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## **04.21.1981 Letter from Charlotte Michaud to JoAnne Lapointe**

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widow of Mr. Paul Chevalier listed in  
April 21, 1981 'phone  
book.

Dear Joanne Lapointe:

Hear so seldom from you that I oft wonder if my communications to you bore you, or whether you wish I would put a stop to them. Until I'm told to do so; however, I send them along, in the hope they can be of help for the Heritage Center.

Following are names I listed some years ago in the hope of writing about these folks for the Journal magazine, but that is impossible for me nowadays, so I forward the names to you, in the hope you can eventually use them in stories for Journal magazine, if not for your records, or both.

*Ansil girls St. Louis Russell St.*  
*none name - can't recall - was popular father - son became a doctor - widow still in Lew.*  
These are early-year building contractors of Lew: Elie Roy, who had two daughters, one of whom married Joseph ~~Langelier~~, and another man by name of Ancil, who was father of Adrien Ancil, former Journal reporter and Lew. city treasurer until he died. Another was Samuel Saucier, long resident of Park St., who had several children, notably Chrysologue Saucier, employed by the father, and ~~another~~ noted in his days, not as orator, but as a "declaimer", that is: one who studied poetry or printed matter, memorized it, and was often called to recite them in public. Sons of his must still live in Lew.

Emile Dionne, long of 117 Pierce St., had large families, most notable of whom was eldest daughter, Laurentine, long a piano teacher in Lew. Dionne built many tenement houses, at a time when these were in great demand; notably the large one corner Birch and Bartlett-- 3 apts. on each floor, with at least 3 bedrooms; built specially for large families. Builder chose tenants with great care. Joseph Gervais, head of big family lived there; also Louis Jalbert's parents..

Hermenegilde Tremblay was still another, and his daughter Mrs. Paul Malo still lives in Lew. Other long-time building firm was that of Louis Malo and Sons, some of latter <sup>sons</sup> still living who were associated with father-- no relation except distant, if any, with Paul Malo.

These are listed mostly in order of life in Lew.



Another possible story, could be about early lawyers of Lew. and political figures--Franco-Americans, though, like the Belleau family, latter originated in Canada. Earliest lawyer I recall<sup>now's</sup> was F.X. Belleau, Canadian born, who married a sister of Dr. Martel, well remembered in Lew. There were many children born to the Belleau couple; girls mostly, but they became prominent: Blanche, as piano teacher; Jeanne as employe in county registry of deeds; another who taught~~ed~~ at Lewiston High; Eglantine who taught at Garcelon school (born in Canada during period father served as U.S. representative in that country) and Irma, who was long-time clerk at Lewiston Public Library.

Boys included Hercules, whose ~~daughter~~ <sup>child</sup> Marguerite, 1st married her cousin, Nap. J.B. Martel; and when widowed, married a Deblois, recently dead, too. She's retired now, but long taught in Lew. public schools. Another son was Fortunat, who met tragic death in N.Y. He had one son, Vincent F.X. (1st name from his mother's family name) who became city editor of Lewiston Journal and died before he was 40..left 4 or 5 children, none of them special that I recall.

Nap. Lajeunesse was a very early city clerk; and Nap. Hamel followed later. Daughter of latter is Germaine Hamel Martel, perhaps still of McFalls, but when her father was city clerk, she was attending school, and after classes, would go to the office, where she soon became valuable assistant, and would also serve as secretary ~~to~~ Mayor R.J. Wiseman.

Charles P. Lemaire was not a lawyer, but was 1st native of Lew. of French descent to become mayor and post-master of Lew.--fine personality--widow still lives; also a son, Raymond, both listed in 'phone book.

Among early lawyers--in same period as Belleau--was J.G. Chabot, formerly of Lisbon, who settled in Lew., married, but had no children. Lawyers not much in demand in those years, so few of them. ~~Among the~~ They usually prepared for that profession by "reading law" in some lawyer's office--F.X. Belleau did; but Fernand Despins, one of the 1st native Francos to become lawyer, graduated from Boston Univ. Law School--later became mayor of Lew. under 1939 charter, also held county offices; married, but no children.

Others multiplied after that, starting with Adrian A. Cote (sons now in firm) who got interested in legal work while employed in county sheriff dept. Laurier Raymond Jr. followed and others now can be reached through directory.

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Letter from Charlotte -

Went to see her - promised to  
research the immortal and write  
song and show it to her

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