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Our Goal

Is to serve as a communicator for researching and tracing the Guindon Family history. Our primary focus will be the ancestors and descendants of Francois Guedon & Marie Mollay's son, Pierre Guindon, born 24 Sep 1662, St. Pierre du Marche, Ville du Loudun, township Chaelleraut, diocese Poitiers, Poitou, France.

On the 21st of November 1706 Pierre married Catharine Rouchellet-Braza (widow of Vincellet) at the Notre Dame Church in Montreal, Quebec.

He died on the 26 of September 1733 at St. Francois Ile Jésus, Quebec.

Pierre and Catharine's children baptized at St Francois Ile Jésus. Quebec:

1. Jean Guindon 15 September 1707
m Madeline Labelle. 14 Feb 1729
2. Pierre b 6 Jul 1709 d Oct 1709
3. Paul Guindon 21 Aug 1710
m Marie Josette Aube. 16 Sept 1733

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Variations of the Guedon/Guindon Surname

Gandeaue Guesdon Guiendon Guyndon

Yada Yaddow Yado Yadow

Yanda Yandan Yandaw

Yandeaue Yandeu Yandreaue

Yando Yandoh Yandon Yandow

Yeado Yeaudon Yedan Yedaw Yeddau Yedon Yedow

Yondau Yondeau Yonden Yondon Yandow

Note: Sometimes Y deciphered as Z eg. Zandaw

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GUINDON CONNECTIONS

By Laverne Aitchison – editor

*Eleanor descends from the Thomas and Martha (Elcome) Yondau line of Combermere, Ontario
She attended the 1995 Guindon Reunion in Barry's Bay, Ontario (she was residing in Winchester, ON)*

The following article was written in the Canadian Living Magazine January 2003 edition



"Lessons from "The Duchess"

Kerry
Mitchell



Eleanor Dunwoody Mitchell Russell cradles her sixth great-grandson Ethan Mitchell.

After eloping with Bill she became Eleanor Dunwoody Mitchell Russell Kane.

I had no idea what to expect when I opened the e-mail from my father with the subject line "Your grandmother." Only weeks earlier, when my young son, Ethan, and I had visited my beloved grandmother Eleanor, we had found her struggling to overcome bronchitis. "Brace yourselves," began the note from my father to my three sisters and me, "Grandma's got herself a new boyfriend – a younger man (85). He takes her dancing and out to dinner. She's having a wonderful time, but Grandma told him, "No marriage, no sex."

I laughed aloud and wished, as I often do, that she was close enough to hug, but she lives in small-town Alberta and we live in Toronto.

My grandmother is 91 years old. Twice widowed, she speaks almost daily of her abiding love for my grandfather, a rugged Irishman who lived life large - as she does. He died in 1967. In the 1970's Grandma married again but was widowed once more after less than a decade of marriage. I was delighted that a man was now courting the striking lady she has always been.

Not long after my father's e-mail we received word that Grandma and her beau, Bill Kane, had eloped to save everyone the fuss of a ceremony and party. I called to tell her it couldn't have happened to a nicer girl and asked for her secret (since I've struck out in the marriage department so far). She slyly replied, No marriage, no sex."

She sounded as happy as any new bride as she boasted of her new husband. "Bill has a challenging mind," she told me. "A gentle, kind man, to say the least. He's a romantic, with a good sense of humour. I have someone to talk to of topics other than personal histories and health, which seem to be uppermost in everyone's mind at this age. We have some rare discussions that keep us both young. We dance together, and he plays modern tunes and golden oldies on the piano." Since they married last spring, Eleanor and Bill have travelled (and even camped) through Alberta and northern Montana, visiting friends and relatives and creating their own life adventures. "It is difficult to express what it means to be foremost in someone else's mind and heart," she told me. "It is wonderful to have someone again with whom I come first. The years seem to drop away, I am very happy and feel about 10 years younger. My cane stands in the corner, and my walker is in storage."

Eleanor Dunwoody Mitchell Russell Kane has lived life full blast. She is a hearty outdoorswoman who tended her family through winters on the Prairies and in isolated logging towns in northern Ontario. She can hunt her own dinner if required, yet I have never seen her without manicured nails and perfectly set hair. She demonstrated that strength and independence were not unladylike – that, on the contrary, those qualities can be the perfect frame in which to present one's most feminine qualities.

As a child I was overwhelmed by my grandmother's presence. She stands five foot nine – tall even by today's standards – and has a majestic quality that earned her the affectionate family nickname "The Duchess." When we were young, she regaled us with dramatic stories and Irish folklore. As frightening as some of her tall tales were (it was years before I realized that the fairies would not pull me down the drain if I failed to jump out of the bathtub quickly enough), they mesmerized me.

As I matured, she grew to be a close friend, whose counsel I sought and heeded at critical points in my life. She possesses a stubborn and fiercely independent nature that challenges me to tackle life with equal passion. Her steadfast faith in her church is matched only by her faith in herself and her ability to overcome the many obstacles we all face.

Now that I am a mother, I find myself rethinking the life lessons – some difficult - that I have learned from every member of my family. My grandmother taught me the true value of self-respect, and, with her as an example, I continue to learn how to practise it. Her life is a gift that she respects to the fullest, an adventure that began the day she was born. I am delighted that she is spending her time with a man who keeps her laughing all-day and dancing into the evening. I think of my grandmother daily, always with a smile for her magnificent spirit and with thanks for the enduring role model she has been for me. My son, now four, and I talk of her and celebrate her happiness from afar. Although he doesn't see his great-grandmother often enough, her example of a life fully lived is teaching him the most valuable lesson I learned from her and one I seek to impart to him.

As I write this, I know that Eleanor and Bill are living, laughing and dancing together at their home in Magrath, Alberta. "We love each other, enjoy each other and are enjoying our lives together," she told me recently. Well done, Grandma. And thank you.

DID YOU SAY GUINDON COULD BE ANGLO-SAXON?

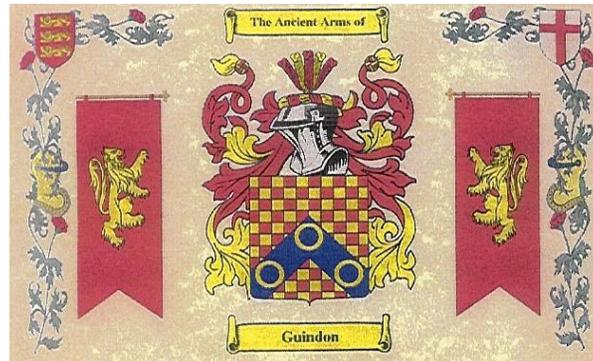
It is interesting to note the information on the Guindon name from the following two sites;

If you would like to comment on these sites

Please e-mail your replies to treearcher@worldnet.att.net

COAT OF ARMS AND SURNAME HISTORY

<http://store.yahoo.com/4crests/index.html>



Documents such as the Domesday Book have survived for 1000 years, providing us with excellent material with which to trace the history of a surname. Extensive study of these ancient records reveal this surname, Guindon, to be of Anglo Saxon origin. The first record of the Guindon surname was found in Sussex where they were anciently seated as Lords of the manor. The Saxon influence of English history diminished after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The language of the courts was French for the next three centuries and the Norman ambience prevailed. But Saxon surnames survived and the family name was first referenced in the 13 century.

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According to our research, the origin of the name **Guindon** is French. Unfortunately, coats of arms were not located for this name.

We have written an 1800-word history on Guindon. A small excerpt from this **Guindon** family history:

Spelling variations include: Guindon, Guindol, Guindey, Guindet and others.

First found in Auvergne, where this family was anciently seated.

Some of the first settlers of this name or some of its variants were: Pierre Guindon, who married Catherine Barsa in Montreal in 1706; Jean Guindon, who married Madeleine Labelle in St-Franois in 1729; Paul Guindon, who married Amable Maisonneuve in Ste-Rose in 1761.

Subject: Re: Emeline Lacelle and Noe Guindon, VanKleek Hill, Ontario

Author: [Dean Daniel Lefebvre](#)

Surnames: Lacelle, Guindon

Email: Lefebvre@Adelphia.net

I am looking for any information on Emeline **Lacelle** and her husband Noe **Guindon**. This couple was married in VanKleek Hill, Ontario on October 6, 1919.

Subject: Re: Guindons from Carlsbad Springs, Ontario

Author: Diane

Surnames: Fortiers, Guindon, Perrier

Email: melansongirls4@yahoo.ca

I am doing research on one particular Guindon Family of Carlsbad Springs; they were Isabella Perrier and Maxime **Guindon**. They had a daughter named Agnes **Guindon** born in 1942 and died 1987. I am looking for a little background information on Agnes when she moved to Ottawa around the WWII. She later married a **Fortier** and had 3 children

There has been a number of queries for Francis Napoleon Guindon b Jul 16 1854/58 in Quebec and died in South Dakota. One of the contact persons for this Guindon line is:

Pam Vissia Box 576 Plankinton, South Dakota 57368



GENFORUM WEBSITE –

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/guindon/messages>

Posted by Diana Yeado e-mail: shirley@utma.com

*I am searching for a Joseph **Yandow**, possibly Guindon, who was married 3 times. His first wife was Julia **Benoit**. They married somewhere near Jay, New York. Julia died around 1880. He then married Mary and Mandy. He may have been born in Lewis, NY. He supposedly was run over by a train and died in Springfield, MA. His father was August and mother was Monica **Picotte**. Any help is deeply appreciated.*

*I am trying to make a connection between **Yeado** family in ND, USA and the Guindon name in Ontario. The farthest back **Yeado** I have is Joseph Yeado who was born in Canada and married Jennie **Hay** who was from Scotland. They settled in Leroy or St. Joseph, ND about 1880. The other one I have is Mary Jane **Yeado** who married James Thomas **Lang** Dec 28, 1896. Mary was daughter of John **Yeado** and Mary **Powers** who came to ND from Orillia, Ont. Mary Jane was born in Huron Co., Ont in 1872. Her husband Thomas **Lang** born in Napaneau (?) Ont on Dec 5, 1858. Any one have a connection for me? Thanks in advance. Diana (Napaneau-possibly Nepean?)*

Posted by Bernie Buechman e-mail: cassy@nrtco.net

Matilda Guindon m to Francis Lavallee abt 1830

I am looking for any information on these relatives which will tie in with my **Jones** and **Ladouceur**, as well as there daughter Matilda **Lavallee** who married Antoine **Jones** in Pembroke Aug-29-1871. Did these families live in St Jerome for long, where are Francis and Matilda **Lavallee** buried? I am also interested in any other family member's and where they ended up. Was this **Lavallee** name just **Lavallee** or did they have a **Paquet** dit name. If you have done family history on any of these families please email me, sorry I don't know the French language.
Bernie Buechman Pembroke, Ont,

CENSUS RECORDS :

1880 Vermont Census records.

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birth place	Occupation	Father Birthplace	Mother Birthplace
Wm. GUINDON	Self	M	Male	W	45	CAN	In Wool Mill	CAN	CAN
Philomena GUINDON	Wife	M	Female	W	44	CAN	Keeps House	CAN	CAN
Philomena GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	21	CAN	In Wool Mill	CAN	CAN
Emma GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	17	CAN	In Wool Mill	CAN	CAN
Josephine GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	16	CAN	In Wool Mill	CAN	CAN
Katherine GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	12	NY	At School	CAN	CAN
Cordelia GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	10	VT	At School	CAN	CAN
Margaret GUINDON	Dau	S	Female	W	8	VT		CAN	CAN
Adolphus GUINDON	Son	S	Male	W	6	VT		CAN	CAN

Source Information:

Census Place Colchester, Chittenden, Vermont
Family History Library Film [1255343](#)
NA Film Number T9-1343
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It is interesting to note that Wm Guindon and Wm Yandon are both married to a Philomena/Philoneon. In 1880 they are both living in Colchester, Chittenden, Vermont.

Wm. YANDON	Self	M	Male	W	43	CAN	Blacksmith	CAN	CAN
Philoneon YANDON	Wife	M	Female	W	38	VT	Keeps House	CAN	CAN
Jed YANDON	Son	S	Male	W	12	VT	At School	CAN	VT
Emma YANDON	Dau	S	Female	W	9	VT		CAN	VT
Delia YANDON	Dau	S	Female	W	5	VT		CAN	VT

Source Information:

Census Place Colchester, Chittenden, Vermont
Family History Library Film [1255343](#)
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1880 Census Virginia

Thomas YANDAW	Self	M	Male	W	56	NY	Merchant	CANADA	CANADA
Francis YANDAW	Wife	M	Female	W	56	NC	Keeping House	NC	NC
William HUDGENS	SonL	S	Male	W	33	VA		VA	NC
Elizabeth ARINGTON	Other	W	Female	W	23	NC	Boarder; Keeps House	NC	NC

Source Information:

Census Place Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia
Family History Library Film [1255381](#)
NA Film Number T9-1381
Page Number [354B](#)

GUINDON TRIP TO LOUDUN, FRANCE MAY 2004

There are some Guindon members that plan to travel to our roots in Loudun, France where our first Guindon came from and settled in Quebec in the 1600's. Understandably there has been concern with cost and travel to our home roots of Loudun, France. If you have made plans to travel to Loudun, I hope these few tips will help your dream of walking in the footsteps of your ancestors become a reality.

Members Planning to Travel:

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Lynn Webster and family members - lorne_webster@telus.net

Beverly Smith - 8 Manor Court, Avenue Rc, Leamington SPA, Warwickshire, England CV31 3NL

Joyce Fraser, Trina & Clinton - fraserjd@telusplanet.net

Website from Loudun, France:

OT.LOUDUN@wanadoo.fr

Here are some information about Loudun :

Loudun is located at the North of Vienne department and numbers about 8,000 inhabitants. There are several services such as banks, library, grocery stores, restaurants, Hotels, etc.

You can appreciate its 3 museums (Theophraste Renaudot, Charbonneau Lassay and the museum of roman art), its square Tower, and the magnificent vestiges of the past fortress.

There is an hour driving to go to the nearest biggest cities :

Poitiers (South) = 55 km

Tours (North) = 80 km

The nearest airport is in Poitiers, which has several bus connections to reach Loudun.

We are pleased to help you if you need more information about our town and its region.

Yours sincerely,

Le service accueil

You'll find by this mail a map of our region Poitou-Charentes : we are situated in the western France;

The nearest international airport is Paris (300km) or Nantes (200km)

After you can hire a car or take the train to Poitiers (50km from Loudun)

In France you can find many associations which can help you in genealogy.

For Loudun (cf Acadian and Canadian history) you can write to "La maison de l'Acadie"

BP80 F 86200 Loudun.

Yours Sincerely

Le Service Accueil

Tour companies to help you plan

www.globaltours.com

www.hotel.com

This site is a professional who will take you on a tour of our Ancestral town

http://www.eurofocus.com/html/genealogy_tours.html

TRAVEL TIPS:

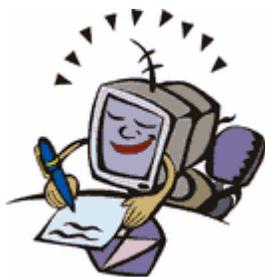
REMEMBER – do your homework:

Learn as much as you can about the country, from its customs and language basics to embassies and consulates phone numbers and how to make calls. Know how to get from the airport to your hotel, and how to use trains, buses and taxis

Prepare yourself. Get traveler's checks and foreign currency, along with travel insurance for trip cancellation, emergency medical needs and baggage. Leave copies of your itinerary, prescriptions, credit card, passport and phone numbers at home. Memorize your international calling card number.

Pack well. Fill a sturdy, reliable backpack with half the clothing you think you'll need, plus a small first-aid kit, maps, flashlight and extra batteries, global cell phone and comfortable shoes. Hand-carry prescriptions, and use a waist money belt for your passport, credit cards and currency. (keep with you always). Be aware of your surroundings. Wear a small backpack in front and stick to the main streets. Use the hotel vault (not the room safe), and check the door locks and exits.

As a special thank you, hand out picture postcards of your hometown



**A message from the editor of the Guindon Newsletter:
by Laverne Aitchison:**

The first Guindon Reunion was held in Galahad, Alberta in 1985. Many family members have worked hard to make these reunions a memorable event. Over the years, they have been held in Galahad, Alberta, 1985 Plumas, Manitoba, 1992 Barry's Bay, Ontario 1995 and our largest bilingual reunion of 230+ attending at Hammond, Ontario in August 2000! **2005 will be the 20th anniversary of our first GUINDON FAMILY REUNION.**

Our lives are sometimes like the changing seasons and changes are happening in our life. As our life is unsettled at this time it would be appreciated if we could find some interested members to take on the planning for our next reunion that we hope to be in 2005. Lynn Webster has suggested a St. Lawrence cruise,-

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, Please contact:

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Patricia McCarron Guindon pfncr@aol.com or

Laverne Aitchison treeseacher@worldnet.att.net



We appreciate the time and effort of Patricia McCarron Guindon, who wears many hats including organizing and managing the Guindon Genealogy membership, our treasurer, Roland Guindon and our newsletter distributors that keep the Guindon interests at heart. We are all volunteers with our focus on the Guindon connections. Our sincere thanks to Denise Besserer as our outgoing newsletter distributor and welcome Gail Fox as our new newsletter distributor.

Thanks to all on behalf of the newsletter editor, Laverne Aitchison.

GUINDON FAMILY WEBPAGES: 2003

<http://members.aol.com/pfncr/guindon.2000.html>

<http://homepage.mac.com/robertyandow/family.html>

<http://home.att.net/~treeseacher/>

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T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was the night before Christmas
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring not even my spouse.
The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said....
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote
Sank in a storm on an ill fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such
Were proof that my work had become much too much
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While vision of sugarplums danced in their heads
And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.
Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.
While others had bought gifts that would bring
Christmas cheer;
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight.
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys, and old Santa Claus too.
And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
The TV antenna was no match for their horns,

And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!
"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet,
(I could wring his short neck!)
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy;
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.
He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist" He cried! (My face was all red!)

"Tonight I've met many like you", Santa grinned,
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.
I gazed with amazement - the cover it read
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug."
He said, as he gave me a great Santa Hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!
A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.
Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from the genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.
While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle.
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,

Family Values:
 Fun
 Attitude
 Make Their Day
 Integrity
 Listen
Quality

"Family History is Fun!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!"

