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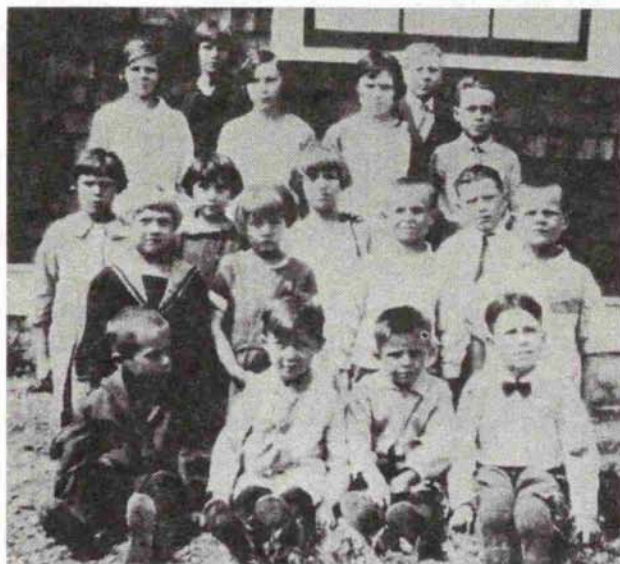
LES PETITES ECOLES 1925 - 1948



Many people still remember a time when several one room schoolhouses radiated their beacon of learning over various parts of St. Agatha. Many people recall these schools as the site of their first taste of formal education. Some have had the privilege of serving as teachers at these schools. The following few pages provide data which may spark a few memories in people of the older generations while for others it may give a greater understanding and appreciation of our community's story.

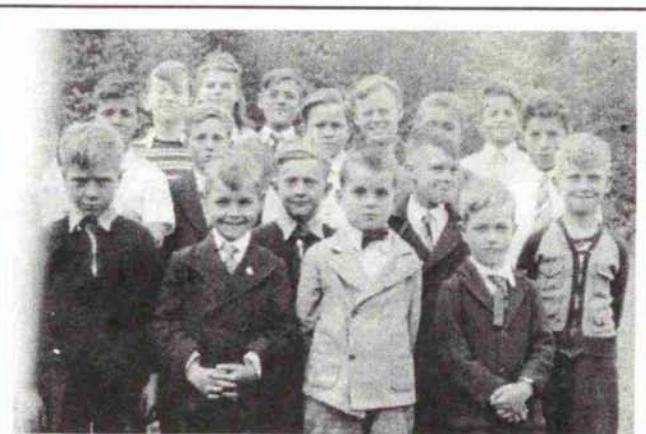
Prior to 1927, the elementary schools, "les petites écoles," in St. Agatha were listed in school

records after the name of the district (locality or neighborhood in town) in which they were located. These districts were given numbers that gave their official designation. Most people in town, however, knew the schools by the last name of a family living near the school. In the years following World War I, the State of Maine seemed to have made considerable stride in improving school across the state. During the decade from 1918 to 1928, the state increased its appropriation or school construction by over 21 million dollars. Also in 1927, the legislature amended the State Compulsory Education Act requiring pupils to complete a course of study through the eighth grade before reaching the age of sixteen. The existing law required that students complete a course of study only through the sixth grade. That same year, massive school building project began in St. Agatha. In the school report of the



at the Washington School (circa 1928)

First row, from left, Benoit Chasse, Gerald Chamberland, Roland Chamberland and Alyre Chamberland. Middle row, same order, Matilda Chamberland, Aliette Chasse, Regina Chasse, Rita Chamberland, Lorette Boucher, Conrad Chamberland, Rosaire Chamberland and Armand Chamberland. Back row, same order, Lucina Chamberland, Annee Chamberland, Rhella Chamberland, Rosette Chamberland, Romeo Chasse and Valere Chamberland.



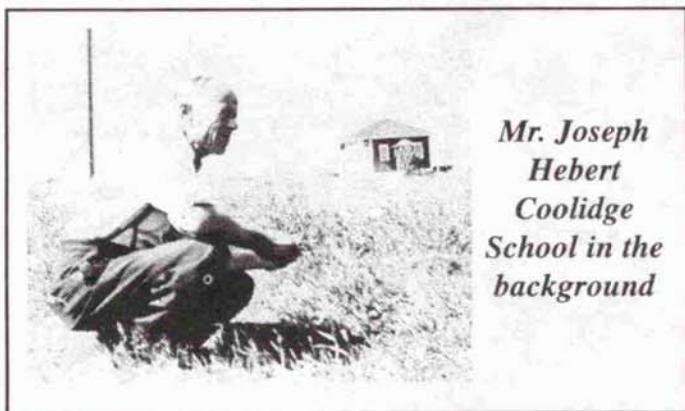
School photo Coolidge School June 1940

Front row, from left, Christain Guerrette, Pat Hebert, Elbridge Caron, Donald Plourde and Gerald Chasse. Second row, same order, Armand Dube, Clifford Chamberland, Nolere Guerrette, Jean Plourde and Percy Chasse. Third row, same order, Camille Chasse, Ernestine Hebert, Roland Dube, Donald Marquis, Clifford Michaud, Rene Hebert and Armand Pelletier.

1926-1927 school year, local Superintendent of Schools Albert Martin reports, "All the schools are being built over this year. The old ones being torn down and new ones built in place."

The schools that were built that year were given names of prominent state or national people. The following list gives the names of the 11 schools built in 1927 and their general location in today's geographic setting. The St. Agatha Convent also housed three elementary classrooms until 1937, four beginning in 1938, and five in 1943.

School	General Location Today
Dr. Thomas	Near Doris Chamberland's home.
Longfellow	Next to Maurice Guerrette's home.
Blaine	On the site of Maurice Ayotte's potato house on Main St.
Coolidge	On the site of the boat landing next to Benoit Gervais' home
Riley	Next to Claude Ouellette's home on Mt. Road
Grant	Between Juliette Sirois and Bob Theriault's homes
Lincoln	Near Claude Bouchard's former home (Corner of Marquis Rd. and 2nd row.)
Wilson	On the road to Romeo Chasse's home
Washington	On the road to Gaetan Rossignol's (Benoit Chasse) home
Roosevelt	On Cleveland Road next to Dave and Cheryl Dow's home.



*Mr. Joseph Hebert
Coolidge
School in the
background*

Some of our retired teachers began their teaching career in these schools. The following information includes the name of the schools, the name(s) of the teacher(s), and the year(s) when the teacher(s) taught at the particular school from 1925 to 1948. All dates represent the end of a particular school year. For example, 1925 represents the 1924-1925

school year. Also included is a list of substitute teachers:

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Year(s) taught
District 1	Elsie Chasse	1925, 26
District 1-1/2	Jeanne Frank	1925
District 1-1/2	Maire Collin	1925
District 1-1/2	Cecile Frank	1926
District 2	Marie Gariepy	1925, 26
District 2	Lucie M. Albert	1925, 26
District 2	Olive Doucette	1925, 26
District 3	Delia Chasse	1925
District 3	Eva Sirois	1926
District 4	Eva Michaud	1925
District 4	Delia Chasse	1926
District 5	Cecile Frank	1925
District 5	Irene Marin	1926
District 6	Eva Sirois	1925
District 6	Marie Collin	1926
District 7	Marie Anne Bosse	1925
District 7	Eva Michaud	1926
District 8	Marie J. Bosse	1925
District 8	Jeanne Frank	1926
District 9	Ida Pelletier	1925
District 9	Sylvia Chasse	1926
District 10	Cecile Tardie	1925
District 10	Bertha Chasse	1926
District 11	Marie Bouchard	1925, 26



*Unidentified school and children
The name Emma Bouchard is signed on the back of the photo.*

The New Schools of 1926-27		
Riley	Elsie Chasse	1927, 28
	Edgar V. Levesque	1930
	Sylvio Michaud	1931, 33, 34, 35, 36
	Irene Marin	1932
	Juliette Rioux	1937
	Edna Daigle	1938, 39
	Vinerard Marquis	1938
	Simone Sirois	1939
	Clifford Shea	1940
	Anita (Collin) Ouellette	1929, 41, 42, 43
Washington (Closed 1942)	Anne Marie (Albert) Ouellette	1944, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Jeanne Frank	1927
	Anita Collin	1928
	Edna Derosier	1929
	Theresa Collin	1930

	Marie M. Michaud	1931
	Ozithé Michaud	1932, 33,34, 35, 36, 37
	Annette Launière	1936
	Queenie Bouchard	1938, 39, 40, 41, 42
Coolidge	Eva Sirois	1927
(Closed 1943)	Jeanne Frank	1928, 29
(Reopened 1944)	Elsie Chasse	1930, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37
	Maria B. Chamberland	1938
	Edmund Picard	1938
	Laurette Albert	1938, 39, 40
	Jeanne Daigle	1938
	Laurette Soucy	1939
	Aurore Bouchard	1941
	Francis J. Michaud	1942
	Gerald Chamberland	1943
	Rachel Ringuette	1945
	Loretta Collin	1946
	Jeannine Chamberland	1947, 48
Blaine (2 rooms)	Cecile Frank	1927, 1928
	Claire Chasse	1927, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
	Sylvia Chasse	1929
	Marie V. Michaud	1930, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Sylvio Michaud	1936, 40, 41, 42, 43
	Denis Michaud	1938, 39
	Cecile (Ayotte) Ouellette	1938, 39, 40
	Oscar Martin	1938
	Marie Michaud	1938
	Anne Marie Albert	1941, 42

	Rachel Ringuette	1944*
	Rolande Collin	1945, 46
	Loretta (Collin) Martin	1947, 48
Grant	Gertrude Bouchard	1927, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34
	Queenie Bouchard	1932, 33
	Thelma Bouchard	1935, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41
	Therese Bouchard	1942, 46
	Priscilla Ouellette	1943*
	Rita Soucy	1944*
	Phillis Bouchard	1945*
	Pauline Freeman	1945*
	Ester Chamberland	1947
	Juliette Michaud	1948
Wilson	Anita Collin	1927
	Edna Derosier	1927, 28
	Antoinette Morneau	1929
	Jeanne Frank	1930
	Theresa Collin	1931
	Gertrude Bouchard	1932
	Emile Gagnon	1933, 34, 35, 36
	Verna Levesque	1936
	Maude Marin	1937
	Anne Marie Toussaint	1938, 39
	Simone Sirois	1938
	Leo C. Pelletier	1940
	Omerine Ouellette	1941
	Teresa Toussaint	1942
	Elizabeth Lirdy (?)	1943

School photo Coolidge School June 1940
Boys



Front row, from left, Patrick Hebert, "Bee" Philip Martin, Norman Plourde, Valere Guerrette, Christian Guerrette and Elbridge Caron. Back row, same order, Roland Dube, Armand Dube, Clifford Michaud, Armand Pelletier, Percy Chasse and Donald Marquis.

School photo Coolidge School June 1940
Girls



Front row, from left, Irma Guerette, Therese Caron, Florine Martin, Eva Caron, Jeanne d'Arc Caron, Cecile Beaulieu and Rolande Michaud. Second row, same order, Doria or Gloria Chamberland, Doris Michaud, Eva Pelletier, Geraldine Plourde, Angela Chamberland, Lorraine Martin, Francoise Martin, Ella Chasse and Viola à Maxime Chasse. Third row, Ernestine Hebert and Gisele Martin.

	Laura (Sirois) Martin	1944, 45, 46, 47	Laurette Albert	1933
	Ester Chamberland	1948	Cecile (Ayotte)	
Roosevelt (Closed 1942)	Irene Marin	1927, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	Ouellette	1935, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43
	Sylvia Chasse	1928	Anne Marie Albert	1938, 39, 40
	Lillian Chasse	1928	Convent (3-4 rooms)	
	Laurette Marin	1932	Olive Doucette (Sr. Christine de Marie)	1928, 29, 30
	Maude Marin	1939, 40, 41	Marie Gariepy	1927
Lincoln	Celine C. Cyr	1942	Lucie Albert (Sr. Denis Marie)	1927, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Jeanne Morneau	1927, 28, 32, 33	Mamie Rossignol (Sr. Celine de L'Immaculé)	1928, 29, 30, 31
	Marie Bouchard	1929	Jeanne Frank	1931, 34, 35, 36, 37
	Queenie Bouchard	1930	Lily D. Martin (Sr. Denis du S.S.)	1932, 33
	Ozithé Michaud	1931	Leonie Picard (Sr. Simone)	1932, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Cecile Ayotte	1934	Elsie Chasse	1938, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Anne Marie Albert	1935, 36, 37	Edna Bosse	1938, 39, 40
	Anita Babin	1938	Bernice Doucette (Sr. Bertha)	1940, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Marie M. M. Martin	1939	Bertha Michaud (Sr. Julie Marie)	1941, 42, 43, 48
	Armand Lagasse	1939	Helen Campbell	1943
	Corinne Ouellette	1939	Corinne Martin (Sr. Marie Doloes)	1944, 45, 46, 47, 48
	Anne Marie Toussaint	1940		
	Rhea Berubé	1941		
	Emma Dumond	1942		
	Violette Michaud	1943*		
	Lucille Trudelle	1944*		
	Anne Deschaine			
	Leonard	1945		
	Jeannine			
	Chamberland	1946		
	Anne Marie Michaud	1947		
	Noella Parent	1948		
Webster	Alma Chasse	1927, 28		
	Marie Ouellette	1928		
	Azilda Guerrette	1929		
	Antoinette Morneau	1930		
	Queenie Bouchard	1931, 35, 36, 37		
	Marie M. Michaud	1932, 33, 34		
	Madeleine Beaulieu	1938		
	Leontine Sirois	1938		
	Gilda Michaud	1938		
	Laurette Ouellette	1939		
	Francis Michaud	1939		
	Aurore Bouchard	1940		
	Nora Dubé	1941		
	Marie Jeanne			
	Bouchard	1942		
	Mildred Ouellette	1943*		
	Aline Thibeault	1944*, 45, 46		
	Bernadette			
	Chamberland	1947, 48		
Thomas (Closed 1943)	Imelda Frank	1927, 28		
	Elsie Chasse	1929		
	Laurette Chasse	1930, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35		
	Armand Lagasse	1936, 37, 38		
	Leontine Sirois	1938		
	Anabel Martin	1938		
	Francis Michaud	1939, 40, 41		
	Louise Langlais	1939		
	Maude Marin	1942		
Longfellow (Closed 1943)	Bertha Chasse	1927		
	Yvonne Martin	1928		
	Imelda Frank	1929, 30, 31		
	Jeanne Frank	1932, 33, 34		

Substitutes:

Lillian Bourgoin Parent 1941, 42, 46
 Laurette Daigle 1941
 Helen Campbell 1942
 Antoine Picard 1942
 Armand Lagasse 1942, 43, 44
 Cecile Dufour 1942, 43
 Anne Marie Albert Ouellette 1943
 Irene Marin Michaud 1943, 44
 Rita Labrie 1943*
 Berdick Labbie 1943
 Jeanne Albert 1943*
 Joseph Fox 1943
 Rowena Dumond 1943
 Theresa Jacques 1943*
 Alice Hebert 1943
 Mary Furlong 1943*
 Annie Michaud 1944
 Celine Cyr 1944
 Rosa Vaillancourt Albert 1944
 Fernande Cyr 1944
 Theresa Brown 1944*
 Queenie Bouchard 1944
 Winifred Ouellette 1944*
 Priscilla Ouellette 1944
 Aurore Chasse 1944*
 Rolande Collin 1944*, 46
 Rita Dufour Collin 1946, 47, 48
 Alice Cyr 1946
 Hector Bourgoin 1946

Bernadette Chamberland 1947
 Jeannine Chamberland 1947
 Louise Michaud 1947
 Able Morneau 1948
 Laura Sirois Martin 1948
 Cecile Dufour Pozzuto 1948
 Jacqueline Bouchard 1948
 *Cadet Teacher

School was purchased and moved by Gunner Sandstrom and was the beginning of today's Sunset Restaurant in Sinclair. The town council minutes state that the Roosevelt School was sold for ten thousand feet of boards. Several people, including his daughter, assert that Joe Corriveau purchased that school and, for a period of time, he used it as his home. According to some people, the Grant school was torn down. Some said that the school was not on the same architectural style as the others. No records could be found to verify this.



Blaine School about 1940
 Unidentified (Please call if you can identify)



Montfort School



Blaine School about 1940
 Unidentified (Please call if you can identify)

Now begins a small challenge to our story. In 1948, Fr. Robitaille and other town leaders, promoted a plan to move some of the remaining rural schools in town and consolidate them to form a one multi-room school-house in the center of town next to the convent. The plan was executed and Montfort School was born. According to several written sources, parish records and interviews, seven schools were moved. However, if the fate of the 5 schools mentioned above are correct (Longfellow, Washington, Thomas, Roosevelt, Grant) then it leaves only six schools (Blaine, Lincoln, Riley, Coolidge, Wilson, Webster) that could have been moved to form Montfort. St. Agatha only had eleven rural schools plus the district classrooms in the convent. Montfort school had seven classrooms (the Blaine School had two classrooms) plus an office, teachers' room and two bathrooms.

Whatever Happened to the Schools?

As a result of many interviews with people in town and digging through a multitude of town, school, and parish records, and reading many other sources, I attempted to identify the fate of each of the eleven schools that dated to 1927. The destiny of some schools was easier to determine than for others. The Longfellow school is still standing on its original site next to Maurice Guerrette's home on the Frenchville Road. According to the town records, the Washington school was moved by the fire department to become our fire station and town office. Part of our town office today is that school. Many people in town contend that the Thomas

If anyone is able to shed light on the challenge, please contact a member of the society's board of directors.

by David Raymond

GOOD OLE SCHOOL DAYS

The following articles are the result of interviews conducted in 1985 by Helen Melvin a teacher at Dr. Levesque School in Frenchville. The first article is taken from an interview of Anne Marie Ouellette a former teacher at the Reily School. The second comes from an interview of Cecile Ouellette who taught at the Blaine School and in other schools in St. Agatha for many years. The third article is the recollections of Cecilia Michaud of her early days as a teacher at the unorganized territory school located across the street from the Sporting Club in Sinclair. Although this schoolhouse was not located within the municipality of St. Agatha, Mrs. Michaud provides an excellent account of the "good old school days" of 50 years ago. Although schools statistics are fairly accessible, personal anecdotes giving the flavor of a regular school day in a one room rural schoolhouse is rather rare.

THE REILY SCHOOL

From an interview with Anne Marie Ouellette in 1985

Reily School was located on the Mountain Road next to Claude Ouellette's house (on the St. Agatha side). The school was a one-room schoolhouse equipped with desks that were attached to the floor. Smaller desks were placed in the front and the larger ones were in back. On the desks were ink wells which the students used during penmanship classes and spelling. Class size varied; some classes may have had as many as four, others only one.

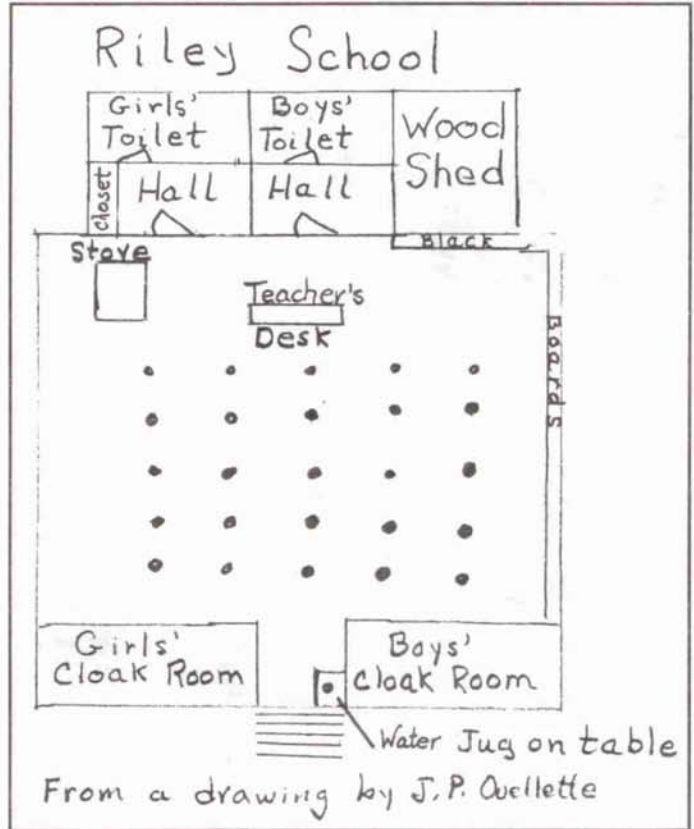
Students usually walked to school. In the winter-time, during storms, some students came to school on sleds drawn by a horse. These sleds had sideboards and were furnished with sheep or bearskin blankets.

This school had no running water, nor electric lights. Heat was supplied by a wood stove. A student was put in charge every morning during the winter months to start a fire in the stove around 5:00 AM. By 8:00 AM the classroom would be warm. Normal pay for this job was \$15.00 per year.

One teacher had the job of teaching all grades, one through eight. She would usually start instructing the first graders first in the morning and work her way up to grade eight before 4:00 PM. The subjects that were taught included Reading, Penmanship, History, Geography, Science, Arithmetic, French and Religion.

Two superintendents during those years were Lawrence Violette and Edward McMonagle.

Since Reily School had been built in standard 1927 form, it was chosen as one of the schools to be transported to form the new Montfort School which opened in the fall of 1948.



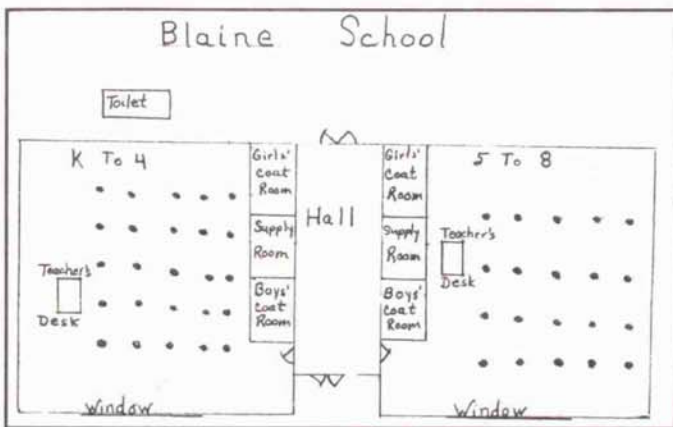
THE BLAINE SCHOOL

From an interview with Cecile Ouellette in 1985

Blaine School was the only two room schoolhouse in St. Agatha. It was situated next to Reno Pelletier's residence. This school was equipped with individual desks which had lift-up tops.

Blaine school had two classrooms. Grades 1 to 4 were taught in one room and grades 5 to 8 were taught in the other. Each classroom had approximately 22 to 33 students with approximately 5 to 6 pupils per grade level. School started around 8:30 AM. The lower grades were dismissed at 3:00 PM while dismissal time for grades 4 to 8 occurred at 3:30.

Classes started in the fall in mid-August and the school year ended in mid-June. Students had a potato vacation in September-October. Most students walked



to school.

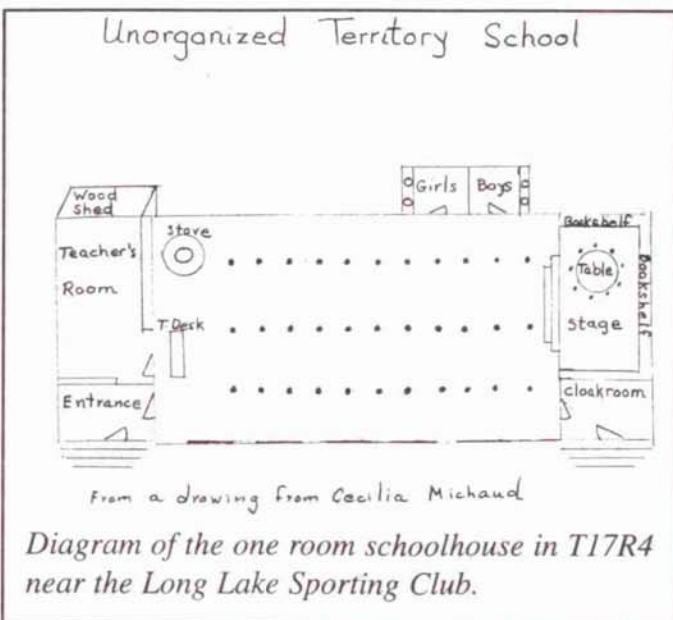
Blaine classrooms had walk-in closets with hooks where students hung their coats and put their boots. The school was heated by a wood stove. It also had two outhouses.

Students were taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, and Geography. They loved recess. During Music classes they had group singing. Students were usually given homework. Religion was taught first thing in the morning.

In 1947, Blaine School closed. It was moved when the schools consolidated to form Montfort School. Linda Bouchard's and Helen Melvin's former classrooms at Montfort School were Blaine School.

THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORY SCHOOL

by Cecilia Michaud



This little schoolhouse can be described as follows: The teacher's room was once the living quarters

of the school as the teacher sometimes lived-in. The furnace was a huge round stove with a steel jacket around it. On the outside of this jacket was a wire strung on the outside from which wet mittens were hung to dry. The state provided wood for heating the school and an eighth grader was paid to come in and get the furnace going about one hour before school started each morning. He must have liked school because it never burned down! The teacher was paid about \$45 per every two weeks.

The stage at the back of the room was used for various activities such as teaching a group of one to four students. Many times the small group was the entire grade. Some years some grades had no students at all. The stage was also used as a dining table as many students brought their lunches to school. We had plays for which the stage was convenient. The most exciting activity occurred around Christmas. In August, the Director of Unorganized Territory Schools in Augusta would request our class lists and a census. Around Thanksgiving, Coles' Express would deliver huge boxes. These were delivered to the school if the teacher lived at school or to the teacher's home. Around Christmas, the students would choose a tree from the woods behind the school and set it up on the stage. Everyone made decorations for the tree. On the last day of classes, before Christmas vacation, there would be a party, singing of Carols until, from somewhere, Santa Claus would come Ho! Hoing! into the school. He would have a truckload of gifts which he gave out. Surprisingly enough, the gifts were just what each wanted. Amidst the oh-ing and aching, the teacher and santa would wink at each other. The gifts were given by different schools and organizations in towns and cities of Maine.

Before 1945, the school housed grades K to 8. After 1945, the eighth graders went to Sinclair school. School started at 8 AM and dismissed at 3 PM with one hour for lunch. Children walked to school. The limits of the school's jurisdiction was one mile toward school from the St. Agatha town line and one mile away from the school toward Sinclair. The school year ran from July 15 to Christmas. School then closed for the rest of the winter because of the cold and the lack of any conveyance for the children. School reopened on March 15 and closed for the summer on June 30. There were two weeks off until July 15 when school reopened for a new year.

JOHN ROMEO MARQUIS

Special Friend of our Society

The Ste. Agathe Historical Society is fortunate to have as a special supporter and friend Mr. John Romeo Marquis. John is the son of Paul Marquis and Delina (Martin) Marquis. Paul and Delina were married on April 15, 1880. They made their home in a house on the corner of Marquis Road and Mountain Road. Paul was a cousin to Jules Marquis who made his home in our present historical house. Although John lives in Connecticut, he visits our Historical House every summer and communicates with us throughout the year.

John Marquis was born in Frenchville on July 2, 1918. He was the seventh child of Paul and Delina's eleven children. The family moved to Stockholm, Maine, in 1924.

John Marquis was a founder of numerous organizations which include: descendants of Pioneers of North America, Descendants of French Pioneers of North America, and Descendants of Unique Americans.

Below is an essay written by John Marquis followed by a list of his immediate family members.

Descendants of Pioneers of North America - Descendants of French Pioneers of North America, and Descendants of Unique Americans

It is a fortunate human being who, early in life, generates an awareness that, at birth, God had offered a challenge for his or her longevity. And if that challenge is accepted, that human being, then, is blessed with divine guidance.

Ancestors are John Romeo Marquis' genes, emotions, heart, mind, blood, soul and spirit. Ancestors are enigmas, questions, messages and challenges that live within John Romeo Marquis. And the worth of the knowledge of one's ancestors is inestimable. The knowledge help to deflect from self society's winds of stress, nourishes common sense, aspiration, courage, self-esteem and religious and family values, and enriches one's daily life. How

should John Romeo Marquis honor his ancestors?

After Christopher Columbus had discovered the New World in 1492, nations started to plant their flags on this new land, settlements surfaced, new nations accepted challenges and some 425,000,000 people live on the Continent of North America. And who were the pioneers that gave life to a new civilization?

It appears that beginning with the year 1700, people no longer hesitated in leaving their country for a new life in North America. This change of attitudes was a tribute to the courage, perseverance and pioneer spirit of the people who had immigrated to North America before 1700. And I have concluded that the honored were the pioneers. In 1700, New France has some 14,000 people.

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At the beginning of the present century, (2) Edouard-Zotique Massicotte, a renowned historian and archivist wrote: "To go back to the common family roots and branches, to establish the ties which exist between individuals of the same name, to inspire unity among them and, consequently, to convey the idea of a powerful family, is this not a demonstration and an acknowledgment of the fealty toward these ancestors who struggled in their lifetime in order to ensure the survival of their children."

In these times when traditional values are ridiculed more and more, where even the notion of marriage is in question, where so many children are endlessly tossed back and forth between a separated or divorced father and mother, has not the moment to reaffirm blood ties and to re-awaken the old sentiment of belonging to a family.

Unfortunately, we know relatively little about our ancestors. Therefore, let us honor and

respect our ancestors and say, along with author Louis Frenchette:

“To all those obscure heroes
who, on this new born soil,
So many times shed their sweat and blood
And whom today remain all but forgotten.” (2)
Jacques Saintonge

Children of Paul Marquis and Delina Martin who lived to Adulthood:

John Romeo Marquis. Born: July 2, 1918.
Albert Marquis. Born: April 12, 1907.
Sylvio Marquis. Born: January 21, 1910.
Marie Azilda Griffin. (daughter) Born: September 7, 1913.
Marie Jeanette Cassino. (daughter) Born: December 29, 1915.
Cecile Malone. (daughter) Born: May 8, 1917.
Ronaldo Joseph Marquis. Born: May 20, 1922.
Marie Corine Clavette. (daughter) Born: July 14, 1924.

Children who died as infants:

Helen in 1913
Ernest in 1913
Laura in 1922

Grandchildren of Paul Marquis and Delina Martin

Jacqueline Rose Yost, daughter of Anthony Cassino - Marie Jeanette Marquis. Born: April 4, 1937.
Gerald Albert Marquis, son of Albert Marquis - Julie Johnson. Born: October 1, 1938.
Sandra Jean Templeton, daughter of Sylvio Marquis - Hazal Donnelly. Born: April 25, 1940.
Carol Anne Hilding, daughter of Phillip Griffin - Marie Azilda Marquis. Born: August 17, 1940.
Jeanne Irene Shroat, daughter of Albert Marquis - Julie Johnson. Born: November 24, 1943.
Judith Anne Bryson, daughter of Albert

Marquis - Julie Johnson. Born: November 24, 1943.

Phillip Daniel Griffin, son of Phillip Griffin - Marie Azilda Marquis. Born: October 9, 1944.

Sharon Elaine Griffin, daughter of Phillip Griffin - Marie Azilda Marquis. Born: January 2, 1946.

John Willis Churchill, son of John Willis Churchill - Cecile Marquis. Born: May 15, 1946.

Monica Ellen Marquis, daughter of Albert Marquis - Julie Johnson. Born: June 24, 1948.

Wayne Paul Griffin, son of Phillip Griffin - Marie Azilda Marquis. Born: February 19, 1948.

Deena Anne Williams, daughter of Gilbert Clavette - Marie Corine Marquis. Born: September 17, 1948.

Ronaldo Joseph Marquis, son of Ronaldo Joseph Marquis - Theresa Cormier. Born: September 30, 1949.

Denise Jean Clavette, daughter of Gilbert Clavette - Marie Corine Marquis. Born: May 25, 1954.

Steven Robert Marquis, son of Ronaldo Joseph Marquis - Theresa Cormier. Born: November 8, 1956.

Darla Marie Clavette, daughter of Gilbert Clavette - Marie Corine Marquis. Born: October 4, 1957.

Gary Malone, son of Larry Malone - Cecile Marquis. Born: December 1, 1958.

Janet Teresa Orcutt, daughter of Gilbert Clavette - Marie Corine Marquis. Born: March 19, 1960.

Brien Douglas Marquis, son of Ronaldo Marquis - Theresa Cormier. Born: July 3, 1962.

Douglas Malone, son of Larry Malone - Cecile Marquis. Born: October 20, 1962.

Gilbert Joseph Clavette, son of Gilbert Clavette - Marie Corine Marquis. Born: March 8, 1964.

Susan Lynn Marquis, daughter of Ronaldo Marquis - Theresa Cormier. Born: December 18, 1964.

MOTHERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

In 1997, the Ladies of Ste. Anne of our parish initiated a wonderful awards ceremony recognizing a mother selected to receive the Mother of the Year Award. In 1997, the award was presented to Mrs. Alma Chasse and in 1998 it was presented to Mrs. Catherine Morneault.

Mrs. Alma C. (Chassé) Michaud **1997 Mother of the Year**



Alma was born in Ste. Agathe on October 7, 1907, to Hilaire and Amanda Chasse. She attended Ste. Agathe Schools and graduated from Notre Dame de la Sagesse High School in 1925.

Alma married Albert Michaud on May 8, 1928. Alma and Albert raised ten children: Clifford, Rolande, Doris, Paul Armand, Rena, Thérèse, Jacqueline, Claudette, Robert, and Leo James. The couple also cared for six foster children: Lionel, Percy, and Doris Simard, Lorraine and Judy Chassé, and Wayne Levesque. Alma is now 90 years old and is the proud grandmother of 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Alma was a farmer's wife. She could be seen spending endless hours at her sewing machine, making clothes for her children and herself and often sewing for friends and neighbors. She was seldom seen without an apron. She was known for making the best butter in town and her wonderful chicken stews, beans, and raisin pie.

Alma has always had a deep love of family and of her church. Each child and grandchild can proudly display the beautiful crocheted afghans she has lovingly made throughout her life. She has a great love of the rosary and devotes much of her day to prayer.

Today, Alma lives at the St. Joseph Nursing Home in Frenchville. She loves company and to share her wisdom with others.

Mrs. Catherine Plourde Morneault **1998 Mother of the Year**



Catherine Plourde Morneault, our mother of the year, was born on October 31, 1912 to a farming family, the fifth of ten children, educated in a one room school house on flat mountain. Catherine grew up and married a local farmer's son Leo Morneault. They were wedded in July of 1934 and had 13 children, which they raised and supported by farming.

Catherine faithfully executed her duties as a wife and mother of 13 children. She nurtured her children diligently in the statues of the church. Every evening at 6:00 p.m. was time for the rosary with Monseigneur Romeo Gagnon; confession and hour of adoration every first Friday of the month, and of course, mass and communion every Sunday. After raising her children, Catherine entrusted them to God. All her children graduated from high school and went their separate ways. Currently, Catherine has 28 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, spread out over 6 states and one foreign country. Her son Vinnie and his wife Karen are currently missionaries to Russia.

One of Catherine's greatest trials in her life was the loss of her daughter Vivian to leukemia in 1974. Many other testings came her way, but no complaint or bitterness from Catherine. In 1976, Catherine and her husband, Leo, sold their family farm to two of their sons and moved to the St. Agatha apartments. In 1986, after the loss of her husband, Catherine continued because of her faith in God to be a strength and encouragement to her children.

Catherine's current lifestyle of prayer, attending church, crocheting, playing cards, working and helping friends allows her to continue to enjoy the richness of the life God has given her. She continues to be a source of encouragement, not only to her children and family, but to friends, neighbors and those around her.

DONAT BOUCHER AWARDED WORLD WAR I MEDALS



*Donat Boucher
World War I Hero*

Our 1997 newsletter included an article on World War I veterans from St. Agatha. One of these men was Donat Boucher who volunteered for service in 1917 and was sent as a "doughboy" to France the following year. Donat returned home with an impressive and heroic record of military service. However, because of an administrative error, Donat had never received his military medals due him including his Purple Heart

medal. Through the efforts of his daughter Doris and his son-in-law Martin Morneault, Donat was awarded (posthumous) the Purple Heart with two oak clusters and the World War I Victory Medal at an impressive military ceremony at the former Loring AFB on July 21, 1998, 80 years after the armistice. Present at the ceremony was Governor Angus King, Major General Earl L. Adams, and Colonel Philip Michaud (retired) from St. Agatha. Col. Michaud is the son of Henri and Catherine Michaud. Col. Michaud delivered the key address at the ceremony. The society is proud to present it to you in its entirety.

Thank you very much Major General Adams for those fine words. It's indeed a great honor to participate in this momentous event today and to share the podium with such distinguished people. General Adams is an old time friend from way back and sit it's great to see you're looking well. Governor King, I'm pleased to report that from my perceptive the people of St. Agatha feel that you are doing a great job and locally I'm known as Michaud-the-republican-for-King. I'm proud of that. Keep up the good work.

I thought it important today that you hear a few words about the Purple Heart from one who received the award, in fact I received two of them, I was wounded twice. While I will not tell you war stories, I can tell you that purple heart recipients are in a class all their own when it comes to knowing and experiencing the horrors of war. Doris your father was a member of that class. There are millions of Veterans all of them great Americans. There are millions of combat veterans all of them great Americans, and most of them genuine heroes. But those combat vets who bore the biggest burden for our nation's battles are recipients of the purple heart. As a group we are all very proud to have served our country in the manner we did and by the same token deeply grateful and thankful to God that we came so close to paying the ultimate sacrifice. We are grateful to have been able to lick our wounds and live another day. However, we all remember often our fallen comrades whose purple heart was awarded posthumously. It's too bad that Donat did not have the opportunity to wear his purple hearts in the Memorial Day parades he marched in, he would have worn all three of them proudly, because he was a proud man. I knew him as well as a kid in the neighborhood could know a World War I vet back in the 50's. He was a good man, a good father and husband. He was a common man who had survived the most profound horrors of war and served his country with uncommon valor. He lived with his wounds and I'm sure not a day went by in his long life that he did not think of the comrades that fell by his side during the war.

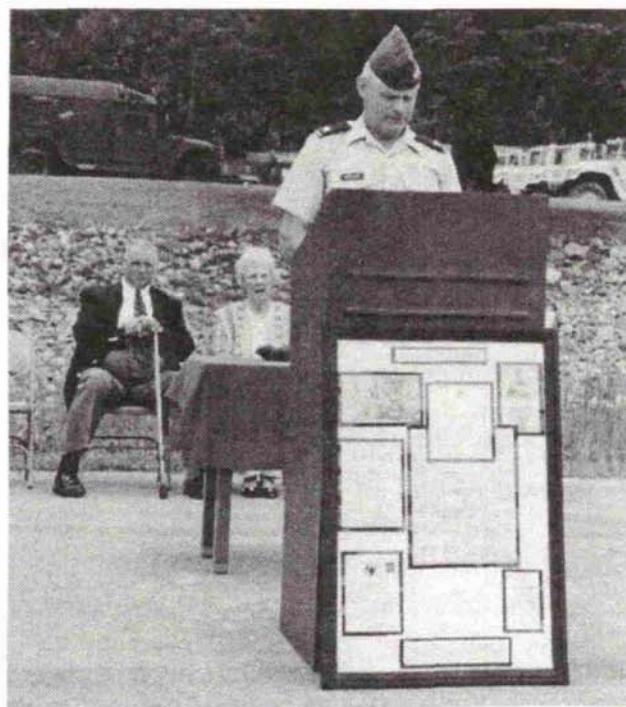
You may recall from history that World War I was the war to end all wars. And look what's happened since, we've had WWII, Korea and Vietnam and a whole host of other smaller conflicts where American men fought and died. Still today we have countless numbers of Americans serving in troubled spots around the world in the name of peace and freedom. Where else but in America can you find such great men. Doris your father was a great man.

God bless him, God bless all vets, and most of all God bless America - Land of the free, because of men like Donat and home of the brave, like Donat. He was a brave man. Thank you very much and God Bless you.



Martin and Doris (Boucher) Morneault at the ceremony.

The Society is deeply saddened by the sudden death of Doris on August 20, 1998. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family.



Col. Philip Michaud (retired) speaking during the ceremony

SR. DORIA CHAMBERLAND Celebrates Fifty Years in Religious Life



A Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving was held in St. Agatha Church on June 19, 1998, in honor of Sr. Doria Chamberland's Golden Jubilee. The celebrant/homilist was Reverend Michael P. Gendreau, Pastor of St. Agatha. The

Mass was attended by family, friends, and many Daughters of Wisdom from Maine and New York. A reception was held at Lakeview restaurant following the Liturgy.

Sr. Doria, D.W. is the daughter of the late Joe B. and Annie Chamberland. She was born on February 4, 1929. Her brothers and sisters include: Rella, Guilda, Allyre, Gerald, Jerome, (all deceased), Valère, Clifford, and Angela. Sr. Doria graduated from St. Agatha High School in June, 1946. She made her first profession at Eastview, Ottawa, Canada, on August 2, 1948.

Sr. Doria received her B.A. degree from St. John's University and her Master's from the University of Connecticut. She retired from formal teaching in 1994. Sr. Doria now resides in Farmingville, Long Island, New York. She volunteers at St. Charles Hospital Day Care Center and does parish ministry.

His Excellency Bishop Joseph Gerry, O.S.B., bishop of Portland, sent his congratulations and best wishes to "A Maine native who donated so many years spreading God's message as a Daughter of Wisdom."

On July 19, 1998, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends celebrated with Sr. Doria at a reception at Valle's Restaurant in Portland. Reverend Gilman Boucher, O.M.I., gave the blessing. Father Gilman is a friend and a native of St. Agatha.

Angela Chamberland

SR. CANDIDE CORRIVEAU Celebrates Her Golden Jubilee



Sr. Candide Corriveau, (formerly known as Sr. Candide de L'Enfant-Jésus) was born in Upper Frenchville, Maine. She attended school with the Sisters of the Holy Rosary, the Ursulines at Mount Merici-Academy, in Waterville, and was professed as a

Daughter of Wisdom, August 2, 1948.

Her first assignment was to Ozone Park, N.Y. until February 1949, at which time she was to take residence at St. Mary's Infant-Home in Norfolk, Virginia, until December. Another assignment brought her to Port Jefferson, Long Island, N.Y. where she taught at Maryhaven a residential school for exceptional children, so very dear to our Lord's heart, and whose intellectual quotient ranged from 60 to 80. There she taught grades K to grade 3 for 18 years. Another mandate took her again to the sunny south, to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for two years, where she taught first-graders, at Montfort

Academy. From the sunny south to the northern part of Maine, stationed in Madawaska, she taught as a substitute teacher for 13 years, grades K to grade 3.

As a teacher, Sr. Candide is to be remembered as being very special, especially in the Madawaska schools. The teachers were eager to have her as a replacement. Being a perfectionist and of a quiet nature and calm, they knew that the work planned for the day would be covered, and there would be order and discipline in the classroom.

August 21, 1986, Sr. Candide had another Mandate to St. Agatha, Maine. It is here that her deep Faith, her Prayerful Life, blossomed into a beautiful bouquet of services and dedication to the Parish.

The Season of Advent and Lent found her organizing Faith-Sharing Groups with the parishioners. She is a member of both the French and English Choir; a Lector; a member of the Parish Council, and Worship and Spirituality Committee; a Spiritual Advisor at the Christian Life Center for the Cursillo Movement, in Upper Frenchville; and chauffeur for the Sisters. She has also served as Community Coordinator for a number of years.

Sr. Candide, CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES on your Golden Jubilee. May our Wisdom God continue His Transforming Love in you, as you journey towards your Diamond Jubilee.

Would the Woods that I Know

by Paul Marin

Would the woods that I know
bare all
and tell who's been here
and when and why?

Would I learn that others, too,
have dialogued with your leafy limbs?
or
Were they just thinking board feet?

Did they see you as so many cords?
or

Were you but pulp and paper
down-river to a pay envelope?
Did they think of you
as solid fuel
meant to spit and crackle
till spent into mounds of gray?

Maybe someone had fine pieces in mind
on which to slap polish.

Were you greeted with a civil tongue,
by the way,

or was it with but a grunt?
Was there no "May I?"
or "Sorry big fella"?

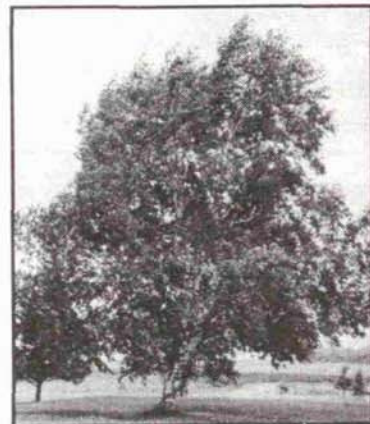
Tell me, mighty pine,
Was your grandfather felled by an ax,
one keenly edged
and made sharper
with the cutter's spit,
made brown
with a plug cut fresh
at mid-morn's break
for that most telling cut?

Was each blow a whack
surgically executed
and calculated rhythmically?
Or was it but a series of mindless thuds
followed by the silent sylvan seconds
measuring your last proud stand?

Were you logged and yarded
one by one,
next to your kin,

one on the other
and the other
on the other
until all the others
were on top of you
to please the scaler's eye?

Were you logged and yarded
by someone answering to the name
of Nellie,
Jake
or Ned?



SPARE MOMENTS

Spare Moments has expanded to include a gift shop and larger studio. The business has been operating since 1989. Previously in the home of Jack and Lisa Myers, it is now in an adjoining building.

Lisa began doing stained glass when she took a hobby class. She continued to take classes in glass casting, slumping and fusing at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Haystack is a world-renowned educational facility in Deer Isle, Maine.

Spare Moments now employs four people. They make small giftware items like suncatchers and barrettes as well as custom work in windows and lamps. Folks who are concerned with getting just the right look and color for their lighting needs find that there is a wide selection of glass available. One of the areas of glass work that has been steadily growing is church window construction. Spare Moments now has stained glass windows in seventeen churches in Aroostook County.

Lisa began by selling her work at local crafts fairs. Now her work can be found in their new gift shop and in gift shops and galleries across the US. Despite the fact that Lisa does not plan to do craft shows anymore, she attends gift shows in

Philadelphia, New York City, Boston and Portland in the spring and fall. Lisa takes orders from the buyers at the shows then heads back to St. Agatha to make the products sold and ships them out when complete.

"Drop by to get a tour of our studio to see how we melt glass, cut it, bend it and do all sorts of different things to it." The gift shop features some of the great glass products that Spare Moments makes, but they also have other gift items like woodcarving, jewelry, pottery, candles and plants. They even have some locally made food products like Maine Potato Candy, Poutine au Chaumeur, Tarte au Sucre, and Mike's Pickles.

Lisa and Jack have lived in St. Agatha since 1979. Lisa was born and raised in Fort Kent, the daughter of Reynold and Rita Dubois. Reynold was a barber in Fort Kent until his retirement. Jack was born and raised in Madawaska, the son of Larry and Candy Myers. Larry worked at Fraser Paper until his retirement. Jack works at Fraser Papers. Jack and Lisa have one son, Erik Lars. He is a graduate of Alfred University. Erik resides in Boston and is employed by a firm that specializes in business computer software.



*Owners of Spare Moments
Jack and Lisa Myers*



*Employees: Janice Young, Nicole Chamberland
and Stacie Couture*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In preparation for the town's centennial celebration in 1999, we are seeking old fashion recipes (main dishes, desserts, or others like ployes, creton, boudin, etc.) We also seek folk remedies, sayings (des dictons), old fashion craft ideas, etc. Please contact Terry Ouellette 543-6911 or Normande Morin at 543-6107.



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