



ASSOCIATION DES
BLAIS
D'AMÉRIQUE

Genealogical Dictionary

Digital version

Over time, several genealogists have worked individually, to reconstruct the descendants of Pierre Blais, individually, namely: Jacques Blais (M-82), Gilles Blais (M-99), Serge Blais (M-308) and the late Yves Blais (M-80). In April 2005, under the presidency of Lucille Blais (M-215), a project was started to merge their knowledge. The Association began compiling their accumulated information. Jacques Blais (M-82) agreed to be the project manager. A first version of the dictionary was printed in 2008, followed in 2011 by “Les Blais d’Amérique –Index des conjoints” which was the alphabetical index of the spouses.

To date, the main collaborators are: Jacques Blais (M-82), Guy Morin (M-779), Marie-Claude St-Pierre (M-861), Louise Tucker (M-243), Robert Blais (M-759), Monique Blais (M-806) and Lise St-Pierre (M-908) who are continually adding new people and families.

Since 2020, the Association has been thinking about new ways to disseminate this valuable information. The publication of new volumes such as that of marriages in 2005 had to be abandoned due to the significant orienting costs that this would represent. The amount of data collected has more than doubled and is constantly growing.

The choice was made to make the available data accessible through a web browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, etc.). This product is identified as The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (TNG), (<https://tngsitebuilding.com/>), a creation of designer Darrin Lythgoe. The Association members, like you, can freely view this dictionary without any purchase. For the Association, except for evolutionary updates, there is no design costs and only one license is required at a reasonable cost to the Association. Members like you can freely view this dictionary without any purchase.

The first tests were initiated in 2020, with a goal of understanding the software. In March 2022, the first digital database was officially released. This was updated periodically, from the database maintained by Jacques Blais (M-82) using the Brother's Keeper software.

The Blais d’Amérique Association has photos and genealogical records accumulated over time. This information was made available by Jacques Blais (M-82) from the moment software tests began, up until May 5th, 2023.

Volunteer Collaborators from the Genealogy Committee added new registrations and modified existing data with assistance from members like you, who notified the Association of additions and corrections that needed to be made.

Usage and research considerations

Consultation (Guest)

Access made available to members of the Association, under a GUEST status, allows you to view detailed information relating to deceased people. However, in line with the Personal Information Protection Act (privacy laws), for living people, only their names are visible, without birth & marriage dates nor other data.

This aims to protect people from potential fraud, particularly identity theft and aims to comply with legal broadcasting rules and to reduce this type of risk. For legal reasons, only the Genealogy Team has access to profiles of living people.

We invite members, like you, to send us genealogical information (family charts), additions or modifications. You may use the Association's **"Family File"** form (https://www.blaisdamerique.com/_iserv/dlfiles/dl.php?ddl=fiche-de-famille-interactif.pdf) or any other format. Unfortunately, for logistical reasons, we cannot accept GEDCOM files. A GEDCOM is an exchange format between genealogical software to produce and/or receive family trees.

To facilitate data verification and integration, we ask members to provide us with genealogical proof (screenshots, documents, deeds, photos with people identified/dates, place and occasion if know).

With all info submitted, we require the completed **"Authorization form – Photos and Media"** form available (https://www.blaisdamerique.com/_iserv/dlfiles/dl.php?ddl=authorization-form-for-usage-rights-2023-11-11-interactif.pdf). The authorization form gives us the right to use the information in the documents provided, into the dictionary.

Verifications and integrations are carried out by a member of the Genealogy Committee.

All information must be sent to genealogie@blaisdamerique.com.

Or by mail at:

Association des Blais d'Amérique
a/s : Comité de généalogie et patrimoine
609, rue Guertin
Magog, (Québec) J1X 5Z9 Canada

Searching for and locating people & families in the digital dictionary

You will understand there are many people whose last name is BLAIS. We recommend searching for a non-BLAIS member, particularly a spouse, as this will facilitate locating the correct Blais line.

Once a person has been located, their immediate family info is provided on their profile, with the option to create numerous types of reports.

Naming of individuals and families

In the different acts (birth, baptism, marriage, death, etc.), several first or last names are recorded and can be used in the search bar without always being the same. Additionally, there are also first/last names with hyphens.

There are cases of people with different names in birth/baptism records and the first name used in everyday life being different from one record to another.

Furthermore, in certain cases, first and last names may have been anglicized or transformed...

Pierre, Peter, Pete Henri, Henry, Harry Laurent, Lawrence, Larry Jacques, Jacob, Jack, Jake Guillaume, Guy, William, Bill, Billy Marguerite, Margret, Maggie, Marg François, Francis, Frank,	Roy anglicized to King Poirier anglicized to Perry Leblanc anglicized to White Charles contracted à Chas
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In this context, it is important to try several searches using various criteria to successfully find the person of interest.

An advanced search with part of a first or last name would allow you to broaden your results:

“**mar**” will give results such as: Marie, Marianne, Mary, Martine, Marcel, Marcelle, Rosemary, ...

“**lima**” will result in Rose-Délina, Rose-de-Lima, Délina, Zélina, ...

Accents are not required; the search will give results of names with and without accents.

Hyphens, however, are required for double barrel names, unless you search only one of the names (ex: Jean-Baptiste or Jean- or Baptiste).

Conclusion

You are invited to regularly consult the Blais d'Amérique website where will be deposited document to help your genealogical research in the section Genealogy digital dictionary – research help (<https://www.blaisdamerique.com/research-help.html>) as it will be periodically updated.

Personal notes



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FAMILY CHART

Family Name

Note on using the family sheet:

- This sheet is primarily intended to help you transcribe your research;
- If you have to register a second marriage or more, please use another family sheet and note **Marriage # 2 of 2** entering the info of the second spouse/partner, and, if applicable, completing a **page 2** for each additional child;
- If the child was adopted, enter "Adopted" to the right of his or her name;
- Date format: DD-MMM-YYYY – 19-MAY-2024

Would you like other members of the Association to benefit from the results of your research by allowing this information to be entered in the Blais's Digital Dictionary?

- Please fill out and return a signed copy of the form "**Authorization form for usage rights**"; and
- Saved this sheet and send it by email to genealogie@blaisdamerique.com or by mail to **Association des Blais d'Amérique, c/o Comité de généalogie et patrimoine, 609, rue Guertin, Magog (QC) J1X 5Z9 Canada**

PARENTS

Given name/s and surname of the husband

Child of and

Birth Place

Baptism Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Given name/s and surname of the wife

Child of and

Birth Place

Baptism Place

Death Place

Burial Place

Marriage # of

(for multiples marriages please fill a new form for second spouse)

Date

Place

CHILD #__ of __

Given name/s and surname _____

Birth _____ Place _____

Baptism _____ Place _____

Death _____ Place _____

Burial _____ Place _____

Marriage

Husband/Wife/Partner _____

Child of _____ and _____

Date _____

Place _____

Husband/Wife/Partner

Birth _____ Place _____

Baptism _____ Place _____

Death _____ Place _____

Burial _____ Place _____

RESEARCH NOTES



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- translation and diffusion in English

Nom and surname (print)

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Address: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Digital Dictionary: <https://www.blaisdamerique.com/dictionnaire/> - General information: services@blaisdamerique.com



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PEDIGREE CHART OF

Name of husband

Date and place of marriage

Name of wife

1st generation

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2nd generation

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3rd generation

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4th generation

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5th generation

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6th generation

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7th generation

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8th generation

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9th generation

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10th generation

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11th generation

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12th generation

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Membership Form / Renewal Form / Address change

Membership request () (A,B,C) Renewal () (A,C) Address change () (A) Member number ()

A – Personal Information

Name _____	Surname _____
Address _____	City _____
Province (State) _____	Postal code _____
Country _____	
Telephone (mandatory) _____	Email (mandatory) _____
Date of birth _____	Place of birth _____
Civil status: Unmarried ☐ Married ☐ Common-law union ☐ Widow ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐	
Spouse: Name _____	Surname _____
Date of birth _____	Place of birth _____
Date of marriage/common-law union _____	Place of marriage/common-law union _____
Profession, occupation (before retirement) _____	

B – Genealogical Information

My parents

Father's name and surname _____
Mother's name and surname _____
Date and place of marriage _____

My grandparents

Grandfather's name and surname _____
Grandmother's name and surname _____
Date and place of marriage _____

Spouse's parents

Father's name and surname _____
Mother's name and surname _____
Date and place of marriage _____

Spouse's grandparents

Grandfather's name and surname _____
Grandmother's name and surname _____
Date and place of marriage _____

C – Membership Choice

1-year membership	\$	✓	3-year membership	\$	✓
Regular member / Associate member	35 \$		Regular member / Associate member	90 \$	
Spousal member	17,50 \$		Spousal member	45 \$	
Youth member (0 – 25years old)	15 \$		Youth member (0 – 25years old)	30 \$	
Membership	\$	✓	Membership	\$	✓
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Sustaining member (spousal member, 3-year designation)	87,50 \$		Life m	350 \$	

Please note that membership fees must be paid in a single installment, CAD or USD; any additional member fee is considered a donation. Membership starts in the month in which the person becomes a member; it ends 12 months later. The spousal member receives the Journal des Blais in electronic format only.

- I paid by cheque made out to: **Association des Blais d'Amérique**, here is the sum of _____
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- I paid by AccèsD Desjardins: ☐ → Date of payment _____
- I paid by Interac to: **tresorerie@blaisdamerique.com** → Confirmation number _____
- I would like to subscribe free of charge to the Digital Dictionary of Blais d'Amérique: Yes ☐ No ☐
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- My membership was paid for with a gift certificate: ☐ _____
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