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This document refers to Joseph Lagarde, who was very well known on Grand Calumet.

In this documented story dated prior to 1845, it mentions or talks about six Lagarde names such as: **Frank Lagarde, Jean (Baptiste) Lagarde, Joseph Lagarde, Lorenzo Lagarde, Romeo Lagarde and Antoine Lagarde.**

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"Squatters Calumet Island"

Joe Lagarde who hosted people in the sweat lodge and medicine wheel was a bit of a spiritual or mystic person. He told me that when people would come up that hill with a team of horses on a sleigh especially if they had a heavy load that a man would appear seemingly out of nowhere, grab the horse by the bridle and lead him up the hill only to vanish again at the top. Joe also said the big glacial erratic stone that sits close to there perched on three small stones had spiritual significance. I don't remember if it was just on certain occasions or times but if put your back to that rock that you would be filled with good energy.

The Medicine Wheel

Joe Lagarde was a medicine man and an Algonquin Pipe Carrier who lived on Calumet Island.

He was also the Keeper of an ancient stone medicine wheel that was on his property on a high point. We believe this high point to be Chevalier Mountain. We had an archeologist with us that told us that the lichen or moss on the stones was there for possibly up to 500 years. And if the soil under the stones and the bottom of these stones could be carbon dated, we would probably find that the soil had not seen the light of day for at least 500 years.

Members of the GGL Community and I, had the opportunity to go to the site of the Medicine Wheel several years back. This is where we laid down tobacco, smudged the site and said prayers. We also did some drumming to honour our ancestors.

Joe Lagarde handed down his teachings and his pipe to a man who idolized him and learned much from him.

As you can see, it is still there and people still go to see it and are fascinated by this piece of their Algonquin Ancestry. In the photos you will see Connie Mielke and Romeo Lagarde who was Joseph Lagarde's Brother and other members of Greater Golden Lake Community.

(See Attached 4 Medicine Wheel Photos)

Obituary

Joseph Lagarde was the beloved son of the late Hector Lagarde and the late Irene Derouin. He was born in 1935 and passed away at 70 years of age on May 19, 2006.

His wake was at the Ringrose Funeral Home in Campbell's Bay and his funeral was on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 10:30 am at St. Anne's Church Grand Calumet Island.

(See Attached Obituary)

The Tombstone

In regards to Joseph Lagarde's Tombstone, it is definitely not your everyday regular tombstone you would see in grave yards. This one is very unique in its own way. It was built out of a rock and has an indentation on the very top of it. When people go to visit Joseph, they burn some tobacco on the indentation and say prayers.

The back of the tombstone has a large bear paw imprint and the front of the tombstone has a copper plaque with a unique inscription. You can definitely say this tombstone is indigenous and it is one of a kind.

Written on the tombstone:

French: Joseph Lagarde-1935-2006

Que Vere Te Soit Legere et Que Se Deploient Tes Ailes De Lumiere.

Rough English Translation:

May your earth be light and may your wings of light unfold.

(See Attached - 4 Tombstone Photos)

Lagarde St Jean Family Connection

The Lagarde St Jean family started of living in St. Eustache, Lac de Deux Montagne area, but then they moved to Grand Calumet on or around 1845. This Joseph Lagarde was a relative to Thomas Lagarde dit St Jean who is the son of Paul Lagarde dit St Jean. This line follows through Paul Lagarde St Jean's brother whose name was Antoine Lagarde St Jean. Antoine Lagarde St Jean's family tree goes to this Joseph Lagarde.

(See Attached Excel Spread Sheet - Joseph Lagarde Family Tree)

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THE SQUATTERS OF GRAND CALUMET ISLAND PRIOR TO 1845

Mike Lamothe · [Monday, January 20, 2020](#) · [Public group](#)

John Robinson came to Grand Calumet Island in 1845 to survey the land and divide it into farm lots. I would like to write about these settlers, our founding families for many of us. I will use Robinson's notes (thanks to Gilbert Roy for making me aware of them), Ken Desjardins book of church records, the 1867 map of Grand Calumet Island, present land tenure and information people have given me. I welcome your feedback with corrections or additional information you can add.

Robinson started at Dargis Rapids which is about half way between Thompson Bay and the so called Bryson Dam. The James family has a cottage there which is the original house of the log slide keeper at that site. He crossed a well travelled road leading to Thiem's place but this is the only mention of him and passed by Kelly's Lake. He was on the line between range 2 and 3. This means he came up Tancredia Road. Of course he didn't see all the settlers because he only walked at the ends of these lots which were 1.6 km long. There were no sound of chain saws or bulldozers to alert him of land clearing going on.

The first cleared land he came across was Cornelius McNally with 6 acres cleared and no house. This farm we older folk know as Oscar Dumouchel farm where Rene Dumouchel lived until recently. The soil was described as deep black vegetable loam. Robinson doesn't mention it here but he hired young Cornelius as first chain bearer.

A little history of the McNally and of his wife Mary Hanratty families. If I remember correctly from John McNally and please correct if I'm wrong but Cornelius came from County Armagh, Ireland, spent about 10 years in northern Michigan, USA and then came to Calumet Island about 1835 after Cornelius, husband of Mary Hanratty, died. Mary had many members of the Hanratty family here already. More about them later.

After Robinson left there going north twice he came across a road leading to Louis Brizard. He went as far on this line until he came to a line that disects the island because of the curvature of the river. This line he had made before staring at le gros rocher, the big rock on the edge of the Lagarde homestead. The line goes over Chevalier's mountain, passes on the east side of the former Emile Brizard farm (Rosaire Ryan), passes between my land and Shawn Smith(Philippe Dumouchel), hits Chemin de la Mine for a piece which turns into Kelleher Road and down to the river. That's why we ended up with some triangle shaped farms including where I grew up.

Now Robinson is going up range 1. It starts somewhere at the top of the hill after you cross the bridge. On lot 4 he encounters Widow Nisbet who has 2 or 3 acres of cleared land and a small house. She is desious of buying the lot. She also has cleared land on lot 5. This must be Elizabeth Nesbitt who died on the Island in 1898 at the age of 87 years. She had been married to Robert McCoshen from Franktown (Vinton) I believe. He name is not on the 1867 map. In 1868 she married Joseph Richotte but his name does not appear in the church records either except his marriage to Elizabeth. I can't see what is written for lot 6 but John Abbot was there in 1867. I don't find him in the church records.

On lot 7 Geoge Kemp has 15 to 20 acres cleared, has a house and a log barn. I don't find him in the church records and in 1867 .

On lot Martin Griffin has cleared 20 acres and has a log house as well as a barn. I believe he came from County Mayo Ireland. I have an ancestor who came from there also but I'm not sure whom. Maybe Mary Dougherty. The Griffins were leaders on the Island.

Just north of Martin Griffin which would roughly be where the Bouleau Blanc restaurant used to be there is a problem on lot 9 still in range 1. Three settlers have cleared land here each saying that he has a stronger claim than his neighbours. No names given.

On lot 10 St.Germain has a large clearing, a house and barn. No first name given. By 1867 it is one of the many properties of Louis Brizard. However, this may also be Louis Brizard son Louis who married Julie Campbell in 1850. Often we get both names Brizard St-Germain. The first Louis Brizard needs a few words written about him and

maybe [Émilien Brizard](#) can add to it. He came from Masquinogé in Labelle County. Many of the Island families came from that area. He may have influenced them. Before getting into land and lumbering he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company in Fort Coulonge. By the time he finished I believe he had about 1800 acres on both sides of the river. I believe he took square timber rafts to Quebec city as well as operating a saw mill on the Island. He was merchant, tavern keeper and mailman among other things. My greatgrandfather Joachim Lamothe may have worked for him because he was a cook in the cambuse camps and the camps were right on Calumet Island.

North of here on lot 11 the name appears to be B. Dowow but that name never appears anywhere. In 1867 B. Derouin is on that lot. (Sometimes written Deroir or Dorouin) Jean Baptiste Derouin died in 1876 at 80 years old. Maybe some Derouin descendants can shed some light on this. This is Jean-Guy Corriveau farm where the Cadieux monument is.

On lot 12 we are getting closer to the village, John McDonnell has 25 acres cleared and a house. There is a short word in front of John but I can't make out what it is. The only people of that name I can see is Edward who died in 1860 at 80 years, a 14 year old son to William and Mary died in 1849. Mary McDonnell wife of William died in 1860 at 54 years old and William died in 1865 at 65 years old and was buried in Franktown (Vinton). By 1867 F. Ricard was on that lot as well as the next. He may have bought it from his neighbour. This is difficult because I have so little information available but it's fun to speculate.

Lot 12 and 13 is Lucien and Gisele Lemaire farm, right behind the school. On lot 13 was William Simpson with 30 acres cleared. He had a house and barn. I don't see any reference to him in the church books. If the F. Ricard who had these two lots in 1867 was Francois, he was married to Louise Brizard. Louis' sister? They were having children in the 1850s and 60s. Maybe some Ricard or Brizard descendants could clarify.

Lot 14 at the church looks like a wider lot. Louis Brizard had 60 acres cleared and extensive houses. It's part of this land that he donated to the church including the graveyard plot.

On lot 15 was Hercule Asselin with a small house and clearance. In 1867 Louis Brizard owns this also.

On lot 16 ____ Migneault has a small house and a clearing. First name looks like Tsair. Can't make out. There was an André Migneault about that time making babies??? By 1867 F X Rouleau has that farm.

Lot 17 has a house and 6 to 8 acres cleared but no name. In 1867 L Jacques was there. Probably Louis because he and Elizabeth Franchère had kids about that time. Not many Jacques in the church books after 1880 except Louis who died in 1891 at 80 years old.

On lot 18 what looks like Pascal Derouin (spelling) with a log house and barn and 15 acres cleared. By 1867 Pascal had moved to the farm I grew up on at 234 Dunraven. Why he decided to go to that rock pile of a farm I'll never know.

Then may the name is not Pascal. Anyway Pascal who cleared our farm and I can still see some of the pine roots he pulled out died in 1859 at 56 years old. Yet in 1867 his name is on the land. I need help.

On lot 19 Francis Bastien has a neat house and an extensive clearing. That would be F.X. Bastien our first mayor.

I can't make out the name on lot 20. In 1867 D. Ferrière. The only Ferrière in the church books is Francois Ferrière died in 1888 at 88 years old.

Lot 21 is vacant in 1845 but in 1867 Pierre Sicard is here. He was married to Esther Charbonneau and are the ancestors of the Sicards on the Island today.

On lot 22 it looks like Lewis Bissinnet. There is a Bisson around at that time. I don't know. Maybe in Robinson, the surveyors notes, it is Louis Brisard because in 1867 that is who owns the land. This would be Victor LaSalle's farm. It is a logical place for Brisard because there is a sizeable creek to run a sawmill and or a grist mill. In Taillefer's book he said Louis Brizard had a sawmill where Café de l'Ile (Albert's Hotel) is. They started using steam powered sawmills in the 1830s so I guess he could have had a steam powered sawmill at that site.

The next farm on lot 23 is Peter Hanratty one of theseveral Hanrattys who arrived at the same time. This is the Joe Derouin farm (Melvin and Jennings). I'm not his descendant but I am related and I have many stories from our oral history so I can really let loose.

Peter Hanratty has about 20 acres cleared. No mention of a house. Maybe he is still living in the cambuse camp farther inland. I'm not a descendant of his but I am related and we have oral history of him and his wife that I will share. He was married to Mary O'Hare. Two couples came to the Island together. Michael Cunningham was married to Mary's sister Bridget O'Hare. They went past Joachim Lamothe's homestead near the end of Faubourg Road and the two families settled into an abandoned lumberjack Cambuse camp which is at the back of Adrien Turgeon's farm. This is pretty rough living because it would have been big and drafty with a raised hearth and a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. In a nearby small ravine I found a broken fry pan and other metal and pottery pieces to indicate signs of civilization. The only sign in the field is that there are still tansy flowers growing where the shanty used to be. I transplanted some of these to my place as a connecton to the old folks. These people were not destitute living in hovels where they were in Ireland. They had beautiful picture albums which unfortunately burned in the Cunningham house in Vinton many years ago.

We have stories of the O'Hares thanks to Monnie Dougherty Golubinski who as an orphaned child spent time with her grandmother Ellen Cunninham, Bridget O'Hare's daughter. They were daughters of Philben O'Hare the owner of the Red Stag Saloon on the Dublin Road. We don't know the town but Peter Hanratty came from County Armagh, I believe in or near Forkhill. Philben O'Hare of course was Irish Catholic with a hatred of the English. When the British

soldiers would go into his establishment to drink he would say something like “Fellas the wine up here is not that good. It’s just for the locals and they don’t know the difference. I serve the really good stuff for important people downstairs.” When they went down they fell into the hands of his fellow rebels and that was the end of them. Philben was so bad so the story goes that when he died the devil kept throwing his coffin back up and there was nothing to be done but that the priest put his foot on the coffin to keep it down long enough so the workers could load it with stones and earth to keep it down.

Michael Cunningham never settled on the Island. They went across to Vinton and had a house and farm on the east side of Vinton on what is now Pat Cavanagh’s farm. I transplanted rhubarb from there and it is thriving. Four of their daughters came back to the Island to marry. Two married Lamothes, great grandpa Francis and Joe. One married Cornelius McNally (second generation) and another to Joseph Pigeon. Michael Cunningham didn’t exactly come from a family of saints either. One of our relatives in Ireland was known as” Ginger” Cunningham. He was a horse trader. On the day of barter and sale he would insert a piece of ginger into the horse’s ass. Of course the horse was prancing around because it was burning. Days later the new owner would come back and complain about the dud of a horse that he had been sold to which Cunningham would reply “What have you done to my perfectly good horse I sold you? You must have abused it.”

Perhaps the reason Peter Hanratty didn’t have a house on his clearing is that he was still living in the cambuse camp and walking two or three km to his new place.

The next lot was triangular shape. What we older people know as the Hector Lance farm. Here we find Thomas McGrath also married to a Hanratty, Margaret. He has 8 to 10 acres cleared but Robinson says it is bad land, rocky. **Lorenzo Lagarde told me a story about Thomas.** When the Hanrattys and McNally left Ireland Thomas McGrath could not come because he could not pay for the boat fare. Some time later he showed up on the Island. His relatives and former neighbours were puzzled because he was so poor so they asked him how he did it. “I missed you guys.” said Thomas. “Remember when you left and you gave me all those things that you couldn’t take with you? I sold them eventually and I was able to get enough money for my boat fare”

I can’t find the exact connection because the church records are not complete but Lena McGrath Lamothe (Gerald) is descendant from him I believe. Thomas McGrath’s daughter was godmother to Lena’s father Francis. Francis died on the road in winter. Frank Lagarde found him and carried him to Campbell’s Bay on the sleigh.

This is the end of Range 1. Robinson has hit the line that dissects the island. He mentions the land Louis Brizard donated to the church where the church is now. A chapel is built. The limit of the church ground has not been defined although Lewis (Louis) Brizard has engaged to procure a deed. The clergy are resirous of obtaining by grant or

otherwise 100 acres of land convenient to the church. The nearest unoccupied land is in Range 2 (between la Ligne des Bouleaux and Tancredia Road) are lots 14 and 22 of equal distance. He thinks lot 14 is most suitable. I presume the clergy never took it because in 1867 Paul McNally is on that lot. That farm later belonged to Joe Lamothe and Susan Cunningham. Later Willie John, then Gerald and now Daniel LaSalle. That house that Joe lived in burned down last fall.

The other lot 22 belonged to Isaac Bastien in 1867. He was married to Luce Turgeon daughter of Pierre, the first Turgeon on the Island. I just found this out. They had eight children, so more relatives I didn't know about. Isaac died in 1874 at 55 years old. No mention of her death. My great grandfather Edouard Turgeon bought the farm about 1908. Grandfather Theode married Obeline Paquin in 1910 and Edouard and Juie Bertrand lived with them until their death. Edouard was more interested in working in the bush than working the farm. Before he died he left the farm to Obeline who outlived Theode by 15 years. My mother Agnes grew up here and it is now owned by Adrien Turgeon. A side note, my great grandmother Julie Bertrand planted a little sprig of a Manitoba Maple tree shortly after they moved there. Those are the big gnarly trees in front of Adrien's house now.

The picture at the top is the Turgeon sugar camp about 1918. Great grandfather Edouard had built it with a modern evaporator pan when everyone else was using coolers (Big cast iron pots) Pictured are top left: Ellen Lamothe, Viola Godin, Minnie McCart, Obeline Paquin (my grandmother), Bridget McCart. Lower left: Julie Bertrand (ggm), baby Agnes Turgeon (mom), Viola Turgeon, Ellen Cunningham (ggm), Marie Latour (ggm) and Theode Turgeon (gf) Next Robinson goes between Range 6 and 7 which is Dunraven Road starting at Rosaire Ryan but I can't go by the Lamothe homestead without giving a shout out to my ancestors. Robinson does not mention Joachim Lamothe but he had been here a few years. He came from Masquinonge area. We could never find his marriage certificate but he ended up here with an Irish woman, Mary O'Doherty (or Dougherty). Joachim landed at Victor LaSalle (Lasbeau Butcher). There was a lumber road called Donnely square timber road that followed the creek. He crossed what is now the Faubourg Road, crossed a creek and built a shanty near a nice waterfalls on that creek. There was an awful mess left by the lumber men but like all those valiant men of the day he was able to clear some land. About 1860 or 62 there was a big fire swept through there and burned their shanty. We can still see shards of pottery on that site in the spring. They made the decision to build a new house and buildings at the far end of the farm where the new road (Dunraven) was since the survey. He built a nice log house. By the time he died in 1906 they had a house, kitchen, barn, cow stable, horse stable and a pig house. They had lots of roofing material. When the lumbermen would cut a big pine to square if there was an shake (rot) in it, they would cut off four foot pieces and these were used by the settlers to make roof

shakes and shingles. Joachim was one of the first farmers around to have a reaper to cut the grain in partnership with neighbouring farmers whom I will mention when I get to their farm.

A few anecdotes: When the shanty burned they brought the kids to Mrs Godin on the farm next to me (where Roy Pieschie lives). Mrs Godin was sad because the only thing she had to feed them was fresh biscuits and cream. The kids thought that was so good ,we are still talking about it today. When great grandpa Frank was 10 years old he cut his knee with an axe. They were afraid he would die from loss of blood so they put him in a barrel of flour to stop the bleeding. He had a stiff leg ever since. Monnie said he was the only farmer who never milked a cow because of his stiff leg but I thought when mom worked on that farm as a child that Frank helped her to milk. Great grandpa Frank said that pine roots was the best to make maple syrup. Can you imagine the resinous pine tar taste of the syrup made in those open coolers (kettles/cauldrons).



Pretty well all the buildings that Joachim had when he died in 1906 at 88 years. The house is new. Mackey Lamothe built that. Notice the pine roots and stumps used for fencing. There is so much resin in there that they are preserved to this day unless they were burned as firewood.

Robinson now goes on the line between Range 6 and 7, so he is on Dunraven Road starting at Rosaire Ryan. He does not mention anyone for a while but I'm sure most of the land was occupied. The lot on the south or left side was James McCart in 1867. He was married to Catherine O'Donnell. They must have arrived with older children because one daughter was married in 1859. My great aunt Margaret Lamothe (Joachim's daughter) just had to walk across the road to find her husband Patrick, James' son. They had a few children and several of them died as children or young adults. Patrick himself died in 1891 and only 46 years old. I believe they took the farm across the road because that was known as the McCart farm also. James' grandson Barney had a farm where Colleen Griffin lives now. Eventually he had a big dairy farm in Grenfield where his teacher wife, Evelyn Robert came from. The last McCart on the Island I believe was Barney's daughter Genevieve McCart married to Eric Cahill.

Two of James's children married McGuires and Michael married a McIntyre, (Dana?) The McCarts were some of the shareholders in the reaper with Joachim Lamothe. McCart later were shareholders in a binder that great grandpa Frank Lamothe had. When I was young Tommy Donnelly had the first McCart farm then Onesime Godin, Philippe Dumouchel and now Shawn Smith. Across the road Emile Brizard was there before Rosaire Ryan. Maybe Emilien Brizard can shed some light on this farm.

I will insert here information I received from Dana Jones Akey : Thank you Mike Lamothe for inviting me to share my McCart line as one of the pioneering families of Calumet Island. Because my great grandfather Joseph McCart died in 1901 at 28 years of age and his wife Elizabeth Lamothe McCart moved back to her hometown of Bonfield, Ontario with her two small boys and one on the way, my grandfather couldn't tell me anything about his biological father except that the family came from Calumet Island, Quebec and had been farmers. When I was fifteen and visiting my aunt in Ontario, she would tell me that Calumet Island was up Highway 62, although she had never been herself. I finally convinced her, fifteen years later, to come with me for a drive to Calumet Island and check it out.

I met Genevieve McCart Cahill, a teacher and the last McCart on the island. I have been a number of times to see her since. Genevieve drove me around the island pointing out the various farms where the McCart families had lived.

James McCart and his wife Catherine O'Donnell came from Ireland with five of their children sometime between 1843 and 1845 and were living on Calumet Island by 1845. The children born in Ireland were Michael (1832), Helen (1833),

James (1834), Mary (1841) and Bridget (1843). Patrick (1845) and Catherine (1847) McCart were both born on the island.

Catherine O'Donnell McCart died in 1854 at 50 years of age according to one parish record, and in 1855 at 54 years of age according to a later entry in the same parish record. James died in 1886 at eighty years of age.

Michael married Anne McAteer, daughter of Bernard McAteer and Margueret McGinnis and had ten children, 5 boys and 5 girls.

Helen married Patrick McGuire and had seven children, 4 boys and 3 girls.

James died at 12 1/2 years old in 1847.

Mary McCart married Moses McGuire, a brother of Patrick McGuire, and had six children, 2 boys and 4 girls.

Bridget never married and died in 1883 at forty years of age.

Patrick married Margaret Lamothe, daughter of Joachim Lamothe and Mary Doherty. They had 13 children - 8 girls and 5 boys but unfortunately only a handful lived past their twenties.

Catherine never married and died in 1894 at forty seven years of age.

Joseph, a son of Patrick McCart and Margaret Lamothe, and my great grandfather, owned land possibly given to him when his father died in 1891, and when Joseph died at twenty eight years of age, in 1901, his wife Elizabeth Lamothe McCart, a granddaughter of Joachim's brother Leander Lamothe, became owner of the land. When she moved back to Bonfield, Ontario after her husband's death, McCart cousins took over the farming. In 1945 my grandfather inherited the land from his mother. He always said that cousins were living on the land and that he wasn't a farmer so they could have it and he simply turned it over to them.

After a number of deaths from various illnesses, many of the McCarts moved off the island in the early twentieth century. Margaret Lamothe McCart, widow of Michael McCart and many of her family moved to Thunder Bay. Many of Genevieve's family members moved to Grenville, Quebec.

I believe that the Lamothes and the McCarts were close friends and extended family. They purchased farm equipment together to work the land, their children married and the stories of the two families passed down intertwined. When I

visited George Lamothe on his farm many years ago he mentioned that at least one of the McCart girls died of TB in the late 1890's and how tragic it was for the families. Many died young.

The other part of Rosaire's farm was James McCauley (Cauley, Cawley) married to Elizabeth Dagg. James was part owner of that reaper also. They cost about \$100 so no farmer could afford it alone and besides they only used it during harvest time. One of his daughters Ann first married Frederick Ladouceur in 1862 and then widowed she married Jean Baptiste Turgeon my relative from two farms up. Other children married Maheral, Cahill and St. Germain. We knew of that farm as the John Cauley farm which was sold to Jimmy Maheral before Rosaire. When Jimmy Maheral had it we used to ski to the back where there was a nice road down a hill and then over the mountain towards Uncle Jean Lagarde. In the 70s my brother Philip bought an old dovetail log house from Jimmy. He dismantled it and reassembled it as his kitchen on our old farm. It must have been James' and Elizabeth's house. It has since burned. Adrien Turgeon told me a story about John Cauley. He had an old horse that needed to be put down. He took it behind the barn and shot it with plans to bury it the next day. He closed the barnyard gate so the cattle wouldn't get out and on the road. He went to the house, had supper and went to bed that night. The next morning when John went out to do the chores, there was the horse standing in the yard. He scratched his head because he had left him for dead and he was sure he had closed that gate. By looking at and following the tracks he realized that the horse had gone to the back of the farm, down the old Donnelly square timber road in the flats, to the Faubourg, up the road to Tancredia and home by the laneway.

The next farm on the left was two half lots at the front i.e. closer to the road. There must have been someone who cleared land on both sides of the new lot lines but Robinson makes no mention of it. In 1867 William Maherel is on it. The back half which is along Donnelly Road is John Newell. Both had their lots fully paid in 1867. William Maherel was married to Alice Mulvey in 1850, both from Litchfield. Wm.'s father came from County Down in Ireland so by his age, he may have been born there too. A son Pierre was born in 1850 but I see no other mention of him. Wm was the last of the partners of that reaper. When I was young in the 1950s we traded time with Romulus LaSalle who took over the farm from his father Eugene who was married to Hermeline Laporte. We did haying and trashing (threshing). We used to go there to watch wrestling before we had a TV. Romulus would get pretty excited. In the 30s and 40s Grandma Lizzie Lamothe would go there to play cards even if she couldn't speak French. Florimond LaSalle, a great storyteller, said his older brother came down one time to get Grandma with the dog and sleigh. They took one corner too fast and Grandma fell off the sleigh and rolled into the ditch. Apparently Grandma just laughed and laughed.

At the back of those two lots John Newell was married to Catherine Dolligan. Their descendants are the ancestors of Kevin and Cletus Newell and the Wrinns. More about them later. We did hay on that farm also trading time with Gerald Hamelin. I'm not sure if those old buildings are still there. Bernard Hamelin recently sold it to Shawn Smith.

My cousin Leigh Beauchamp Day who only lived on the Island a couple of years said she was having a hard time locating where I am talking about. Probably harder for someone who has never lived here. I'll put here the link to the interactive map of the Island. It's not perfect because they don't use lot and range but sometimes lump a few farms together but it will be better I think. After I add the link I will tell you the address of the last farms I spoke about and wait for comments to see if it helps Link to interactive

map: <https://www.goazimut.com/GOnet6/index.html?m=84035> McCart farm I spoke about is 250 Chemin Dunraven and is the long narrow part. The shorter wider part of this is Wm. Maherel. The John Newell farm is 0 Chemin Donnelly. The McAteer/ Brizard is NE half of 255 chemin Dunraven and the NW half is Cauley.

The next farm on the north side of the road is at 267 Chemin Dunraven. Robinson does not mention it but there were squatters on that land. The eastern part was Antoine Bérubé in 1867. I never heard anything about him. He was married to Marcelline Lemay and I see four girls in the church books who were married between 1855 and 1875 so Antoine must have been around for a while. Neither Antoine or his wife seem to have died on the Island. When we used to ski back by the Chevalier's mountain there was an old barn there. I don't know if it is still standing. It was way at the back because it was along the square timber road. James Kensley (Kinsley) bought the farm maybe from a Cahill or maybe from Bérubé. I have no info. We know it as the Kensley farm because Emmett farmed it for many years. Emmett's children Dillon and Frieda used to go back to that old barn to feed cattle that were wintered there. There used to be a good dovetail log house there too. Monnie Doherty, Dad's cousin lived in it when she was a child in the 1920's. Later Grégoire Lemay also lived in it. Monnie told me that they used to go up to the Kensley house. She told me a story. Emmett was a teenager at the time and his father James had a hard time to get Emmett up in the morning. He would say, "Emmett my son are you getting up?" Emmett without getting out of bed would make noise on the floor with his boots. A while later it was the same, "Emmett, are you getting up?" On it would go. Emmett was only 25 years old when James died. It was Emmett who built that big barn and I believe the big house also. That is good land. Monnie remembers the hill in front of the log house as being quite steep. If her little brother fell down he would roll nearly to the creek. That house was eventually dragged a couple of km and is the house Edmond Stewart lived in. It is standing yet at 337 Chemin Dunraven.

The northwest part of that farm was Pierre Toussaint Turgon which name eventually became Turgeon. He was married to Rose Portelance. They were born about 1793 and 1805 respectively so they were older when they came to the Island. Some of their children we don't know about but are still discovering. One of the sons, my great grandfather Edouard may have worked the farm before he bought his own. Uncle Adrien Turgeon remembers him and what stood out for him was that Edouard from a French family spoke with an accent as if he were English speaking. I found that rather

odd but in fact except for Berube next door he was surrounded by English speaking Irish for several farms around. One of the sons Jean Baptiste married Ann McCauley two farms down. One girl Luce whom I already spoken about married a Bastien five farms down.

Across the road at the farm that surrounds 278 Dunraven was owned by William Dunn married to Helen Hamilton. They had quite a few children and seemed to lose many. They died in 1901 and 1899 respectively at 76 and 62 years old. I guess his claim to fame is having Dunraven named after him. We don't hear the name on the Island anymore but they have descendants like Regis Benoit and Cahills. Grandpa referred to that farm as the Carswell farm and I think that gully as Carswell's gulley. We knew it as Kensley's gulley. Maurice Dumouchel owned it when I was young and I used to go babysit there with my big sister [Judy Benoit](#). I was the chaperone I guess.

Farther up on the left side is lot 5 range 7 is I believe J Dunn. Hard to read letter on map. Only 50 acres. If it is James Dunn he was married to Susan Cahill. No marriage in book so possibly they were married elsewhere. One child was born in 1848. A James Dunn died in 1853 at 52 years old so it can't be him on the map. If it was S. Dunn then he was married to Helen Marchand whose father had a farm down in Chevalier's flat at the end of the Faubour. That name is sometimes Marchand, Merchant, Paquet or Pocket. They had a few children. I don't know anything about subsequent owners.

At the back of this farm on Donnelly Road was Patrick Donnelly . He was married to Bridget Heaphy. There were Heaphys not far away. These are the ancestors of Pat Donnelly who had children named Carl, Joe, Sharron, Pat, Thomas etc... I don't remember anybody living on that farm. This farm is situated across the road from the old McGee farm, a Stewart there now at 8 Donnelly Rd.

On lot 5 and 6 on range 6 and the front of lot 6 range 7 was James Cahill. I really slowed down when I got to the Cahills because there were so many of them it was hard to sort them out but I think I finally got it. James was the son of Michael and Anne Shirley who were closer to the river. [Mary Catherine Cahill](#) has a good deal of family history in her comments from previous postings. James was married to Isabelle Moorhead and when she died he married Sarah Paquet Merchant, Marchand) whose father had a farm not that far away. He had a few children with each woman. Those of interest to me was Horatio who married Bridget Roach in 1904 and they stayed on that land. One of the sons Edgar married Grace Harrington who was my grade 7 teacher. A wonderful woman she was. One of their sons Charlie Cahill with the golden voice worked at CFRA for many years. My uncle Adrien Turgeon who is 94 told me a story. When he was a young lad he was helping his family make firewood. They had wood lots in the plains where they cut long jackpine to haul home on the sleigh. One day they loaded him up but there was so much snow and drifting that he could not come down Dunraven road up near the plains so he came around by Chemin des Outaouais, Letts Road and

up Moore's hill on Montée des Érables. At the top of the hill he followed the sleigh tracks and ended up in Horatio Cahill's yard. Two big men were there he said and he was talking to them. Mrs Cahill (Bridget Roach) had the door wide open and shouted to him : "Come on in and get warmed up. Don't worry about your horses the men will look after them" He told me : "I still remember like it was yesterday with her very white hair and the door wide open. Such a friendly woman" He said he wasn't cold so he didn't go in. Apparently the first barn burned when they were blowing straw from the trashing (threshing) mill into the barn. Maybe a spark from the blower. Adrien remembers when they had the big new barn built. All the kids from the Tancredia school walked up to see it .Sometime in the 30s. Too bad it was burned down.

It's funny how so many people talk about searching far and wide until they find a soul mate who has the same values, a kindred spirit and all that. Mainly in the old days people went one or three farms away and found a life partner. That's the way it was with my ancestors and so it was with the Cahills who married close be such name as O'Hare, Merchant, Roach, Heaphy, Dunn etc...

At the back of lot 6 range 7 Robinson, the surveyor found one acre cleared with no house. No name given. This is the farm where Carl Ostrom lived before he moved across the road into Gerald and Katie Donnelly's house where Julien La Salle is now at 12 Donnelly road. In 1867 James Ostrom was there. His son John had it later and then James (Jimmy) married to Janet Carswell from the nearby Carswell farm. From what I know younger Jimmy Ostrum, LLoyd, Carl and Asa's father was there. One of the son's, Donald I believe was a bad little bugger according to Carl. One day he set the curtains on fire and burned the house to the ground. That tiny two story house that I believe is still standing was hauled up there from the Roche Fendu. Down at Prior's Bay on the Ottawa River was a bit of a mine start up which never amounted to much other than a hole in the rock. That house had been used to house the miners but was no longer used. Apparently Jimmy was a fine man. I heard a funny story about Jimmy. One day in winter he took a pig to Campbell's Bay to sell. He came back to the Island on the sleigh over the ice. He stopped at the hotel to have a few drinks with the boys. Apparently he got pretty loaded to the point where the other men were worried he would fall off the sleigh if he tried to go home in that state. His friends helped him out to the sleigh but they put him in the pig box so he couldn't fall out and pointed the horse for home. The horse knew where to go. Apparently this was common at the time where a man would drink too much, fall asleep on the sleigh or cutter and the horse would take him home. Those guys were ahead of their time with a designated driver and autonomous vehicles. Carl was quite the story teller and comical. I regret not having recorded some of his stories. I will share one of his stories. Eugene Hamelin who owned my farm was also a carpenter. One time he was working on the school at Dunraven and would go to work with the buggy. He would put his horse and buggy at O'Hare's kitty corner to the school. His buggy wheels were quite smaller

in the front than the rear wheels. Carl and some guys for devilry decided to switch the wheels end for end. He said they had quite a chuckle when Hamelin hitched up and started driving home.

The last farm before getting to Montée des Érables on range 7 was John Smith. Other than I believe it is Wayne Stewart lives there now at 13 Montée des Érables I know nothing.

Right at Dunraven lot 7 range 6 Robinson said Thomas Prout had a clearing in the line of site. Wm Moore was there on a 50 acre farm in 1867. William Moore is not mentioned in the church books but other Moores also had farms and are in the church records. North of here at the other end of the lot towards the river was James Cahill again. Across the road on lot 8 where Mervin Smith was and Shawn Smith is now, Robinson noted that Lawrence Prout had a clearing at the back of the lot that is at Dunraven. Gregory Baker had a clearance on the same lot but about at the centre. Baker says he has a stronger claim to the land by priority of settlement. Wm Moore had that farm also in 1867 which is why the hill coming up from Jacques Lance was named Moore's hill. Many of the younger people don't know that hill's name. Joe Lagarde who hosted people in the sweat lodge and medicine wheel was a bit of a spiritual or mystic person. He told me that when people would come up that hill with a team of horses on a sleigh especially if they had a heavy load that a man would appear seemingly out of nowhere, grab the horse by the bridle and lead him up the hill only to vanish again at the top. Joe also said the big glacial erratic stone that sits close to there perched on three small stones had spiritual significance. I don't remember if it was just on certain occasions or times but if you put your back to that rock that you would be filled with good energy. I have one story about Moores. In the very early 1900s on a Sunday morning a Mr Moore and his son were driving by Antoine Lagarde's farm when he noticed smoke near the bottom of the house. Everyone was gone to church and while they were all away someone had made a torch and had placed it in the basement window trying to deliberately set the house on fire. Moore and his son were able to extinguish the blaze and save the house which is still standing with the results of this blaze still visible.

In 1845 there were no improvements on lot 9 and 10 range 10 but in 1867 John Houston had the farm and paid in full. That is the Newell farm with the gravel pit. The name Houston is not in the church books so he may have been protestant. I don't know when John Newell bought the place. The reason the Newell house as well as Alex Bertrand and Romeo Lagarde are far from the road is because they were on the old square timber road and the road moved after the land was surveyed. We used to go to barn dances in Newell's new barn in the 1960s

On July 17, 1845 Robinson notes lot 11 entered a clearing about 2 acres cleared a log barn scoop roof on the rear of 6th range. The greater part of the improvement about 8 acres range 7 by William Benson who has no wish to hold any land on the 6th range. This would be just over the hill at Dunraven. Just past Newell's sugar bush and the gate to the pit where the first field is. Benson's 8 acres was on the left. William Benson married Elizabeth Farrell in May 1849, but

died in November 1849 at only 28 years old. A child Sara was born in March 1850. Talk about hardship. William had only eight acres cleared in 1845. Four years later he may have had a few more acres cleared and a house. I can't imagine the hardship that woman must have gone through, pregnant and widowed. What would she have done? The farm is still in her name in 1867. She did have a brother Thomas who married Suzanne Cahill, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dunn. I don't know if he could have helped her. They had a few children baptized here but born at Black River, Fort Coulonge and Allumette Island. Maybe he was in the lumber business and took his family??? In 1877 Elizabeth married John McGuire. I believe that was the Neville farm after that where a shed stood until recently and may still be there. Andrew Neville married to Margaret Kelly owned the farm at the end of that one towards the Roché Fendu so he may be the Neville who bought it. Andrew's granddaughter Clara married Thomas Lamothe, son of Joseph and Susan Cunningham in 1912. Thomas was involved with Morrison Lamothe Bakeries. I believe it was Andrew Neville, Clara's brother who had the farm. Adrien Turgeon told me Mr Neville had a very fine looking horse and he remembers him driving by the Turgeon farm with buggy, harnesses and horse all looking grand and Mr Neville always wore white leather gloves.



This is what a scoop roof is. This is not Grand Calumet but probably similar to our early houses except for the dovetail which was more often the second house.

I'm getting ahead of myself here. I had better go back to Dunraven crossroads. Robinson did not mention anyone occupying land in this area. At the corner where that beautiful house is at 305 Dunraven belonging to Allan Lachance and Adrienne Turgeon was Michael O'Hare's 50 acre farm. It took me a while to figure out which Michael O'Hare was there. Was it the one married to Mary Farrell or the Michael O'Hare married to Mary Tyrell. Both lived at about the same time. Was it a mix up in the way the priest entered the wife's name? Turns out they are separate. I started with Mic O'Hare whom I knew and worked my way to his grandparents who were Michael O'Hare and Mary Tyrell. His parents were Thomas and Mary Benson of Litchfield. They were married in 1849. They had 5 children from what I can see. Many married locally so we many familiar names like Cahill (3 of them) , Kensley, Needham (Mic's mother) and Shea. John, Mic's father had about 10 kids. I make reference to Mic because he was on the farm. He was born in 1895 and died in 1971 so we knew him and have lots of stories of this unique man. There was quite a discussion and a picture of the O'Hare house and the O'Hare family on this site but I could not find it. Maybe someone could link it in. I believe they had a store and definately the Post Office. Adrien Turgeon remembers as a kid Mic going to the village to get the mail in winter. He would go by with the horse at a full gallop. You could hear the snow flying off the feet of the horse and hitting the bottom of the cutter. I have a few stories about Mic but I will wait to see if any of the old posts resurface. I may have already told those stories.

At the end of that short farm was Derrick Ostrom in 1867, butting on Donnelly Road. It was 50 acres also. West of this was a short 100 acre farm owned by William Ostrom where Danny (Beverly and Marie) Stewart lives now. Brian Ostrom has intersting land transfer papers and a family tree but I will wait until he gives me more information to help me sort everyone out.

If we leave Dunraven and head down Chemin des Érables towards the Roché Fendu at about 500m there was a farm house and buildings way in off the road close to the hill. This was the Heaphy place. It was a great place to go sliding when I was a kid. My sister Judy Benoit needed someone to chaperone her and I was it. Michael Heaphy married to Margaret Donnelly was there in 1867. Their son Thomas married Mary Anne Cahill and their son Patrick married Marie Dumouchel. I barely remember them when we used to go sliding. Their son Charles lives in Campbell's Bay I believe, although I have not seen him in maybe 60 years.

All right, we'll head back up the Dunraven Road where I was before. Lots 9 and 10 R 6 is occupied by Joseph Niven whose improvements extend over both lots. I dont see that name in the church records nor in the protestant cemetery at Dunraven. By 1867 lot 10 is owned by Joseph Moore. I think Joseph was married to Aimée Larimande. Two children born,,: Aimée 1853, Georges, 1850 but died at 4 years old , Joseph 1852. I don't see anything else on them.

On lot 11 J, Cahill is there in 1867.

On the rear of lots 12 and 13 R6 i.e. closest to Dunraven Road is George Hicks and he would want to purchase land on the rear of lots 14 and 15 R6. George Hicks was married to Margaret Benson and had a son William born in 1848. Not a common name. On the rear of lot 12 was M. Roach in 1867. It might still be a Roach on that land. At the front of this lot it looks like G. Cahill as well as full lot 13 and one half of 14. This must be close to Donna Dumouchel, now Stanton.

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