

Generations

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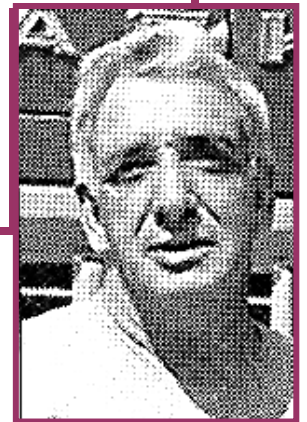
Agnes & Eugene

Top left, left to right: Anita Durocher Bordeau and her sister-in-law Mary Bedard, wife of Ed Durocher. Mary and Ed were married August 16, 1946.

Top right: The wedding of Leonard and Anita Bordeau May, 1948, Left to right: Leonard, Anita Durocher Bordeau, Agnes Durocher (Gratto) and Leonard's brother, Andrew (Andy) Bordeau.

Bottom left: Agnes and Eugene Durocher.

Bottom right: James Anthony Gratto. James married Agnes Durocher in 1951. They had six children. He worked as a corrections officer in the New York State corrections system and ran an independent trucking business called "Gratto Trucking".



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Some of the Sources of Information Used by Our Researchers:

Information is based on documentation, and oral history. Brother Ernest Gagné (Reverend Freré Magloire) did much of the original research on the Gagné branch. Much of the information about the early Durocher lineage is from The Centre Marie-Rose, Montreal.

- Association des familles Gagné -Bellavance d'Amerique, the newsletter is written primarily in French with some English and is available from: C.P. 6700 Sillery, Quebec, GIT 2W, Canada.
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Web pages that may be of interest

General Information:

<http://www.familysearch.org>
has the 1880 US census and the 1881 Canadian census

The Gagné Branch

Gagnier (Gagné) History & Family Association sites:

English site: <http://www.gagnier.org>

French site: <http://www.infinet.net/jybell>

Reverend John F Gagnier's email address is gagnier@dor.org

<http://pages.videotron.com/jybell/lgm1.pdf>

The family line including many branches of the family tree. (French)

NOTE: In Europe the dates are listed date-month-year. (October 10- 1946 would be 4-10-1946).

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/9951>

This web site even has a picture of a sign on Rout 3 in W. Plattsburgh!

www.angelfire.com/ny5/clinton/FamilyNamePages/Gagne/GagneandAlliedFamiliesWeb.htm - English

[www.perche-](http://www.perche-quebec.com/files/perche/lieux/saint_cosme.htm)

[quebec.com/files/perche/lieux/saint_cosme.htm](http://www.perche-quebec.com/files/perche/lieux/saint_cosme.htm)
Information about the 13 families who left, St. Cosme DeVair Sarthe, France (French)

Association des familles GAGNÉ-BELLAVANCE d'Amérique Inc: <http://pages.infinet.net/jybell/>

French Canadian Ancestors: Gagné

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nozell/GEN-NYS-L/archives/1997/05/0227.html>

Gagné Family Genealogy Forum:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/gagne>

Louis (Lewis) Gagné dit BELLEAVANCE:

<http://www.soonet.ca/users/acadien/d0000/g0000081.html#1178>

The Durocher Branch

Valerie DuRocher's Genealogy Page Updated

September 19, 2001 email

joyrose94@yahoo.com

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/u/r/>

Valerie-R-Durocher/ Genealogy Descendants of Francois Durocher 1982 in St. Peter's Square in Rome, when before a huge crowd Pope John Paul II proclaimed Marie-Rose Durocher blessed.

http://www.houseofnames.com/coatofarms_details.asp?sId=27E8B7C0-46BB-4A2B-B2BB-FFD8CEB8F068&s=durocher

This site has a history and coat of arms for the Durocher name. It reads in part, "The name Durocher is derived from the Old French word roche, meaning rock, and indicates that the original bearer was distinguished by residence near a prominent rock.

....First found in Burgundy, where this ancient family was recognized as one of the original families of the region."



Setting the record straight

In Volume 12 # 2 of Generations there were errors, possibly cause by autocorrect that resulted in errors.

Corrections:

Gratto is the correct family spelling.

The grandson of Agnes was Eric Lawrenz, not Lawrence. Phyllis' Gratto's married name is Lawrenz.

Frederic Durcoher did not have a k at the end of his name. The death announcement in the local paper printed it as Fredrick. It is Fredric. Misprint Frederic Lawrence Durocher was born 10/15/1893 not 1892

Family Losses and Gains- 2008/ 2009

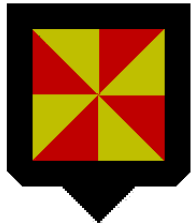
Death	Bonniee Sandra Mille Strong Myers b. 12/26/1943 d 3/6/2008, wife of Leo Myers
Death	Mike Maroney b. 6/23/1932 d. 5/31/2008 husband of Lita Myers Moroney
Death	Jack Wm. Donaldson b. November 10, 1929 June 23, 2008 husband of Bernice Demers Lemay Donaldson Lymphoma (Cancer)
Birth	Evan Michael Coyer , b. 1/14/08 son of Carrie (Peryea) & Michael Coyer
Birth	Gillian Karma Hart , b. 3/16/08 child of Monique (Durocher) & Randy Hart
Birth	Giselle Genevieve Bossart b. 4/1/2008, daughter of Kami and Michael Bossart, born at home in San Antonio, Texas
Birth	Brayden Benjamin Emrich b. 4/8/08 son of Valida Genditzk and Sean Emrich
Child by marriage	Tristan Jacob Varney (Rosalyne Mellings son from previous marriage) b. 5/6/04
Spouse	Rosalynn Christine Melling

10/27/76 Married 8/27/08



The Original Gasnier Coat of Arms

Of ancient and unknown origin, this coat of arms is found in the General Illustrated Armorial by Joannes Baptist Reitstap, dated 1952. This coat of arms, with alternating red and orange sections surrounded by a black border, is associated with the Gasnier name in the Maine Province of France. <http://www.gagnier.org>



Key to charts:	
<u>b</u> is for born	<u>bapt.</u> is baptized
<u>bur</u> is buried	<u>d</u> is for died
<u>div</u> is divorced	<u>m</u> is married



The Gagné line --Marc, Christophe, (There is question as to whether Marc and Christophe are in the family line.*) Louis, Louis, Ignace, Jacques, Jacque, Jean Baptiste Joseph, Jean Baptiste, Israël Ancestors of Rose Eva and Blanche)

1 st Marc Gasnier?		
2 nd Christophe Gasnier? b. 1555 (or 1567) Le Mans, Main France (or Stcomedevair, Perche, Orn)	Spouse one would be Louis's Mother. Spouse 2 Françoise Vallee b 1559 .Mar. 1570 or 1579? in Le Mans, or Ige Maine, France died, 1628	Mar. 4/13/1587 Ige, (Stcomedevair) Perche, France
3 rd generation: Louis Gasnier b 1580 St.-Cosme-de-Vair, Sarthe buried 4/9/1640 St Cosme-de-Vair, Sarthe, France	Marie Launay Gasnier d. April 9, 1640 bur. in St. Cosme-de-Vair, St. Cosme-en Aviaries, Sarthe France	Mar.1604 St. Cosme-de-Vair, Sarthe, France

4th generation: Louis Gasnier- bapt. 9/13/1612, St. Martin, Igé France, d. 2/2/1661 or ? 7/14/1661, (emigrated to Canada in 1644)	Marie Michel Gasnier b. 1620- d. November 12, 1687 bur. at Ste-Anne, Beaurpré, Montmorency, Québec, Canada 11/12/1687 Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre, Montmorency, PQ. Daughter of: Pierre Michel Birth : Belleme, Orne, France and Louise Gory, (Gosri) Chartres, b. Abt 1595 Belleme, Orne, France	June 11, 1638 St. Martin-du-Vieux Belleme (France)
5 th Generation: Ignace Gasnier, b. 3/12/1656, Quebec FR John Gagnier WEB page: Records show an emergency Baptism at the Gasnier home on March 12) Other records show a Baptism date 7/14/1661 for Ignace and 4/15/1656, Quebec Gasnier. d. 9/13/1712 or 7/20/1702, Quebec	Barbe Dodier Gagné bap. 1665 – buried 2/7/1689 Sts-Pierre-et-Paul, Baie-st-Paul, Charlevoix, PQ Daughter of: Jacques Dodier & Catherine Caron 2) Louise Tremblay Gasnier bapt. 10/21/1669	11/5/1680 Baie St. Paul PQ or St Anne-de-Beaupre, Montmorency PQ 11/6/1689 L Ange-Gardien PQ?
6 th generation Jacques Gage b. 10/8/1688 St. Francois-Xavier, Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Charlevoix, PQ bapt. 10/9/1688 Sts-Piere-et-Paul,Baie St.Paul, Charlevoix PQ Canada	Hélène Perron Gagné bap.1694 to bur. 10/ 26/1735 Ste-Famille, Ile-d'Orleans, Montmorency, Daughter of: Antoine Perron and Jeanne Tremblay	2/24/1716 Baie St. Paul PQ
7 th generation Jacques Gagné dit Sancarrier bapt. 4/13/1722 Baie St. Paul	Marie Françoise Gibaut Gagné 1729 to 3/24/175?) Daughter of: Philibert and Françoise Le Cuyer	4/29/1748 LaPrairie PQ
8 th generation Jean Baptiste Gagné (bapt. Redford or La Prairie?)	Isabelle Poupart Gagné Daughter of: Pierre Poupart & Marie Anne Deniau	4/3/1780 LaPrairie PQ
9 th generation Joseph Gagné bapt. 3/20/1785 Acadie (Quebec?) d. 9/21/1879 bur. in Redford NY.	Marie-Anne Bissonnet Gagné d. 9/ 11/1879 (Redford NY.) Daughter of: Jean-Baptiste Bissonnet & Charlotte Longuetain	11/26/1804 Chambly Canada
10 th generation Jean Baptiste Gagné b. 1817(?) to 8/8/1886 (bapt. Redford NY, b. Redford NY	Lucie Dupuis Gagné 1823-d. 9/4/1905 Bur. in Redford NY.	1838 or 1839
11 th generation Israël Gagné 6/23/1855 (bapt. 9/9/1936 Redford NY 7/22/1855) bur. Sherrington, PQ 9/30/1936	Louise (Iloise) Poupart Gagné 1862- 11/14/1939 Daughter of: Joseph Poupart & Emelie (on gravestone) Mélina (Milie) Gauthier d. 11/14/1937 bur. Sherrington, PQ 11/19/1937	10/6/1881 St Joseph's parish Cohoes, NY

12 generation (a) Rose Eva Gagné Durocher 4/6/1901- bapt. Sherrington PQ, d. 10/4/1946 Plattsburgh, NY	Nelson Durocher bapt. Redford NY. 6/2/1895 5/16/1895 -12/1/1967, d. of Brights disease Son of: Louis Durocher & Cecelia '	10/8/1922 Sherring- ton PQ
12 generation (b) Marie Blanche Elodia Gagné Durocher b. 9/24/1903 bapt. 9/25/1903, Sherrington, PQ, d. 9/ 27/99 at CVPH (Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, Plattsburgh, NY	Louis Alexander Durocher b. 7/16/1899 bapt. 7/30/1899 Redford, NY. d. 10/19/1991 son of :Louis: (Lewis) Durocher & Cecelia Coulombe'	10/15/ 1923 Sherring-ton, PQ



**Children of Israel Gagné & Elaise
Poupart Gagné, m. 10/6/1881**

Parents: Israel (Israël) Gagné & Elaise (Louise/Heloise/Eloise) Poupart Gagné m. 10/6/1881 Cohoes, NY
1) Wilfrid Gagné b 10/13/1882, Cohoes NY d 10/8/1961 Spouse: Elizabeth Longtin m. 2/14/1905, St. Constant d. 10/8/1961 Parents: Ovila Longtin & Suzanne Rouleau
2 a) Eunelia (Unilia) (Nellie) Gagné Faille b 4/27/1884, Lyon Mountain? 2/6/1962 (twin of Lucian) d. 2/6/1962 (Parents of twins) Spouse: Theodule Faille m. 9/18/1900
3) Lucian Coren Gagné b. 4/27/1884 bapt. 5/10/1884 Lyon Mountain NY, (twin of Nellie) died as an infant
4) Arthur Gagné b. 2/11/1886, Cohoes, NY
5) Agnes Gagné b 3/ 30/1888, Cohoes NY (died in 1888 as an infant)
6) Lady-Anne Gagné b 5/27/1889, (died in infancy) Cohoes NY
7) Eximer Gagné b. 2/6/1891 Negaunee USA (Lake Michigan). d. 3/3/1973, Montreal Spouse: Agnes Beauvolks m. 2/13/1929 Napierville P.Q.
8) Brother Ernest (Reverend Frere Magloire) Gagné b 4/30/1893 Cooks Mills, Michigan d. 12/25/1971
9) Laurentia Gagné Demers b. 1/16/1895 Sherrington Quebec d 7/13/1974, Windsor, Ontario Spouse: Ludger Demers m 11/28/1918
10) (Cleoplas)-Anthime Gagné b 3/1/1897 Sherrington P. Quebec d 7/11/1961, buried in Sherrington PQ (d. July 11, 1970 Claudia Lecuyer m 10/29/1927 d: September 1982, buried Sherrington, PQ
11) Rose-Alma Gagné b 2/6/1899 Sherrington Quebec d 9/ d: March 01, accrd. to B. Donaldson,(?) 1920 or Sept 4, 1920? in Sherrington, P.Q.
12) Rose-Eva Gagné b 4/6/1901 & baptized Sherrington Quebec d 10/4/1946, Plattsburgh NY (childbirth) Spouse: Narcisse (Nelson) Durocher, m 10/8/1922, (brother to Marie Blanche's husband) Parents: Louis Durocher & Cecelia Coulombe
13) Marie Blanche Elodia Gagné Durocher b 9/24/1903 Sherrington Quebec, d. 9/ 27/99 at CVPH (Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, Plattsburgh, NY Spouse: Louis Alexander Durocher, m 10/15/1923, Sherrington PQ (brother to Rose Eva's husband) Parents: Louis Durocher & Cecelia Coulombe

14) Exerilda Gagné Legault , b 4/29/ 1906 Sherrington Quebec d.8/30/2003 St. Remi, Quebec Buried/9/3/2003 Sherrington, PQ. Spouse: Romeo Legault m. 5/19, 1932 d. 3/26/1993
15) unnamed--stillborn boy



The Durocher Family Coat of Arms

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Réne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, ancestors of Frederic, Nelson, (Mary) Laura, Louis, Cecelia, Valida, Leon (Leo), Beatrice Durocher

	François du Rocher Parish of Daze', ville de Château-Gontier	Perrine LeFaucheur born- Parish of Dazy, Chateaugontier , France (Valerie DuRocher WWB Page)	mar. Parish of Daze, Ville de Chateau- Gontier
2	Joseph DuRocher b. 1681, St. Maurille Parish, Anjou, France d. 1749 (V Du Rocher WEB Page)	Marguerite Le Roy Durocher b. 1685 in France daughter of: Michel LeRoy & Renée Pasquereau	10/6/ 1705 St. Maurille, Church, diocese of Angers in Anjou France
3	Réne Joseph 3 Durocher (Brien, Joseph 2, Francois) b. 7/2/1706 Anjou France, d. 1755 (1749 V. Durocher WEB cite) in Batiscan P.Q.	1)Marie-Louise Catherine Juillet d'Avignon Durocher 5/29(not 30 according to V. DuRoshier) /1710 in Pte-Aux Trembles d. 1743, Montreal Daughter of: Blaise Juillet & Madeleine (Marie) Forestier (Fortier spelling of last name Valerie DuRocher WEB)	a) m. Marie- Louise 6/03/ 1730 Batiscan b) m. 6/24/1743 Parish of Batiscan (near Three Rivers, PQ)
		2) Marguerite Gaudet (Godé) Jarry Durocher b. 1702	

4	(J.B.) Jean Baptiste Durocher 1732-1795, Quebec Canada?	1) Geneviève 2) Marguerite Boucher-Desnois Durocher d. 12/21/1795 at Nicolet Daughter of: Joseph a & M. Anne Bailleuil	1752 ----- 7/22/1766 L Assomption	2) Nelson (Earl) Harold Durocher b 5/16/1895-bapt. 6/2/1895 Redford NY (with middle name Earl) d 12/1/1967 m. St. Patrick's of Sherrington, PQ Rose Eva Gagné b. 4/6/1901 d.10/4/46
5	Joseph Durocher Bertrand LaPrairie, Canada	Josette Brodeur Durocher Daughter of: Louis Brodeur and Judith Hébert	1/31/1791 LaPrairie	3) (Mary) Laura Durocher b 4/6/1897 bapt. 5/2/1897 at Redford NY d. of "overlay" later called crib death, now called SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) at 1 month old b. 5/8/1897 at Assumption of Mary, Redford NY.
6	Joseph Durocher - Bertrand b. 0/21/1789 (or 1794) d 10/1871 bur. in Redford NY.	Catherine Hébert Durocher b 10/8/1792 bap. 11/8/1792 La Prairiee (corrected) d. 1871 bur. Redford NY Daughter of: Joseph Hébert & Marie Bisaillon	11/2/1822 Notre Dame de la Prairie de la Madeline	4) Louis Alexander Durocher b. 7/16/1899, Strackville, b. 7/30/1899, Redford, N.Y. d.- 10/19/1991 m. 10/15/1923 Marie Blanche Elodia Gagné Durocher b. 9/24/1903 St. Patrick's Parish, Sherrington PQ
7	Alexander (Francis Xavier or Alexandre) Durocher b 3/14/1823- Chazy N.Y d 1/26/1915 bur. in Redford NY	1) Mary Gobriau (Gobriaux) Durocher b 1838 d 3/24/1863 2) Marie Caille Cahier (Carriere, Carrieres, Coryer) Lapanne (LaPann) Durocher b 1839- d 3/25/1904	----- 10/1/ (?) or 9/24/ 1865 St. Peters, Plattsburgh NY.	5) Cecelia Durocher Surprenant Provost 4/11/1901- 11/20/1994 m. Edgar Surprenant, Assumption of Mary, Redford NY 9/1/1935 Fred Provost b. 6/15/1906, d. 3/22/1975, m.8/24/1964 Assumption of Mary, Redford NY?
8	Louis Napoleon Durocher b. 7/14/1868, Saranac, N.Y. bapt. Redford, N.Y. on Aug 15, 1868. d. 6/12/1946	Cecelia Coulombe Durocher b. 6/30/1869 Saranac, N.Y. Daughter of Narcesse (Nelson) Coulombe & Lesina Parent	10/31/1892	6) Valida Durocher Myers 5/30/1903- 12/8/1980 m 1928, Howard J. Myers b. 6/7/1907d. 7,1966 married at Assumption of Mary, Redford NY
<p>Children of Louis Durocher & Cecelia Coulombe Durocher m. 10/31/ 1892</p> <p>Parents: Louis Durocher & Cecelia (Cecile) Coulombe (Columbe) Durocher (m. 10/31/ 1892) Ware Mass.</p> <p>1) Frederic Lawrence Durocher b.10/15/1893 -d. 9/9/1973 . m. 6/20/1920 Ora Margaret Bell Durocher b. 1/8/1900, d. 8/30/1963</p>				7) Leon (Leo) Durocher, b 5/8/1905 bapt.5/14/1905 d. at 4 months old of Influenza (Dysentery) b. at Assumption of Mary, Redford, NY 9/14/1905.
				8) Beatrice Durocher b 6/22/1909 bapt. 6/27/1909 Assumption of Mary, Redford NY, d 1/24/1999, burial service, 1/26/1999, Plattsburgh, NY, interred 4/13/1999. St. Peter's Cemetery, m. Bill (William G.) Hall, 6/22/1943. Bill b.1/8/ 1900, (correction to birth month 2007) Paul Smith d. 8/1 /1977 in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Parents George & Elizabeth (Marshall) Hall



The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic

Frederic Lawrence Durocher b. 10/15/1893 (birth date typo correction 2008) d. 9/9/1973 m. 6/20/1920) Ora (Auroré) Margaret Bell Durocher b. 1/8/1900 d. 8/30/1963

Descendants of Fred L. Durocher & Ora M. Bell Durocher

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Elly

- 2) **Elly (Eleanor) Marie Durocher Bordeau** b.3/19/1925 d. 6/12/2003 (death year corrected 2009) & **Stanley Edward Bordeau** b. 7/16/1925 d. 2/07 Plattsburgh, N.Y. m. 9/22/1945 all children born in Plattsburgh NY (Elly and her sister Anita married brothers)
- 3) **Russell Stanley Bordeau** b. 2/6/1947 m **Ann Dahlheimer** 6/27/1970 Buffalo NY
- 4) **Maggie (Margaret Anne) Bordeau** b 9/28/1975
- 4) **Nora (Lenora Marie) Bordeau** b 9/26/1981
- 3) **Roger Edward Bordeau** b.1/31/1949, Plattsburgh N.Y., d. 4/21/1999, Plattsburgh, New York m. 1969 **Susan Donna Bordeau** St. Peters, Plattsburgh, New York
- 4) **Michael Roger Bordeau.** b. 3/22/1973 Spouse: **Mandi Moore** m. 8/6/99
- 5) **Nathaniel Asa Moore Bordeau** b. 1/21/02
- 5) **Benjamin Albert Owen Bordeau** 1/5/2004
- 4) **(Dr.) Kevin Patrick Bordeau** b.1/8/1974 Spouse A m. **Kristin Bordeau**
- 5) **Hudson Wakefield Bordeau** b. 4/25/03
- 5) **Barett Cathryn Bordeau** b.11/30/04
- Spouse B **Edward Bordeau** m. **Susan Donna Bordeau** 6/28/1969
- 3) **Randall Leo Bordeau** b.1/3/1952
- 3) **Brenda Marie Bordeau Stockman** b.9/19/1953 m. **John Charles Stockman** m. 11/9/1974, St. Peters, Plattsburgh NY
- 4) **Angie (Angela) Marie Stockman** b. 5/15/1976
- 4) **Emily Auroré Stockman** b 5/29/1980
- 4) **Claire Ellen Stockman** b 7/26/1986
- 3) **Richard Mark Bordeau** b 3/5/57 m **Nancy Jean Harris Bordeau** 5/10/1980 m. .11/27/81 St. Peters, Plattsburgh NY.
- 4) **Kara Jean Bordeau** b 9/2/1984
- 4) **Savannah Harris Bordeau** b.10/4/1987
- 3) **Ronald Paul Bordeau** b 11/2/58 m **Kathy (Kathleen) Collins Bordeau** 11/27/1981 St. Peters, Plattsburgh N.Y.
- 4) **Beth Lynne Bordeau** b 6/29/1984 m. Joshua Devins 7/30/06, Plattsburgh Memorial Chapel, Old Base
- 4) **Sara Ann Bordeau** b 9/26/1987

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Edward

- 2) **Edward Harold Durocher** b. 2/22/1927 d. 9/11/2001 & **Mary Bedard Durocher** b. 4/15/1928 m. 8/16/1946 Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh New York
- 3) **Douglas Edward Durocher** b.6/17/1948 & **Constance Marie Giroux** m.6/17/1972, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh, NY
- 4) **Jefferey Brian Durocher** b.4/1/1973
- 4) **Nicole Marie Durocher** b. 5/25/1975
- 3) **Nancy Jean Durocher** b.6/3/1949 **Harold Robert Gohlke** b. 6/22/1943 m. 4/1/1967 Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh, NY
- 4) **Kimberly Jean Gohlke** b.7/4/1967 & **Neil Robert Burdo' b.** 7/10/? m. 9/15/1990
- 5) **Kelsey Rachael Burdo** b. 11/5/1992
- 4) **Kelsey Rachael Burdo** b. 11/5/1992
- 4) **Kristina JoAnne Gohlke** b. 4/12/1971
- 4) **Keri Lynn Gohlke** b.5/23/1972
- 5) **Kaleb R. Gohlke** 4//11/19
- 4) **Karla Jeanine Gohlke Lyon** b.4/19/1976 & **Mark Lyon** m. 8/1995, St. Phillips, Willsboro NY
- 5) **Kolbi Sierra Lyon** b. 11/3/1995
- 4) **Harold Edward Matthew Gohlke** (adopted) b. 2/5/1979
- 4) **Kody Larson Gohlke** (adopted) b.12/28/1980
- 4) **Korissa Lynette Gohlke** (adopted) b. 12/18/1981
- 4) **Herrick Robert Gohlke** (adopted) b. 2/25/1986
- 3) **Lawrence Paul Durocher** b.10/2/1950 & **Erika Linda Major** b. 1/16/1953 m. 10/6/1973, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh N.Y
- 4) **Heidi Chakyse Durcoher** b. 7/27/1977
- 4) **Kelley Sabrina Durocher** b. 9/22/1982
- 3) **Linda Marie Durocher** b. 8/29/1951
- spouse A) **Joseph Arthur LaPorte** b. 12/19/1952 m. 10/21/1972 divorced 5/87
- 4) **Patrica Lynn LaPorte** b.7/16/1973

- 4) **Stephen Joseph Edward LaPorte** 11/5/1974
 5) **Ashley Marie LaPorte** b. 1/18/1992
 4) **Tracie Leanne LaPorte** b. 7/5/1976
 5) Tal Nicole Ducharme b. 10/17/199? D. 2/24/199?
 4) **Jason Craig LaPorte** b.12/7/1977
 spouse B) **Allen Nelson Whitney** b. 11/9/1956
Lisa Marie Durocher and Ducharme
 5) **Tia Nicole Ducharme** b. 10/17/199?
 3) **Beverly Ann Durocher** b.9/13/1952
 spouse A) **Robert Frank Prunier** b. 4/26/1952 d. 2/20/1981 m. 12/15/1973
 4) **Terri Lynn Prunier** 2/5/1979
 4) **Sara Elizabeth Prunier** b. 6/8/1981
 spouse B) **Brian Joseph Lecuyer** b. 6/4/1957 m. 8/4/1984
 4) **Brian Joseph Lecuyer II** b. 6/21/1985
- 3) **Michael David Durocher** b. 7/9/1953
 3) **Susan Mary Durocher** b. 8/31/1955 **David Allen Gubbins** b. 12/30/1950
 4) **Sharon Marie Gubbins** 4/2/1975
 4) **Danny Allen Gubbins** 8/9/1977
- 3) **Bette Louise Durocher** b. 11/6/1956
 spouse A1) **Michael Nolan Kirk** b. 7/17/1956 m 12/17/1977 divorced 9/12/1989
 4) **Shana Bethany Kirk** b. 8/21/1979
 4) **Casey Michelle Kirk** b. 11/1/1982
 spouse B) **Dennes Charles Smith** m. 2/29/1992
 3) **Patrica (Patty) Diane Durocher** b. 12/26/57 d. 1957 at the age of 3 months
 3) **Dennis James Durocher** b. 1/21/1959
 spouse A) **Judith Michler**
 spouse B) **Michelle Thérèse Du Pere** b. 6/10/1966 m. 8/24/1991
 4) **Olivia Thérèse Durocher** b. 4/3/1993
 4) **Taylor Marie Durocher** b. 1/2/1996
 3) **Robert John Durocher** b. 8/2/1960 & **Mary Celeste Keble** b. 11/16/1957 m. 10/2/1982, St Patrick's, Rouses Point NY
 4) **Robert James Durocher** b. 1/5/1986
 4) **Ryan Matthew Durocher** b. 2/11/1990
- 3) **Thomas Alan Durocher** b. 11/7/1961 & **Caroline Cusprinie** b. 3/6/64 m. 6/20/92
 4) **Matthew Ambrose Durocher** b. 10/22/1991

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Anita

- 2) **Anita Margaret Durocher Bordeau** b. 11/5/1929 d. 11/22/1985 (cancer) & **Leonard Bordeau** b. 4/5/1927 d. 1/13/1974 m. 5/1948 (Anita and her sister Elly married brothers)
 3) **Wayne Bordeau** b.3/3/1949m **Patricia Fallon Bordeau** 6/18/689
 4) **Renée Marie Bordeau** b. 3/8/1969 Potsdam NY d. 11/19/1969 in an auto accident.
 4) **Nicole Anne Bordeau** b. 10/3/1970 m. **Eric Hewson** 3/29/1997
 4) **John Leonard Bordeau** b. 7/2/1973 Plattsburgh NY m. **Wendy Mason**
 5) **Joseph Leonard Bordeau** b. 1/ 29/ 2000
 5) **Jeffrey George Bordeau** b. 3/20/02 Goshen , NY
 5) **Emma Carol Bordeau** b. 3/12/2004 Lima, N.Y.
- 3) **Terry M Bordeau** b. 7/7/1950 m. **Barbara Jacques** m. 4/17/71
 4) **Stephanie M. Bordeau** b 3/15/1972 m. **Peter Trombley**
 5) **Alexis Morgan Trombley**, b. 10/24/1996
 5) **Bryce Trombley** 1/2001
 4) **Lori Bordeau** b. 4/5/1977 Plattsburgh NY d. 1997 leukemia
 3) **Bruce Bordeau** b. 7/25/1955
 Spouse A: **Cathy Demary** m. 2/14/76 div. 1988

4) **Darcie Bordeau** b. 10/30/1978

Spouse: **David Brabene** m.10/23/2003 Sandal in St. Lucia Golf Resort and Spa.

5) **Alexandra Grace Brabene** b. 10/28/05 Albany Medical Center.

4) **Holly Bordeau** b. 1/19/1982

Spouse B **Patricia Lawson** b. 5/20/60 m. May 20, 2000

3) **Carol Bordeau Castellucci** b. 3/24/1956 Plattsburgh NY Spouse: **Gregg Castellucci** m. 8/24/85

4) **Gregg Anthony Castellucci** b 1/6/1989

4) **Nicholas Castellucci** b. 5/24/1992

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Agnes

2) **Agnes Delia Durocher Gratto** b. 9/14/1932 & **James Anthony Gratto** b. 5/14/1931 m.5/28/1951, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh NY

3) **Frederic James Gratto** b. 3/23/1952 & **Kathy Kaufman Delhi** m. 1/11/75 Pickens So C. Judge (Margaret Katherine)

4) **Anthony Russell Gratto** b. 11/15/76

4) **Melissa Katherine Gratto** b. 3/23/78

4) **Audrey Maria Gratto** 12/31/1980

4) **Dominic James Gratto** b.2/29/1984

3) **John Robert Gratto** b. 11/12/1954 & **Joanne Deon** m. 7/26/86 , Nazarene Church Plattsburgh NY

4) **Kristie Monique Gratto** b. 2/12/1990

4) **Nicholas John Gratto** b. 7/17/1992

4) **Stephanie Dion Gratto** 2/7/1994

3) **Phyllis Jean Gratto Lawrenz** b. 8/11/1956 & **Jeffrey Edward Lawrenz (last name correction 2008)** m. 3/17/1978

4) **Maria Beth Lawrenz** b. 6/3/1982

4) **Jesse Michael Lawrenz** b. 9/29/1983

4) **Eric Jeffrey Lawrenz** b. 9/3/1985 d.10/28/05 at Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington. 9/3/85.

Spouse 2 Phyllis Jean Gratto **Barrens**

3) **Debra Marie Gratto Kelley** b. 6/23/1960 & **Steve Kelley** m. 7/2/1983 at parents home

4) **Jaclyn Auroré Kelley** b. 10/27/1986

4) **Travis Paul Kelley** b. 11/14/1989

3) **James Anthony Gratto** b. 6/23/61 & **Karla Reiter** m. 8/6/1988 Empirical Church, Glens Falls, NY

4) **Allison Marie Gratto** m. 10/27/1989

4) **Dustin James Gratto** b. 2/14/1990

4) **Andre Stephen Gratto** b. 7/23/1992

3) **Stephen Eric Gratto** b. 2/27/1965

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Eugene

2) **Eugene Leo Durocher** b. 10/9/1936 & **Mary Rowlett** b. 2/17/1940 m. 10/19/1958 Nashville, TN

3) **Constance Elaine Durocher Terry** b. 9/1/1960(corrected 2007) M. **Allen Terry**

4) **Gordon Terry** b. 7-21-1988

4) **James Terry** b. 12/14/1991

3) **Gregory (Greg)L Durocher** b. 8/27/1961 m. **Karen LaPier**

3) **Karen Leigh Durocher** b. 4/4/1964 m. **William Furbish**

4) **Kaelin Ruby Furbish** b. 3/18/2001

4) **Melisa Louise Furbish** 3/28/2004

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Frederic, Kathleen

2) **Kathleen Ann Durocher Guay** 8/28/1941 & **Wayne Guay** b. 8/10/1940 m 6/20/1964, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh NY

3) **David Arthur Guay** b. 6/20/1965

3) **(Dr.) Julie Anne Guay McIntrye**, b. 7/25/1966 & **John McIntrye** m. 5/29/1993, Our Lady of Victory, Plattsburgh NY

4) **John Wayne McIntrye** b. 5/23/1995

4) **Joseph Aaron McIntyre** b. 11/8/99

3) **Gary Wayne Guay** b. 1/10/1968 (month date corrected 07)



James Anthony Gratto

Plattsburg Press Republican, Dec 2007

Cadyville – James Anthony Gratto, one of the greatest guys you could ever meet, passed away on Dec. 20, 2007. James was born in Dannemora, N.Y., on May 14, 1931, to his parents, Maude and Frederick Gratto. He spent much of his childhood and adult life in Dannemora and Cadyville, N.Y. In 1951, he married Agnes Durocher. He worked as a corrections officer in the New York State corrections system from 1956 to 1981. Much of his adult life was also spent running “Gratto Trucking,” his independent trucking business.

James is survived by his wife, Agnes Gratto; his six children and their spouses, Frederic and Katherine Gratto of Gainesville, Fla., John and Joanne Gratto of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Phyllis and Jeffrey Lawrenz of Saranac, N.Y. Debra and Steven Kelley of Highland, N.Y., James A. Gratto Jr. of Morrisonville, N.Y. James is also survived by 17 grandchildren, Anthony Grato, Melissa Gratto Cox, Audrey Gratto Jones, Dominic Gratto, Maria Lawrenz Gaff, Jesse Lawrenz, Jaclyn Kelley, Travis Kelley, Kristie Gratto, Nicholas Gratto, Stephanie Gratto, Dustin Gratto, Alison Gratto, Andre Gratto, Schuyler Gratto, Gabriel Gratto, and Christian Gratto; and five great-grandchildren, Micah Gratto, Ashton and Gavin Jones, Addy Cox and Sophia Gaff.

Jim is also survived by his brother, Donald Gratto of Dannemora, N.Y. and sister, Lorraine Stiles of Portland, Ore.

He is predeceased by his sisters, Mrs. Francis (Lillian) Drollette of Chazy Lake, N.Y. and Mrs. Clifford (Ethel) Tripp of Dannemora, N.Y. He is also predeceased by his grandson, Eric Lawrenz.

Everyone who knew Jim appreciated his kind and generous nature. He was the kind of guy who would do anything for anybody. He will be remembered for many things, including his excellent parenting skills, his fondness for trucks, tractors and heavy equipment, his sense of humor, his ability to chat with friends, his love of animals, his fondness for traveling, building sheds and above all, his devotion to his family. He will be sorely missed.

James will be remembered during calling hours at the O’Neill-Redden-Drown Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 23. His funeral will be held at St. Joseph’s Church in Dannemora, N.Y. at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 16 South Winooski Ave, Burlington, Vt. 05401.



The Gagné line –Marc?, Christophe?, Louis, Louis, Ignace, Jacques, Jacque, Jean Baptiste Joseph, Jean Baptiste, Israël, Beatrice

Beatrice (Bea) Durocher Hall and William (Bill) Hall

Beatrice Durocher b 6/22/1909 bapt. 6/27/1909 Assumption of Mary, Redford NY, d 1/24/1999, burial service, 1/26/1999, Plattsburgh, NY, interred in the spring, St. Peter’s Cemetery, m. Bill (William) Hall, 6/22/1943. Bill b.1/8/ 1900, (correction to birth month 2007) Paul Smith d. 8/1 /1977 in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Parents George & Elizabeth (Marshall) Hall
Bill and Bea had no children.



The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Valida

Valida M. Durocher Myers b. 5/30/ 1903 d. 12/8/1980 & Howard J. Myers b.6/7/1907 d. 7/22/1966 m. 1928

Descendants of Valida Durocher Myers & Howard J. Myers m. 1928

- 2 boy -unnamed-1929 (?)
- 2 boy-unnamed-1932 (?)

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Valida, Lita

- 2 **Lita Marie Myers Maroney** b 5/19/1934 Plattsburgh NY Spouse: **Richard Michael Maroney** 6/23/1932 Canton, Smith Farm m. 6/ 25/ 1955, Assumption of Mary, Redford NY
 - 3) **Howard Leo Maroney** b. 5/1/1956 Odgensburg NY Spouse: **Nancy Sue Gokey** b 9/18/1956 m. 1/3/1975 Hermon NY
 - 4 **Mandy Jo Maroney** b. 1/28/1977
 - 4 Spouse: **David Michael Hunter** m. 8/26, 2001
 - 5) **Kaleb Michael Howard Hunter**, b. 5/4/2000
 - 5) **Kristen Ashley Hunter** b. 10/27/01 Watertown NY
 - 5) **Zacharey (Zac) Robert Hunter** b. 5/28/2004
 - 4 **Megan Rue Maroney** b. 12/04/1979 m. **Wayne Rabideau**
 - 5) Alexis Sue Ann Rabideau 4/4/04
 - 3) **Mauri Ellen Maroney** b. 9/01/1959 Canton NY
 - 3) **Valli May Maroney** b 12/01/1960 Canton NY Spouse: **Joachim Beno Genditzki** b 5/24/1954(correction 11/01) m. 11/10/1984 Canton, NY
 - 4 **Valida Elfriede Genditzki** b.11/19/1986
 - 4 **Benjamin Michael Genditzki** b. 3//15/1990

The Durocher line--François, Joseph, Rêne Joseph, Jean Baptiste (JB), Joseph, Joseph, Alexander, Louis Napoleon, Valida, Leo

- 2 **Leo H. Myers** b. 2/19/1940 Plattsburgh NY m. **Bonnilee Sondra Millie Strong Myers** b.12//23/1944 m.. 6/23/1962 Assumption of Mary, Redford NY all children born in Plattsburgh NY
 - 3) **Scott Myers** b 8/18/63
 - 3) **Joy Myers** b 9/21/65
 - Spouse A: **Paul Sarbou** m. 10/15/83
 - 4) **Cody Allen Sarbou** b. 7/11/89
 - 4) **Anna Renee Sarbou** b. 9/19/92
 - 3)Spouse B **Joy Myers Sarbou Joubert & Thomas "Tommy" Joubert** m. 5/11/2002
 - 4)**Nathalie Rose Joubert** b.6/9/2000, Plattsburgh N.Y.
 - 3) **Tonya Marie Myers** b 2/2/70 Spouse: **Thomas J. Murray** m. 6/9/01 Rochester NY m. 6/9/01 Rochester NY
 - 4) **Madeline Jolie Murray** b. 4/6/03
 - 4) **Sidney Ellen Murray** b. 6/5/05
 - 3) **Ilya Howard Myers** b 4/30/1973 Spouse: **Amy Davidson Myers** m. 6/5/94
 - 4) **Abriana Myers** b 1/11/93
 - 4) **Miya Lilliann Myers** b. 8/31/1998

**Bonnilee Sandra Myers**

From the Plattsburgh Press Republican, 3/ 6, 2008 – 3/7/2008

Bonnilee Sandra Myers SARANAC—The good Lord found Bonnilee Sandra Myers on Thursday, March 6, 2008. For her spirit shown so brightly from the love her family bestowed upon her at the time of her passing. Bonnilee Sandra Mille (Strong) was born on Dec. 26, 1943.

Bonnilee (Bonnie) married her friend and love of her life, Leo H. Myers, on June 23, 1962, in

the church of the Assumption in Redford, N.Y.

Bonnie is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Leo H. Myers of Saranac; and her four loving children. A son, Scott L. Myers of Wisconsin, a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Tommy Jubert of Mooers, a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Tom Murray of Rochester, a son and daughter-in-law Illya and Amy Myers of Saranac. She is survived by seven loving grandchildren, Cody A Sarbou of Saranac, Anna R. Sarbou of Mooers, Nathalie R. Jubert of Mooers, Abriana K. Myers of

Saranac, Miya L Myers of Saranac, Madeline J Murry of Rochester and Sydney E Murray of Rochester. Also surviving her is a loving sister-in-law, Lita (Myers) Maroney and her husband Michael of Canton. A most devoted brother, Lynn Strong of Connecticut, a dear sister and her husband, Kim and Terry Thomas of Ohio, a loving and gentle sister-in-law, Dorothy Atkinson of Saranac. Also surviving her are: several very close nieces and nephews; as well as several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Bonnie also leaves behind in the loving care of her husband her devoted poodle Princess, who stayed by her side throughout her illness.

Bonnie is predeceased by her most loving and devoted father, Charles Millie. Her mother and father-in-law, Howard and Valida Myers. Two special aunts, Alyce Holbrook and Elizabeth Martineau

Bonnie devoted her life to her family and was a stay-at-home mother until her children were grown and ventured out and worked at CVPH as a certified nurse's aide. Bonnilee's love for sewing then enabled her to work for many years as a seamstress for the Wedding Belle in Plattsburgh. She later worked alongside her dear friend Rachael Waldron, at Our Town Video and Diner, where she so enjoyed cooking and the many conversations with the patrons on a daily basis.

One of Bonnilee's gifts was indeed sewing. When she became ill, she was set on a mission. She created a memory quilt of her husband, four more quilts for her children and even when she found it becoming increasingly harder to sit at her sewing machine, made seven more quilts for her grandchildren. Bonnie also made baby quilts for the pediatric unit at CVPH.

Nee Nee, as her grandchildren so fondly called her, was a woman of unimaginable strength, courage and humor, easing the mind of her family at every turn throughout her illness.

"Please my family, please, do not weep for me. I will not flow through a dark tunnel. I do not fade back and forth or here or there. I do not fear my journey, It is not a voice or calling I hear, but a light, a light like mine given to me by you all, only with more brilliance beyond earthly comparison or description, More warmth and love then I have ever felt. Only that. Weep for me no more my family

for it is at this moment I am standing in heaven."

There will be no calling hours at the request of the family.

A memorial mass will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption in Redford.

A celebration of Bonnilee's life will follow the memorial Mass at the American Legion Post 161 on the Wilson Road in Saranac.

Donations can be made in Bonnilee's name to the following: Hospice of the North Country, St. Mary's Academy Champlain or St. Jude's Research Children's Hospital. Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, 29 Braod St., Plattsburgh, NY 12901.



A Little Bit of History, By R. Michael Maroney,

November 30, 1997

As an introduction I wish to convey to the readers that, no way, do I intend to insinuate an air of fame or of historical consequences. My interest in this project was prompted when my wife Lita and I became interested in the Maroney Family Tree after we retired.

While researching for information we found many obstacles in verifying the information. I am only guessing that the problems were the result of our forefathers not recording information for various reasons such as being too busy, no cameras, poor communication with other family members or possibly just not interested. I also thought that maybe they didn't want people to know about their family's past. I am proud to say that in the researching of the family that I found no such evidence of the later, only history of which I am proud.

That being said, I will attempt to tell a little bit about my past so that if someone in the future is interested in continuing the family tree, the information may be of some assistance.

SO HERE GOES...

My father, Leo, was the sixth child of nine born to Patrick and Mary Sweeney Maroney on September 15, 1891 on the Phalon Road adjacent to the Rich and Jingleville Roads in the town of Canton, New York. As of this writing, in 1996, that road no longer exists. However remnants of the foundation still exists down in the field. His early years were very hectic as his mother died in 1899. His father was left with responsibility of raising nine children. He had the help

of the older boys, John and Milton. His father worked at the Pyrites NY paper mill until it closed in the early 1900's. One of the stories my father used to tell us children was about a Christmas when his father bought the kids down for Christmas morning and all they had was a cereal bowl with candy and an apple. Times were very hard in those days.

In 1910 my father went to work for the New York Central Railroad as a telegrapher. He boarded at the farm owned by Peter Mallon, the same farm my father later bought, in 1946.

In 1915 my father went off to World War I as a Signal Corpsman in the US Army. He served until 1918 in France and Germany, being discharged from Fort Devins, Mass.

In 1919 he returned to the workforce of the NY Central RR. It was during that time that he met my mother, Florence Chisamore from West Potsdam, Colton, and High Flats. She also worked for the NY Central Railroad as a telegrapher.

On September 25, 1921, my parents were married in Potsdam, NY. Their first home was at 56 Park Street in Canton, NY. It was there that their first child, James, was born.

It was about then that my parents decided to become farmers in addition to my father continuing his job on the railroad and my mother becoming a housewife, mother and farmer. That change in lifestyle prompted their move to a farm which is now, 1996, is owned and operated by Mary Sue Evans. It is located on the Old State Road about 3 miles south of Canton. At the time the farm was owned by Frank Gardner, thus we were known as tenant farmers.

In 1924 another son, Patrick, was born but died as an infant. On March 28, 1926, another brother, John was born. In 1931 the family moved one farm up the road. This farm was owned by a Floyd Smith. On June 23, 1932, I was born. The last child.

In 1934 we moved back down one place to the previously mentioned Gardner Farm owned by Mike Meng. It was during our stay at the farm that the house burned, forcing the family to move in with a neighbor, Fred and Leola Loucks and family. We then moved back to the new house built by a John Coakley-- who was one of Canton's best known builders He later operated J.P. Coakley & Sons lumber and building supplies on the Island in Canton with his sons Bob and John.. About 1978 they moved to what is now the Coakley True Value on Outer West Main Street, now operated by Bob's children Bill Coakley and Carol Spadaccini.

In 1936 we left farming and moved to Old Dekalb Eddy Road, to a home owned by a George Bellinger, the present sits of Bellinger Roofing Business. This is the first place that I can recall living, as I was 4 years old. It was here that I made friends with Dan Taylor who still lives in the same neighborhood. Other neighbors were the Moultz, Vrooman, and Elliott Families. One early highlight I can recall is riding Dan's bicycle up a plank placed over one another in the middle of the road. There weren't many cars in those days. Home made ice cream was made on Sunday and shared by the neighbors.

In 1937 we moved down the road to where Gene Elliott and wife now live. Some of the neighbors were Dunkelbergs, Alexanders, Martin Gratto, Cray and an Elliott family who ran a little corner grocery store. (As of this time Mrs. Esther Elliott died and I was a pall-bearer at her funeral. She was 101 years old in 1996.)

In 1938 I started school in the Eddy School which is a home now. My first teachers were Mrs. Mayfred Berry and a Mrs. Carmin Dowe. Some of the family names of the students were Millers, Webbs, Martins, Elliott, Alexander, Noble, Gary, Taylor, and Maroney. To this day we still have close ties with many of these families.

In 1939 my oldest brother James graduated from Canton High School. This prompted our family to return to farming. We moved to the Old Dekalb Road where we rented a farm owned by a Frank Dona who had moved to the village of Canton at 26 Goodrich St. where both he and his sister lived out their lives.

I attended school at the Brooklyn district. The building is still standing and is home of The Grange. My teacher was a nice lady Mrs. Eva Robinson. Some of the family names were Wheeler, Bennett, Stacy, Smith, Locy, Barr & Perry. At that time kids from West Main and Gouverneur Streets went to that school.

Our next move in 1940 was to a farm on the Morley Road owned by a Mike Mooney, now owned by a Richard Race. I attended the Country House Corners School, taught by Ms. Elizabeth McDermid, better known as Libby. Some of the families were named Forsythe, Longshore, Sykes, Peters, Babcock, Perry, Papaw and Paro.

The following year, 1941, we moved to the Mike Ming Farm again, third time. Also in 1941 my sister Eileen graduated from Canton High School. In 1941 I started school at St. Mary's School in the village on Court Street where the Newman Center is now located. During my days at St Mary's until I graduated in 1946 my family had to bring me to and from school as Catholic school students could not ride the school bus in those days.

In 1946 a near tragedy occurred when my father was nearly killed on a tractor which he was driving to work one night to his job in Dekalb Jct. NY. He was unconscious for 23 days in the hospital. He was hit from behind and became disabled causing him to retire as he was unable to work. Also in 1946 I graduated from 8th grade and entered the big High School on Court Street. I very much enjoyed sports but there was no sports bus so I had to walk or hitch hike after practice.

The year 1947 saw my sister Eileen married to Herbert Carrow from Tupper Lake. They moved to an apartment on Court Street where she had a beauty shop. Herb was working at Gray's Locker where the bowling alleys are today. Also in 1947 my family purchased their first farm from the aforementioned Milan McDermid. This farm was just down the road from where we were living on what is now Old Route 11. Through the late 1940's my mother, Flo, experienced health problems during winter months – asthma afflicted her each year.

During my high school days I enjoyed playing baseball, my favorite, lettering four years in baseball, four years in football and four years in track. Basketball was not my sport. I guess I was too clumsy and rough. Wrestling came in as a sport in 1949 and I enjoyed this very much. Our team did exceedingly well. I played baseball until 1957 when a bad knee injury forced me out due to the three months of operations on my knee. It was then that I started to umpire baseball which I did until 1971. I also became involved with the Youth Program until 1964. I coordinated the building of the present Pee Wee fields along with Tony DeMaio and many volunteers – now called Ike Noble Field. In 1985 I started refereeing football and basketball until 1971.

It was about 1949 that we had a baseball team from our area that played Eddy. Some of the players were my brother James, the Elliott's, Fran Mace, Grattos, Maurice Cotter, K. White, Conklins, A J Norris, and W. Miller We played in a nine team league. We played Pyrites, Pierrepont, DeKalb, Russell Hermon, Sisson Paper Mill, Brushton and Parisville.

I would like to mention some of my teachers. In my high school days there was a Prof. Hugh Williams, Harold Keech, Anna Barbour, G. Merrill, E. Ellsworth, Mike Meng, Bob Murphy, Wanda Snyder, Paul Warner and Bill Hayden. As of this summer of 1996 only Bill Hayden and Wanda Snyder are still alive. (Bill Hayden died in the summer of 1997).

I graduated from high school in 1950 and entered the work force instead of going to college at St; Lawrence University where I had been accepted on a wrestling scholarship. However that year SLU discontinued wrestling. I have always wondered why I did not go to college since I liked school and sports – maybe it was

the disappointment. Also, I had several operations on my knees which I thought might cause me problems in sports. The problem with my knees also prevented me from going into the military service- they would not pass me – another disappointment.

I worked for Bellinger Roofing and Canton Dairy's and Alcoa in Massena for short periods of time. On April 1, 1952, I started working at the Canton Post Office as a Sub-Carrier – Clerk. I became a Supervisor and when I retired on July 1, 1987 I was the Postmaster in the Canton Post Office. I guess my choice was a good one because I really enjoyed my years with the post office and enjoyed working with some very nice people.

In May 1955 my sister Eileen, and her husband Herb started to build their new home on the side of the Old Conkey School adjacent to our family farm. More importantly in 1955 I married my partner-in-life, Lita Marie Myers of Clayburg, New York. Our honeymoon was in New England, New York City, the Adirondacks, and Round Pond Lake near Glens Falls, New York.

When we returned to Canton we lived at her apartment at 26 Miner Street. In September we bought an old house on the Russell Road, formerly owned by a William Cotter, an Uncle of the three Cotter Priests. As of 1996 they are still active Priests and one of them, Father Bob, gave the invocation when our daughter Mauri was installed as Postmaster in Star Lake, New York, in November of 1996.

A highlight in our life was the birth of our first child, Howard Leo Maroney. "Howie" was born on May 1, 1956 at Ogdensburg, New York. Lita returned to work in June 1956 and worked until October 1, 1959 when we were blessed with a daughter, Mauri Ellen, born September 1st, 1959. On December 1, 1960 we were blessed with another daughter, Valli May. Lita no longer worked until 1965 but kept very busy, opting to be home during the children's formative years. Lita eventually went to work at Canton Federal Savings & Loan reporting for duty on 9/1/1965.

Lita's father died on July 22, 1966 in Plattsburgh, New York, and left his business for his wife to run.

During the years 1964 to 1970 the family enjoyed skiing at Tupper Lake and snowmobiling then took over. Summers the family, except for Lita, became involved in Canoe Racing. Mike raced with Ernie Locke, Howie with Paul Todd, Mauri with me and some youngsters from Chaumont and Valli with a Rick Ames of Watertown. During the 1960's I served two terms on the Canton School Board.

In 1971 we bought a large farmhouse on 261 acres of land on the Finnegan Road. We all worked very hard at remodeling the house and hired Ernest Locke and

Goody Gardner to help so we could move there in May of 1972. In 1996 we still own about 140 acres after selling eleven lots for homes. In 1981 we sold the large farm on the Finnegan Road and moved to 20 Craig Drive, Canton, NY.

On July 21, 1980 I had open heart surgery in Syracuse, New York, St. Joseph's Hospital by Dr Don Effler. On September 10, 1997 I had angioplasty in Burlington, Vt. But not without complications. The doctors were impressed that I had been 17 years without medication and smoked but they warned that I must stop smoking to keep the blocked graft open.

On December 8th, 1980, Lita's mother died and on April 8th 1982 my brother John died in Watertown. On May 30th, 1987 my mother died at United Helpers, Canton, where she was receiving therapy for her hip, she was 88 years young.

Lita retired from Canton Federal on June 15, 1989 and we moved to Silver Lake on May 26, 1989. We bought a home in Belleview, Fl in 1988 so we spent summers at Silver Lake and winters in Belleview. We lived at Silver Lake until June 15, 1993 when we bought a home at 5 Mildon Road, Canton, New York. As of October 1997 we have Mildon Road as our main residence.

On January 1, 1993, I was elected to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators serving until December 1994.

In June of 1994 I was appointed by Governor Cuomo as a Member of the Council for State University of New York College of Technology, Canton, New York and the term expired on December 31, 1996.

As of November 1997 my wife Lita, and I are enjoying retirement, keeping busy at Silver Lake, Florida, Canton. We enjoy our families, golfing and doing things that seem important.
Richard Michael "Mike" Maroney

Post Script by Lita Myers Maroney:
On December 21, 2007, Mike suffered a severe stroke. It was a brain bleed not a blood clot. Only about 15% of people who suffer strokes have a brain bleed. Mike was not expected to live but surprised everyone and on 12/28/07, he was transferred to Claxton-Hepburn Center at the Hospital in Ogdensburg, New York, They worked with him until 1/23/08 when they decided he would be better served at the Rehab Unit at United Helpers Nursing Home in Canton, New York. The therapist there worked with him and got him on his feet. He could walk with a cane but needed guidance with a Gait Belt. I went for 5 weeks of training to be able to help him and bring him home. We made a lot of changes to our house, making it handicap friendly. Mike was able to come home on 5/1/08. We had a wonderful month together and did so

many things, including attending a Tom Brokaw lecture at St. Lawrence University. I wish we could have had more time, he was doing very well, but on Friday, 5/30/08 he must have forgotten that he could not walk unassisted and tried to walk on his own. He fell over an overstuffed chair breaking 5 ribs—one punctured his lung and one splintered his spleen. (He had gotten a bit frail.) He survived surgery but then he had a massive stroke on Friday night about 10:40 PM but he was not declared until 12:15 AM on 5/31/08.

Mike was a very friendly person and had a great presence. He has left a very large hole in the family and community. We received hundreds of cards and \$2800 was given in his name to the Canton Fire Department, \$300.00 to the American Heart Association, and \$150 to St. Mary's School in Canton, NY There were 24 Masses said in Canton and 18 Perpetual.

Mike was buried in St. Mary's cemetery on Riverside Drive in Canton, New York. We already had our monument and cemetery lot. He was buried on 6/3/08.

I am planning on keeping the home at 5 Mildon Rd., Canton, New York, and hope to be able to keep the cottage at Silver Lake.

Lita Myers Maroney

Mike Maroney, Decmeber, 1950 in Miami Beach when he was 18 showing off the large fish he caught.



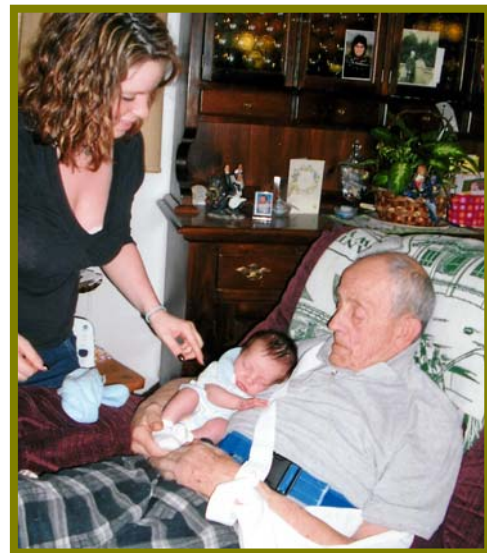
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Bottom left: Mike and Lita Maroney (Front row) with their three children: Back left to right: Howard Leo, born, 5/1/1956, Valli May born, 12/1/1960 and Mauri Ellen, born, 9/1/1956.



Top right: Mike at home on Finnigan Road, Canton in 1982 sporting his red and black plaid Christmas pants.

Center (right) Benjamin Emrich meeting his ailing great-grandfather Mike on May 16, 2008. Mike died on May 31 of 2008.

Bottom right: Four Generations at the baptism of Benjamin Emrich at St John’s Church in Spencerport, NY on October 19, 2008. Benjamin (BB) is the son of Valida’s Genditzki Emrich, and Sean Emrich. Left to right: Great-grandma Lita Maroney, Mom Valida holding Benjamin, Grandma, Valli Maroney Genditzki

