



# Gallant Family Reunion

Tignish, Prince Edward Island—August 7th to 9th, 2009

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## IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER ~ OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OPEN ~

Hello again and welcome! This issue [#2] of our GFR newsletter finds us counting down the weeks to our very first Gallant Family Reunion for all descendants of Napoléon Gallant.

We have had a great response and many of those attending who've already pre-registered have also offered great ideas on planning various activities.

We're proud to announce also that our special guest speaker on Saturday August 8 will be Mr. Jean Bernard, the former Director/Archivist for the Centre for Acadian Research.

Mr. Bernard will be speaking about Michel Haché-Gallant and his descendants. As you are all aware Michel Hache-Gallant is ancestor to most

Hachés and/or Gallants from the Maritimes. Our particular line is Michel Haché-Gallant / Jacques / Cyprien / Prospère / Sylvain / Napoléon.

We are looking forward to Mr. Bernard's informative talk .

Gallant Reunion website pages at The Gallant Family website have been updated and official registration is now open. You have the option of printing off a pdf or word document file to mail or you can conveniently submit your registration form on-line and make payment via our convenient PayPal secure site. The choice is up to you. If you have family members who don't have access to our website, please help spread the word to them by printing

off the form and forwarding this info to them. Thanks!

Please note as well that there is a maximum number of people that The Parish Centre can hold so once we hit that number, we will not be able to accept any more registrations. So, if you're planning on being there in attendance for our first ever Napoléon Gallant Family Reunion, kindly submit your official registration soon.

For those pre-registered, we need you to register officially now to confirm your detailed information which may be provided along with payment.



## TIMELINE

- Nov 2005—Gallant Research Started
- Oct 2006- July 2007—Created Gallant Family Website
- July 2007—Website goes online
- Mar 2008—Gallant Family Reunion Proposed
- Summer 2008—Reunion pages added to website
- July 2008—The Parish Centre confirmed for 2009 Gallant Family reunion
- Aug 2008—1st Gallant Family Reunion Newsletter sent out to relatives & posted on our website
- Mar 2009—2nd Gallant Family Reunion Official Registration goes online.
- Apr 2009—2nd Gallant Family Reunion Newsletter issued.

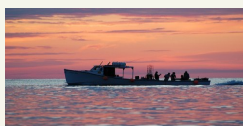
## REUNION ACTIVITIES

### GOLFING



**St. Felix Golf Course** is a 9 hole course set in St. Felix, P.E.I. just 5 minutes from Tignish. The 2995 Yard Par 36 layout has tees at all levels for the beginner intermediate and pro.

### FISHING



**Casting your line in the deep blue sea** will gain you a whole new appreciation for fresh seafood. You can set your sights on fresh mackerel or do battle with a big cod.

### BEACHES



**P.E.I. is surrounded by miles of sandy white beaches** where you can swim, go clam digging or simply enjoy a walk as gentle waves lap upon the seashore.

### BONFIRE



**Enjoy our bonfire on a PEI beach** as we toast marshmallows, have a sing-a-long, bid adieu and celebrate a great discovery weekend.

GALLANT FAMILY REUNION

Most of our arrangements have been completed now for our first big Family Reunion. The Tignish Parish Centre has been rented for the entire weekend of our reunion in case of inclement weather or as a place for attendees to gather if some don't want to fish, golf or go to the beach. The Gallant Family website is also now fully updated and registration is officially open. With this April newsletter, we

want to remind you also that if you wish to be entered into the Gallant Family Reunion booklet and haven't yet sent in your detailed information, please do so soon so as to avoid any disappointment. And please send any photos that you have too as they are always welcome. Check out the fantastic photo on the right that was recently sent to us by Ellie Irving, the granddaughter of Clara Gallant.



Here's a wonderful picture of seven of Napoleon Gallant's children. Seated in front Annie Arsenault, Mary Ellen Gaudette, Clara Doucette. Standing in back is Frank, Jim, George and Thomas Gallant. Circa 1925.

*"Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one."*

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED



We will need some help with setting up our Friday night displays and snacks buffet so any volunteers are welcomed. Saturday/Sunday card games and Sunday activities such as games, BBQ and bonfire also may require some assistance so again, help is appreciated.

BUS TOUR



For anyone registered who may be interested in taking a bus tour around on Saturday, we can arrange to rent a bus if enough people want to do that. There would be a small fee of \$5 Cdn to cover rental.

T-SHIRT LOGO



Our Reunion t-shirt logo is being created currently and will be revealed very soon on the Gallant Family Website. So stay tuned.

WEBSITE NEWS

facebook

The Gallant Family Reunion has a group page on Facebook now so if you have a Facebook account, you can search for our group under Common Interest — Family — Gallant Family Reunion 2009. Latest updates will also be posted there.

MCIVER REUNION

Descendants of Napoleon Gallant's son, Francis [Fanny McIver], are holding their McIver Family Reunion in Kinkora PEI July 31-Aug 2, 2009. The McIver Reunion registration has been posted on our website. Deadline was March 30th, but registrations may still be accepted.



Frank Gallant and Fanny McIver celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1940.

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