

Leblancs from Acadia to Alberta

An overview of the ancestors and descendants of Louis Philippe Leblanc
from Acadia to Alberta.



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Introduction

The name LeBlanc was originally given as a nickname to a person with prematurely white hair, or very pale complexion. Today, LeBlanc is a very common surname, one that has been present in Canada since the early 1600s, and I have no intention of trying to detail all of the LeBlanc families in Canada.

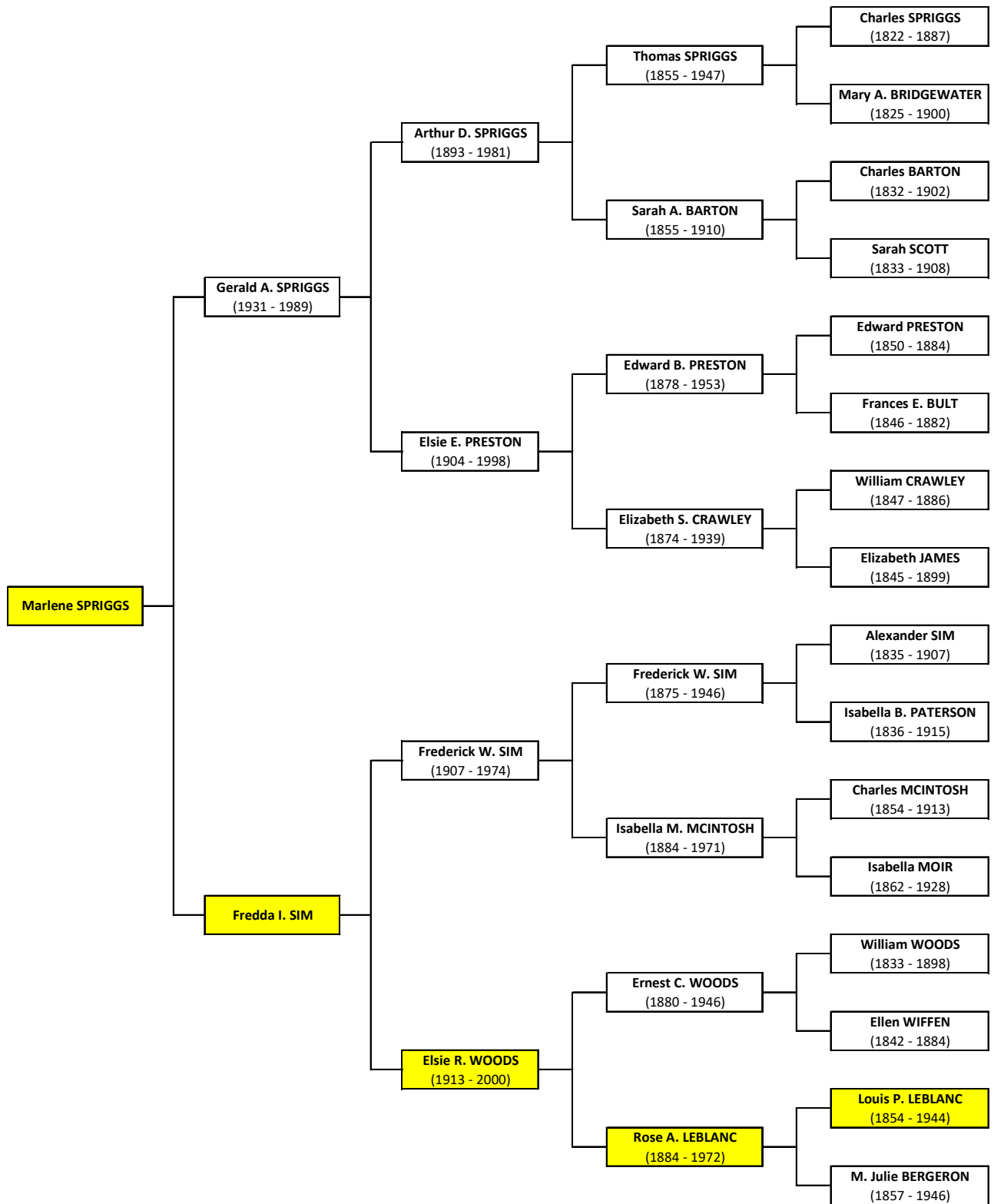
This document is focussed on the descendants of Louis Philippe LeBlanc who was born in Quebec but moved west, settling in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and finally Alberta. But his family had already been in Canada for 200 years by the time Louis Philippe was born in 1854, so we will also look briefly at his ancestral LeBlanc line since their arrival in Canada. There will be more information on my wife's immediate family, and their story, as that is what I am most familiar with, but I hope that it will also provide a better understanding of the other descendant lines, and how we are all related.

Throughout the document, to protect their privacy, I have tried to avoid providing details of living relatives, and I apologise if this cut-off has not been perfectly executed.

This is not intended to be the final word on the descendants of Louis Philippe LeBlanc, and I hope that over time, new information will be identified, and that people from the various descendant branches might add additional chapters to this document, expanding the story of their LeBlanc lines.

I apologise for any errors that may have crept into the document, and I welcome any corrections, family photographs, or other feedback which can be incorporated into a future version.

The chart on the next page shows with yellow highlight, the ancestral line that is the focus of this document.



Chapter 1 – The Early Generations

In tracing ancestral family history, we move back in time, gradually adding more and more generations to the ancestral tree. With French Canadian ancestry this is easier than a lot of other geographic areas / societies, thanks to the excellent records of baptisms, marriages and burials kept by the Roman Catholic Church throughout New France.

The LeBlanc surname has been traced extensively by Joachim LeBlancⁱ, and in his published research he makes a very powerful statement, as follows – *“Oui, toutes les familles acadiennes Leblanc, qu’elles soient aujourd’hui à la Louisiane, à Belle-Isle-en-mer, au Cap Breton, à la baie Sainte-Marie, au Madawaska, sur les côtes du Nouveau-Brunswick ou de la Gaspésie, dans nombre de paroisses de la Province de Québec, etc., toutes ces familles descendent d’un ancêtre commun du nom de Daniel Leblanc, né en France en 1626, marié aussi en France vers 1650 et qui est venu s’établir à l’Acadie peu de temps après son mariage. Il vécut et mourut à Port-Royal, en s’appliquant exclusivement à développer ses cultures”*.

Roughly translated, this reads – *“Yes, all Acadian Leblanc families, whether today in Louisiana, Belle-Isle-en-Mer, Cape Breton, at St. Mary’s Bay, in Madawaska, on the New Brunswick coast or Gaspésie, in many parishes in the Province of Quebec, etc., all these families descended from a common ancestor named Daniel Leblanc, born in France in 1626, married in France in 1650, and came to settle in Acadia soon after his marriage. He lived and died in Port Royal, working exclusively to develop its culture”*.

Based on his research and the available records, I believe that the above statement by Joachim LeBlanc may well be correct, and it certainly appears that “our” LeBlanc family are descended from this Daniel LeBlanc. I will begin by detailing the line of descent from Daniel LeBlanc to a more recent LeBlanc ancestor, Leandre LeBlanc (born 1805).

As stated by Joachim LeBlanc, Daniel LeBlanc was born in France circa 1626 and arrived in Port Royal, Acadia circa 1650. Daniel had seven children between 1651 and 1664.

A little more information is found on Wikipedia, referencing the research of Miss Laise Ledetⁱⁱ. This identifies that Daniel was from Martaisé (Loudun), France, and that he left France about 1645 for New France and settled on the north bank of the Rivière-au-Dauphin, to the northeast of the marsh at Bélisle, about 9 miles (14 km) up river from the fort at Port Royal and a half mile (1 km) below the chapel of Saint-Laurent. About 1650, he married Françoise Gaudet, a widow with a small daughter, Marie Gaudet, from her previous marriage. Together, they became parents to one daughter and six sons. LeBlanc became a well-respected and relatively prosperous farmer in Port-Royal. Around 1690, he became a member of a group of six commissioners who were charged with providing administrative and judicial oversight for the colony. Along with his neighbours, he was caught up in the settlement’s shifting political fortunes resulting from international conflict between France and England. In 1695, after a regime change, LeBlanc signed an oath of allegiance to the King of England. Daniel LeBlanc died at Port-Royal sometime between making the oath in 1695 and the census of 1698.

Daniel LeBlanc
b. 1626 France

1. Jacques b. 1651
2. Francoise
3. Etienne b. 1656
4. Rene b. 1657
5. Andre b. 1659
6. Antoine b. 1662
7. Pierre b. 1664



Daniel's sixth child, Antoine LeBlanc was born in Port Royal in 1662, married Marie Bourgeois circa 1681. This marriage produced ten children, all of whom reached adulthood and married.

Daniel LeBlanc
b. 1626 France

Antoine LeBlanc b. 1662 Acadia m. **Marie Bourgeois**

1. Antoine b. 1682
2. Charles b. 1684
3. Pierre b. 1689
4. Marie b. 1691
5. Jean b. 1693
6. Jacques b. 1695
7. Joseph b. 1697
8. Marguerite b. 1699
9. Rene b. 1701
10. Elisabeth b. 1703



The third child of Antoine LeBlanc and Marie Bourgeois, Pierre LeBlanc, was born in 1689 in Port Royal, and married Francoise Landry on 16 February 1711 in Grand Pre. Pierre LeBlanc and Francoise Landry had fifteen children.

Daniel LeBlanc
b. 1626 France

Antoine LeBlanc b. 1662 Acadia m. **Marie Bourgeois**

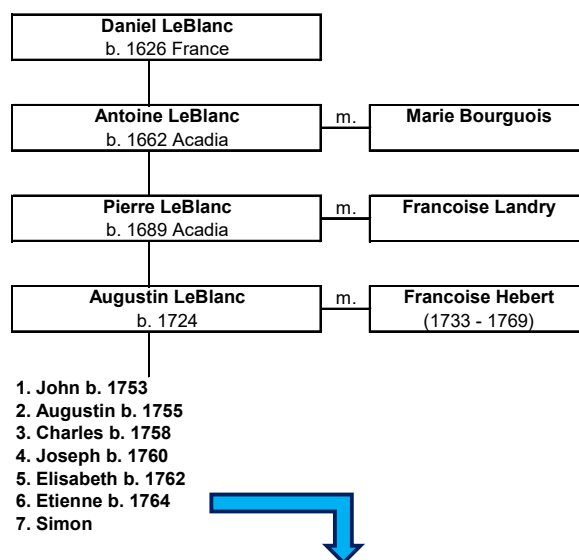
Pierre LeBlanc b. 1689 Acadia m. **Francoise Landry**

1. Agnes b. 1712
2. Ursula b. 1714
3. Victor b. 1716
4. Anne b. 1718
5. Theodore b. 1719
6. Angelica b. 1722
7. Mary Magdalene b. 1723
8. Augustin b. 1724
9. Joseph b. 1726
10. Francoise b. 1727
11. Marie b. 1729
12. Pierre Raymond b. 1731
13. Marie b. 1732
14. Marguerite Monique b. 1734
15. Pierre Hilaire b. 1736



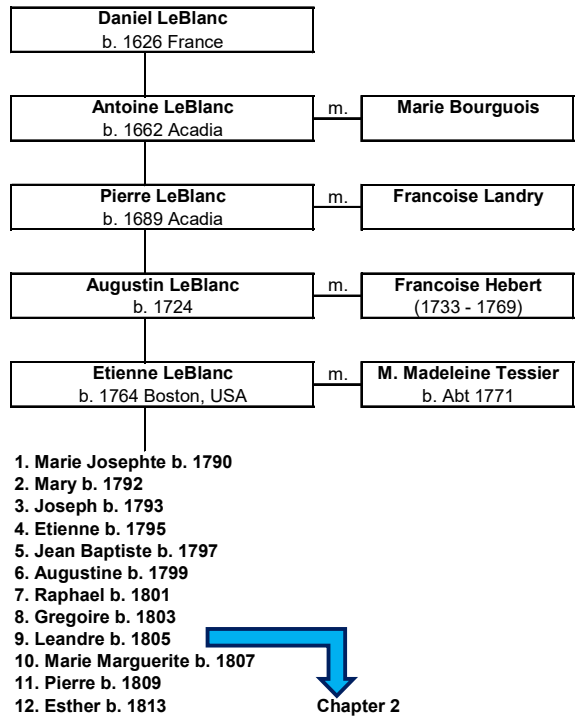
Augustin LeBlanc, the eighth child of Pierre and Francoise, was born 25 November 1724 and married Francoise Hebert. Pierre LeBlanc and Francoise Hebert had one son, John, born in Acadia, before the British began the “*Grand Dérangement*”, the decade-long forced expulsion of the French people from Acadia, in 1755. Their second son, Augustin, was born on a ship, between Acadia and Boston, and five more children were born in Boston between 1758 and 1764.

In 1764 the British government passed an order-in-council allowing Acadians to legally return to British Territories. Augustin LeBlanc and Francoise Hebert opted to relocate to Yamachiche, in Lower Canada (modern-day Quebec).



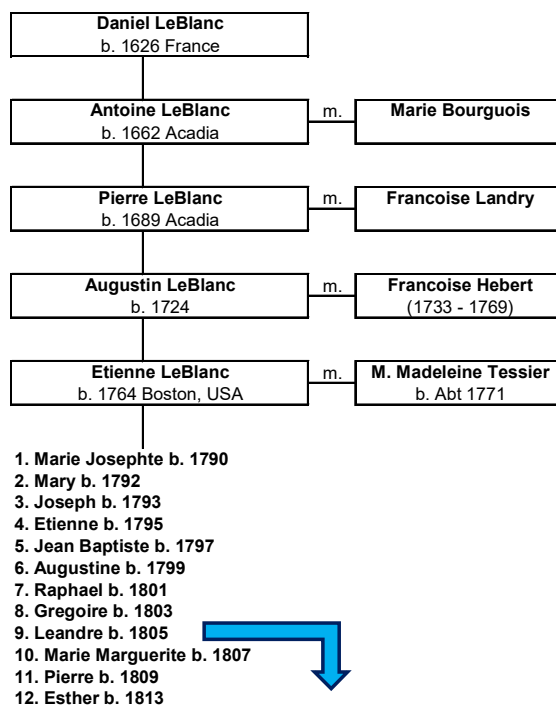
Etienne LeBlanc, the sixth child of Augustin LeBlanc and Francoise Hebert, was born in Boston in 1764 and was baptised on 10 September 1767, soon after the family’s arrival in Yamachiche.

On 16 February 1789, Etienne LeBlanc married Marie Madeleine Tessier in Yamachiche, and their marriage produced 12 children. In the early 1880s the family moved from Yamachiche to St. Gregoire in the Nicolet region.



The ninth child of Etienne LeBlanc and Marie Madeleine Tessier, Leandre LeBlanc, was born at Trois Rivieres circa 1805, and his family will be covered in more detail in chapter 2.

Chapter 2 – Leandre LeBlanc and Adelaide Desilets



Leandre LeBlanc was born at Trois Rivieresⁱⁱⁱ, Lower Canada, on 23 April 1805, the ninth child of Etienne LeBlanc and Marie Madeleine Tessier. His older and younger siblings were all born across the river in St. Gregoire de Nicolet, and it is unclear why Leandre was born in Trois Rivieres.

On 24 February 1835 he married Adelaide Desilets at St. Gregoire and the marriage produced eleven children, as follows –

- Louise LeBlanc, baptised 26 December 1835
- Etienne LeBlanc, baptised 9 December 1837
- Clarisse LeBlanc, born 2 December 1839
- Joseph LeBlanc, born 12 November 1841
- Thirza LeBlanc, born circa 1844
- Leon LeBlanc, baptised 24 November 1845
- Odilon LeBlanc, born 20 July 1847
- Caroline LeBlanc, baptised 22 December 1849
- Louis Philippe LeBlanc, born 8 April 1854
- Gedeon LeBlanc, born 1854
- Delphine LeBlanc, born February 1856

Leandre LeBlanc was a Farmer and is found in the census records of St. Gregoire, from 1851 to 1891. He is believed to have died circa 1895.

Joachim LeBlanc provided another very valuable piece of information that he states he received from Mr. Joseph Leblanc of St. Gregoire, a copy of the statement that Joseph's father, Leandre Leblanc, had left his family before dying, which explains the family's path from Acadia to St.

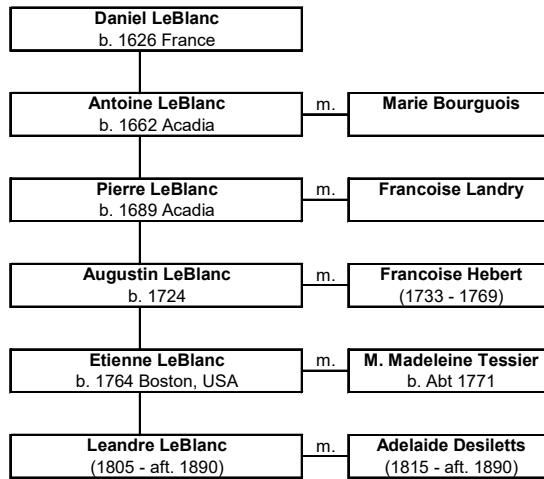
Gregoire - *"My father's name is Etienne Leblanc, my mother Marie Tessier. Their marriage contract, made in Yamachiche, is dated 31 January, 1789 and their ages on the marriage contract are: My father twenty-two years; my mother eighteen years old. My father was born in Boston and he was three years old when he came to Yamachiche and he was three years old when he was baptised, he was the youngest of the family. My paternal grandfather was named Augustin Leblanc, my grandmother Françoise-Hébert. My grandfather came from Acadia. From there he went to Boston, from Boston to Yamachiche. When he left Acadia, he took all his children, but from Boston three returned to Acadia, they were Augustine, John and Charles, and were probably the oldest. The others, who remained in Canada, are Simon, Joseph, Etienne (my father), and Isabella, who is married to Joseph Thibodeau. My mother is a native of Yamachiche, my maternal grandfather's name was Pierre Tessier, my grandmother, Marguerite Gélina." (translation by author from the original French).*

I have not researched the children of Leandre LeBlanc and Adelaide Desiletts, except their son, Louis Philippe (who will be the subject of chapter 3), but I have collected some information, largely from DNA matches identified on the various DNA testing websites. Known details of the descendants of Leandre LeBlanc and Adelaide Desiletts are as follows –

1. Leandre LEBLANC (b.23 Apr 1805-Trois Rivieres, St. Maurice, Lower Canada; d. Aft 1890)
sp: Adelaide DESILETTS (c.30 Aug 1815-St Gregoire, Nicolet, Lower Canada; m.24 Feb 1835; d. Aft 1890)
 2. Louise LEBLANC (c.26 Dec 1835-St. Gregoire, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
sp: Joseph LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1835-Quebec, Canada; m.21 Jan 1862; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Philippe LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1863-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Delphine LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1864-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Caroline LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1865-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Joseph LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1867-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Gedeon LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1867-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Marie LAMOTHE (b. Abt 1869-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 2. Etienne LEBLANC (c.9 Dec 1837-St. Gregoire, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
sp: Elisabeth (b. Abt 1845-Lower Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Ann LEBLANC (b. Abt 1869-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 3. Tyrza LEBLANC (b. Abt Apr 1870-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
 2. Clarisse LEBLANC (b.2 Dec 1839-St. Gregoire de Nicolet, Lower Canada; d. Aft 1900)
sp: Gideon GAUDETTE (b. Abt 1833-Lower Canada; m.15 Oct 1861; d. Aft 1900)
 3. Anne GAUDETTE (b.21 Jul 1862)
 3. Gedeon GAUDETTE (b.9 Dec 1863-Lower Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Marie GAUDETTE (b.15 May 1865-Lower Canada)
 3. Ernest GAUDETTE (b. Abt 1867-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Philippe GAUDETTE (b.31 Mar 1868-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Ludger GAUDETTE (b.28 Dec 1869-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Marie Clara GAUDETTE (b.30 Sep 1871-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Marie Annie GAUDETTE (b.30 Jun 1873-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 3. Marie Hortense GAUDETTE (b.19 Jun 1875-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
sp: Hector CHABOT (b.1870; d.30 Jun 1942-East Norwalk, Connecticut, U.S.A.)
 4. Annette Berthe CHABOT
sp: Armond Olivier PICARD (b.1911; d.1990)

- 4. Irene Marie Rose CHABOT (b.7 Feb 1912-Canada; d.29 May 1979-Norwalk, Connecticut, United States of America)
 - sp: Onesime Alexander TRUDEL (b.30 Aug 1908-Canada; d.27 Mar 1976-Norwalk, Connecticut, United States of America)
- 4. Maria CHABOT
 - sp: Omer DOUCET
- 3. Marie GAUDETTE (b.18 Feb 1877; d.22 Feb 1877)
- 3. Joseph Oscar GAUDETTE (b.9 Jan 1878-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
- 3. Marie Ledia GAUDETTE (b.29 Mar 1880-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
- 3. Corine GAUDETTE (b.2 Feb 1882-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
- 2. Joseph LEBLANC (b.12 Nov 1841-Lower Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - sp: Celina BERGERON (b.1 Apr 1844-Lower Canada; m.11 Nov 1873; d.1901/1911)
 - 3. Ledia LEBLANC (b. Abt 1875-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Severene LEBLANC (b.1 Oct 1879-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Caroline LEBLANC (b.1881-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 - sp: Zarilla VIGNEAULT (m.18 Apr 1871)
- 2. Thirza LEBLANC (b. Abt 1844-Lower Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - sp: Octave GAUDET (b. Abt 1839-Lower Canada; m.5 Feb 1867; d.24 Oct 1917)
 - 3. Marie Ema GAUDET (b.28 Nov 1867-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Joseph Octave Hector GAUDET (b.14 Mar 1869-Quebec, Canada; d.17 Mar 1869)
 - 3. Hector GAUDET (b. Abt 1870-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Joseph Adelard GAUDET (b.11 Jan 1872-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Caroline Olida GAUDET (b.20 Sep 1873-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Marie GAUDET (b.14 May 1875-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Marie Mathilde Tyrsa GAUDET (b.24 Apr 1877-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
 - 3. Marie Alice Rose Alba GAUDET (b.6 Feb 1879-Quebec, Canada; d.19 Jan 1953)
 - sp: Philippe Conrad Albert PEPIN (b.7 Jul 1878-St. Christophe, Arthabaska, Quebec, Canada; m.30 Sep 1901; d.26 Apr 1954)
 - 4. Madeline PEPIN (b. Oct 1902-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
 - sp: W.J. WILTON (b. Abt 1890-Ontario, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 4. Jennine PEPIN (b. Jun 1904-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 4. Jean PEPIN (b. Aug 1906-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
 - 4. Isabelle PEPIN (b. Aug 1908-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
 - sp: Albert V. GRAJCYZK (b.1901; d.1966)
 - 4. Claude PEPIN (b. Abt 1913-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
 - 4. Therese PEPIN (b. Abt 1920-Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
- 2. Leon LEBLANC (c.24 Nov 1845-St. Gregoire, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1860)
- 2. Odilon LEBLANC (b.20 Jul 1847-Lower Canada; bur.12 Sep 1930-St. Leonard, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada)
 - sp: Elise LAMOTHE (b.27 Apr 1850-Lower Canada; m.8 Feb 1875; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Hortense LEBLANC (b.29 Feb 1876-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
 - 3. Leon LEBLANC (b.9 Aug 1878-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - sp: Emma (b. Mar 1878-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 4. Armant LEBLANC (b. May 1905-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 4. Eveline LEBLANC (b. Mar 1906-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 4. Alfred LEBLANC (b. May 1907-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)

- 4. Urbal LEBLANC (b. Apr 1908-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)
- 4. Arthur LEBLANC (b. May 1909-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
- 4. Julliette LEBLANC (b. Aug 1910-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
- 4. Philippe Emil LEBLANC (b. Abt 1915-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
- 4. Fabienne LEBLANC (b. Abt 1915-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
- 3. Maria LEBLANC (b. Abt 1880-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1890)
- 3. Azilda LEBLANC (b.13 Oct 1883-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
- 3. Bernadette LEBLANC (b.30 Nov 1886-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
- 3. Marie Anne LEBLANC (b.16 Sep 1890-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)
- 2. Caroline LEBLANC (c.22 Dec 1849-St. Gregoire, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1870)
- 2. Louis Philippe LEBLANC (see chapter 3)
- 2. Gedeon LEBLANC (c.8 Apr 1854-St Gregoire, Nicolet, Lower Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - sp: Exilia HAMEL (b.9 Oct 1864-Lower Canada; m.26 Oct 1886; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Eglantine LEBLANC (b.1 Jul 1888-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Philippe LEBLANC (b.30 Jul 1891-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)
 - 3. Edgar LEBLANC (b. Jan 1904-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)
 - 3. Cecile LEBLANC (b. May 1907-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Therese LEBLANC (b. Aug 1908-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
- 2. Delphine LEBLANC (b. Feb 1856-Lower Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - sp: Charles BOURGEOIS (b.16 Aug 1854-Lower Canada; m.20 Feb 1878; d.1911/1921)
 - 3. Borrommie BOURGEOIS (b.16 Aug 1880-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1880)
 - 3. Alida BOURGEOIS (b.30 Apr 1882-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
 - 3. Angeline BOURGEOIS (b.16 Jun 1884-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
 - 3. Marianne BOURGEOIS (b.8 Apr 1887-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)
 - 3. Josephine BOURGEOIS (b.11 Mar 1889-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1900)
 - 3. Henri-Joseph BOURGEOIS (b.10 Jun 1890-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Philippe-Hector BOURGEOIS (b.31 Dec 1896-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Antonio BOURGEOIS (b.24 Mar 1897-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1920)
 - 3. Rose-Bernadette BOURGEOIS (b.9 Apr 1900-Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1910)

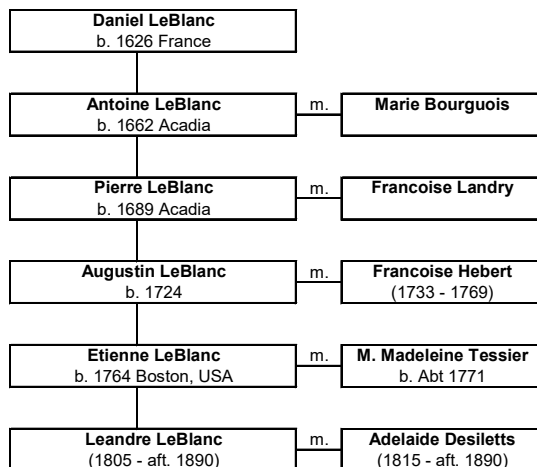


1. Louise b. 1835
2. Etienne b. 1837
3. Clarisse b. 1839
4. Joseph b. 1841
5. Thirza b. 1844
6. Leon b. 1845
7. Odilon b. 1847
8. Caroline b. 1849
9. Louis Philippe b. 1854
10. Gedeon b. 1854
11. Delphine b. 1856



Chapter 3

Chapter 3 – Louis Philippe LeBlanc and Marie Julie Bergeron



1. Louise b. 1835
2. Etienne b. 1837
3. Clarisse b. 1839
4. Joseph b. 1841
5. Thirza b. 1844
6. Leon b. 1845
7. Odilon b. 1847
8. Caroline b. 1849
9. Louis Philippe b. 1854
10. Gedeon b. 1854
11. Delphine b. 1856



Louis Philippe LeBlanc and his twin brother, Gedeon LeBlanc, were baptised at St. Gregoire on 8 April 1854. Both are found living with their parents and siblings in the 1861 and 1871 census.

Leandre Le Blanc	Catholique	Bas Canada	Catholique		55
Adelaide Desilet	do	do	do	→	16
Louise Le Blanc	do	do	do		24
Etienne Le Blanc	do	do	do		25
Clarisse Le Blanc	do	do	do		21
Joseph Le Blanc	do	do	do		19
Thirza Le Blanc	do	do	do		17
Leon Le Blanc	do	do	do		15
Odilon Le Blanc	do	do	do		13
Caroline Le Blanc	do	do	do		11
Louis Philippe Le Blanc	do	do	do		9
Gedeon Le Blanc	do	do	do		7
Delphine Le Blanc	do	do	do		5

1861 Census^{IV} of St. Gregoire, Lower Canada.

It was a common practice amongst the young French Canadian men of that time, to go and work in the mills and factories around Boston, Massachusetts, to earn enough money to buy farm land back in Canada. Twenty six year old Philip White and Gedon White are found in the 1880 census of Douglas, Massachusetts, listed as boarders in the household of Hesippe (sic) and Ludmille Bergeron, and both are listed as Axe Strikers.

It was perhaps while he was in Massachusetts that Louis Philippe met Marie Julie Bergeron, the niece of his landlords, as on 10 May 1881, Philip Leblanc is recorded as marrying Julia Bergeron at Douglas, Massachusetts. The couple remained in Massachusetts a few more years, and their first child, Marilda, was born in Douglas on 5 June 1883. Philippe and Julie had six more children, all of whom were born in Quebec, as follows –

- Marilda LeBlanc, born 5 June 1883
- Rose Alida LeBlanc, baptised 8 December 1884
- Oscar LeBlanc, baptised 21 April 1886
- Louis Philippe LeBlanc, born 6 May 1887
- Alexander Hormidas LeBlanc, born 23 Oct. 1888
- Arthur Albinie LeBlanc, born 23 May 1891
- Francois LeBlanc, born 30 April 1898



The LeBlanc children circa 1893.

By 1901 the family had left Quebec and were living at Rosser, Manitoba. On 13 August 1901 their eldest child, Marilda, married Isaac Reeves in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The 1906 census records Philip and Julie, now with only Francis (Francois) at home, living at Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

Around 1908, Philippe and Julie moved to Warman, Saskatchewan, and the 1911 census records their sons Oscar and Francis living with them, along with their daughter, Marilda Reeves and her four children, visiting from Manitoba.

Their second daughter, Rose Alida LeBlanc, had moved to Warman around 1905, with her husband Ernest Woods, and they were also recorded as living in Warman in the 1911 census. Rose and Ernest will be discussed in more detail in chapter 4.

The Village of Warman^v was incorporated in 1906, but had come into being two years earlier when the C.N.R. (Canadian Northern Railway at the time, but later Canadian National Railway) had expanded west to North Battleford. Warman lay at the intersection of the east-west C.N.R. line and the north-south C.P.R. line from Regina to Prince Albert. The railway and a promise of quarter sections (160 acres) of farmland for \$10 brought a large influx of settlers.

Philippe and Julie LeBlanc lived in Saskatchewan until at least 1926, but at some point after that they moved to Legal, Alberta. Philippe died in Legal on 28 February 1944, at the age of 89 years. At the time of his death, his daughter Rose and son Arthur were living in Flin Flon,

Manitoba; daughter Marilda was living at Manisino, Manitoba; sons Louis and Oscar were living at Omaha, Nebraska; and sons Alex and Francis were living at Legal.

Julie LeBlanc, nee Bergeron, died on 17 May 1946 at Legal, Alberta, and she is buried there with her husband, Philippe.

The known descendants of Louis Philippe Leblanc and Marie Julie Bergeron are as follows -

1. Louis Philippe LEBLANC (b.8 Apr 1854-Lower Canada; d. 28 Feb 1944-St. Albert, Alberta, Canada)

sp: Marie Julie Arline BERGERON (b.13 Mar 1857-Lower Canada; m.10 May 1881; d.17 May 1946-St. Albert, Alberta, Canada)

2. Marilda LEBLANC (b.5 Jun 1883-Douglas, Worcester, Massachusetts, United States of America; d. Aft 1945)

sp: Isaac REEVES (b. Jul 1871-Quebec, Canada; m.13 Aug 1901; d. Aft 1925)

3. Joseph Albert REEVES (b.23 Aug 1902-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; d.7 Jul 1946-Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

3. George Henry REEVES (b.30 Aug 1903/1904-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

3. Rosenna REEVES (b.14 Sep 1906-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

3. Alfred Arthur REEVES (b.11 Jun 1910-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

3. Margaret REEVES (b. Abt 1918-Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

3. Donald REEVES (b.1921-Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

3. James William REEVES (b.30 Aug 1926; d.20 Dec 1999-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: UNKNOWN

4. Archie REEVES

2. Rose Alida LEBLANC (see Chapter 4)

2. Oscar LEBLANC (c.21 Apr 1886-St. Gregoire, Nicolet, Quebec, Canada; d.1944/1946)

sp: UNKNOWN

3. Evalyn LEBLANC (b. Abt 1908-North Dakota, United States of America; d. Aft 1915)

sp: Minnie Josephine LEEDAHL (b.4 Nov 1880-Emerald, Fairbault, Minnesota, United States of America; m.10 Jul 1913; d.1916/1919)

3. Rose Margaret LEBLANC (b.28 Dec 1913-Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1915)

3. Eva Catherine LEBLANC (b.14 Feb 1917-Dolmany, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.4 Apr 1995-Richmond, British Columbia, Canada)

sp: Emile Francois VAUGEOIS (b.16 Mar 1912-Alberta, Canada; m.12 Apr 1937; d.28 Sep 1973-Richmond, British Columbia, Canada)

4. Germaine Delores VAUGEOIS

sp: Thomas Francis STARRS (b.1936; d.2011)

2. Louis Philippe LEBLANC (b.6 May 1887-Quebec, Canada; d.1944/1946)

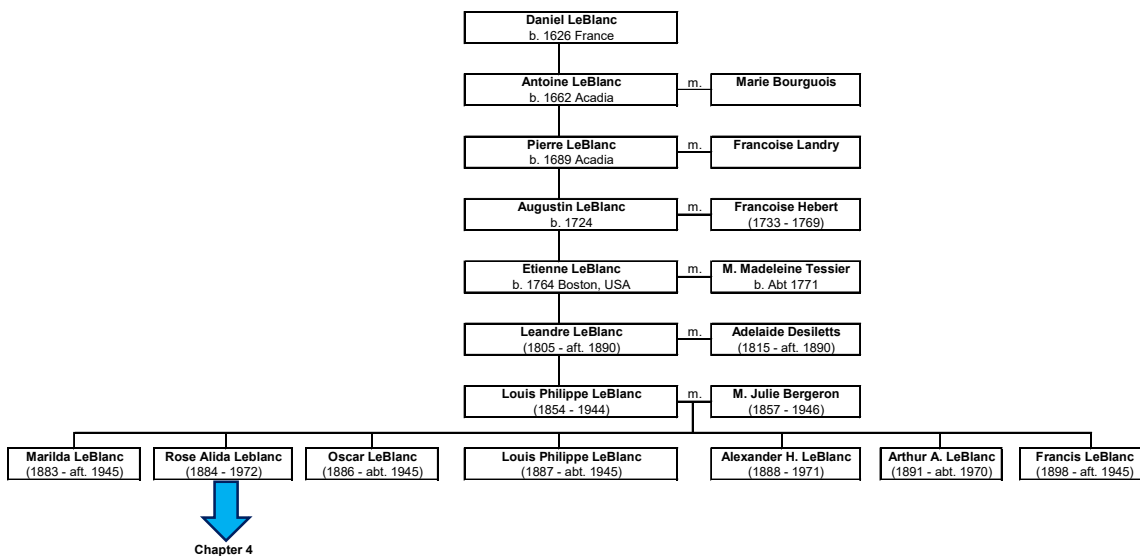
2. Alexander Hormidas LEBLANC (b.23 Oct 1888-St. Liboire, Quebec, Canada; d.21 Dec 1971-Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

sp: Sara BANMAN (b.21 Oct 1898-Rhineland, Manitoba, Canada; m.8 Dec 1916; d.3 Jul 1975-New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada)

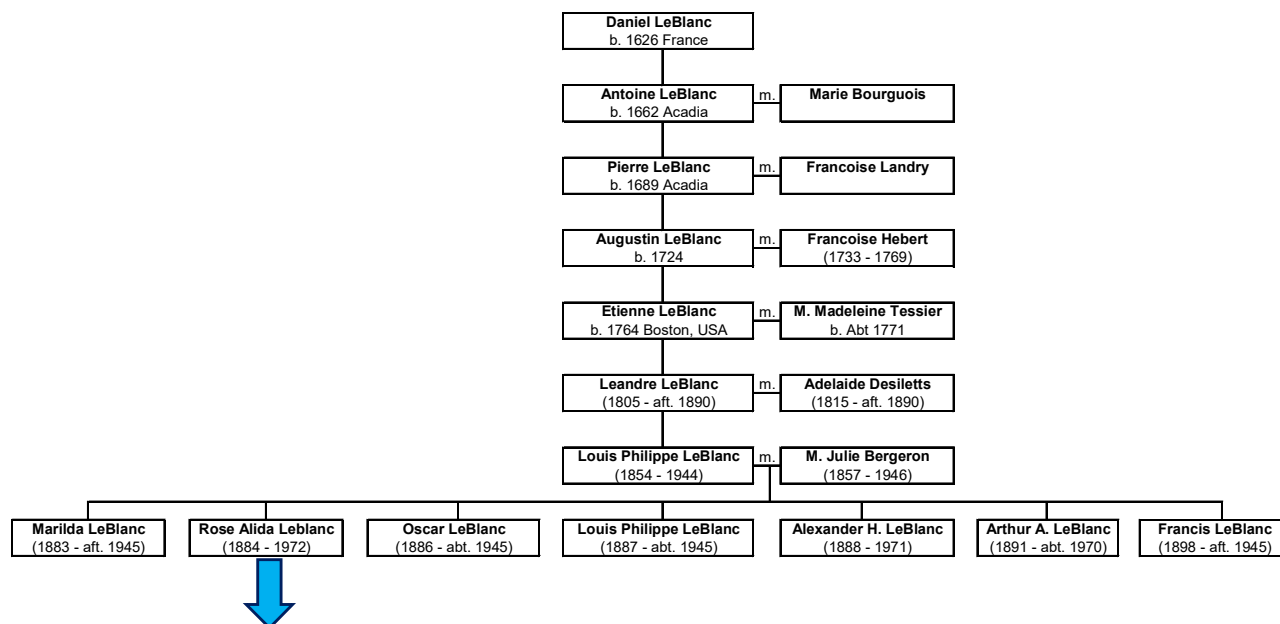
3. Lillian LEBLANC (b. Abt 1917-Manitoba, Canada; d. Aft 1925)

- sp: HOLDER
- 4. Chuck HOLDER
- 3. Philippe LEBLANC (b. Abt 1918-Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
- 3. Omer LEBLANC (b. Abt 1919-Saskatchewan, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
- 3. Julia LEBLANC (b. Abt 1922-Alberta, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 4. Corinne Dawn PROSSER
- sp: Randall Bruce MCDONALD (b.1952)
- 3. Hector LEBLANC (b. Abt 1925-Alberta, Canada; d. Aft 1925)
- 2. Arthur Albinie LEBLANC (b.23 May 1891-St. Liboire, Quebec, Canada; d. Abt 1970-Creighton, Saskatchewan, Canada)
- sp: Marie Rose Alexina BONIN (b.20 Dec 1893-Broquerie, Manitoba, Canada; m.3 Feb 1913; d.25 Mar 1975-The Pas, Manitoba, Canada)
- 3. Lena M. LEBLANC (b. May 1915-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.1923-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- 3. Leo Arthur LEBLANC (b.8 Apr 1917-Manitoba, Canada; d.2 Feb 2003-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- sp: Berthe Marie DE LA GORGENDIERE (b. Abt 1919-Saskatchewan, Canada; m.(Div); d. Aft 1950)
- 4. Donna Marie LEBLANC
- sp: Regina Rose PARIS (b.20 Apr 1927-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; m. Abt 1954; d.12 Nov 2013-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- 4. Tracy LEBLANC
- sp: Gord BROWN
- 4. Mark LEBLANC
- 3. Lela Lauria LEBLANC (b.1 Mar 1919-Alberta, Canada; d.11 Mar 1996-Casa Grande, Pinal, Arizona, United States of America)
- sp: Robert William SMALL (b.26 Nov 1913-Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada; m.15 Nov 1941; d.2008-Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada)
- 4. Adrienne Lila SMALL (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
- sp: Aldin ROGERS
- 4. Bonnie Ann SMALL (b.-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)
- sp: Peter John KONKAL
- 4. Mary Winifred SMALL (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
- sp: Terrance Lee NOVD
- 4. Judith Helen SMALL (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
- sp: David NAYLOR
- 4. David Arthur SMALL (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
- sp: Mollie
- 3. Leona Rose LEBLANC (b.20 Mar 1921-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; d.26 Apr 2003-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- sp: Howard William BONE (b.15 Feb 1919-Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; m.14 Jan 1939; d.2005)
- 4. Harold Howard BONE (b.26 Jun 1939-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; d.8 Oct 2013-Wichita, Kansas, United States of America)
- 4. Patricia Karen UNKNOWN (b.14 Aug 1947; d.4 Jul 2006)

- sp: Jim LOTNICK (b.1946; d.2008)
- sp: UNKNOWN
 - 4. Donald William BONE (b.-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
 - 4. Carol UNKNOWN (b.-Tacoma, Washington, United States of America)
- sp: William BECHDHOLT
 - 4. Wendy Lynn EMERSON (b.-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- sp: BLACKWELL
 - 4. Brenda (b.-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- sp: Arthur BANASH
 - 4. Darlene BANASH (b.-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
 - 4. Sharon BANASH
- sp: Gene GREENLAND
 - 3. Delia Mary LEBLANC (b.12 Apr 1928-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; d.2014-Denver, Colorado, United States of America)
 - sp: Mac MCBRATNEY (b.26 Jun 1916; m.11 Aug 1949(Div); d.7 Apr 1991)
 - sp: Viril RICHARDSON (b.24 Aug 1920; m.22 Apr 1970; d.4 May 1984)
 - 3. Della Cleare LEBLANC (b.12 Apr 1928-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; d.12 Aug 2015-Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
 - sp: Donald MCKINNON (b.13 May 1925-Fort McLeod, Alberta, Canada; m.25 Mar 1948)
 - 4. Patricia MCKINNON (b.-Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
 - 4. Judith MCKINNON
 - 4. Cheryl Lee PEARN (b.-Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
- 2. Francis LEBLANC (b.30 Apr 1898-Sandy Bay, Quebec, Canada; d. Aft 1945)



Chapter 4 – Rose Alida LeBlanc and Ernest Charles Woods



Rose Alida LeBlanc, the second child of Louis Philippe LeBlanc and Marie Julie Bergeron, was baptised in St. Medard, Quebec on 8 December 1884. The family left Quebec around the turn of the 20th century, and moved west to Manitoba. It was here that Rose met Ernest Charles Woods, son of William Woods and Ellen Wiffen, and they married in Fort Frances, Ontario on 2 December 1903. Within a year they were living in McLean, Saskatchewan, and their first child, Evelyn May, was born in McLean in 1904.

The family was not in McLean very long, as their second child, William James Woods, was born in Warman in July 1906, and died there in September 1906. Rose and Ernest had a total of seven children, born as follows –

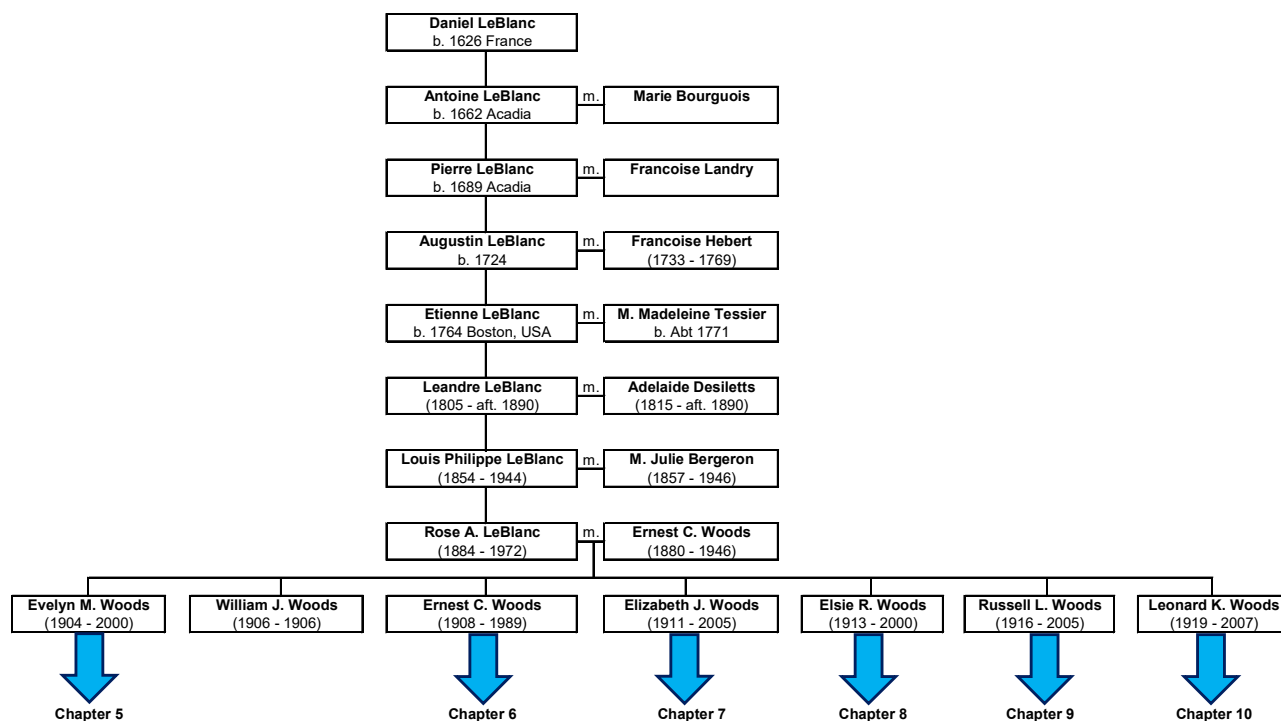
- Evelyn May Woods, born 15 November 1904 at McLean, Sask.
- William James Woods, born July 1906 (died September 1906) at Warman, Sask.
- Ernest Charles Woods, born 8 May 1908 at Warman, Sask.
- Elizabeth Julia Woods, born 20 February 1911 at Warman, Sask.
- Elsie Rosa Woods, born 21 December 1913 at Warman Sask.
- Russell Lane Woods, born 15 September 1916 at Warman, Sask.
- Leonard Kenneth Woods, born 30 June 1919 at Warman, Sask.

By 1909 Ernest Woods was the Canadian National Railways (C.N.R.) Station Agent in Warman, but he had also gained title to a homestead on the NE quarter (160 acres) of section 28, township 38, range 4, west of the 3rd meridian.

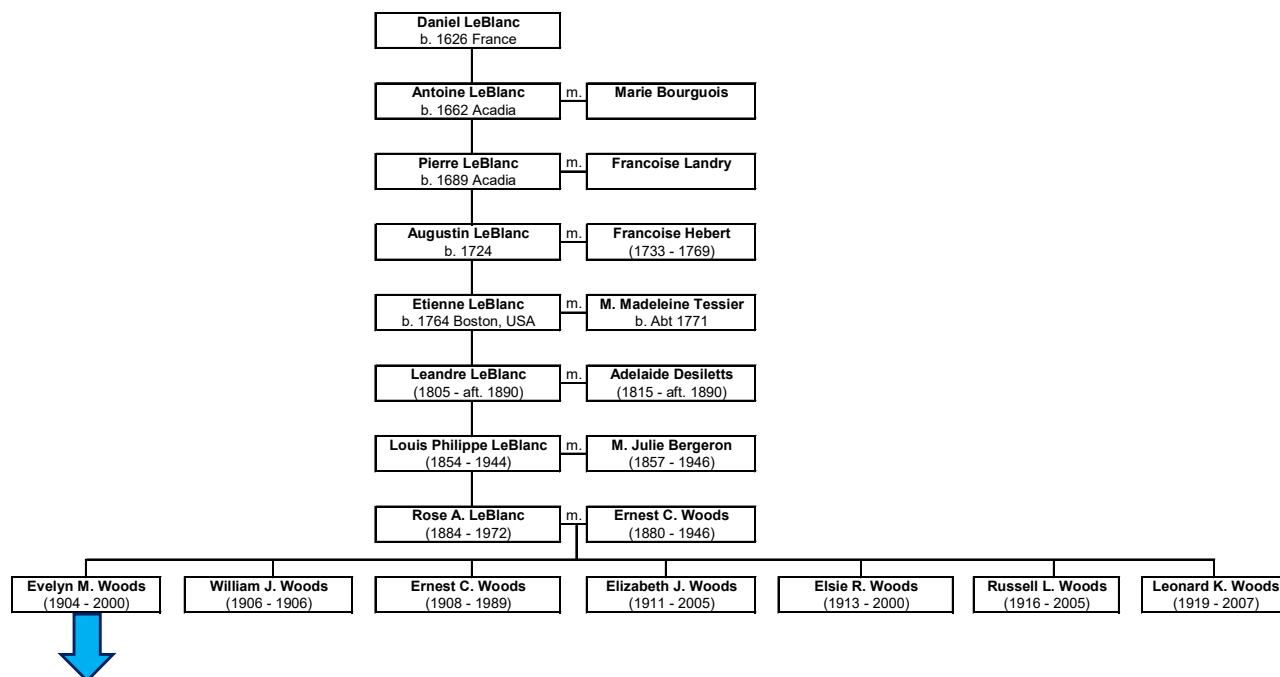
In the 1921 census, Ernest, Rose and their 6 living children are found living in the Village of Warman, but in the 1926 census, only Ernest and daughters Elizabeth and Elsie are living in Warman. The eldest child, Evelyn had married in 1924, Ernest junior had left home, and Rose had moved into Saskatoon, with the two youngest children.

Ernest and Rose Woods eventually divorced. Rose later married Lorne Blanchard, a member of the Saskatchewan Legislature, and died in Flin Flon, Manitoba on 3 April 1972. Ernest married Jean Mae Carson (nee West), died in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on 27 August 1946, and is buried in the Regina Cemetery.

The six children of Ernest and Rose Woods who reached adulthood, all married and had children of their own. Additional details on each of the six families will be covered in chapters 5 through 10.



Chapter 5 – Evelyn May Woods and Clifford Mitchell Campbell



Evelyn May Woods, the eldest child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born 15 November 1904 at McLean, which at the time was in the North West Territories, but on September 1905 became part of the newly formed Province of Saskatchewan.

Soon after her birth the family moved to Warman, where she lived until her marriage to Clifford Mitchell (Cliff) Campbell in 1924. Cliff was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, and had moved to Saskatchewan via Hannah, North Dakota. He fought at the Second Battle of Ypres, The Somme and Amiens, was wounded several times, but returned to Canada in 1919, where he resumed employment with C.N.R.

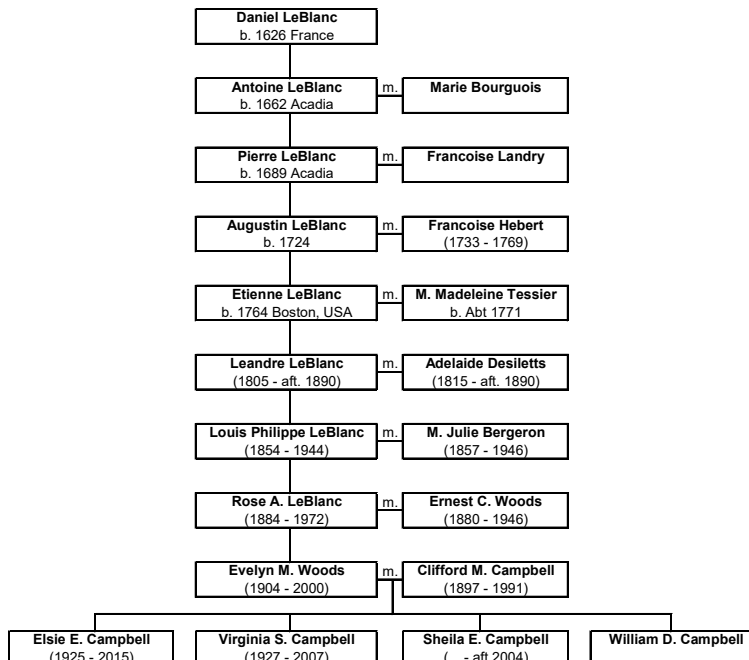
Evelyn and Cliff lived initially in Humboldt, followed by numerous other towns across Saskatchewan, with Cliff retiring as C.N.R. Agent in Fiske in 1962.

They raised three daughters and a son, who all married and had children. The known descendants of Evelyn and Cliff are as follows –

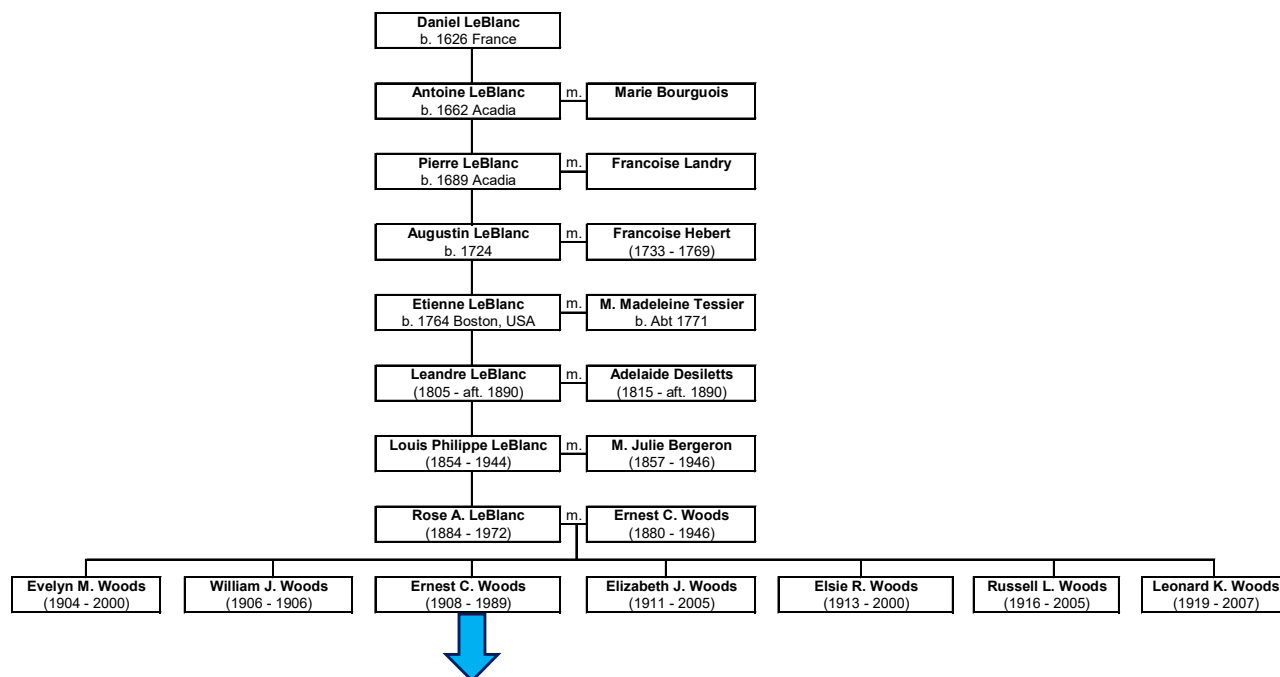
1. Evelyn May WOODS (b.15 Nov 1904-McLean, North West Territories, Canada; bur.5 Apr 2000-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Clifford Mitchell CAMPBELL (b.11 May 1897-Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada; m. Aug 1924; d.29 Oct 1991-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
2. Elsie Elizabeth CAMPBELL (b.6 Apr 1925-Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.13 Dec 2015-Brandon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Lorne JULSETH (d. Bef 1986)
3. Harvey JULSETH
 - sp: Maureen Leslie COHOE
3. Donald Lorne JULSETH (b.11 May 1951; d.27 Sep 2019-Alberta, Canada)
 - sp: Joan Louise FRASER

- sp: Anita
 - 4. Kim JULSETH
 - 4. Justin JULSETH
 - sp: Carly
 - 4. Chris JULSETH
 - 4. Eric JULSETH
 - 4. Megan JULSETH
- 3. Louise Marie JULSETH
 - sp: Daniel Ward RODENBUSH
- 2. Virginia Susan CAMPBELL (b.18 Jan 1927-Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.18 Jul 2007-Langley, British Columbia, Canada)
 - sp: Andrew MCINNES (m. Abt 1946; d.1990)
 - 3. Barbara MCINNES
 - sp: Ron FREEMAN
 - 3. Dorothy MCINNES
 - sp: Gordon BROGAN
 - 3. Cathy MCINNES
 - sp: Randy BJORKLUND
 - 2. Sheila Evelyn CAMPBELL (d. Aft 2004)
 - sp: Merle Austin CLIMENHAGA (m. Jun 1953; d. Bef 2006)
 - 3. Jeff CLIMENHAGA
 - sp: UNKNOWN
 - 4. Holly CLIMENHAGA
 - 2. William Duncan CAMPBELL
 - sp: Diane
 - 3. Greg CAMPBELL

Cliff and Evelyn moved to Saskatoon after retirement, and died there in October 1991 and April 2000 respectively. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.



Chapter 6 – Ernest Charles Woods (junior) and Norina C. Wilson



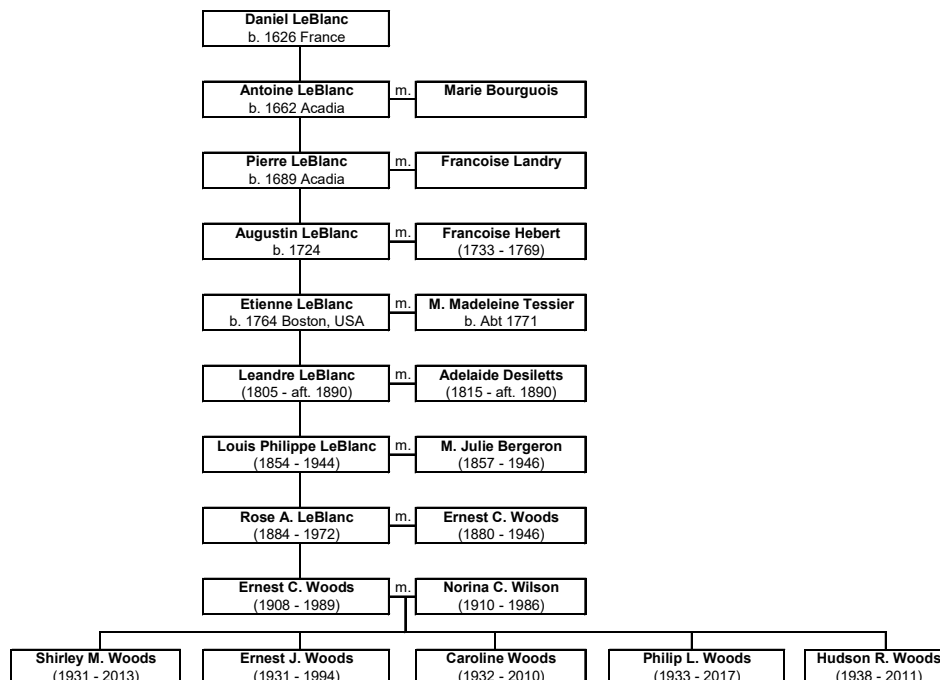
Ernest Charles (known as Bus) Woods was born in Warman, Saskatchewan on 8 May 1908, the third child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc.

Bus married Norina (Ronnie) Wilson, and the couple had five children. Their known descendants are as follows –

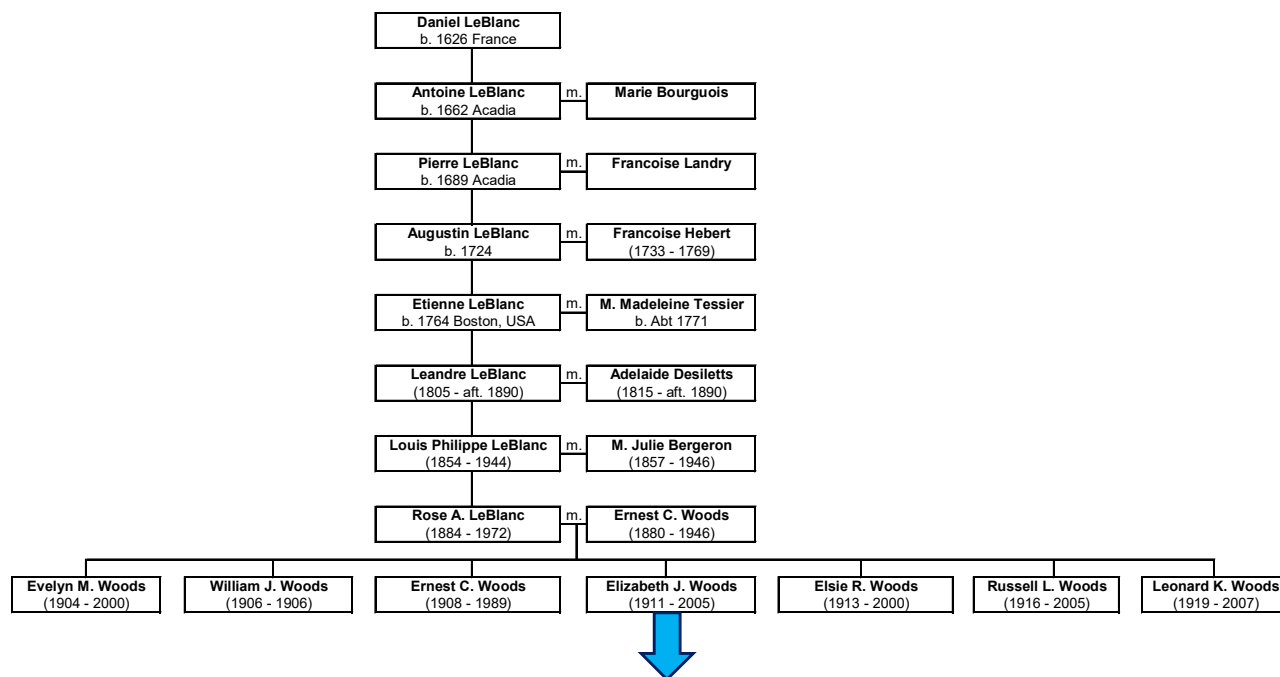
1. Ernest Charles WOODS (b.8 May 1908-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.14 Mar 1989-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Norina C. WILSON (b.1910;d. Oct 1986)
2. Shirley May WOODS (b. Abt Apr 1931; d.2 Mar 2013-Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Clifford SECKINGER (b.19 Oct 1928; d.15 Jun 1991)
3. Sherrida Jean SECKINGER
 - sp: Jack LAROCQUE
4. Gerald Trent LAROCQUE
4. Carmen Gaye LAROCQUE
4. Sher Monique LAROCQUE
3. Clifford Campbell SECKINGER
 - sp: Brenda DATON
4. Tina SECKINGER
4. Cindy SECKINGER
4. Carl SECKINGER (d.10 Nov 2000)
3. Wendy Lee SECKINGER
 - sp: Robert PETTIGREW
4. Grant PETTIGREW
4. Crystal PETTIGREW
3. Lane Barkley SECKINGER

- sp: Suzanna RUDE
- 4. Nathan SECKINGER
- 4. Elyse SECKINGER
- 2. Ernest John WOODS (b.16 May 1931; d.23 Jan 1994)
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Geraldine Frances WOODS
- 3. Pat WOODS
- 3. Tim WOODS
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 4. Shaunna WOODS
- 4. Mitchel WOODS
- 2. Caroline WOODS (b. Abt 15 May 1932; d.18 Aug 2010)
- sp: Harold HERRIOT (b.1928; d.2000)
- 3. Kelly HERRIOT
- 3. Loreen HERRIOT
- 2. Philip Lindsay WOODS (b. Jun 1933; d.3 May 2017-Nipawin, Saskatchewan, Canada)
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Shirley
- sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Lindsay WOODS
- 2. Hudson Robert WOODS (b.28 Oct 1938; d.6 Jun 2011)

Norina Woods died in October 1986 and Bus died 14 March 1989. Both are buried in the Flin Flon Cemetery, Manitoba



Chapter 7 – Elizabeth Julia Woods and Alfred Charles Nicholls



Elizabeth Julia Woods, the fourth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born at Warman, Saskatchewan on 20 February 1911.

Elizabeth, (known as Boo) married Alfred Charles Nicholls in Saskatoon on 31 July 1932, and the marriage produced six children. The known descendants of Elizabeth and Alfred are as follows -

1. Elizabeth Julia WOODS (b.20 Feb 1911-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.12 Jul 2005-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Alfred Charles NICHOLLS (b. 1902-Birmingham, England; m.31 Jul 1932; d.19 Feb 1981-Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)
2. Mona Irene NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Robert Mitchell WOODCOCK (b. Abt 1933; d.15 Sep 1995-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
3. Karen WOODCOCK
 - sp: Greg MCGAW
 4. Adam Robert MCGAW
 4. Brittany Lee MCGAW
3. Jim WOODCOCK
 - sp: Susan NICHOLLS
 4. Jenna Rae WOODCOCK
3. Dave WOODCOCK
 - sp: Cheryle
 4. Camille WOODCOCK
 4. Clint WOODCOCK
2. Ernest Alfred NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: Karen WICKLUND

3. Michael NICHOLLS

3. Janet NICHOLLS

3. Stephen NICHOLLS

2. Malcolm James NICHOLLS (b. -Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

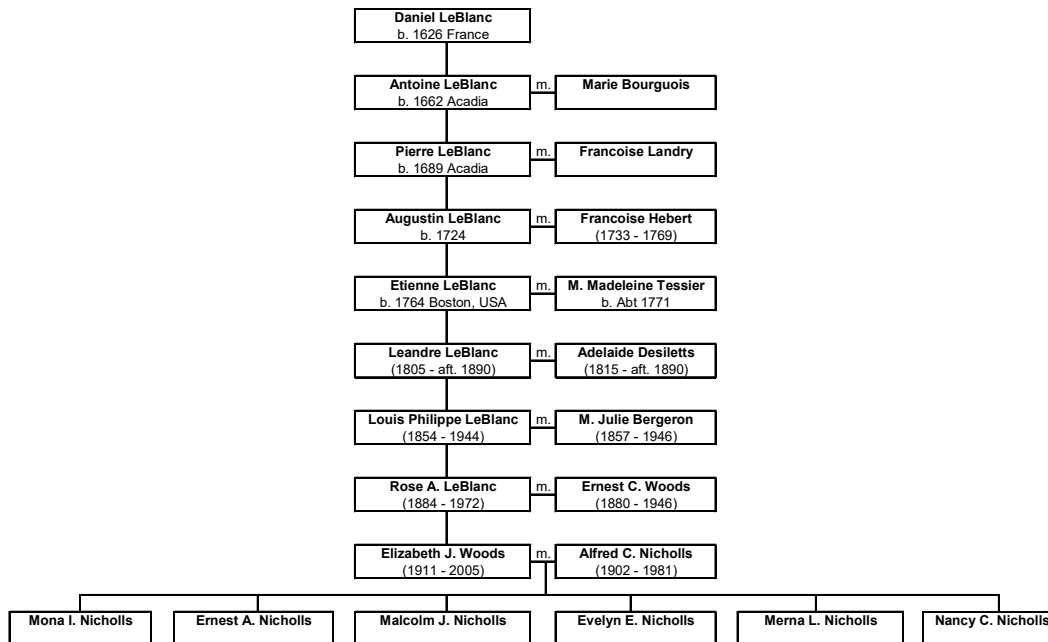
2. Evelyn Elizabeth NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

2. Merna Louise NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. 8 Oct 1952; bur. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

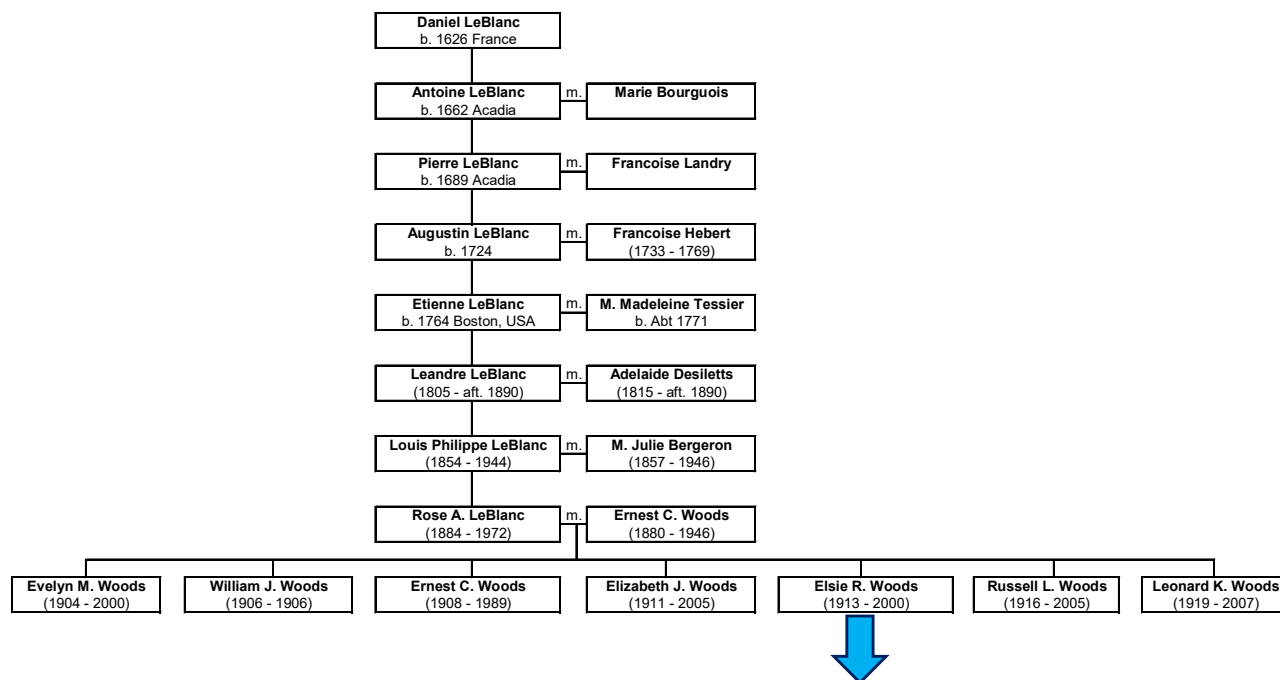
2. Nancy Catherine NICHOLLS (b.-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)

sp: David ISBISTER

Alfred Nicholls died 19 February 1981 and Elizabeth died 12 July 2005. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.



Chapter 8 – Elsie Rosa Woods & Frederick William Sim



Elsie Rosa Woods was born in Warman, Saskatchewan on 21 December 1913, the fifth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc. Her birth record states that her father was a Farmer, but he was also the Station Agent in Warman for Canadian National Railways (C.N.R.).

It was in Warman that Elsie met Fred Sim, who was working for C.N.R. as a Labourer. Elsie became pregnant and the parents whisked them off to Saskatoon, where they were married on 3 July 1929, by the local Presbyterian Minister, with Fred's mother and Elsie's father as witnesses.

Fred was soon transferred to Forgan, Saskatchewan, followed by Birtle, Manitoba, and about 1937 he was transferred to Loverna, Saskatchewan. Fred and Elsie had nine children, all born in Forgan and Loverna, Saskatchewan, except for Audrey, as follows –

- Rosa Isabella Sim, born 31 January, 1930
- Neil MacIntosh Sim, born 21 August, 1932
- Fredda Iris Sim
- Audrey Sim, born 1935 at Birtle, Manitoba
- Russella Jean Sim, born 27 May 1936
- Shirley Ann-Hope Sim, born 1937
- Bruce Fraser Sim
- Barry Stuart Sim
- Richard William Winston Sim, born abt. 1943

The family was only in Birtle, Manitoba for a short time, but it was here that their fourth child, Audrey, was born in 1935, and sadly died three months later from pneumonia. So they were probably relieved to be transferred to Loverna, and put the tragedy behind them.

Life in Loverna was good for the Sim family. Fred was always working at something, whether at C.N. or at home, where they had large gardens, and he also found time to cut the hair of some of the local men, and to make and maintain outdoor ice rinks for the town children in the winter. In 1945 he was elected to the position of Mayor of Loverna.

Tragedy struck in 1950, when their thirteen year old daughter Shirley, died of leukemia.

This put a huge strain on Fred and Elsie, from which their relationship did not recover. By 1958, Fred was living in Saskatoon, working as a maintenance foreman at the National Research Council, and in 1967 they officially divorced.



Shirley Sim.

Frederick William Sim died in Saskatoon on 30 July 1974, at 67 years of age.

Elsie initially remained in Loverna with the younger children, but after the house burned down, she moved into town and found work at the Canadian Forces base in Alsask.

After her divorce from Fred, Elsie Sim married Gordon Scott (known as Pat) Aasen and the couple lived at Alsask. Pat died 14 December 1996 and Elsie died 18 July 2000.



Rosa Sim & Tom McFee wedding.

Rosa Isabella, the eldest child of Fred and Elsie Sim married twice, firstly to Tom McFee in 1951, but the marriage ended in divorce, and Rosa later married Clifford Hogberg.

Rosa was an excellent curler, and won many tournaments. She did not have any children from either marriage and died in Edmonton, Alberta on 5 April 1985.

Neil MacIntosh Sim joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer. He married Bernadette Boyer in North Bay, Ontario on 3 July 1965, but they did not have any children together. Neil died at Ottawa General Hospital on 2 August 1998.



Neil Sim.

Fredda Iris Sim was working in Rosetown, Saskatchewan when she met Gerald Arthur (Gerry) Spriggs and they married in Rosetown in 1953, as Gerry was in the process of being transferred to Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. They moved to Foam Lake the following week, and it was there that their daughter Marlene Lynn (my wife), and son, Arthur William, were born, before Gerry was transferred to Regina (1957), Montreal (1965), Calgary (1966), Montreal (1969), Toronto (1976) and Winnipeg (1982). Their third child, Robert Gerald, was born in Montreal. After retirement, Gerry and Fredda relocated to Cloverdale, British Columbia, to enjoy the coastal climate.

But Gerry's golden years were cut short and he died in 1989 at his daughter's house in Calgary, Alberta, and he is buried there in the Queen's Park cemetery.



Fredda Sim & Gerry Spriggs wedding.

Through a mutual friend, Fredda met Nicholas (Nick) Karbonik, a widower with three adult children, living in Calgary, and they married in Calgary on 8 February 1992. Fredda and Nick soon moved to Nanaimo, British Columbia, where they lived an active retirement, playing a lot of golf and travelling. Nick passed away suddenly in Nanaimo on 17 August 2018, and Fredda continues to live in Nanaimo.

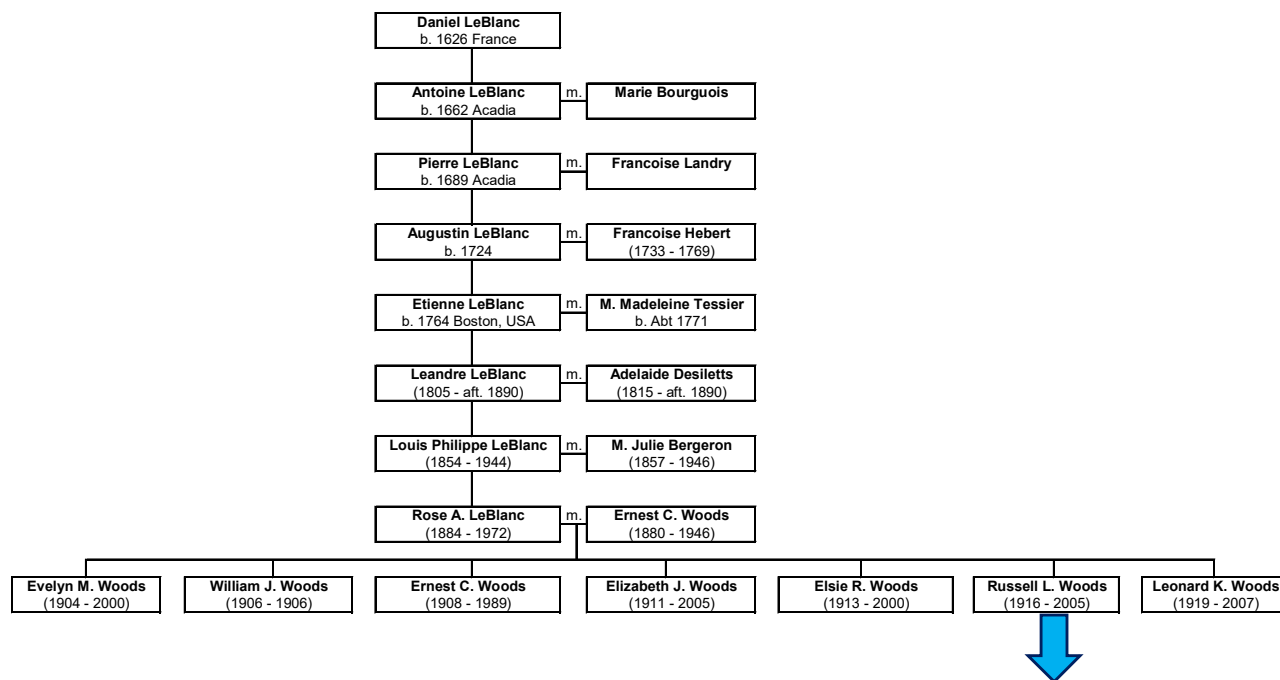


Floyd Sonmor and Jean Sim wedding.

Russella Jean (Jean) Sim married local Loverna lad, Floyd Sonmor and they had two children – a son who lives in Kindersley and a daughter who lives on Vancouver Island.

Floyd Sonmor died on 1 November 1977 and is buried in Loverna's Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Jean moved to Edmonton, Alberta and worked there for many years as a Nurse. She died in Edmonton on 20 September 2016.

Chapter 9 – Russell Lane Woods and Eva May Pinchin



Russell Lane Woods, the sixth child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc, was born at Saskatoon on 15 September 1916.

On 8 June 1940, Russell married Eva May Pinchin. The couple initially lived in Saskatoon, with their first child being born there, but later moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba, where their other three children were born.

The known descendants of Russell and Eva Woods are as follows –

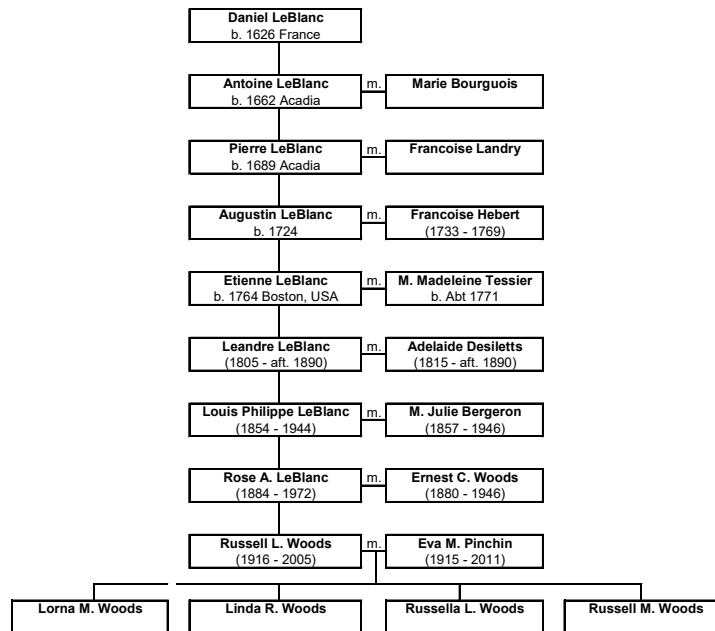
1. Russell Lane WOODS (b.15 Sep 1916-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.22 Feb 2005-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Eva May PINCHIN (b.19 Feb 1915-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; m.8 Jun 1940; d.11 Dec 2011-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - 2. Lorna May WOODS (b. -Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Ralph PEAKE
 - 3. Trevor Laine PEAKE (b. -Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
 - 3. Tara May PEAKE (b. -New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada)
 - sp: Hugh NICHOL (b.31 Jul 1932; m.8 Oct 1994; d.15 Jan 2010)
 - 2. Linda Rose WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Duncan MCDOWELL
 - 3. Amy Jean MCDOWELL (b.-Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada)
 - sp: Jason SCHNEIDER
 - 2. Russella Louise WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)
 - sp: Douglas MCBURNEY
 - 3. Amber Leigh MCBURNEY (b.-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)
 - 2. Russell Mark WOODS (b.-Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada)

sp: Stephanie EINARSON

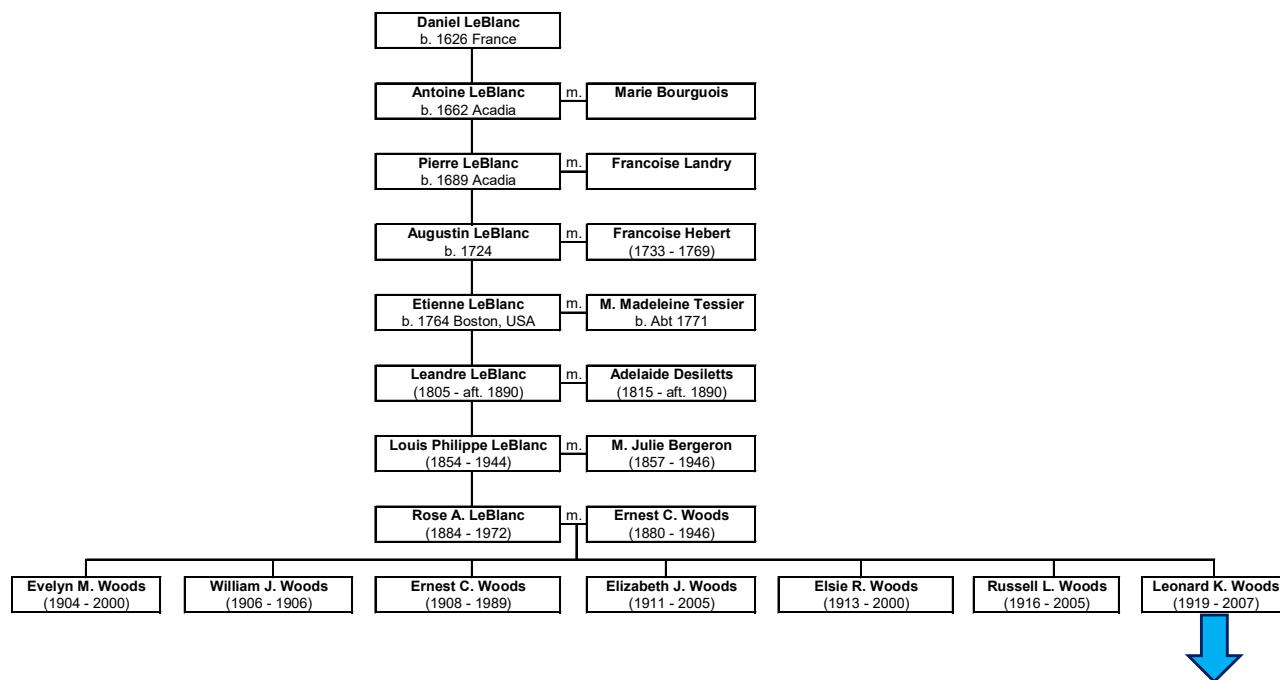
3. Darian WOODS (b.-Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

3. Shandrae WOODS (b.-Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

Russell died in Flin Flon, Manitoba on 22 February 2005 and Eva died, also in Flin Flon, on 11 December 2011.



Chapter 10 – Leonard Kenneth Woods and Irene Vandale



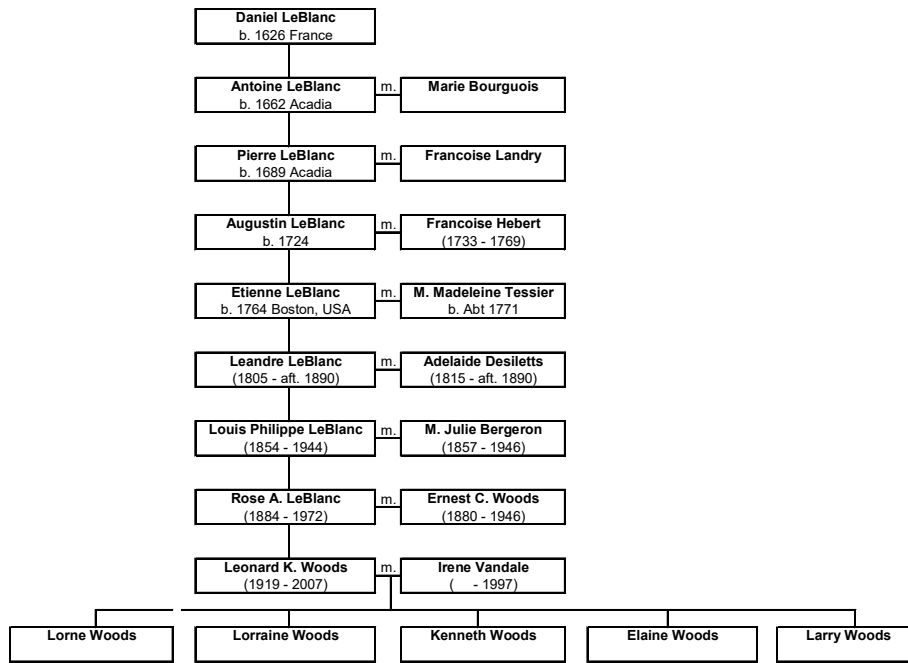
Leonard Kenneth Woods, was born in Warman, Saskatchewan, the youngest child of Ernest Woods and Rose LeBlanc.

He married Irene Vandale in July 1940, and the union produced five children.

The known descendants of Leonard and Irene Woods are as follows –

1. Leonard Kenneth WOODS (b.30 Jun 1919-Warman, Saskatchewan, Canada; d.13 Apr 2007)
sp: Irene VANDALE (m. Jul 1940; d.4 Nov 1997)
 2. Lorne WOODS
 2. Lorraine WOODS (d.2007)
sp: Jack BAYCROFT
 3. Dalton BAYCROFT
 2. Kenneth WOODS (d.1997)
 2. Elaine WOODS
sp: Eugene GERMANN
 3. Michael GERMANN
 3. Deanna GERMANN
sp: Rene GUNPUTRAV
 2. Larry WOODS
sp: Lee Ann
 3. Brad WOODS
 3. Brett WOODS
 3. Leonard WOODS

Irene Woods died on 4 November 1997 and husband Leonard died 13 April 2007.



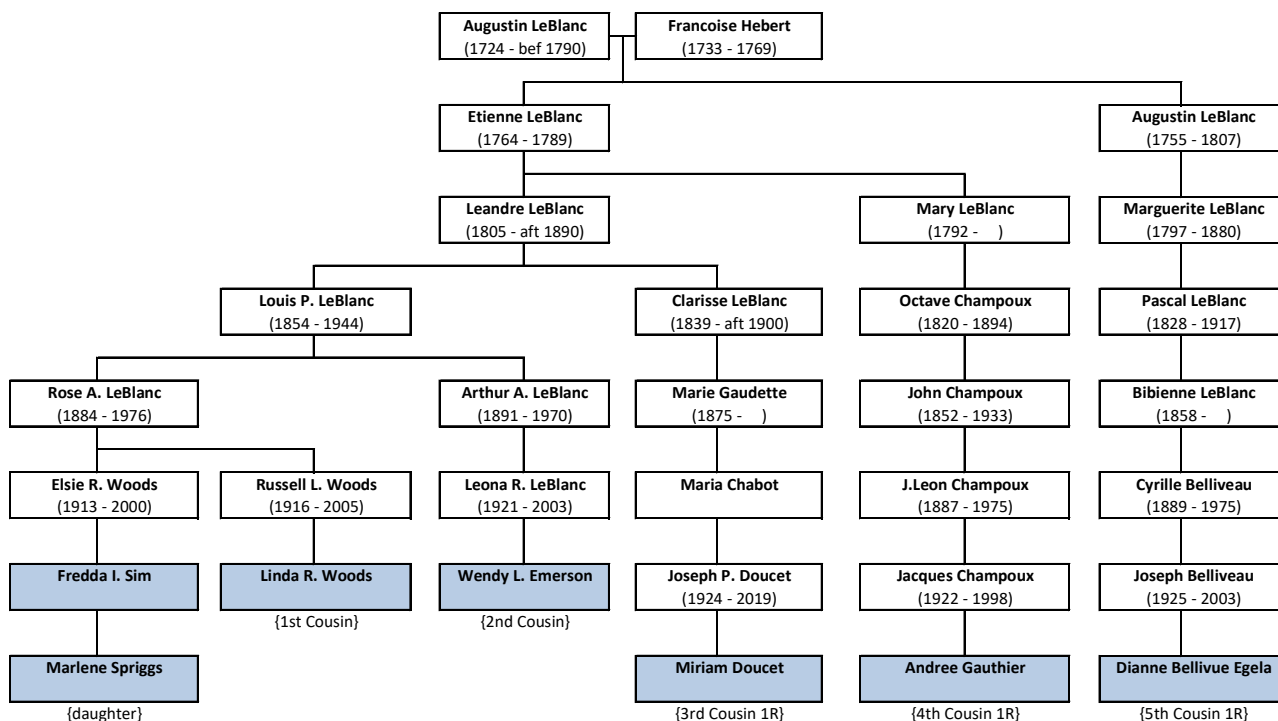
Chapter 11 – DNA Testing

The foregoing chapters have identified many of the descendants of Daniel LeBlanc, born circa 1626 in France, based primarily on church records and the research of Joachim LeBlanc. There is a gap in the records when the LeBlanc family was in exile in Boston in the mid-1700s, so it would be nice to be able to confirm the validity of the ancestral lines as researched.

Autosomal DNA testing, through companies such as Ancestry, 23andMe, My Heritage and FamilyTreeDNA, is of huge benefit to genealogists in confirming familial connections identified by researching the paper trail of our ancestors. If two people who have well-researched family trees which identify a common ancestor, also share autosomal DNA, and if there is no other obvious ancestral connection, then it is highly likely that the identified common ancestor is correct.

Through comparison of the autosomal DNA results of my mother in law, Fredda Sim, with the results of others who have taken DNA tests (DNA matches), I have found several LeBlanc cousins who were previously unknown to me, including descendants of two of the children of Augustin LeBlanc and Francoise Hebert.

The chart below shows several of Fredda's LeBlanc connections confirmed with autosomal DNA testing, but not all known DNA connections have been included in the chart to improve readability.



LeBlanc DNA Connections of Fredda Sim.

The chart above shows only one relative at the fifth cousin level, and if there was only one DNA match at this level it would likely be discounted as being due to endogamy, but I have found more than ten DNA matches who are descendants of Augustin LeBlanc (1755-1807), which

suggests that the relationship is correct, and bridges the research gap between Acadia & Yamachichi via Boston.

So autosomal DNA testing has been instrumental in confirming my wife's LeBlanc ancestry. Identification of shared DNA between Fredda Sim and LeBlanc line relatives at the first, second, third, fourth and fifth cousin levels reinforces the accuracy of the researched line back to Augustin LeBlanc (b. 1724) and Francoise Hebert.

There are many other people who have taken autosomal DNA tests, with whom Fredda shares significant amounts of DNA, and with whom it appears that she may share a common LeBlanc ancestor, but unfortunately there is no paper trail to establish the correct relationship.

It is unlikely that relatives beyond fifth cousins will share significant amounts of autosomal DNA, so for more distant connections on the male ancestral line, Y-DNA testing could also be very useful.

The Y-chromosome is passed down the male line from father to son, largely unchanged, although mutations do occur from time to time. It is these mutations that create what is termed "genetic distance" between Y-DNA samples – the genetic distance between two samples increases by 1 with each mutation on either line of descent from a common ancestor. The relative stability of the Y-chromosome is therefore useful in identifying common male ancestors in ancient times.

There is a LeBlanc Y-DNA project at FamilyTreeDNA, which includes a large number of LeBlanc males who claim Daniel LeBlanc (born 1626) as their earliest known ancestor. I therefore encourage male LeBlanc descendants to take the Big Y-700 test at FamilyTreeDNA, or even the somewhat cheaper Y-111 test, which could help to clarify how our LeBlanc family fits into the overall haplotree of humankind. These tests are frequently on sale, especially around Black Friday in November.

Even one LeBlanc male testing would be useful, and several, from different lines of descent would be a bonus.

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