger le mandat de M. Yves Blanchet pour l'exercice financier 2021-2022.	Tous sont d'accord.	
# 3 <u>Reconduction des membres du Conseil pour un an</u> Il est proposé que les membres actuels du conseil d'administration de l'Association des familles Blanchet et Blanchette d'Amérique soient reconduits pour l'année 2021-2022. La durée de leur mandat sera donc de 4 ans au lieu de 2 tel que prévue antérieurement. Vous pouvez participer au Conseil d'Administration.	Tous sont d'accord.	Un membre écrit : « Merci beaucoup et félicitations aux responsables ».
# 4 <u>Orientation pour 2021-2022 en vue de la tenue du Rassemblement commun</u> avec les Familles Fournier pour fêter le 350 <sup>e</sup> Anniversaire de mariage de nos ancêtres en 2022 et visiter les lieux de mémoire.	Tous sont d'accord.	Les membres souhaitent ardemment que l'événement ait lieu. La planification annonce bien.

#### Autres commentaires:

1. De Clément Blanchet: «Un immense merci à Mgr. Bertrand! Bonne continuité et bonne santé!»
2. De Louis Blanchet: À Ginette: «Mes salutations les meilleures».
3. De Marcelle Blanchet: «Le Tissu de septembre 2021 est super intéressant. À Conserver.»

**WHO WAS PIERRE BLANCHET? WHERE DOES HE COME FROM? WHERE WAS HE BORN? By Rodrigue Blanchette.**

To mark the 375th anniversary of the birth of our ancestor Pierre, we have agreed to present you with a portrait of where Pierre came from, who he was and what he experienced in New France. This portrait is meant to be as realistic as possible, but you will understand that it is, on occasion, a bit subjective.

In 1946, the organizing committee, after some inconclusive research concerning the date of birth of our ancestor, decided that the most convincing date of his birth was in 1646. According to this history, it is therefore in 2021 that we will celebrate his 375th birthday.

The information concerning the origins of our ancestor is not clear. We are almost certain that Pierre was born in Picardy and that his parents were Noël Blanchet and Madeleine Valet(te).

Referring to the Livre Souvenir, published after the first Blanchet(te) family reunion in 1946, written by Father Archange Godbout, on page 34 of the first chapter, the marriage act of Pierre Blanchet and Marie Fournier, recorded in the registers of the parish of Notre-Dame de Québec, is reproduced: "*Pierre Blanchet, son of Noël Blanchet and Madeleine Valet, his father and mother, from the parish of Saint-Omer de Rosière, Bishopric of Amiens, in Picardy.*

As for the notarial act of the marriage contract, it states: "Pierre Blanchet (...) son of Noël Blanchet and the deceased Madeleine Vallette, his father and mother, from the parish of Saint-Omer,

bishopric of Amiens, in Picardy.

This information gives us information about his genealogy. Our ancestor could not write. However, some doubts may remain. We do not have access to his official birth certificate, his registration for the ocean crossing nor his registration upon his arrival in New France. Other hypotheses concerning his genealogy can therefore be explored.

To explain the absence of official documents concerning Pierre Blanchet and his family, it is necessary to point out that the territory of Normandy and Palestine has undergone many massacres over the years. First, in the years 900, 1000... the Vikings who had conquered the Normandy territory were tough warriors. They plundered, burned and destroyed almost everything in their path.

Later on, the geographical situation of Normandia and Picardy, which are situated on the border of Brittany (which was until the 17th century an autonomous territory, independent from France), England, Spain and the territory of Paris, were often the warring grounds of these peoples who, in turn, tried to enlarge their territory. The most disastrous consequence of these wars, on the territory of Normandy and Picardy, was the massacre of the populations, but also the destruction of the buildings which sheltered the history of these people. Many of the registers that record the history of these peoples are non-existent today. Without a doubt, the registers covering the period of our ancestor's birth are part of this deplorable destruction. This is the reason why it is impossible to have access to them today.

The uncertainty resulting from this impossibility of certifying, through official registers, the birth or other official acts, relating to the life of our ancestor in Picardy (or other place), can leave room for interpretations.

According to Ronald H. Goyette, who relates information received from Mr. Ovilas Blanchette, a Jewish priest who studied in France and settled in Massachusetts, it would be established that the ancestor of our ancestor Pierre Blanchet was Nicolas, who came to Amiens, capital of Picardy in Normandy, around 1540-1550. He came from Avignon where he had been a captain in the Pope's army with a title of noble: Blanchet de Martelet de Sormont. Other Blanchets would have preceded him in Amiens and Rosières by about forty years.

The Blanchet family of Avignon is said to have come from a very old Italian family of the name Blanchetti, from Bologna, a family that had played social, political and religious roles over the centuries. For example, Lodovico Blanchetti who was a member of the first crusade to the Holy Land, from 1096 to 1099, and Ghilino Blanchette who was a gentleman in waiting for the King of England in 1344.

Also, it included many senators who were in Bologna. This family was divided into two branches, one of which was established in the area of Avignon, a territory that belonged to the Papacy of Rome until the French Revolution.

However, this history of the great Blanchet family from Italy and Avignon is very difficult to validate. Another interpretation also circulates concerning the origins of our ancestor. In the

January 2018 issue of *Tissu*, Mr. Guy Blanchet tells us the probable date of birth of our ancestor, as well as the mutation of his birth name. According to some probabilities the name of Pierre could have been Blanquet. However, in spite of extensive professional and amateur genealogical research, the absolute answer cannot be found. As previously mentioned, the birth certificate, the baptismal certificate, the registration of Pierre to board the ship that took him to New France, as well as the registration when he disembarked in Quebec City cannot be found.

However, what is known with certainty is that an inscription for the reception of a scapular from Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel, on August 27, 1665, is designated under the name Pierre Blanchet. He is the descendant of the Blanchet d'Amérique family. Also, the marriage act written by the parish priest of Bernières and the marriage contract written by the notary Pierre Duquet are both spelled Blanchet.

Pierre Blanchet, who received the scapular, would have traveled with one of the boats that docked at Quebec in the summer of 1665. It was at this time that the 1300 men-at-arms of the Régiment de Carignan-Salières and their equipment crossed the ocean to ensure the protection of the colonists and to promote the settlement of New France. So there was a lot of commotion, with the arrival of these ships, their equipment, all these new soldiers and the new inhabitants, for the small community of less than 4000 souls. This is probably why the records of arrivals from this period are incomplete.

When he arrived in the land of the new France, Pierre had an obligation. He was hired for a period of three years by Sieur Simon Lefebvre dit Angers who resided in the seigneurie of Notre-Dame-des-Anges in Quebec City. Pierre was

coming to learn a new profession as farmer and start a new way of life. No doubt that at that time the fraternity between the new arrivals and the established was natural. Pierre had the opportunity to meet his father-in-law on several occasions, which allowed him to get to know his future wife.

We are fortunate that Pierre and Marie had a happy and productive union. Their legacy is pre-existing and we still benefit from it today.

Their marriage, the birth of their children, the hard work they did every day during that period when life was harsh and often merciless, deserve our praise and rejoicing. It is important to remember that two other Blanchets came to New France without leaving any descendants.

The Blanchet and Blanchette Families of America Association has on several occasions highlighted important events and moments that have shaped our family history. The erection of the cross on the site of the first church built on our ancestor's land, following the donation of the land by him and his wife Marie Fournier. The placement of a stone on the 350th anniversary of Pierre's arrival in New France in 1664. And, in conjunction with the Fournier Family Association, we continue to celebrate various historical events related to our families.

Let us point out that the cross installed on the site of the first church is the cradle of the parish of Saint-Pierre-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud. This municipality bears the name of Saint Pierre in homage to our ancestor.

To illustrate what the life of our ancestors Pierre and Marie may have been like, we have tried to give a glimpse of their time in New France from various writings about their lives. What might have been some of the discussions or reflections that Pierre and Marie could have given us. The pictorial dialogue is constituted according to events reported in various writings.

Of course, their lives are not limited to what follows. The exercise of reconstructing certain passages is quite fragmentary. They are, however, a tribute to the years that Pierre and his wife Marie Fournier lived and shared in order to build the fabulous legacy they have left us.

Pierre and Marie's dialogue in a forthcoming



**MARCELLE BLANCHET**  
« the ancestor Pierre »





## **The Sugar Time Tradition**

### **By Roger Blanchette**

The first writings about the Sugar Maple are by Jacques Cartier. One of his men, thinking of cutting a walnut tree, cut a maple tree and a sugar tree sprang up. The appearance of the iron cauldron around 1676 changed the way to evaporate maple water, it could withstand higher heat. Maple syrup is made in at least twenty American states and in several Canadian provinces; but Quebec makes 72% of the world production.

At that time, the wealthy class had access to sugar, while here in New France, the French colonists could make their own sugar. Most farms had their share of maple trees, which were often at the other end of the world. This was the case with my grandfather, Jean Blanchette, who acquired land in the mountainous region of Saint-Ferdinand d'Halifax near Plessisville in 1919. He and his sons were forced to shovel the heavy snow on the roads of the sugar mill in order to pass by with the oxen when they cut the maple trees in the spring.

My father, Roland Blanchette, bought a farm in Princeville in 1948. The woodlot had just been logged, so there were no maples. But Roland always dreamed of having his own maple grove and this dream came true in 1972 with the purchase of a small maple grove of

owned by Mr. Auguste Dion. The latter was tapping about 200 maple trees on

Roland Blanchette's land. The lands were one next to the other. He increased the number of taps to 1100. The water from the maple trees was collected with 1 ton and a tractor. Roger Blanchette continued the tradition by purchasing the farm in 1986.

Roland had electricity installed and expanded the cabin in 1975 to accommodate his large family. A new cabin was built in 1996 and 1997 to replace the old one that had been built by Mr. Auguste Dion in 1950 and which had several rotten boards. Roland continued to come and boil while Roger and Aurele Blanchette went to collect the maple water after milking the cows.

With time, Roland could no longer boil the water. A piping system was installed in the early 2000's to bring the maple water to the cabin. A new stainless steel boiler was purchased in 2018 to meet California standards set by the United States. These standards are designed to reduce any lead in the syrup due to the tin solder that old-time tinsmiths used to make the pans.

Today, maple syrup manufacturing is industrialized; large-scale tubing installation has encouraged rapid expansion with sugar mills of 100,000 to 200,000 taps and new technologies like reverse osmosis mean that syrup is made faster and people can make a living from it today. But there are still But there are still many small and family sugar shacks where people gather, reminding us of the return of spring. I was happy to welcome the members of the Blanchet(te) Family Association in the spring.

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Did our ancestor Pierre arrive in Quebec in 1664?	May 2017	Guy Blanchet
More information on Louis Hébert	May 2017	Éthel M.G. Bennet Wikipedia
Tribute to the patriots of Saight-Pierre de la Rivière du sud	May 2019	Le comité des patriotes de la Côte-du-Sud
Family of Félix Blanchette	May 2019	Jean-Marie Malenfant
The Patriots of Saint-Pierre	May 2019	Gaston Deschênes
Meeting at the sugar shack in Saint-Norbert, May 4, 2019	May 2019	Paul-Yvon Blanchette
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## STÉPHANE BLANCHET (1981-2022)

## Claude Blanchet, Stéphane's father



Mr. Stéphane Blanchet, 41, son of Mr. Claude Albert Blanchet and Mrs. France Thibault, passed away on February 7, 2022 at the Enfant-Jésus Hospital in Quebec City. He lived in Quebec City and was born in St-Pierre-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud.

He leaves to mourn, besides his parents Claude-Albert (Johanne Proulx) and France, his sister: Priscilla (Jonathan Bélanger), his nephews: Antonin, Mathis and Jordan, his friend Mélanie Grégoire, as well as many aunts and uncles, cousins and many friends.

### **Note from Mgr Bertrand Blanchet**

*During the 1996 reunion, we held two important events on the ancestral land: the blessing of the cross, the mass and the country dinner under the big top, which required a lot of work. Stéphane was then about fifteen years old. He was remarkable for his sense of responsibility, his generosity and his good humor. To thank him a little, I remember giving him a t-shirt with the Blanchet coat of arms. I was not surprised to see him become an engineer. So, I was speechless when his father Claude told me that Covid had taken him away at his age. I join all the members of our association in offering my deepest sympathies to all relatives and friends.*

### **Invitation from President Paul-Yvon: GATHERING of the Association of Blanchet-te d'Amérique families**

*We are planning to hold the annual Gathering with the Association des Fournier d'Amérique to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Marie Fournier's marriage to our ancestor Pierre Blanchet, Saturday, August 20, 2022 in Montmagny. Qc.*

*Make a note of the date of August 20th in your agenda.*

*The place is not yet found. In May 2022, we will visit the desired location again and, if it is suitable, we will send you an invitation by mail for registration. We want to ensure a pleasant, well-equipped, and safe place to respect the rules of Public Health.*

*The program for this day will be as follows*

- General Assembly in the morning.*
- Lunch. Bus tour of the memorial sites of the 2 Family Associations.*