



VIRTUAL GUIDED TOUR: DONDO / DACQUAY FAMILIES

The Pioneer Generation

ABSTRACT

A tour of some of the points of special interest that relate to the lives lived and the resting places of this founding family for the Canadian branch of their heritage with background on their family heritage and information about their descendants.

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With a special focus on but not limited to the areas of the Rural Municipalities of Dufferin, Grey and Lorne in Manitoba, CANADA

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Purpose, Sources, and Acknowledgements

This document has been prepared as a means of passing along information about the pioneer generations of these families to their living descendants, members of these families, and to their future descendants. It leverages heavily:

- the family research done both by the author, himself a Dondo, in concert with other descendants on various branches of these and other related families
- the souvenir album produced by Jacques Dondo (1896) and his wife Virginie (née Pattyn, 1900) and presented to the family at a celebration on June 29, 1980
- the book “Les familles de St-Claude Families 1892-2016“, produced by the St-Claude Historical Society
- several other books about Manitoba local histories
- available public records at the Library and Archives Canada website
(e.g., arrival manifests, censuses, homestead records, etc.)
- available public resources from the Manitoba Historical Society [MHS]
- available public resources via the Digital Collections of the University of Manitoba
- information available on the “Find a Grave” service
- various other internet services (for maps and other enriching content)

Links to many of these are provided in the “[Additional resources](#)” section below.

Please note: The author intends to continue his research efforts. As a result, more or different information could come to hand. Also, the currently living people mentioned in these stories will have changes in their lives of interest to the reader. For that reason, you are asked to check often that you have [the latest version of this document](#), which the author will update from time to time.

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Organization and Scope

To provide some focus in this journey, which could have been laid out in many ways, the material is organized in categories:

- [Homesteads \(and notable familial residences\)](#)
- [Personal Histories](#)
- [Their Legacy](#)
- [Their Family Histories](#)
- [Cemeteries and memorials](#)
- [Additional resources](#)

While the focus is without a doubt the area in and around both St-Claude and Winnipeg, there is some attention paid to points of special interest that relate to the lives lived and the resting places of these founding families for the Canadian branches of their heritage and to the fact that significant information about their ancestors is also available and has been compiled by various family researchers.

All of the information in this document that has a geographical nature has been captured at some level of detail in a [single custom map](#), available on the internet as a “My Maps” resource. It is intended as a visual guide to the proximity of the various locations mentioned below. In addition, more information and content are available directly in that resource as part of each “pin” for the locations described below.

The author has attempted to capture enough information here to provide a foundation for understanding the places that were vital parts of the lives of our shared ancestors. It in no way pretends to be an exhaustive account of their lives.

Links in this document take the reader to both specialized and public resources that are not captured well in this format without it becoming overwhelming. Of special note: the “virtual cemeteries” referenced below are maintained by the author and have a much greater scope than this pair of families and their descendants. He trusts they may give one a sense of the way the lives of our ancestors were connected that are otherwise not readily understood today.

As a way to encourage further exploration of the area and the families’ connections to it, the “[Additional Resources](#)” section lists but some of the great collections and services out there that provide more insight into the history these people lived and the ways they made us who we are today.

This document also tells some stories of special interest to the descendants of this couple. First, there is the story of [Guillaume’s cousin Joseph](#), who came to Canada one year after him, on the same ship as his wife and children. There are also the stories of the only [two of his siblings](#) who are known to have also left France and of [his niece](#), who seems to have come to St-Claude for a short time, only to leave again.

Left out of this document, are details about other families from the St-Claude and Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes areas (e.g., the Durand’s, the Philippe’s, the Pachat’s, as well as others) that had a significant influence on the lives of these ancestors; people who may have been related in ways we do not understand and who spent many days socializing as well as assisting with the business of working a farm in the early 20th century. Nor does it explore in any detail the lives led by descendants who left the St-Claude area. That work is left for another day...

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The “Other” Dondo line in Manitoba

A point of special interest for the Dondo family... Guillaume’s cousin Joseph, born in 1862, also came to Canada:

Guillaume Marie (1864) arrived in the St-Claude area in 1904, without his wife and children, but with other Breton’s (natives of the Brittany region of France) intent on homesteading in Canada and building a future in the “New World”. The author counts 26 other Bretons on the same page of the ship’s manifest; almost all with names familiar to people who know the collection of families who influenced the lives of these families and still have a presence in the area and the province at this writing.

Guillaume’s family, his wife and their (then) six children, followed in 1905. They were among sixty-three (63) Bretons on the one ship, most of which went to and stayed in the St-Claude area (See the list among the [“Additional Resources”](#)).

Among them, was a **Joseph Dondo (1862)**, who was travelling alone. He was Guillaume’s first cousin. He was **also** a second cousin to Marie Anne (Dacquay) (1872), Guillaume’s wife! He may have been accompanying the Guillaume Dondo (1864) family for the voyage. Once landed, he headed to the Ochre River / Dauphin area where he applied for and was granted a homestead. His family followed in 1906.

His wife, Marie Mathurine (née Le Boulch, 1864) was **also** a first cousin... to... Marie-Anne (née Le Maguet, 1867), herself a descendant of a Dondo and the wife of Julien Philippe, who you will meet in the story of (then little) Marie “Louise” (née Dondo, 1903) Philippe! Marie Mathurine was **ALSO** a first cousin once removed to Marie Anne (née Dacquay, 1872) Dondo... (Guillaume’s wife).

The tale of the Joseph Marie & Marie Mathurine Dondo family is a “related” one, a parallel one, and the families interacted in the Fisher Branch area decades later. But that... is another story and much of it is told through the resources available [here](#).

A Failed Voyage of Discovery?

Many details are unknown, but we do know that Guillaume’s niece, Anne (1891), daughter of his elder brother Joachim (1860) came to Canada with her husband Jean-Francois Porrot (1890) in March of 1914, just a month after their marriage in Brittany. We do not know the purpose of their visit, but all records of them in Canada appear to come to an end after the tragic death of their infant son [Jean Guillaume Marie](#) in St-Claude at the age of only 8 days.

To illustrate the way the pioneer Breton families were all very-much related, consider this: Anna was Guillaume’s niece. At the same time, her husband Jean-Francois was a brother to [Marie-Louise \(née Porrot\) Dacquay \(1879\)](#). Marie-Louise’s husband [Yves Louis Dacquay \(1874\)](#) was a cousin to Guillaume’s wife, Marie-Anne.

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Homesteads (and notable familial residences)

See the very much related [“MyMaps” resource](#) for a visual presentation of these locations and further details.

Family Homesteads:

- [Saint-Claude](#) (or [here](#))

This village that grew into a town was the centre of all the social and economic activity for the families, with additional influences from the neighbouring towns of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Haywood, and others. Those influences can be seen in the family tree through the places of birth, mostly of spouses and later children.

- [Guillaume / Marie Anne Dondo Homesteads](#)

The family had two. The first was abandoned after a storm blew the roof off the home during a storm in 1910. The second served as home to the growing family until all the children had left and started their own families and the senior couple retired to town. The only son to remain in the area and pursue the farming life was their oldest, Yves, but he never, as far as we can tell, established his family on the “original” homestead.

It would seem these parcels were purchased from the railroad company (CPR) or the Hudson’s Bay Company. There are no records provincially or federally of a homestead being registered for this family.

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Guillaume and Marie-Anne Dondo's Children:

- Yves Joachim (1891) and his wife Therese (née Durand, 1897) Dondo

Immediately after their marriage in 1922, the young couple established themselves on a farm in the area around Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes. By 1945, they are known to be living on a parcel much closer to St-Claude which is, at this writing, the home of his daughter Yvette (1925) and her husband Henri Gauthier (1927). His enduring presence and that of some of his sons and grandsons in the area provide the living legacy of the Dondo name in the surrounding towns and small cities.

- Joseph Marie Dondo (1893) and his wife Marguerite Élise (née Rebiffe(é), 1906)

The newly married (and freshly eloped?) couple both left their parents' homes in 1928 to establish their early family life in Fisher Branch, MB. There, they were merchants and interacted with the children of Joseph (1862 - 1923) and Marie Mathurine (née Le Boulch, 1864 - 1907) Dondo who were still in the area, most notably their son Jacques (1896) and later his wife, Roseanna (née Tougas, 1909).

Both of Jacques' parents had died by this time, and his siblings, save perhaps Joseph (1904), had dispersed to other parts of Canada or, in the case of the second child, Joachim (1892), returned to France.

Family lore tells us that this Jacques Dondo introduced Marguerite's brother André (1911) to his first wife Cora (née Vandersteen, 1911) there in Fisher Branch. Her brothers tell stories of André picking them up for "work parties".

While living in Fisher Branch, Joseph did a variety of work. He was known to have acted as a grain inspector and to have worked in capacities in the butcher shop and the local dairy. Marguerite operated a bakery in their home, located right across from the town's school. It is said the scent of her fresh bread and buns were well-loved by the school children, who "invaded" the shop every day when school was out.

Marguerite and Joseph had seven of their nine children during their stay here, before leaving for Winnipeg in about 1942. There, they had two more children. Their first residence was on York Street, not far from a store kept by a certain Michael Russin (1900), whose daughter Edith (1932) would eventually marry their son Henri (1932).

After this, and a subsequent (and rare for the day!) divorce in 1947, Marguerite and the children had other residences, most notably on Rathgar, which was the last home to any of their children. Subsequently, with the children out of the home and Joseph's death in 1957, Marguerite had a succession of addresses, living alone in the core area of the city.

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- Jacques Marie "Jack" (1896) and his (late in life) wife Virginie (née Pattyn, 1900) Dondo

Jacques seems to have spent much of his life working for his father and then for his brother Yves as a labourer on their farms in the St-Claude area. After that, he has a history of living as a lodger with various other people, some closely or distantly related, in the St-Boniface area of Winnipeg. As a couple, after their marriage in 1972, at the age of 76(!), he and Virginie had a residence in St-Boniface until moving into a seniors' facility in the Ste-Anne's area near Steinbach, MB.

- Marie-Anne Dondo (1898) and her husband Emile Daudet (1890)

Married in 1921, Marie Anne and Emile lived and raised their family in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes until his death in 1951. Shortly after his death, Marie-Anne moved to Winnipeg and lived out her life there.

- Sr Marie Mathurine Dondo (1901)

Mathurine took her first vows as a nun (novitiate) in the Winnipeg area in 1921 and finalized them in 1923. Her career included positions of responsibility in the cafeterias of schools and hospitals in Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario. She also served in the St-Norbert area outside Winnipeg, before becoming Director of the employees of the Grey Nuns residence in St-Boniface.

- Marie "Louise" Dondo (1903) and her husband Joseph Philippe (1907)

Married in 1936, Louise and Joseph farmed in the St-Claude area until their retirement. Both of them died in the area, as well.

NOTE: Louise's obituary provides the insight that, at the time of her death in 2001, she was the last known surviving Breton immigrant from the "Breton Invasion" of the area in the early years of the twentieth century.

- Sr Marie Céline "Marie Bernadette of the Immaculate Conception" Dondo (1906)

Céline took her first vows (novitiate) to become a nun in 1925 and died a year later, while living in the convent of the Order of the "[Chanoinesses Régulières des Cinq Plaies](#)" in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.

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- Joachim "Georges" (1908) and his wife Nini (née Pachet, 1913) Dondo

Georges married Eugénie in Saint-Boniface in 1934. Their history of residence in the Laval area of Greater Montreal is extensive and lasts for decades. Since there are no records of the births of their children in Manitoba, it seems they left for Montreal early in their married life, almost assuredly to pursue opportunities in his career with the railroad.

- Rosalie "Rachie" Dondo (1910)

Rosalie was a favorite aunt to many of her nieces and nephews. Some records show her serving for a time around 1939 aboard cruise ships of the day in the Caribbean. She lived for many years in Vancouver (at least 1949 to 1962), working there as a member of office staff. During that time, she travelled to Hawaii and may have met with her uncle, Dr Mathurin-Marie Dondo (1881) and his wife Anna. However, she lived her early adulthood in the St-Claude area and retired to Winnipeg in her later years.

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Family Homesteads of Spouses to the Dondo and Rebiffe(é) Children:

Please see the [“MyMaps” resource](#) for the locations of these parcels of interest in the story of these families.

- Homestead of the Gaston and Marguerite Rebiffe
The family initially settled in a house close to town, but by 1911, only 5 years after the couple arrived, they had purchased the first homestead occupied by the Guillaume Dondo family. They raised their family on that land and the senior couple remained there until their retirement.
- [Homestead of the J-Etienne and Marie Durand family](#)
Their daughter Thérèse (1897) would marry Yves Dondo (1891)
- Homestead of the Paul and Veronique Daudet family
Likely purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway CO., there is no homestead recorded
Their son Emile (1890) would marry Marie-Anne Dondo (1898) and they would farm this parcel
- Homestead of Joseph and Marie Ange Philippe
Likely purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway CO., there is no homestead recorded
Their son Joseph (1907) would marry Louise Dondo (1903) and they would farm this parcel

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Personal Stories

To allow everyone reading this document to gain further insight into the information gathered by the author about the main players in these stories, the senior couple, the pioneers, he used the available features in Ancestry to generate two versions of the information that service now holds for all of us. First, a "Life Story" for each of them is available in a file that is also available to download:

- [Guillaume Marie Dondo \(1864-1938\)](#)
- His wife [Marie Anne \(née Dacquay\) \(1872-1947\)](#)

Secondly, he has generated another document for each of them, a capture of their "profile" information. This view provides insight into both the "facts" about them and the sources that currently support them:

- [Guillaume Marie Dondo \(1864-1938\)](#)
- His wife [Marie Anne \(née Dacquay\) \(1872-1947\)](#)

The reader is invited to take advantage of the information and to offer any suggestions for missing material or corrections. All help is welcome!

Also, of note: the author has extensive information about many people related to these key players by direct descent and by marriage. Within reason... **questions and requests are welcome!**

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A special case

Since the family stories are so closely related, the author is offering two additional life stories here. These are for the other Dondo couple to settle in Manitoba. They had only very brief lives as settlers, and upon the death of their father, the children, those who did not return to France, spread out across Canada. First, their “Life Stories”:

- [Joseph Dondo \(1862-1923\)](#)
- His wife [Marie Mathurine Le Boulch \(1864-1907\)](#)

Then, their “profiles”:

- [Joseph Dondo \(1862-1923\)](#)
- His wife [Marie Mathurine Le Boulch \(1864-1907\)](#)

There have been earlier references here to the fact Joseph was a first cousin to Guillaume (1864) and a second cousin to Marie Anne (née 1872, Dacquay), Guillaume’s wife. [This graphic](#) helps to visualize those relationships.

[This image](#) illustrates the case of his wife, Marie Mathurine Le Boulch (1864). One needs little effort to find two interesting links between her and two of her cousins. Both of her cousins play a role in the complex then-developing stories of the families that are the focus of this document and thus, on the lives of their many descendants.

First, Mathurine was a first cousin to Marie-Anne (née Le Maguet, 1867) who was the wife of Julien Philippe (1860)... the man who saved little Louise (née Dondo, 1903) later to be Philippe(!) from falling overboard during the passage on the Atlantic Ocean. Mathurine was, at the same time, a first cousin once removed to Marie Anne (née Dacquay, 1872) Dondo.

Of note here... Marie-Anne (née Le Maguet, 1867) Philippe was also a second cousin to Guillaume (1864)!

Aside from the fact the family bore the name “Dondo”, the author chose these people as a way to illustrate the complexity of the family relationships in the “Breton Colony” that was the St-Claude / Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes area. There are other noteworthy connections between the settlers as well that are hidden without investigating the heritage of each of the migrant families. As has been mentioned in this document: we are ALL... cousins!

Please note:

More of their story and those of their children is told in the online “Find a Grave” memorials that honour their memory and their achievements. The one for Joseph is [here](#), and the one for Mathurine is [here](#).

There is also a framework document that provides access to more detailed information about the family and its legacy [here](#). The resources there include lists of the descendants of some common ancestors which demonstrate the fact that there are many “double cousins”, even distant ones, among them.

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Their Legacy

As readers are aware, the story of this family is on-going. This founding couple, whose children married and raised their own families, have since left us. However, their memory and their achievements live on in many ways through each of us.

One mark they have left, in most cases, is a memorial or grave marker in a cemetery. That has not always been the case and the locations of same have not all been found, but we can still create virtual memorials for them on services such as "Find a Grave". That allows us to visit them, to think about them, to honour their memory, to recognize the way they shaped our own lives, while seated in a favorite spot, with a favorite beverage at hand...

As places to start such a nostalgic voyage of remembrance, the reader might want to consider the memorials for [Guillaume](#) and [Marie Anne](#).

The documents referenced here are the results of the family history research of the author. For errors and omissions, he accepts full blame. He is also open to all help in making the material better. He trusts you will find the journey they invoke to be a pleasant one.

While these documents offer a "point in time" view of our shared family history, they need not be static. With help and further research, they can be updated. This document will always refer to the most recent version available, so come back often and, please, make suggestions that will keep them up to date.

The first document is a simple lists of descendants. It offers the reader a chance to explore the realm of the lives of grand-uncles and grand-aunts (and further back!) and their descendance; second cousins and beyond who may not have been known before looking at these materials:

- [Guillaume Marie \(1864-1938\) and his wife Marie Anne \(née Dacquay, 1872-1947\) Dondo](#)

The second document is another list. This one represents the known (or explicitly unknown!) resting places of those who have gone before us. As the reader will see, the lists go far beyond the scope of the map offered in support of this document. There are graves and memorials in cemeteries all over North America (and beyond!) all marking the lives lived of our forebearers and worthy of our attention, at least, from time to time:

- [Guillaume Marie \(1864-1938\) and his wife Marie Anne \(née Dacquay, 1872-1947\) Dondo](#)

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Snapshot images of their family trees:

*(N.B. these are drawn from the author's Ancestry tree and offered as a reference;
The trees may change at any time when new information comes to hand,
so these snapshots may become obsolete or otherwise inaccurate)*

First as images (with their birth families, ancestors, and descendants):

*(N.B., Making wall-size posters from these will require some meticulous effort or the use of a
printing service with specialized equipment)*

[Guillaume Marie \(1864\) Dondo](#)

His wife [Marie Anne \(née Dacquay, 1872\) Dondo](#)

Then, as documents, with a slightly different focus:

(N.B., Making wall-size posters from these will require some effort)

[Guillaume Marie \(1864\) and his wife Marie Anne \(née Dacquay, 1872\) Dondo](#)

As an additional way of seeing the ways these people's legacies have grown, here are **Word Cloud** representations of the surnames of all the descendants in those lists:

- [Guillaume Marie \(1864-1938\) and his wife Marie Anne \(née Dacquay, 1872-1947\) Dondo](#)

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Their Family Histories

The author has had help from several cousins who conduct their own research. As a result, we now have extensive information about the heritage the pioneer couples brought with them and can identify some family relationships that may have been less than apparent to more recent generations.

The heritages for each of the four members of the senior couples discussed in this document are now available to use to different degrees. To be more precise: currently, the author's tree includes information for each of the partners as follows:

- [Guillaume Dondo \(1864\)](#):
 - [Maternal side \(Le Hégarat\): 5 generations to about 1740](#)
 - [Paternal side: 8 generations to about 1620](#)
- [Marie Anne \(Dacquay\) Dondo \(1872\)](#):
 - [Maternal side \(David\): 9 generations to about 1609](#)
Note the presence of Joseph Dondo (1862); a second cousin!
 - [Paternal side: 9 generations to about 1590](#)

To help visualize those relationships, the above files provide a glimpse of the depth of the available information. They do not capture its entirety, but they should provide insight into what can be learned from these trees and highlight the family names that recur again and again in the migration records and the history of the area around St-Claude and Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.

So many cousins... Life in Brittany in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries would certainly have been complicated for the young people looking for marriage partners... Everyone... was related!

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Cemeteries and Memorials

See the [“MyMaps” resource](#) for a visual presentation of these locations and further details.

Each link associated with the cemeteries in the list below is to the author’s curated “virtual cemetery” for the yard in question. Each is meant to capture ALL the graves in the yard that are related to people in the author’s extensive family tree.

While many names will be familiar, others may evoke a sense of wonder... wondering about just how the reader might be related to that person. While not everyone is closely related, they are on the author’s tree for a reason and sometimes, that reason is both surprising and informative.

One thing the author has learned while compiling this information: We are ALL... cousins!

Author’s note:

If any reader is aware of the details of the final disposition of the remains of anyone missing from these lists, please get in touch. I welcome all help in making these resources as complete and accurate as humanly possible.

Note: In direct reference to the above comments, the [“MyMaps” resource](#) includes pins for some cemeteries that are not in these lists. This was done to suggest to the reader that there are more relatives buried in the area than appear on our direct lines of heritage... We owe... SO MUCH!

St-Claude/ Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes / Haywood / RM's of Grey & Lorne area:

- [Saint Claude Roman Catholic Cemetery, Saint-Claude](#)
Bar none, the single yard with the most memorials of interest to the descendants in these families
Dondo, Rebiffe(é), Dacquay, Durand, Philippe, Delfosse, Goulet, Le Dévéhat, Barfoot, Danais, Gagnon, Pachet, and many others by marriage
- [Saint Claude Roman Catholic Old Cemetery, Saint-Claude](#)
Though no members of these families are buried here, there are memorials of ancestors of some of the people who married into the families
- [Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic Old Cemetery, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes](#)
Dondo, Daudet, Philippe, and others by marriage
- [Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic New Cemetery, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes](#)
Many others by marriage

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Greater Winnipeg and close suburbs area:

- [Saint Boniface Cemetery, Winnipeg](#)
Dondo, Rebiffe(é), Lalonde, and many others by marriage
- [Glen Eden Cemetery, West St Paul](#)
Dondo, Rebiffe(é), Russin, and many others by marriage
- [Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Winnipeg](#)
Dondo, Karbowski, Morand, O'Neill, and many others by marriage
- [Glen Lawn Memorial Gardens, Winnipeg](#)
Dondo, Pattyn, and many others by marriage
- [Saint Boniface Cathedral Cemetery](#)
Goulet, and many others by marriage
- [Saint Vital Cemetery](#)
Jobin, possibly another Dondo, and many others by marriage

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Further afield:

The "Other Other" Dondo's to leave France to pursue their dreams

To the knowledge of the author at the time of writing this, Guillaume (1864) had only two siblings who did not live out their lives in France. One was his youngest sibling, his brother Dr Mathurin-Marie (1881). Stories were told to grandchildren and mentioned to some of the great-grandchildren, but little was known about him by the younger generations unless they knew him as the "mad uncle who escaped from the seminary, abandoned a vocation as a priest, and went off to 'parts unknown'". Well, it turns out, his story is much richer and much more illustrious than those tales would lead one to believe.

He was a learned scholar and wrote prodigiously. Some of his textbooks were used across the USA and in Manitoba(!) as the material supporting students learning French. One of his books was noted as being on the bookshelf of none other than Marilyn Munroe when she passed. He travelled extensively as part of his academic career, serving in several fellowships around the world and as a consultant for the US military in the Second World War.

Much of the detail of his fascinating story, and that of his wife Anna (née Mercy, 1890), is captured on the memorials to them on the "Find a Grave" service. The reader is encouraged to visit them: [Mathurin](#) and [Anna](#).

Their obituaries both indicate their ashes were scattered in the part of the world they had come to love and considered to be their home at the end of their lives: Hawaii.

Some other available resources that help tell his / their story in more detail:

- ["Contes dramatiques" on the list of approved Grade 10 texts for Manitoba students](#)
N.B., But one of several such ads that can be found
- [A description of the couple's residence in Richmond, CA](#) and one for [the abode of one of his neighbours](#) which gives an account of the people who lived in the area at the time
- ["In Memoriam" published by the University of California \(1969/05\)](#)
- [The 430 books found in Marilyn Monroe's library](#)
- [The "askART" biography of him as an author](#)
- [The listing of his books as available via Amazon](#)
- [A scholarly review of his work "The French Faust: Henri de Saint-Simon"](#), considered by many to be his master work and cited [in the scholarly work "Sociological Theory"](#)

The other of Guillaume's eight (8) siblings to leave France, did so in service as a nun. Sr Marie-Anne (1878), the second youngest child in the family, served for many years in Columbia, right up to her sudden and unexpected death by blood poisoning. She had achieved a position of some authority among the sisters there and was well-loved.

Once again, the [memorial to her](#) on the "Find a Grave" service captures much of the story known to the author at the time of writing and the reader is invited to visit it. The author has also prepared a [custom map](#) to illustrate the locations mentioned in the letter about her by Maria Ines de Sr. Jose, f.d.C.S.M. that is reproduced there.

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Additional Resources

A free and public website:

[This online resource](#) provides a way for anyone desiring a peek into the connections that make us all cousins to explore the full extent of the author's family tree.

The site gives access to the names and many facts about all the 17,900+ people for which he has information.

Feel free to explore! ESPECIALLY... the other lines of your own heritage that are not expressly discussed in the documents you will find there.

The author has worked to allow any living person on his tree to be able to show any living relative their (normally) 16 great-great-grandparents. In some cases, I have overachieved. In others, I have work left to do. I am hoping this will begin a collection of conversations that will help us ALL to understand the unexpected ways we are connected to people we may meet.

In addition, you will find there, links to "Virtual Guided Tours" for ancestors you may or may not share with the author.

Ancestry family trees:

(Ancestry account required)

(N.B., Viewing of some or all content may also require permission from the owner)

Of note: there are other family trees on Ancestry that provide in-depth information about other parts of the more distant relationships to other living relatives.

[Rick Dondo \(1955\)'s main tree](#)

As of this writing, this tree contains information about more than 17,900 people, with more than 12,000 photos and images, more than 975 stories, and is supported by more than 34,000 records, with more than 51,400 unprocessed "discoveries" that could add depth to the stories these profiles tell about the people who went before us

N.B., The tree is "Public" on Ancestry and readily accessible; Ask if you want to see living people

[Dan Pilgrim \(1963\)'s main tree](#)

At this date: 520+ people; more than 50 photos; supported by more than 200 records

Public; Ask if you want to see living people.

[Matthew Kidwell \(1993\)'s main tree](#)

At this date: 540+ people; nearly 170 photos; supported by more than 350 records

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Publicly Available Records of significance:

Please note:

Some of the services are on platforms that are arguably NOT suited to their tasks; response times can be slow... Patience is advised.

[Birth registration for Guillaume Dondo \(1864\)](#) (Department of Morbihan Archives)

[1904 Arrival record for Guillaume Dondo \(1864\)](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1905 Arrival record for Marie Anne Dondo \(1872\) and the children](#) (Library and Archives Canada)
(as Marie Dacquay! She was travelling with her brother Louis and his family...)

[1906 Canada Census Items for Dondo's in the St-Claude area](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1911 Canada Census Items for Dondo's in the St-Claude area](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1916 Canada Census Items for Dondo's in the St-Claude area](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1921 Canada Census record for Guillaume Dondo \(1864\)](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1926 Canada Census record for Guillaume Dondo \(1864\)](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1926 Canada Census record for Yves Dondo \(1891\)](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

[1926 Canada Census form with the Guillaume Dondo \(1864\) and Gaston Rebiffe \(1884\) families](#)
(Library and Archives Canada)

[Naturalization record for Guillaume \(1864\) and Marie Anne \(1872\) Dondo](#) (Library and Archives Canada)

Travel Manifest Details, etc.:

[Table with the names of the 63 people](#) who arrived on the Vancouver in Halifax, NS, on April 2, 1905, bound for St-Claude

With an indication as to the person's presence on the author's family tree

While the individuals may not, in some cases, be on the tree, other members of that same family may well be!

[The SS Vancouver](#)

[Liverpool museums - SS Vancouver builder's model on display](#)

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Manitoba Local Histories:

"Les familles de St-Claude Families 1892-2016 ", produced by the St-Claude Historical Society

["Hugging the Meridian - MacDonald -- A Manitoba Municipal History 1881-1981"](#)

["A Place of Our Own – A History of No Ordinary People"](#)

["Tiger Hills to the Assiniboine - History of Treherne and District"](#)

Many others via [the Digital Collections at the University of Manitoba](#)

Many others via [the Manitoba Historical Society](#)

Family albums online (photo and otherwise):

- [The souvenir album produced by Jacques Dondo \(1896\) and his wife Virginie \(née Pattyn, 1900\) and presented to the family at a celebration on June 29, 1980](#)

At this time, there are no others to publish, but all offers will be gladly received, and this document will be updated.

Check back often!