

L'Association des Familles D'Amours



History of the Association

The idea of founding an Association of D'Amours families had been floating above Trois-Pistoles for some time. Many had been thinking about it, including Claude D'Amours of Matane, members of the family of Alcide D'Amours in Trois-Pistoles, as well as several other D'Amours

So, two years before the 300th anniversary celebrations of Jean Rioux's arrival in Trois-Pistoles planned for 1997, it seemed appropriate for some members of different D'Amours of Trois-Pistoles families to finally create this new association.

First meetings of the Board



Thus, two meetings took place in the summer of 1995 to finally make an official request for a charter on behalf of the "Association des familles D'Amours". As a result, a provisional committee was formed, the members of which were signatories to the application. They were Bernard D'Amours, Jean-Marc and Denise D'Amours, Angèle D'Amours, Marcelle D'Amours-Lavoie, Ghislaine D'Amours, Johanne

D'Amours, Yvette Jetté-D'Amours, and Théo D'Amours. In May 1996, the (non-profit) Association received its Letters patent.

The charter states that the main objective of the "Association des familles D'Amours" is to promote and make known the history and genealogy of D'Amours in America or elsewhere. To this first objective is added that of collecting data and documentation relating to D'Amours, the result of research carried out by various members of D'Amours interested in sharing them.

The achievements of the association over time...

Every two years, a gathering is held in order to bring together, share and celebrate the fantastic story that has become that of the D'Amours family over time. These meetings have become a great way to socialize with other members, as new and many friendships have formed over the years. It was thus possible to meet several American families (New Mexico, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts), and even from Oceania where there are some D'Amours descendants.

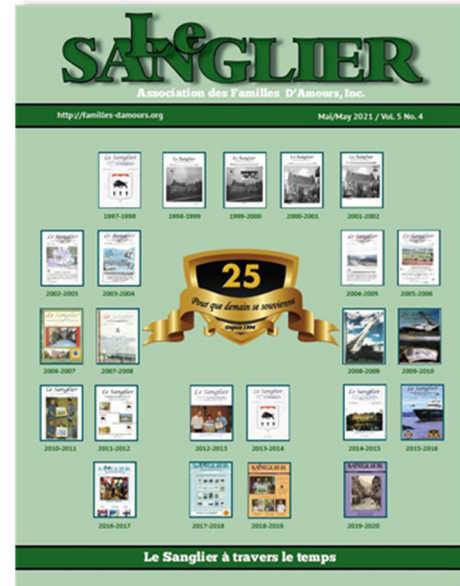


The Gatherings

1999- Trois-Pistoles	2008- Québec
2001- Québec	2010- Montréal
2004- Gatineau	2012- Montmagny
2006- Rivière-du-Loup	2016- Rivière-du-Loup
2018- Magog	

Le Sanglier

From the very first meetings of the Board of Directors of the, there was talk of creating a means of communication that could reach and inform the members. In the first issue of the Association newspaper, a competition was launched to find a name for the information body for members. We wanted a short name, meaningful, symbolic and related to the history of D'Amours as much as possible. Since the wild boar/sanglier was part of the family coat of arms, the name "Le Sanglier" was chosen from among some fifty suggestions. Le Sanglier is now at the heart of the Association's action. In 2021, a special Le Sanglier, all in color, was published under the direction of long-time president, Réal D'Amours, to highlight the various actions of the Association since its creation 25 years ago.



Le Laurier d'Or



At the Annual General Meeting held in Rivière-du-Loup on August 6, 2006, the members approved the creation of a recognition award on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the "Association des familles D'Amours". It was agreed to give the award the title of "Laurier d'Or", symbolizing both effort, success and peer recognition. This prize, which is awarded on an ad hoc basis at gatherings, is a token of recognition for those who have made a significant contribution to the benefit of our Association

Le Sanglier d'Argent

In 2016, a recognition award was created to recognize the exceptional participation of some individuals who have been involved with our association for many years, either on the Board of Directors or as a worker in the shadows. Six (6) Sanglier d'Argent were given at the Rivière-du-Loup gathering in 2016.



Commemorative plaque



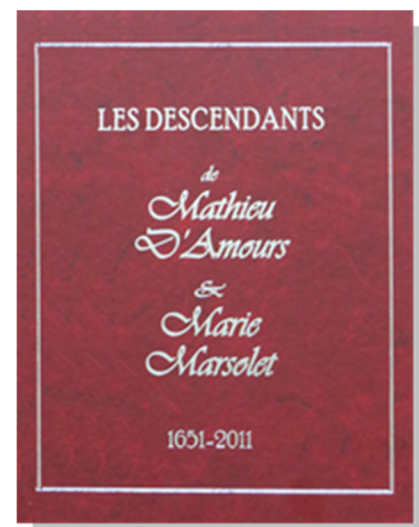
2001 marked the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Mathieu d'Amours in Quebec City. At the General Assembly, the participants decided to install a bronze plaque to mark the anniversary of the arrival of the ancestor Mathieu. The plaque was fixed on the wall of a building on the very spot where Mathieu d'Amours and Marie Marsolet raised some of their many children.

This building on Sous-le-Fort Street in Old Quebec is civic number 41. Alban D'Amours, president and CEO of Desjardins and Réal D'Amours, president at the time of the Association, unveiled the plaque on August 11, 2001.

The dictionary

In 2004, a genealogy committee, made up of Alcide, Anita and Angèle, published a genealogical dictionary covering the period from 1651 to 2003. With nearly 400 pages, the dictionary contains more than 23,040 names from 9,230 families. Three lines of D'Amours are included: the descendants of Mathieu, Sieur de Chauffours and Marie Marsolet, several descendants of Jacques-Joseph D'Amours and Francine Prillat and Louis-Léopold Damour with Geneviève Thériault and Marie Chiasson.

This dictionary was updated and reissued in 2012 at the gathering held in Montmagny. It therefore had 24,988 names. It was also a success. Genealogical updates have been in the Association's bank since then and can later be published.



The D'Amours Familles Association Website

The “Association des Familles D'Amours” could not do without a website. Thanks to the excellent work of Gervais D'Amours, a site with unique content was created, allowing users and other genealogy lovers on the D'Amours family to consult, read and search a multitude of information online.



The Association’s website is constantly evolving and updated regularly. Its ultimate goal is to provide members with unique access to all existing documentation about our ancestors and their descendants. In the future, we plan to put genealogical information

on-line and to continue publishing other relevant historical documents on the site.

For example, it is possible to directly access all the publications of the “Le Sanglier” bulletins since its creation, in just one click! This site also contains a bank of historical documents and a bank of tombstones of family members.

Members are the heart of the “Association des Familles D'Amours”

An association could not exist and live without the involvement of its members. Since the Association was founded in 1996, hundreds of people with a heart of gold have participated in the creation and implementation of a multitude of joint projects. The Association could not do without its precious members and it is through a continuous support that the “Association des familles D'Amours” can continue its mission, that is to say: to regroup the D'Amours families, to make known the history and to perpetuate the memory of our ancestors.

So that tomorrow will remember ...

Johanne D'Amour,

President of the “Association des Familles D'Amours”