

## A word from the president

Dear members, dear enthusiasts of genealogy, history, and family reunions,

It is with deep joy and great pride that I welcome you to *Sur la Branche d'Olivier*, your electronic journal. The title for our newsletter is a play on words with our ancestor's name Olivier and an olive branch, which in french is 'Olivier' as well. Very fitting for our genealogical family tree. This project was born out of a simple conviction: each of us carries within us the legacy of generations whose stories deserve to be preserved, shared, and passed on.



The Association des Familles Daigle Acadiennes Inc. aims to promote our Acadian heritage for all descendants of Olivier Daigre and Marie Gaudet by establishing communication links, encouraging Daigle families to participate in meetings, collaborating and contributing to genealogical research, and preserving and celebrating our Acadian heritage, language, and culture.

Our platform has been designed to help you discover your roots, facilitate your research, and create a space where mutual aid, knowledge, and family memories come together. Together, we do much more than reconstruct family trees: we bring back to life those who came before us, we provide you with a lively and user-friendly platform, where we are pleased to inform you about exciting projects in progress and upcoming events. Our goal is to create a space where everyone can be inspired, share, learn, and forge bonds around the common passion that brings us together: the great Daigle family.

I invite you to explore, contribute, ask questions, and share your discoveries. Your participation makes our community a vibrant, rich, and supportive place.

Thank you for your trust, and above all... enjoy exploring the sometimes surprising paths of your family history.

Happy Holidays,  
Patricia (Daigle) LeClair



## 2025 Annual Meeting Report

Dear members,

We are pleased to present the report of our annual meeting, which was held on May 27, 2025. A quorum was reached with 13 members in attendance.

During this meeting, we reviewed the activities carried out over the past year, took stock of our projects, and defined the directions for the coming year. Among the important points discussed were:

- 1. Review of the year** – Presentation of actions taken: collaborative genealogy research, database enrichment. – Notable projects and positive outcomes for our Daigle community: poutine sales and member registrations, as well as book sales.
- 2. Outlook for the coming year** – Continue to develop new tools and resources to facilitate genealogical research. – Organize family gatherings, conferences, and group projects. – Preparations for the next CMA 2029, e.g., prepare a letter to increase funding for families participating in the CMA.
- 3. Renewal or confirmation of the board of directors:**

The members present proceeded with the election/renewal of the following positions:

- President: Patricia LeClair
- Vice-President: Norma Babineau
- Secretary: Alexandre Guimond
- Treasurer: Walter Holleran

Board members:

Lucie Vautour, Cecile Daigle, Louis-Emile Daigle, Louis Daigle, Suzanne Holleran, Suzie Robichaud and Marie LeBlanc

We warmly thank all participants for their attendance, involvement, and support. Your commitment helps make our association a dynamic place where family memories continue to live on and be passed on.

We remain at your disposal for any further information and invite you to continue your research and discoveries within our community

The meeting ended with refreshments and a presentation by Claude Boudreau of DiasporAcadie on the post-deportation period in France. Approximately 70 people attended.



Conference with Claude Boudreau - Post-deportation era in France



## Our family centenarian!

Today, we celebrate a century of life, memories, and precious stories. Reaching 100 years of age is a rare gift, a treasure for a family and for all the generations who are inspired by it.

Edmond, à Donat (mother Marguerite), à Pierre, à Marcel, à Joseph Daigle, was born on November 13, 1925, in Petite Rivière, Aldouane, New Brunswick, in his father's house. It is worth noting that he weighed 13 pounds. Dr. Edmond Arsenault was present for the delivery of this beautiful big baby. And so the name Edmond was given to thank the good doctor who undoubtedly helped Mrs. Daigle overcome the great challenge of childbirth.

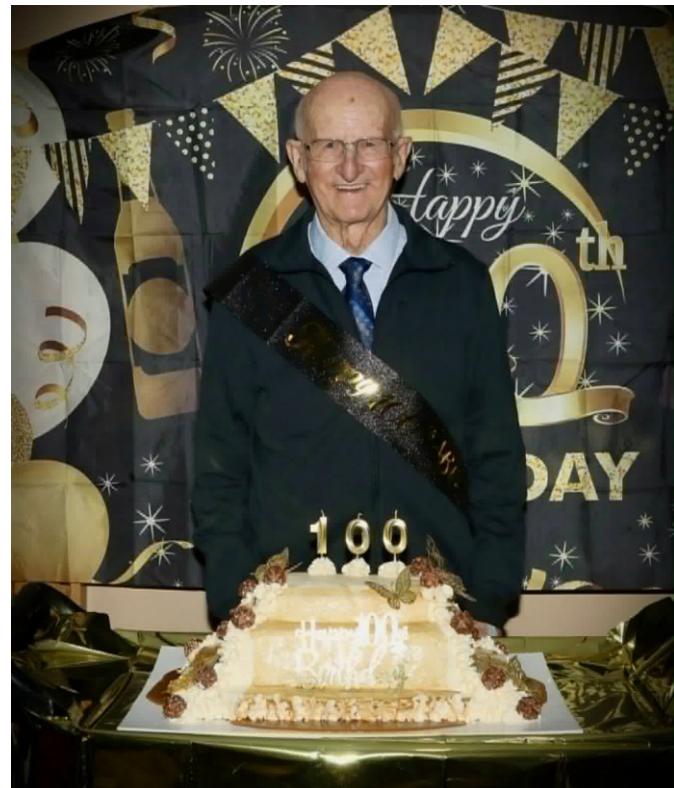
Mother and baby left for Madison Main, where Donat was working as a laborer/farmer. Seven years later, his brother Joseph was born.

Edmond attended the Aldouane/St. Charles school until eighth grade. He then worked as a labourer. When it was time to recruit soldiers for World War II, Edmond, now 18 years old, enlisted in the army. Once the war was over, Edmond stayed with his grandmother, who had become a widow, to help her until her death.

Young and full of energy, Edmond decided to build a house in Aldouane, where he met his wife Lorraine (a widow with two daughters). The wedding took place on October 18, 1957. Edmond and Lorraine (who died at the age of 92) had three daughters: Maria, Yvette, and Yvonne (twins). To his great joy, all three daughters became nurses.

Edmond is a jack of all trades. He has worked in Labrador, as a lobster boat worker, as a worker and driver at Paturel Seafood, as a security guard at L'Habitant restaurant, and many more. Today, Edmond is still active and devotes himself to volunteering and helping others. He loves his books, such as the dictionary and the Bible. Always up to date on local and world news, Edmond enjoys spending time with his second family, the Richibucto Legion, where dancing and camaraderie are the order of the day. He knows that his next birthday will take place on a Friday, the night of the dance. Oh la la! His secret to life: simply live one day at a time.

Edmond, your journey marked by courage, challenges and joyful experiences are now an integral part of our Daigle family history.



Through your values and teachings, you have passed on much more than a name: you have given us strong roots and memories that will live on in each of us.

Your presence transcends time, connects generations, and reminds us how important it is to preserve and honour our heritage.

On this special day, we pay tribute to you with admiration and gratitude. Thank you for the paths you have opened and for the richness of your life, which remains a source of inspiration for our entire lineage.

**Happy 100th birthday!**



## Genealogy Corner

1. **Daigle genealogical database** - For the 2019 CMA Daigle family reunion, a few committee members took the initiative to organize the Daigle genealogical information we had and create a Daigle database by merging our own database, mainly Daigle from New Brunswick, with Gordon Deagle's databases, which included the Daigles of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Donald Daigle's databases, which included the Daigles of Louisiana. Doris Daigle is leading this project, and our database now has over 49,600 entries. We are eternally grateful to these three individuals for their research and contributions.
2. **New:** It is now much easier to send us your family data if you have information to add or if you wish to make corrections to the information contained in our database. You can now send this information directly to our website, in the "Database" section.
3. **What would you like to see and have in the genealogy corner at our next Daigle family reunion at the World Acadian Congress in 2029?** Even though 2029 seems far away, it isn't if you want to offer the best possible genealogy corner to our members who will be joining us. We therefore want to start planning now so that we have time to do any necessary research. We would like to organize a Zoom meeting in the new year for anyone interested in a general discussion about what we could do. **Please send us a message at [associationdaigle@gmail.com](mailto:associationdaigle@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the discussion.**



## **Website (<https://famillesdaigle.ca>)**

We hope you have had a chance to check out our website. We worked hard to complete it last year and we will now focus on enriching it.

**What's new on our website?** We have just added new tables, a genealogy list, and an article for you to read at your leisure:

- 1. The Daigles listed on Winslow's list** - Lieutenant Colonel Charles Winslow compiled a list of the Acadian men he imprisoned on September 5, 1755, in Grand Pré after reading them the expulsion order. This table is taken from Paul Delaney's book entitled "*La liste de Winslow expliquée*" in which he was able to identify each person and family member deported from Winslow's original list.
- 2. The Daigles in Kent County, NB** - the genealogy of the first five generations of Daigles who settled in Kent County, NB.
- 3. The history of Abraham Daigle's family settled in France**, after deportation by Anne Métais. This publication follows the Daigle family during deportation and provides insight into the life of this Acadian family after their deportation to France. It also offers an excellent overview of how the resettlement project at La Ligne Acadienne came about in Archigny. \*\* please note this article is only available in French for now until we can translate.



## **Is genealogy popular?**

Did you know that genealogy is the second most popular hobby? Leisure experts estimate that genealogy ranks second, just behind gardening, among America's favourite pastimes. And all this time we thought we were the only ones interested in genealogy!



## Christmas Gift Ideas?

1. Membership in our association: \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family.
2. Books or pins from our store

Visite our boutique:  
<https://famillesdaigle.ca>

## Christmas Gifts

The holiday season is fast approaching. If you are looking for a unique gift, why not offer a membership to the Association des Familles Daigle Acadiennes Inc. You will find a newsletter, genealogy resources, and an enthusiastic community of Acadians.

In addition, we have great books and pins for sale.



## Are you a member of the Daigle Family Association?

### Benefits:

- Access to the Daigle genealogical database
- Access to our research resources
- Your membership helps the Association fund the Daigle website and organize family reunions during World Congresses.
- Receive a newsletter "Sur la branche d'Olivier" twice a year

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