

*L'Association des Familles D'Amours*

« To remember that tomorrow »

## From the beginning



There was a time that the idea of founding an association of D'Amours family floated above Trois-Pistoles. Many thought there, especially Claude D'Amours from Matane, members of the family of Alcide D'Amours from Trois-Pistoles, and several other D'Amours.

Two years before the 300th anniversary celebrations of the arrival of Jean Rioux in Trois-Pistoles scheduled for 1997, it seemed appropriate to some members of different D'Amours families from Trois-Pistoles to start a new association.

### First council

Two meetings took place during the summer of 1995 to finally make a formal request in order to obtain a chart on behalf of the Association of D'Amours family. At the same time, a provisional committee was formed, whose members were signatories to the application. They were Jean-Marc and Denise D'Amours, Angela D'Amours-Bérubé, Marcelle D'Amours-Lavoie, Ghislain D'Amours, Johanne D'Amours, Yvette Thow D'Amours, Theo D'Amours and Bernard D'Amours. In May 1996, the Association (nonprofit organization) received his letter of approval.

In the chart it says that the main objective of the association of D'Amours family is to promote and showcase the history and genealogy of the D'Amours in America or elsewhere. This first objective is collecting data and documentation relating to D'Amours and sharing the result of research conducted by various members of the D'Amours.

## The achievements of the association over time ...

### Gatherings



Every two years, a meeting was organized to gather, share and celebrate the fantastic story that is now the D'Amours family over time. These meetings have become a great way to socialize with others members because of many new friendships were formed over the years. Thus it was possible to make the acquaintance of many American families (New Mexico, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts), and even Oceania with D'Amours ancestor.

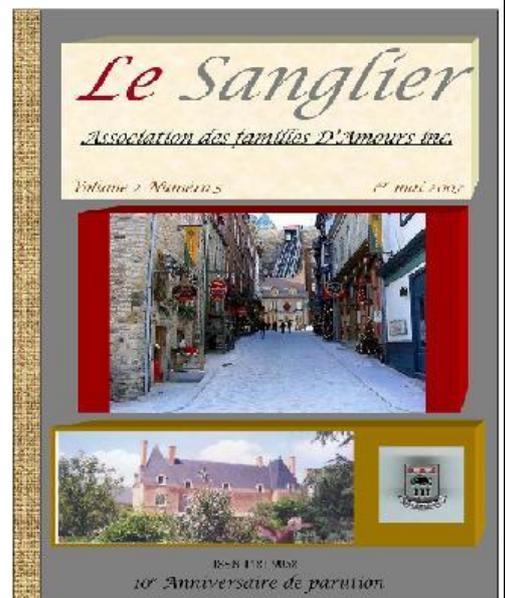
1998	Rivière-du-Loup	2000	Québec
2002	Trois-Pistoles	2004	Gatineau
2006	Rivière-du-Loup	2008	Québec
2010	Montréal		

### Le Sanglier

From the first meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association of D'Amours family, there was talk of creating a means of communication that can reach and inform members. In the first issue of the Journal of the Association, a competition was launched to find a name for the new organization for the members. We wanted a short name, meaningful, symbolic and connected to the history of the D'Amours as much as possible. Since the boar was one of the family coat of arms, it is therefore called "Le Sanglier" which was withheld from some fifty suggestions.

### The Golden Laurel

At the Annual General Meeting held in Rivière-du-Loup August 6, 2006, members approved the creation of a recognition award at the 10th anniversary of the Association of D'Amours families. It was agreed to award the prize as the "Golden Laurel", symbolizing both the effort, achievement and peer recognition. The prize will be awarded every two years and it is intended as a mark of gratitude to those who have contributed significantly to the benefit of our Association.





### Commemorative plaque

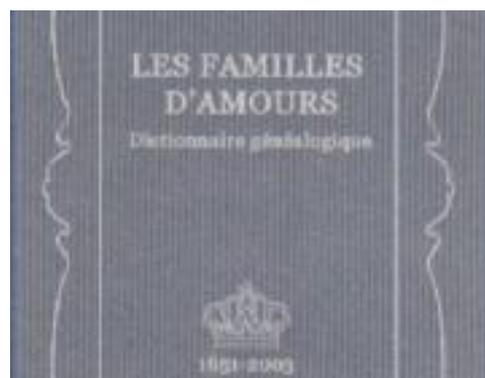
The year 2001 marked the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Mathieu D'Amours in Quebec. During the general meeting, participants decided to install a bronze plaque marking the anniversary of the arrival of the ancestor Mathieu. The plate was fixed to the wall of a building located on the first site where Mathieu D'Amours and Marie Marsolet raised some of their children.

The building of the Rue Sous-le-Fort, in the old Quebec city, is the civic number 41. On the picture we can see R al D'Amours, president at the time of the association and Mr. Alban D'Amours, President and CEO of Desjardins, unveiling the plaque, August 11, 2001.

### Family dictionary

In 2004, a genealogy committee, consisting of Alcide, Anita and Angela, is publishing a genealogical dictionary covering the period 1651 to 2003. Filing nearly 400 pages, the dictionary includes over 23,040 names from 9230 families. Three lines of D'Amours are included either the descendants of Matthew, and Mary M. Chauffour Marsolet, several descendants of Jacques-Joseph D'Amours and Francine Prillat and Louis-Leopold Damour Genevi ve Th riault and Marie Chiasson.

The launch of the dictionary of D'Amours was a real bestseller. The 350 copies sold out in less than 7 weeks. Congratulations to the genealogy committee.



### The D'Amours family association website

The Association of D'Amours family could not exist without a website. Thanks to the excellent work of Gervais D'Amours, a site with unique content was created, allowing users and other genealogists on the D'Amours, to read and find a wealth of information online.

The website of the association is continuously evolving. It's ultimate goal is to provide members unique access to all existing documentation on our ancestors and their descendants. Thus, in a possible future, we plan to put online dictionary of D'Amours family and other relevant documents.

For example, it is possible to directly access all publications of "Le Sanglier" since its beginning and this, in a single click!

### Members are the heart of "L'Association des Familles D'Amours"

An association could not exist and live without the involvement of its members. Since the founding of the association in 1996, hundreds of people with the heart of gold have participated in the creation and development of a multitude of joint projects. The association could not do without its valued members and it is a continuous support that the combination of loving family can continue its mission, that is to say together the D'Amours family, to know history and perpetuate the memory of our ancestors.

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**Paul D'Amours,**  
President of the « Association des Familles D'Amours »



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## Formulaire d'adhésion et de renouvellement Membership application and renewal

Je suis un nouveau membre  
I am a new member

Je désire renouveler  
I would like to renew

S.V.P. encerclez votre choix /please circle your choice----->FRANÇAIS or ENGLISH

Numéro de membre / Membership number		
Prénom et nom de famille/ First and last name		Conjoint/Spouse
Adresse rue/street adress	Casier postal / PO.box	Code postal/postal code
Ville/City	Province/State	
( ) -	Pays/Country	
Téléphone à domicile/Home phone number		

- **Membre régulier (1 an)** 20,00\$ CAD   
Regular membership ( 1 year)
- **Membre bienfaiteur ( 1 an )** 30,00\$ & ++ CAD   
Benefactor membership ( 1 year)
- **Membre à vie** 200,00\$ CAD   
Lifetime membership

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Paiement à l'ordre de :  
Payment to :

L'Association des Familles D'Amours  
C.P. 7037, Trois-Pistoles, Qc, GOL 4K0

**Veillez renouveler votre adhésion AVANT le 28 février ! Merci**

Please, renew your membership BEFORE February 28 ! Thank you

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