

Hi Bev & Ted:

Enclosed is a copy
of the family tree com-
piled by Aunt
Lefebvre, Uncle Albert
grandson.

Some of the facts &
dates are a little off
but all & all they
did a fine job.

Take care,
Norm

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Subject of Research:

Objective: Research the ancestry of Albert Lefebvre (1914-). Focus on Albert's mother, Mary Simard and her possibly Native American ethnicity – Micmac or Penobscot).

Time Authorized: Ten hours

Starting point for research (email from Trent Lefebvre to Margaret Dube dated 7 November 2007):

Albert Lefebvre, son of Joseph and Mary (Simard) Lefebvre, was born 14 October 1914. He married Cecile (maiden name not known). Their son, George Henry Lefebvre was born 4 or 5 March 1937 in Gonic, New Hampshire.

Joseph Lefebvre was born possibly 27 February 1887 or 1897 in Canada (possibly St. Marie Quebec). From Canada, he possibly went to Lewiston, Maine. He married Mary Simard and the couple had six known children: Albert (born 14 Oct. 1914); Betris and Robert (later from Rochester, New Hampshire); Irene (later from Lewiston, Maine); Louis (later from Rochester); and, Raymond.

Summary of Research:

Evidence from census and vital records indicates that your great-grandmother was of French Canadian descent. Her parents and siblings were recorded as "White" on all records that I identified.

Names, dates and places vary from record to record. You will see many examples this. Simard used the name Seymour in many civil records and the name Simard in church records. Lefebvre was often recorded as Lefay. Thanks to several census listings that included extended family; the Albert Lefebvre sibling information that you provided; and a number of vital records (discussed in detail below), I am confident that I've identified the right families. In this report, I use the names found in the records under discussion followed by Simard or Lefebvre in brackets.

Joseph Lefebvre was born about 1888 in Canada, probably Quebec and died after 1936 probably in New Hampshire. He married 5 October 1908 probably in Sanford, Maine to Marie L. Simard, daughter of Henri and Mary (Roy) Seymour [Simard], who was born 16 January 1890 in Concord, New Hampshire. Mary died 2 June 1930 in Chichester, New Hampshire during childbirth.

Around 1895, when he was about age eight, Joseph immigrated to the United States. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen between 1910 and 1930.

Joseph and Marie Louise (Simard) Lefebvre had at least eight children by April 1930.

Marie Louise Lefebvre was born about November 1908 reportedly in New Hampshire.

Josephine Lefebvre was born about January 1910 reportedly in New Hampshire. She died possibly before 1920.

Beatrice Lefebvre was born about 1912 in New Hampshire.

Irene Lefebvre was born about 1914 in New Hampshire.

Albert Lefebvre was born 14 October 1914 in Sanbornville, New Hampshire [near Wakefield].

He married on 17 October 1936 in Rochester, New Hampshire to Cecile Paradise, daughter of George and Ledia (Fontaine) Paradise. Cecile was born about 1916 in Canada.

Raymond Lefebvre was born about 1916 in New Hampshire.

Alice Lefebvre was born about 1922 in New Hampshire.

Robert Lefebvre was born about March 1929 in New Hampshire.

Family of your great-grandmother, Marie Louise Simard (the name Seymour/Seymore was recorded in most civil records; the name Simard will probably be found in most church records).

Henri Louis (or Louis Henry) Simard was born about September 1855 in Quebec, Canada, and died probably before 1920 possibly in Maine or New Hampshire. He married about 1883 probably in the U.S. (possibly Maine or New Hampshire), to Marie Roy who was born about February 1866 in Lenoxville, Canada.

Henri immigrated to the United States about 1881 and probably became a naturalized citizen before 1900. Marie Roy immigrated to the United States about 1877.

Henri Louis and Marie (Roy) Simard had eleven children by 1910. Note: the surname Seymour was used by this family.

First child not known.

Mary Josephine Simard was born 13 August 1884 in Concord.

Napoleon J. Simard was born about August 1886 in New Hampshire.

Maud Clara Simard was born 2 July 1888 in Concord.

Marie Louise Simard was born 16 January 1890 in Concord and died 2 June 1930 in Chichester, New Hampshire. She married 5 October 1908 in Sanford, Maine to Joseph Lefebvre.

Regina Adelia Simard was born 6 October 1891 in Concord.

Louis H. Simard was born about January 1894 in New Hampshire.

Annie M. Simard was born about 1898 in New Hampshire.

Mary Aldora Odelia Simard was born 5 January 1900 in Concord.

Alfred Simard was born about 1903 in New Hampshire.

Ernestine Simard was born about 1907 in Maine.

Documents Consulted: It is common to see discrepancies from one record to the next. As one example, your ancestor, Mary Simard, was listed on the 1900 U.S census as Louise M. Seymour born January 1891. Her birth record (a more reliable source) gave her name as Marie Louise Seymour and her birth date as 16 January 1890. Several items link Seymore and Lefabvre (under various spellings). For instance, in 1910, we see Marie Louise Lefevre [sic] (with her husband and children) listed in her father's household. Adding to the evidence is Mary L. Lefay's age given on her death record calculates to a birth date of 16 January 1890.

U.S. CENSUS RECORDS

The 1930 census (Attachment A), taken as of 1 April 1930, showed Joseph Lefay [Lefebvre], his wife and six children on Valley Road, Chichester, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. Joseph rented his home for twelve dollars per month. The family lived on a farm.

Joseph Lefay, age 42 [born about 1888] was born in "Canada French." He immigrated to the United States in 1895 [at abt age 7] and became a naturalized U.S. citizen before 1930. Joseph married at age 20 [abt 1908]. In 1930, he worked as a laborer in the saw mill. He could read, write and speak English. He was not a military veteran.

Mary Lefay (wife), age 41 [born abt 1889], was born in New Hampshire. Mary married at age 19 [abt 1908]. She could read, write and speak English.

Children all born in New Hampshire. **Louise** (daughter), age 21 [born abt 1909], worked as a nurse at the hospital. **Beatrice** (daughter), age 19 [born abt 1911], worked as a "dipper" in a candy shop. **Albert Lefay** (son), 16 [born abt 1914]. **Raymond Lefay** (son), age 13 [born abt 1917], attended school. **Alice Lefay** (daughter), age 8 [born abt 1922, attended school. **Robert Lefay** (son), age 1 year 11 months [born abt March 1929].

Louis Seymour (brother-in-law) [Mary's brother], age 36 [born abt 1894], born in New Hampshire. In 1930, Louis worked as a carpenter/shingler. He was not a military veteran.

The 1920 census - Joseph LeFay household (Attachment B), taken as of 1 January 1920, recorded Joseph LeFay [Lefebvre], his wife and five children in Wakefield, Carroll County, New Hampshire where Joseph owned his home mortgage free.

Joseph LeFay, age 30 [born abt 1889], was reportedly born in New Hampshire [no doubt a recording error]. He worked as a "chipper" in the saw mill and was able to read and write.

Marie L. LeFay (wife), age 25 [born abt 1895] was born in New Hampshire.

Children all born in New Hampshire. **Marie L. LeFay** (daughter), age 11 [born abt 1908], attended school. **Beatrice LeFay**, age 7 [born abt 1912] attended school. **Irene LeFay**, age 5 [born abt 1914] attended school. **Albert J. LeFay**, age 4 [born abt 1915]. **Raymond LeFay**, age 3 [born abt 1916].

The 1920 census - Mary Seymore household (Attachment C), taken as of 1 January 1920, listed widowed Mary Seymore [Simard] and three of her children in Mary's mortgaged home at 110 South Main Street in Concord, New Hampshire.

Mary Seymore, age 53 [born abt 1866], widow, was born in Canada. She immigrated 1885 and was a naturalized citizen. Mary could read, write and speak English.

Children all born in New Hampshire. **Louis H. Seymore**, age 26 [born abt 1893] worked as a carpenter in an automobile factory. **Aldoria Seymore**, age 20 [born abt 1899]. **Alfred Seymore**, age 16 [born abt 1903] worked as a buffer in a silver factory. **Ernestine Seymore**, age 12 [born abt 1907], attended school.

The 1910 census (Attachment D), taken as of 15 April 1910, listed Joseph and Marie Louise Lefevre [sic] with two children in Henry Simard's household on Thompson Street, Sanford, York County, Maine. Henry owned his home mortgage free. Relationships in parenthesis after the names, refers to the individual's relationship to Henry Simard.

Henry Simard, age 54 [born abt 1856], was born in "Canada French." He immigrated in 1881 and was a naturalized U.S. citizen. In 1910, Henry had been married (1 time) for 27 years [married abt 1883]. He worked as a house carpenter and could read, write and speak English.

Marie Simard (wife), age 44 [born abt 1866], was born in "Canada French" and immigrated in 1877. In 1910, Marie had been married one time for 27 years. She was able to read, write and speak English. Marie was the mother of 11 children, 9 of whom were living in 1910.

Simard children. **Amenda Simard** (daughter), age 21 [born abt 1889], was born in New Hampshire and worked as a weaver in a blanket mill. **Louis Simard** (son), 16 [born abt 1894] was born in New Hampshire and worked as a laborer in a print shop. **Annie Simard** (daughter), age 12 [born abt 1898] was born in New Hampshire and attended school in 1910. **Aldora Simard** (daughter), age 10 [born abt 1900], was born in New Hampshire and attended school. **Alfred Simard** (son), age 7 [born abt 1903] was born in New Hampshire and attended school. **Ernestine Simard** (daughter), age 2 [born abt 1908], was born in Maine. **Napoleon Simard** (son), age 23, was born in New Hampshire and worked as a plumber [sic].

Joseph Lefevre (son-in-law), age 21 [born abt 1889] was born in "Canada French." He immigrated in 1896 and was an "alien." In 1910, Joseph had been married (1 time) for 1 year [married abt 1909]. He worked as a shoemaker and was able to read, write and speak English.

Marie Louise Lefevre (daughter), age 20 [born abt 1890] was born in New Hampshire. She was married for 1 year and had two children. Marie could read, write and speak English.

Lefebvre children born in New Hampshire. **Marie Louise Lefevre** (granddaughter), age 18 months [born abt Nov. 1908]. **Josephine Lefevre** (granddaughter), age 3 months [born abt Jan. 1910].

The 1900 census (Attachment E), taken as of 1 June 1900, recorded Henry L. Seymour [Simard] and family in Concord, New Hampshire where Henry owned a mortgaged home at 2 Avon Street.. "Color or race" was listed as "W"[hite] for each family member.

Henry L. Seymour was born September 1855 in "Canada French" and immigrated in 1881 and was a naturalized U.S. citizen. He was married for 17 years [married abt 1883]. Henry worked as a house carpenter. He was able to speak English but reportedly could neither read nor write.

Mary Seymour (wife) was born February 1866 in "Canada French" and immigrated in 1879. She was married for 17 years and had nine children, eight of whom were living in 1900.

Children born in New Hampshire. **Josephine M. Seymour** was born August 1884 and attended school. **Napoleon J. Seymour** was born August 1886 and attended school. **Madue C. Seymour** was born July 1888 and attended school. **Louisa M. Seymour** was born July 1891 and attended school. **Regina I. Seymour** was reportedly born October 1881 [sic] and was age 8 in 1900. She attended school. **Louis H. Seymour** was born January 1894. **Annie M. Seymour** was born November 1897. **Eldora M. Seymour** was born January 1900.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VITAL RECORDS (Concord, NH).

Albert Lafay [Lefebvre]-Cecile Paradise marriage record (Attachment F). On 17 October 1936, Albert Lafay and Cecile Paradise were married in Rochester, New Hampshire by F.E. Hussey, Justice of the Peace. This was the first marriage for each. Albert worked as a shoe operative and the Cecile worked as a mill operative. Albert Lafay was 21 years old and born in Sanbornville. Cecile was 20 years old and born in Canada.

Albert Lafay's father was Canadian born Joseph Lafay, age 49, of Gonic, NH. Albert's mother was Louise Seymour, deceased (at age 41). Louise was reportedly born in Canada [a mistake]. Her "color" was listed as "W"[hite].

Cecile Paradise's father was Canadian born George Paridise, age 45, of Gonic, NH. Cecile's mother, Ledia Fontaine was deceased (at age 27).

Mary L. Lafay [Lefebvre] death record (Attachment G). Mary L. Lafay, wife of Joe Lafay, died 2 June 1930 in Chichester, New Hampshire. She was age 40 years, 4 months and 16 days [calculated birth date 16 January 1890]. The cause of her death was "sudden death during labor." Mary was born in Concord, New Hampshire, daughter of Henry Seymour and Mary Roy (both born in Canada). She was buried on 5 June 1930 at Calvary Cemetery in Concord, New Hampshire. Her "color" was recorded as "W"[hite].

Marie Louise Seymour [Simard] birth record (Attachment H). Marie Louise Seymour was born 16 January 1890 in Concord, New Hampshire. She was the fifth child of Henri Seymour (age 35, born in Quebec) and Mary (maiden name not given) Seymour (age 28, born in Lenoxville, Canada). "Color" of child and parents listed as "W"[hite].

Other children of Henri and Mary (Roy) Simard. Each record below listed the "color" of child and parents as "W"[hite].

Mary Aldora Odelia Seymore [Simard] birth record (Attachment I). This 9th child of Henry L. Seymour (age 45, born in Canada) and Mary Roy (age 33, born in Canada) was born 5 January 1900 in Concord.

Regina Adelia Seymour [Simard] birth record (Attachment J). This child of Henri Seymour and Mary Julia [?] was born 6 October 1891 in Concord.

Maud Clara Seymour [Simard] birth record (Attachment K). This 3rd child of Lewis H. Seymour (age 33, born in Canada) and Mary King (age 22, born in Canada) was born 2 July 1888 in Concord. The parents' names on this record are inconsistent with other vital records discussed; however, this child was probably the Madue C. Seymour (born July 1888) listed in

Henry Seymour's 1900 Concord household.

Mary Josephine Seymore [Simard] birth record (Attachment L). This 2nd child of Louis Henry and Mary (maiden name not recorded) Seymore was born 13 August 1884 in Concord. Again, the father's name is inconsistent with other vital records discussed in this report; however, this child was probably the Josephine M. Seymour (born August 1884) listed in Henry Seymour's 1900 household.

OTHER RECORDS

I reviewed *Obituaries from Concord New Hampshire 1979-1980* (Manchester, NH: American-Canadian Genealogical Society, Fall 1997). This indexed source (pages 26, 46, 87) included copies of several Seymour obituaries (likely children of Henri and Marie (Roy) Seymour [Simard]) published in the *Concord Monitor*. Namely, Maude (Seymour) Martel, age 91, dated 26 May 1980; Alfred J. Seymour, age 76, dated 27 Feb. 1980; and, Dora (Seymour) Bissonnette, age 79, dated January 1979.

N.H. Obituaries Book III 1974 to 1984 (page 541) included an obituary for a Joseph Seymour, Sr., age 80, dated 30 June 1979. This man was born in Canada [abt. 1899]. He was not likely Henri and Marie (Roy) Seymour's [Simard] son.

Mariages de la Ville de Concord NH 1855-1981, a source that contains Catholic Church marriages and names the couple's parents, listed several marriages that might be worth investigating. Namely,

- 1 Alf. Simard (child of Henri and M. Roy) and Armande Dallaire married 27 July 1936 at Sacred Heart.
- 2 Jos. Simard (child of Henry and M. Roy) and Wilf. Martel married 4 Feb. 1901 at Sacred Heart.
- 3 M. Ernestine (child of Henri and M. Roy) and Omer J. Drouin married 5 Sept. 1927 at Sacred Heart.
- 4 Lse. Lefebvre (child of J. and M. Seymore) and Theodore Collins married 8 March 1935 at Sacred Heart.

More research is needed to see if any of these obituaries and marriage records link to your ancestors.

Suggestions for future research:

To learn more about your Lefebvre and Simard family history, I suggest the following:

- 1 Obtain Joseph Lefebvre-Marie L. Simard 1908 Maine marriage record. It will possibly reveal Joseph's parents' names and possibly their residence in 1908. With this information, we might find the family on the 1900 U.S. census and gather more information about the Lefebvre family. This marriage record should be easily accessible.
- 2 Order the Application for a Social Security Number (SS5) for the Joseph Lefebvre born 26 Feb. 1887, died Jan. 1972. No. 001-10-2112. The application will provide his parents' names, including mother's maiden name, and his specific place of birth. The Social Security Administration charges \$27 for a copy of this document.
- 3 Get copies of Joseph Lefebvre's and Henri Simard's naturalization documents. These will provide additional information about their Canadian origins and, depending on the date of naturalization, might include their photographs. These documents might be easily accessible at the National Archives in Waltham, Mass.
- 4 Investigate the possible Maine death Henri Simard. If he died in Maine, the record should be easily accessible.

If you wish to pursue Marie Louise Seymore's possible Native American heritage (perhaps she was adopted), I could investigate potential DNA options. For this we'd need to identify one of Marie Louise's descendants through female lines.

I'll be happy to help you pursue any further research.

I enjoyed working on your family history project. Thank you for the opportunity. I hope this report and the attached documents are helpful. If you have any questions or comments please call or email me.

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LOUIS R. LAFONTAINE

1944-1998

BRISTOL, Conn. — Louis R. "Pete" LaFontaine, 53, of 187 Stafford Ave., formerly of Lewiston, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Bristol.

Born in Lewiston, July 29, 1944, he son of Louis L. and Beatrice Lefebvre LaFontaine, he had lived at Bristol, Conn. for most of his life.

Mr. LaFontaine owned and operated Accurate Appliance and Rental

at Bristol for 20 years and was devoted to his work and to his customers.

Survivors include one son, Shane of Barkhamsted, Conn.; one brother, Norman of New Britain, Conn.; two sisters, Theresa Dubuc of New Britain, Conn., and Rita Hayden of Bristol, Conn.; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, JoAnn Berry.