

Francois Seguin, the Canadian Pioneer (5) (Continued)

The Seguin family is a prolific one. From the marriage of Francois (Seguin) and Jeanne Petit eleven children were born, seven sons and four daughters. For genealogical purposes, four of them merit special attention:

Francois, baptised at Pointe-aux-Trembles on 3 July 1678 married at Boucherville on 22 February 1702 Marie-Louise Faillon (Fillion or Feuillon). He was buried at Longueuil on 20 May 1751. He is the author of the present day branch in the counties of Terrebonne and Assumption. On 13 October 1703 he signs a lease drawn up by the notary Marien Tailhandier by which he rents the island St. Jean. The rent-lord, Jean Poirier liave on the island of St. Marguerite. The length of the agreement is fixed at three years. The greater part of this land thus rented is tillable. There is already a house, stalbe, and barn constructed on it. On 16 November 1716, by act of concession passed before the notary Jean-Baptiste Adhemar, Lady St. George, widow of Lord Duore, lady of Terrebonne, cedes to Francois a grant of land 4 arpents by 20 which fronts on the River Jesus. It is there that Francois and his mother end their days.

Pierre, baptised at Boucherville on 24 August 1682, married in the same place 4 February 1704 to Barbe Fillion, daughter of Michel Fillion and Louise Bercier. She is the sister of the spouse of Francois. The contract of marriage is drawn up before Marien Tailhandier on the preceding second of February. Pierre is buried at St-Henri-de-Mascouche on 9 November 1760. He is the ancestor of the Seguin families in the region of Three Rivers. He lived in the cote of St-Anne in the parish of Patiscan. However, on 13 May 1706, before the notary Senet, Pierre (Seguin) sells a piece of land to Lord Jean Moran living in the village of Pointe-aux-Trembles. The seller is designated as living at l'ile-Jesus.

Jean-Baptiste, baptised at Boucherville on 12 November 1688, married in the same place on 7 June 1710 to Genevieve Barbeau dit Boisdore, daughter of Jean (Barbeau dit Boisdore) and Marie de Noyon. He is buried at Montreal on 14 May 1728. He is the ancestor of the Seguins of Presqu'ile de Vaudreuil and Soulanges, as well as certain sectors of Beauharnois, Huntingdon, Parineau, Hull, and of all the east Franco-Ontario group. The first oath of felaty and census of the Seigneurie of Vaudreuil is taken by M^lord Philline de Rigaud, Marquis de Vaudreuil, on the date of 2 March 1725. It contains the names of 38 tenants, of which thirty live in the region of Vaudreuil. Of this number, only three have posterity in our day. If one goes according to chronology, Jean Baptiste is the first of the three copy-holders to settle in the seigneurie. The Seguin Family is historically the oldest in the present county of Vaudreuil.

Joseph (Seguin), baptised at Boucherville on 13 September 1694, married 12 April 1723 in Ste. Anne's church in Detroit (Michigan) Francoise Sauvage, the daughter of Jacques (Sauvage) and Catherine Vien of the parish of Champlain, near Three Rivers (Trois Rivieres). He died of sickness at Fort Pontchartrain of Detroit and is buried in the Church of Ste Anne, on 29 April 1753. Heredity lay in wait for him. He thirsted after adventure. We are at the époque ~~of~~ when the castor flotillas draw the youth to the highlands. Seduced by the accounts of the coureurs de bois, covetous of the rich stores of furs in the Great Lake region, Joseph Seguin quits the paternal roof. It would be difficult to establish a precise date for his settling at Detroit, but one can conjecture that it was about 1722. We do not find any trace of him in the catalogues of hire for the West coverin the period of 1670 to 1778. It seems that from the first, Joseph Seguin prefers to engage in ~~the~~ trade to make profit rather than hiring himself out