
Alphonse Auger


Charlotte Michaud

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Letter from Laurette Provancher to Charlotte Michaud 09/29/ 1979

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82 Ash St.

Lewiston, Maine.

September, 29, 1979

Dear Miss Michaud:

Arthur & I have been trying to gather some information for you. We are sorry to be so late in answering your letter, we have been away for two weekends and we both work, so we do not have much time for that type of research. I have been writing to obtain some pictures and had some negatives made. I will try to answer your questions as they appear on your letter.

I will correct whatever I know is incorrect. You tell me that you have a picture of Marine Desmarais Auger who died in 1876, she was the first adult to be buried in St Peter's Cemetery. Marine Desmarais Auger was the wife of Mathias Auger, he died in Auburn 1883. On the monument it clearly shows L.E. Auger in 1904. This L.E. Auger was the son of Pierre Auger, grandson of Marine.

Mathias Auger & Marine Desmarais Auger had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

Pierre born in Canada 1845 died in Auburn 1904

Alphonse born in Canada 1846 died in Auburn 1935

Louis born in Canada 1848 died in Poland 1904

Marine

Léocadie

I have no information about the ladies.

Octavie

Mathias Auger & Marine Desmarais were my great grandparents.

Louis Auger born in 1848 died in 1904 ^{is} my grandfather. He had a farm in Poland, he also had a milk route and delivered his milk in Lewiston also sold his products in Lewiston. He must have been a prosperous farmer. He had several hired men on the farm. He married Virginie Laflamme

in 1868. They had 10 children, 4 sons and 6 daughters, 4 of whom died within a month of influenza. The two remaining daughters were Artheline married to Robert Martin and Theodora, Auger who married Georges Provancher in 1914 St Louis Church in Auburn, my father and mother. My grandmother Virginia Auger lived with us and died in 1935 in Auburn. My father Georges Provancher died in 1931, after working 40 years as a conductor for the Canadian National RR, and later I would say the last ten years of his life he worked for the Central Maine Railroad. My mother Theodora Auger Provancher was educated at the convent in Auburn and was a pianist

Now the painting at the Centre d'Héritage is presently being restored, will not be ready for another 2 or 3 weeks. It is the painting of my uncle Alfred Auger son of Louis Auger & Virginie Laflamme, he toured extensively with the famous Paul Whitman orchestra as a professional singer. Sang in Atlantic City, also a member of the Leo Feist Trio. Its an oil painting, the artist unknown. I called the Centre d'Héritage and asked them if they wanted an oil painting of a boy as St Jean the Baptiste, they wanted it so I brought it over. We live on Ash St. across the street from the Centre. The other picture of the boy is Henri Leon Auger, son of Louis Auger and Virginie Laflamme, brother of Alfred. There is no Jr. at the end of His name.

I went to the journal and got a copy of the obituary notes on Albert Auger, musicien, organist of St Louis Church, he was the son of Alphonse Auger and Mary Pelletier. That will probably answer your questions on Albert Auger's three sisters.

You mention Alphonse Auger who had the store and sold to his brother Pierre, they were Louis's brother, my grandfather. I'm not sure about obtaining pictures of their store, home etc. I will try and see what I can do. I was told that the City Hall have

pictures of all the houses in Lewiston, I don't know if they would let me have that, probably you could.

When do you need all this material for your article:

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I spoke to Mr. Janelle, he couldn't give me any information. Mr. Janelle was born in Wotton, dans les Cantons de l'est, the same place as Mathias Auger and Marie Desmarais spent a few years before coming to the U.S.A. precisely Biddeford in 1860.

Grandmother Virginie Auger, wife of Louis arrived in the U.S.A. April 14, 1865 the day that President Lincoln was assassinated.

Sincerely

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17 years the young boy - Angus Allen
in the painting of St. John Baptist

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