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SELF-GUIDED HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL TOUR
OF WARWICK AND SURROUNDINGS

KIROUAC FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Numbers in brackets preceded by GFK refer to the numbers given to each person found in the genealogical dictionary published by the KFA in 1991. GFK = *Généalogie des Familles Kirouac*, which means Kirouac Family Genealogy. Although the present document was put together with the greatest care, there could be errors. So if you find any, please, be kind enough to let us know ASAP at: afkirouacfa@hotmail.com – or by letter.

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1st Stop — 78 Route 116 West Warwick (Quebec)

Site of the farm where lived Eusèbe-Calixte (1841-1923) and his wife Clarisse (née Desharnais, 1838-1895) Kérouack (GFK 00844). Between 1863 and 1883, they had fifteen children. The descendants of some of them had a great input into the history of Warwick.

Here is an interesting historical fact: between 1890 and 1905, in the Province of Quebec, 4977 families were granted free land, or a monetary compensation, following a new government policy to help families with twelve living children. This new law was implemented in 1890, by the then Premier of Quebec, Honoré Mercier (1887-

1891). Eusèbe-Calixte's family was one of these lucky families to receive a parcel of land.

Later they sold the farm to their son, Évariste Kirouac who later sold it to his brother Onésime. In 1945, Onésime sold the farm to Wilfrid Fournier who later passed it on to his son Gilles. For health reasons, in spring 1962, Gilles sold the farm. While Onésime owned the land, Armand Boutin, grandson of Joséphine Kirouac (1855-1941) (GFK 2416) a cousin of Eusèbe-Calixte, farmed it. And guess who bought the farm in 1962, Armand Boutin because his own farm in Lyster had just been destroyed by fire.

Among the descendants of Eusèbe-Calixte and Clarisse (née Desharnais) Kirouac, let's mention René Kirouac (GFK 00938), son of Maurice and Monique (née Pelletier) Kirouac (See 50th Stop), our Master of Ceremony this weekend; as well as Mark Pattison, son of Robert and Jeannine (née Kirouac - GFK 00916) Pattison, KFA Regional Representative for Eastern USA; as well as Cathy Kirouac Robinson (GFK 00905) from Detroit, daughter of Jules and Genevieve Lucille (née Morang) Kirouac. Cathy is a regular contributor to *Le Trésor des Kirouac*. Most Michigan Kirouacs are also descendants of Eusèbe-Calixte and Clarisse Kirouac

2nd Stop — 72 Route 116 West Warwick (Quebec)

The house located on this farm used to be at number 78, our first stop. A century ago it was the home of the family of Eusèbe-Calixte and Clarisse (née Desharnais) Kérouack. Mr. Manuel Sylvain, the present owner, extensively renovated the house.



3rd Stop — Intersection of Route 116 West & Route Goudreau, Warwick (Quebec)

This used to be the land of Jean L'Heureux (1855-1923) and his wife Marie-Julie-Anna (née Kirouac -GFK 00734) (1858-1924), daughter of Louis Kérouac (1827-1902) and his wife Adélaïde Gingras (1835-1913) and granddaughter of Louis-Grégoire Kérouack (1801-1890) and his wife Catherine des Trois-Maisons dit Picard (1803-1878).

Note that Robert Kirouac (GFK 00799) (1910-2006), father of Renaud, KFA regional representative for Centre of Quebec Region, was born on this farm in 1910. Indeed, Robert's parents, Louis Kirouac (1874-1960) and his wife, Exilia Dumas (1866-

1950) rented the farm from Jean L'Heureux and his wife, Marie-Julie-Anna Kirouac, while the latter were living in the States. However, when the L'Heureux returned from the States, they came back to their farm. Jean L'Heureux was also mayor of Kingsey Falls from 1914 until 1917.





4th Stop — 65 Route 116 West Warwick (Quebec)

Site of the farm of Napoléon Kirouac (GFK 00779) (1871-1955) and his wife, Julie Anna Rousseau (1876-1941). The couple had only one child, Ernest (1898-1974) but as he had five of his own, there were many descendants. Napoléon was the son of Louis Kérouack (1827-1902) and his wife, Adélaïde Gingras (1835-1913).

5th Stop — 39 Route 116 Warwick (Quebec)

This was the land of Joseph-Jean Kirouac (GFK 01135) (1890-1980) and his wife, Amanda Ouellette (1896-1989). Second Kirouac branch to settle in Warwick, Joseph-Jean was the great-nephew of Louis-Grégoire Kérouack, the first K/ to settle in Warwick in 1858. Joseph-Jean arrived in May 1917. It was not unknown territory for him as his two aunts, his father's sisters: Joséphine, wife of Zoël Boutin, and Sara, wife of Résenne Baril, were already living in Warwick. Joseph-Jean bought the land from his cousin, Évariste Boutin, son of Joséphine Kirouac-Boutin. This partly explains how Joseph-Jean landed in Warwick.



For over twenty-five years, he was Secretary of *Union catholique des cultivateurs* (Farmers' Catholic Union) later known as *Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec* (Quebec Agricultural Producers' Union). In May 1940, he was also a founding member of the *Société coopérative agricole de Warwick* (Warwick's Agricultural Coop Society). Later on, his son and daughter-in-law lived on the farm, Gérard Kirouac (1918-1991) and his wife, Thérèse Desrochers (1926-1987). Gérard and Thérèse had three children; their daughter, Céline (1952-2007) was KFA Board meetings' secretary from 1985 until 2002; as well as Michel and Monique. Joseph-Jean was the father of Hélène and Marguerite, both KFA Board Members from 1997 until 2002; and Françoise.

6th Stop — 37 Route 116 Warwick (Quebec)



This house belongs to Michel and Chantal (née Lemay) Kirouac (GFK 01141). Michel is the son of Gérard and Thérèse (née Desrochers) Kirouac. In 1977, Gérard sold the land and the house to his son, though, Michel lived alone at number 39 until his marriage in 1978. In 1986, Michel and his wife built a new house and sold the former one but kept the farm, however he does not operate the farm himself because he works fulltime for **Weavexx**, a company we will talk about at the 42nd Stop. The farm is rented out to Gaétan Boutin who

grows various cereals like soya beans and corn. Part of the land is not suitable for farming so Michel started a tree plantation (over a thousand pines planted so far). Michel and Chantal have been living at number 37 since 1986, the year the house was built. They have two children, Isabelle and Jean-François.

Carry on along Route 116 towards Warwick, turn right at rue Saint-Louis



**7th Stop — 285 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

The company **RockTenn Emballages** from Warwick (previously called **Industrie Ling inc.**) was founded in 1931 by Georges E. Ling (1891-1983), husband of Mathilda Kirouac (GFK 00738) (1889-1980). In 1972, their three sons, Maurice, Robert, and Roland incorporated the company under the name *Georges E. Ling*. At first it was a printing enterprise; then in 1960, the company started manufacturing folding boxes. At the beginning of the seventies, Pierre Ling, Maurice's son decided to abandon the printing business. The company now employs

between 350 and 400 people and is part of the American group **RockTenn***, one of North America's leading producers of corrugated and consumer packaging and recycling solutions. (*see Web Sites)

Mathilda Kirouac was the daughter of Pierre Kirouac (1860-1916) and his wife, Léontine Beauchesne-Kirouac (1863-1925), granddaughter of Louis Kérouack (1827-1902) and his wife, Adélaïde Gingras-Kéroack (1835-1913) and a great-granddaughter of Louis-Grégoire Kérouack, the first K/ to settle in Warwick in 1858.



**8th Stop — 284 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home of Émile and Frédeline (née Desrochers) L'Heureux. Émile is the son of Jean L'Heureux and his wife Marie Julie-Anna (née Kirouac - GFK 0073), (see 3rd Stop). This house was also the home of Thérèse Kirouac (GFK 00961) (1917-1992) and her husband, Edgar Hannah (1914-1952). Thérèse was the daughter of Wellie Kirouac (1892-1947) and his wife, Octavie Lemay (1890-1935), granddaughter of Napoléon Kirouac (1867-1946) and his wife, Sara Plourde-Kirouac (1865-1894) and one of the great-granddaughters of Eusèbe-Calixte and Clarisse (née Desharnais) Kérouack. (See 1st stop)

**9th Stop — 283 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home of Armand Gauthier (1895-1968) and his wife, Christine Kirouac (GFK 00772) (1901-1967), daughter of Pierre Kérouack (1860-1916) and his wife, Léontine Beauchesne (1863-1925), granddaughter of Louis Kirouac (1827-1902) and his wife, Adélaïde Gingras (1835-1913) and a great-granddaughter of Louis-Grégoire Kérouack (1801-1890), first K/ to settle in Warwick in 1858.





**10th Stop — 275 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home of Georges E. Ling, founder of *Georges E. Ling inc.*, and his wife, Mathilda Kirouac (GFK 00738) (see 7th Stop). They had eight children born between 1915 and 1929. The *Georges E. Ling Company*, today *RockTenn Emballages* started its operation in this very house (See 7th Stop). As the house was close to the street, and the business was run from the house at first, when riding in a horse-drawn carriage, a large printing wheel could be seen through Mathilda's living room window – the bottom right window.

**11th Stop — 274 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

The first factory of the *Warwick Woolen Mills* used to stand on this site. It was founded in 1873 under the name *Compagnie Cantin*. This factory produced agricultural implements and textiles. Beginning in the early twenties, under the leadership of Onésime Kirouac (GFK 01051) (1876-1951), son of Eusèbe-Calixte Kérouack (See 1st Stop), the company became the *Warwick Woolen Mills* and one of the most prosperous industries in Warwick.

In 1945, the company employed 240 people in two factories, generating annual revenues of \$2 million. We will see the second factory when we arrive at the Warwick City Hall. “The *Warwick Woolen Mills* was Warwick's most important employer and the main economical driving force for over fifty years.” In 1925, Lionel became head of the company, taking over from his father, Onésime. In 1981, Lionel's son, Guy, then a director, bought the company; nevertheless it closed down in 1982. Onésime Kirouac was also President of the *Warwick Telephone Company* between 1940 and 1948.



**Carry on along Rue Saint-Louis. Turn left onto Rue Dollard,
Then onto Rue Saint-Médard**



12th Stop — 23 rue Saint-Médard Warwick (Quebec)

From 1934 until 1937, Émile Kirouac (1888-1969) (GFK 00692) and his wife, Augustine Lemay (1889-1969) lived in the upstairs apartment. (See 34th Stop) Émile and Augustine were Bruno's parents, and François' grandparents. Bruno was one of the KFA founding members and François is the current KFA President. Émile abandoned farming in 1933 to work at the *Warwick Woolen Mills*.

13th Stop— 26 rue Saint-Médard Warwick (Quebec)

First home of Lionel Kirouac (GFK 01053) (1902-1980) and his wife, Lilian Baker (1908-1980), they lived in the downstairs' apartment until 1937. Later on, Émile and Augustine (née Lemay) Kirouac (GFK 00629) and their family lived in it. When Lionel's brother, Roger (GFK 01070), husband of Simone Houde (????-2007), bought the house in the nineteen-forties, they lived downstairs while Emile and his family lived upstairs.

In 1925, Lionel Kirouac (GFK 01053), (son of Onésime, GFK 01051) became managing director of the *Warwick Woolen Mills*. He was also President of *Radio Victoriaville*, of *Compagnie des Immeubles des Bois-Francis* (Bois-Francis Real Estate) in Victoriaville, of *Filature de Warwick Cie Ltée* (weaving company), as well as honorary secretary and administrator of *l'Association Professionnelle des Industriels* (industry professional association), President of *Victoriaville Chamber of Commerce*, and Mayor of Warwick from 1941 until 1947.



Carry on along Rue Saint-Médard, turn right onto Rue Notre-Dame



14th Stop — 18 rue Notre-Dame Warwick (Quebec)

Home of Calixte Kirouac (GFK 00917) (1865-1937) and his wife, Aurélie Noël (1865-1943). Son of Eusèbe-Calixte and Clarisse (née Desharnais) Kirouac (See 1st Stop). For a while Calixte and his family lived in Leominster, Massachusetts, but, eventually, came back definitively to Warwick. Calixte and Clarisse had nine children, including Maurice (1905-1980). (See 50th Stop)

**15th Stop — 20 rue Notre-Dame
Warwick (Quebec)**



First home of Roland Kirouac (GFK 01067) (1906-1966) and his wife, Rolande Reny (1914-2008). Roland was the son of Onésime and the brother of Lionel. Roland was also one of the directors of the *Warwick Woolen Mills*. Later on, his nephew, Yvan (GFK 01058) (1930-1994) and his wife, Gabrielle Cayouette, lived in this house. On the lot next door to Roland's house, his brother, Roger (GFK 01070), operated an oil distribution business for *Irving Oil*; it no longer exists. Roger was also Personnel Director at the *Warwick Woolen Mills*.

**16th Stop — 25 & 30 rue Notre-Dame
Warwick (Quebec)**

Number 30, was the address of Eddy (1916-1998) and his wife, Marcienne (née Cloutier) L'Heureux. Eddy was the son of Wilfrid and Marguerite (née Rajotte) L'Heureux, and the grandson of Marie-Julie Anna Kirouac (GFK 00734) and her husband, Jean L'Heureux. (See 3rd Stop). Marie-Julie Anna Kirouac was the daughter of Louis-Grégoire Kérourack (GFK 00689) (1801-1890), and Adélaïde Gingras (1835-1913). (See 34th Stop)

Across the street is number 25, home of another of Marie-Julie-Anna Kirouac's grandchildren, Jean-Roch and Solange (née Turcotte) L'Heureux. Jean-Roch is the son of Émile L'Heureux (1891-1970) and his wife, Frédeline Desrochers (1891-1966).

As part of this family lore, we note that Émile L'Heureux was a mailman (or postman) and worked for Canada Post for forty-three years. In the 'good old days', five times a day, Émile had to fetch the mail at the railroad station. His son, Jean-Roch started his thirty-five-year career with Canada Post as a young lad helping his father distribute the mail around the village. His own son, Harold, also worked for Canada Post. So, between the three of them, they worked over a century for Canada Post.

Harold L'Heureux lives on Rang des Moreau (RR), in the house that Amanda Ouellette left when she married Joseph-Jean Kirouac whose land was to the north, across from the Ouellette's land. (See 5th Stop).



Carry on along rue Notre-Dame, In front of you is the *Villa du Parc*, Home to Hélène (GFK 01154) and her sister, Françoise. Turn right onto Rue Saint-Joseph

**17th Stop — 33 & 26 Rue Saint-Joseph
Warwick (Quebec)**



Built in 1915, this is one of Warwick older and larger houses. It was built for Félix Baril, a general merchant who settled in Warwick in 1880. He gave this house as a wedding gift to his son Désiré. Félix Baril and his sons established two factories, one producing button and the other making garments and overalls, called the *Warwick Overall*. He also owned a number of saw mills. This family can claim a first in history as in 1906, two of Félix' sons opened the very first FORD car dealership in Canada and this was in Warwick.

The general contractor who built this house was Adjutor Lachance, an uncle of Gisèle Bergeron, Mrs. Bruno Kirouac (GFK 00714) whose son, François, is the current KFA

President. In this house a well-known modern painter was born in 1917, Marcel Baril, who lived many years in Paris and died there in 1999. (Biography on Wikipedia and other Web Sites)



Across the street is number 26, where Bruno (GFK 00714) and Gisèle (née Bergeron) Kirouac lived from 1954 until 2011. Bruno was one of the founding members of the KFA, its regional representative from 1979 until 1997 and a KFA Vice-President, 1989-1992 and in 1994 & 1997. Bruno was a *Warwick School Board* Commissioner from 1971 until 1977; President of the *Warwick Historical Society* from 1987 until 1999; President of *Warwick Golden Age Club* from 1992 until 1998. Their five children are: François, Louise, Christian (See 28th Stop), Daniel (See 35th Stop), and Michel (1966-2011).

**Carry on along Rue Saint-Joseph, turn left onto Rang des Buttes (RR)
Turn left onto Rue Carillon**

**18th Stop — 3 Rue Carillon
Warwick (Quebec)**

This was the home of Hélène Kirouac (GFK 01154) from 1977 until 1991. When her father, Jean, died in 1980, Hélène looked after her mother for eight wonderful years. Admire the magnificent maple tree at the corner of the lot? Well, Hélène planted it herself thirty years ago.



**At the end of Rue Carillon, turn right onto Rue Méthot;
Then right onto Rue Bergeron, then left onto Rue L'Heureux**



**19th Stop — At the intersection of
L'Heureux & Saint-Joseph
Warwick (Quebec)**

Where you see two houses, number 6 and 8 St. Joseph, there used to be a bakery owned by Louis and Marie (née Montambault) Jolicoeur. Two of their daughters, Corinne (1891-1969) and Alphonsine (1886-1969), married two of the sons of Eusèbe-Calixte Kérrouack (See 1st Stop), Pierre-Joseph known as Jos (GFK 00967) (1880-1948), and Calixte Philippe (1864-????).

The Detroit area Kirouacs are descendants of Calixte Philippe Kirouac (GFK 00846) and his wife, Alphonsine Jolicoeur. Some Kirouacs from the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean area are descendants of Jos Kirouac and his wife, Corinne Jolicoeur, by their son, Rodrigue.

Turn right onto Rue Saint-Joseph



**20th Stop — 4 Rue Saint-Joseph
Warwick (Quebec)**

Auberge Bar Bois-Francs, this inn used to belong to Eddy L'Heureux (1916-1998) (See 16th Stop) son of Wilfrid L'Heureux, and grandson of Jean L'Heureux and his wife, Marie-Julie-Anna Kirouac (GFK 00734). (See 3rd Stop)

21st Stop — 1 Rue Saint-Joseph Warwick (Quebec)

At the corner of Saint-Joseph and Saint-Louis Streets, there used to be the general store of Agésilas Kirouac (GFK 00830) (1887-1951) and his wife, Anna Baril (1886-1942). Agésilas was the son of Pierre-Amédée (1837-1932) and his wife, Marie-Alice (née Beaudet) Kirouac (1847-1930) and the grandson of Louis-Grégoire (1801-1890) and his wife, Catherine des Trois-Maisons dit Picard Kirouac (1803-1878). Earlier on in his life, Agésilas was in charge of shipping at the Warwick clothing factory; then he became traveling salesman for Cantin Industries from 1904 until 1907 (see 11th Stop). After that he opened his own clothing store and haberdashery in 1909. From 1911 until 1914, he worked in Edmonton, Alberta, where he had moved his business. Then he came back to Quebec where he worked for *Alliance nationale*, a mutual relief and welfare society, first as organizer, then as district manager from 1921 onwards. He also worked at the head office of *Les Artisans canadiens-français*, an insurance company where he was the first Vice-President and General Manager of the Personnel during twelve years.



He was also one of the pioneers of the *Caisses populaires* in the Bois-Francs region, where he founded a dozen of them, including that of Warwick on 23 February 1921. He was the Director and General Manager of the Warwick *Caisse Populaire** until 1942. He was a Director and First Vice-President of *Union régionale des Caisses populaires* of Trois-Rivières (1923-1942). He was the Director of the *Caisse populaire* of Victoriaville (1950-1951). Agésilas was also a Warden of the Warwick Parish during ten years (1939-1949). He was a director of the local telephone company, Warwick Town Councillor and Deputy-Mayor. He was a candidate in the Federal election for the Conservative Party in 1930, but lost.

Since 1997, Agésilas Kirouac's former general store has been home to **CONTACT**, Warwick's resource centre.

* *Caisses populaires* is the name used in Quebec for the banking institution founded by Alphonse Desjardins (1854-1920) in 1900 in Lévis, Quebec. A credit union and member-owned financial cooperative, it has since spread across North America under the name **Desjardins Bank**. (See Web Site)

Turn right onto Rue Saint-Louis



22nd Stop — 160 Rue Saint-Louis Warwick (Quebec)

This beautiful home, in the neo-classical style, was built in 1918 by Mr. Lucien Baril, a rich Warwick businessman. You have to go through the glassed-in veranda, to reach the back part of the house where the servants' quarters used to be. On the third floor, the top floor, there is a ballroom where over fifty guests could sit down for a feast. After Mr. Baril's death, the house was sold to Mr. Jules Cournoyer where he and his family lived for twenty-two years.

Since 1986, it has been used as a private seniors' residence. The ground-floor is still as it was built and also housing many of the original furniture, particularly in the dining-room and living-room and sitting-room. Fernand Lachance, known as "Our Mr. Poutine" lived there for twelve years. He used to say that he lived in a paradise. Today, this is a rooming house." (Translated from: *St-Louis-St-Joseph-City-Hall Tour*, published by the Warwick Historical Society)



**23rd Stop — 109 Rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

This Tudor style house was built in 1938 and given as a wedding gift to Adrienne Letarte by her father when she married Hercule Bergeron. Since 1996, this is the home of Richard Ling, a great-grandson of Mathilda Kirouac (GFK 00738) (1889-1980) and her husband, Georges Ling (1891-1983). (See 7th Stop)

**24th Stop — 149 Rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home of Pierre Isidore and Alma (née Rondeau) Kirouac (GFK 00825) (1868-1938). Pierre Isidore was the half-brother of Agésilas Kirouac (GFK 00830) (1887-1951). (See 20th Stop)



**Turn right onto Rue L'Heureux
Arrêtez juste avant de tourner à gauche derrière le presbytère et l'église**



**25th Stop — 10 Rue l'Heureux
Warwick (Quebec)**

Foyer Étoile d'Or - A Seniors' Residence

“In 1964, a wave of appreciation and gratitude for the elderly blew over the parish of Warwick. A first meeting was held on 9 October 1966 to create a residence for the elderly. On 13 April 1967, the residence received its charter from the Quebec Government. Thanks to a generous contribution from Mr. Rodolphe Baril,

wealthy local philanthropist, the residence was built in 1967-68. His contribution represented 10 % of the construction cost, e.g. \$35,000.”

“On August first 1968, the *Foyer Étoiles d'Or inc.* (Seniors' Residence) welcomed its first residents who were completely autonomous at the time. However, from being a hostelry then, it is now a long term medical care facility for sixty-six people.” (Translation of info taken from a brochure produced by the Warwick Historical Society entitled: *Circuit St-Louis-St-Joseph-City-Hall*)

Turn left and then turn immediately right behind the presbytery and the church. Let's mention that in the crypt under the church, on the Epistle Side, were interred the remains of the first couple to settle in Warwick: Louis-Grégoire Kéroutack (GFK 00473) (1801-1890) and his wife, Marie-Catherine des Trois-Maisons dit Picard (1803-1878). Later during this visit, we will stop at their house on Route 116 East. (See 34th Stop)

26th Stop — The Rock of Fatima

In 1945 the land was ceded for the construction of a pilgrimage site. It was officially consecrated on 21 August 1949. Money was raised by a devoted group of Warwick citizens called *Amicalistes* presided by Alvina Kirouac (GFK 00931) (1899-1960), daughter of Calixte and Aurélie (née Noël) Kirouac (See 14th Stop), granddaughter of Eusèbe-Calixte (1841-1923) and Clarisse (née Desharnais) Kirouac (1838-1895). (See 1st Stop)

The gift shop located to the left of the shrine was built by Roland Kirouac (1906-1966) at his own expense. Souvenirs related to Our Lady of Fatima were sold there between 1949 and 1963. In 1948, the statue of the Virgin, made of Italian Carrara marble cost \$700. It was a gift from Alvina Kirouac. A list of the donors is in the gift shop window. The gravel for the access road was given by Robert Kirouac (GFK 00799) who quarried it from his land located on Route 116 East. (33rd stop on our tour).



Go back to Rue Saint-Louis and turn right

27th Stop — 87 Rue Saint-Louis Warwick (Quebec)



Site of a furniture store founded in 1947 by Alphonse Dubois, who soon after sold it to Hector Muir. Bruno Kirouac (GFK 00714) who had been working there since 1951 bought it in 1965. The building is now an apartment block. Bruno Kirouac (See 17th Stop) is the son of Émile Kirouac (1888-1969) and his wife, Augustine Lemay Kirouac (1889-1959), grandson of Joseph Kirouac (1857-1905) and his wife, Henriette Leclerc Kirouac (1863-1903) and great-grandson of Louis Kirouac (1827-1902) and his wife, Adélaïde Gingras (1835-1913). (See 34th Stop). When he retired in 1987, Bruno Kirouac sold the business to Jacques Desrochers and Bruno Beaudet; but the store closed down in 2000.



**28th Stop — 81 rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Residence of Christian and Doris (née Côté) Kirouac (GFK 00718) since 1986. Christian is the son of Bruno (GFK 00714) and Gisèle (née Bergeron) Kirouac (See 17th Stop). They have three children.

**29th Stop — 77 Rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

This house was built for Guy Kirouac (GFK 01055) (1928-1997) and his wife, Bernice Champagne (1932-1994). Guy Kirouac was the son of Lionel (See 11th and 13th Stops). He took over from his father as head of the *Warwick Woolen Mills*.



**30th Stop — 73 Rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

House built for Roland Kirouac (GFK 01067) (1906-1966) and his wife, Rolande Reny (1914-2008). Roland, like his brothers, Lionel and Roger, was also one of the directors of the *Warwick Woolen Mills*. He also owned two other businesses, a dairy and an apple orchard.



31st Stop — 67 Rue Saint-Louis (Street), Warwick (Quebec)

Le Verger des horizons (horizon orchard) was started by Roland Kirouac (GFK 01067) (1906-1966) in 1942 with 5000 apple trees. Roland was the son of Onésime Kirouac (1876-1954) and his wife, Orise Cantin Kirouac (1881-1921) and the grandson of Eusèbe-Calixte (1841-1923) and his wife, Clarisse Desharnais Kirouac (1838-1895) - (See 1st Stop)

In 1960, Roland Kirouac sold his orchard to Joseph Bergeron, brother of Gisèle Bergeron-Kirouac (GFK 00714). The house in front of the warehouse was the home of Joseph Bergeron for many years. In 1975, Joseph Bergeron sold the orchard to Léo Lemieux, whose daughter is the present owner.



32nd Stop — 57 Rue Saint-Louis (Street), Warwick (Quebec)

The former *Crèmerie Rolland* (Dairy) started by Roland Kirouac (GFK 01067) (1906-1966) at the beginning of the forties to bottle milk and distribute it in the village of Warwick. Eventually, Roland also sold the Dairy, to Joseph Bergeron in 1948 or 1949, who, in turn, sold it to Lucien Rousseau in 1960 when the latter also bought the orchard that still belonged to Roland Kirouac.



Carry on along Rue Saint-Louis and take Route 116 Est (East), towards Victoriaville

33rd Stop — 35 Route 116 Est (East) Warwick (Quebec)

This farm, property of François-Xavier Grégoire was bought by Louis Kirouac (GFK 00794) (1874-1960), husband of Exilia Dumas Kirouac (1866-1950), on 2 May 1911. Louis was the son of Louis Kérrouack (GFK 00689) (1827-1902) and of his wife, Adélaïde Gingras (1935-1913). (See next Stop)

Through a deed of donation, Louis, son of Louis, transferred this property to his son Robert (GFK 00799) (1910-2006), husband of Lumina Labrecque (1910-1995) on 18 January 1941. After farming the land for thirty-three years, Robert sold it to Alfred Boissonneault on 8 October 1974.

Robert was the father of Renaud, KFA regional representative for the Centre of Quebec Area and the host of our Annual K/ 2012 Gathering. He was also the father of Clément, a KFA past president from 1994 to 2000.





**34th Stop — 95 Route 116 Est (East)
Warwick (Quebec)**

House and land of Louis-Grégoire Kérouack (GFK 00473) (1801-1890) and his wife, Catherine des Trois-Maisons dit Picard (1803-1878); first Kirouac family to settle in Warwick on 8 January 1858. Previously they had been living in Sainte-Croix-de-Lotbinière for about ten years. He bought the property from John McDougall who had bought it from Auguste Quesnel on 25 January 1853. The farm house already existed on this lot in 1858. It seems that it had been built at the beginning of the 1850s.

Louis-Grégoire Kérouack later ceded the farm to his son Louis (GFK 00689) (1827-1902). This Louis was such a capable farmer that he won the Quebec Government Department of Agriculture's **Silver Medal for Agricultural Achievement** in 1892. Ten years later, in 1902, he finished third amongst those vying for the gold medal, however, it must be added that he was the only one who lived by farming alone.

Louis ceded his farm to his son Joseph (1857-1905). After Joseph's death, his own son, Émile (GFK 00692) (1888-1969), took over the farm, however he was the last K/ generation to own the farm. Émile was Bruno's father. Bruno was born in this house in 1926. But in 1933, the farm was sold to Henri and Alberta (née Fontaine) Therrien. Fourteen years later they sold it to Joseph and Rosa (née Hamel) Cloutier. This last couple would in turn sell the house to Philippe and Marie-Rose (née Roy) Pépin.

Philippe's son, Claude Pépin and his wife, Lise Carrier-Pépin, own the house. Claude Pépin is the brother of Denise Pépin, Mrs. Renaud Kirouac (GFK 00805). If we can still admire this house today, it is thanks to the work of Claude and Lise. This year (2012) they won the **Prix du Patrimoine de la MRC d'Arthabaska** = Arthabaska Regional Heritage Prize for house conservation, renovation and restoration because of all the painstaking work they put into preserving the house where the first generations of Kirouac lived in Warwick.

Also, on the east side of the property is the land of Pierre Kérouack (GFK 00735) (1860-1916) and his wife, Léontine Beauchesne-Kérouack (1863-1925). Pierre was Louis' brother, the second owner of the land where we are now. He was also the father of Mathilda (GFK 00738) (See 7th & 10th Stops) and of Corinne (1893-1977), a nun of the Hospitallers of Saint-Joseph Order at the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital in Arthabaska, where she held a number of administrative positions.

On Pierre's land, a beautiful house built in the same style as the one you see, used to stand but it was demolished in 1968 to enable the widening of Road 116.

**Go back onto Route 116 Ouest (West) towards Warwick.
Go as far as the *Serres Perreault* (*Perreault Nurseries*),
turn left onto rue Gauthier and next turn right onto Rue Martel**



**35th Stop — 28 rue Martel
Warwick (Quebec)**

Daniel and Josée (née Sénéchal) Kirouac (GFK 00722), have been living here since 2000. They have two children. Daniel is the son of Bruno and Gisèle (née Bergeron) Kirouac (GFK 00714) (See 17th Stop).

**Keep on driving along Rue Martel. Turn right at Rue Turcotte.
At the stop, turn left onto Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville (City Hall Street).**



**36th Stop — 14 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville
Warwick (Quebec)**

Second factory of the *Warwick Woolens Mills* founded by Onésime Kirouac. (See 11th Stop). After the factory was closed in 1981, it was used as offices for the local School Board. It also housed a Jeans distribution company.

**37th Stop — 13 Rue Hôtel de Ville
Warwick (Quebec)**

Residence of Agésilas Kirouac (GFK 00830) (1887-1951) and his second wife, Joséphine Arsenault (1908-1975). (See 21st Stop) Agésilas & Joséphine were the parents of Marie, KFA Board Member since 1981; as well as Pierre, former KFA representative for the Greater Montreal area from 1983 to 1993; and Hélène who was one of the organizers of previous KFA annual gatherings in Warwick in 1985 and 1999; and Jean, a faithful participant in our get-togethers.





**38th Stop — 7 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home to the *Warwick Woolen Mills' Brass Band* founded by Lionel Kirouac (GFK 1053) (1902-1980) in 1925 (See 13th Stop). Lionel was a musician and he paid for the instruments for the Band's twenty-five musicians. The *Warwick Woolen Mills' Brass Band* took part in many regional and parochial gatherings during forty years. It won top honours in the 1964 and 1965 festival organized by the *Quebec Amateur Brass Bands Federation*. It ended its activities soon afterwards.

**39th Stop — 6 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville
Warwick (Quebec)**

First residence of Agésilas Kirouac (GFK 00830) (1887-1951) and his first wife, Anna Baril (1886-1942). In April 1919, the couple adopted a baby girl called, Julie Désilets, after her parents died victim of the Spanish flu pandemic. (See also 37th & 21st Stops)

The first *Caisse populaire de Warwick* was founded by Agésilas Kirouac and was housed in his home. One went in through a door at the right. Trace of the door can still be seen because of the lighter colour of the brickwork.



**40th Stop — Gîte du Champayeur (B&B)
5 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville
Warwick (Quebec)**

Former residence of Onésime Kirouac (GFK 01051) (1876-1954) and his second wife, Alvina Kirouac (GFK 00931) (1899-1960). Onésime was the founder of the *Warwick Woolens Mills*. (See 11th Stop)

After Onésime Kirouac, Dr Édouard Breton, veterinarian, lived in this residence for many years. Today it belongs to Dr Jacques Charlebois, also a veterinarian, who runs it as a B&B, called the *Gîte du Champayeur*, since he retired.



Drive along Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville and turn right at Rue Saint-Louis



**41st Stop — 208-A Rue Saint-Louis
Warwick (Quebec)**

Émile Kirouac (GFK 00692) (1888-1969) and his wife, Augustine (née Lemay) (1889-1959) moved to this address during the nineteen-forties; they lived on the second floor apartment. Émile moved out in 1966 (See 12th, 13th, & 34th Stops)

Maurice Kirouac (GFK 00934) (1905-1980) and his wife, Monique Pelletier-Kirouac (1917-2008) also lived in this apartment during the nineteen-forties. (See 50th Stop)

Carry on along Rue Saint-Louis & turn right onto Boulevard Gingras

**42nd Stop — at the intersections of Boulevards
Gingras and Lee, Warwick (Quebec)**

Weavexx factory, formerly *Filature de Warwick* (Warwick mill); one of its founders was Lionel Kirouac (GFK 01053) (1902-1980), later it became the *Niagara Lockport Felt Company* and finally *Weavexx*. (See 11th & 36th Stops)



**43rd Stop — 19 Boulevard Gingras
Warwick (Quebec)**

Home of Maurice Ling (1917-1979) and his wife, Caroline Laroche-Ling (1915-1987), (see 7th stop). Maurice was the son of Mathilda (née Kirouac) (GFK 00738) (1889-1980) and her husband, Georges Ling (1891-1983).

Drive along Boulevard Gingras, turn right onto Boulevard Kirouac

Drive along Boulevard Kirouac, turn left onto Rue Leblanc



**44th Stop — 9 Rue Leblanc
Warwick (Quebec)**

Residence of Renaud and Denise (née Pépin) Kirouac (GFK 00805). Renaud is the son of Robert and Lumina (née Labrecque) Kirouac (GFK 00799) (See 33rd Stop). They have four children. Renaud has been the KFA Regional Representative for the area since 1999.

**Stop at the intersection of Rue Leblanc and Boulevard Pépin
To the left is 19 Rue Leblanc**

**45th Stop — 19 rue Leblanc
Warwick (Quebec)**

After selling their farm in 1977, Gérard and Thérèse (née Desrochers) Kirouac (GFK 01136) moved into this house. (See 5th & 6th Stops). Gérard is the son of Joseph-Jean and Amanda (née Ouellette) Kirouac (GFK 01135) and the brother of Hélène Kirouac (See 18th Stop).



**Turn right onto Boulevard Pépin. Then turn right onto Boulevard Laroche.
Stop at the corner of Boulevard Beaumier**



**46th Stop — 12 Boulevard Laroche
Warwick (Quebec)**

Warwick Croquet Club. One of the founding members was Maurice Kirouac (GFK 00934) son of Calixte and Aurélie (née Noël) Kirouac (GFK 00917) (See 14th Stop).

**47th Stop — 2 boulevard Laroche
Warwick (Quebec)**



For a number of years, this was the residence of Alphonse Kirouac (1883-1961) (GFK1082). He moved into this house at the request of his brother, Onésime, who needed his services at the Warwick Woolen Mill (See 11th & 36th Stops). Alphonse was married to Mary Howard (18---1963). Orphaned young, she was adopted by Mr. Georges Samson, Hotel owner in Warwick. Alphonse was the youngest son of Eusèbe-Calixte (1841-1923) and Clarisse (née Desharnais -1838-1895) Kirouac (GFK 00844) (See First Stop).

Turn right onto Boulevard Beaumier

**48th Stop — 6 Boulevard Beaumier
Warwick (Quebec)**

Residence of Irénée Morin (????-1992) and his wife Françoise Kirouac-Morin (GFK 01153); Françoise is the daughter of Joseph-Jean and Amanda (née Ouellette) Kirouac (GFK 01135).

In 1981, after selling their farm to their son, Denis, Françoise, a native of Warwick, and her husband, Irénée Morin, came back to Warwick where they lived ten years together. However, five years after Irénée's death, Françoise moved to *Villa du Parc*, a residence for autonomous seniors. In front of their home, Françoise cultivated lots of beautiful rose bushes. Every Sunday, she would bring some roses to decorate the altar at the Church when the Parish Priest said Mass, while she and her husband were Altar Servers.



**Carry on until reaching Rue Leblanc, then turn left.
Then at the stop, turn left to get back onto Boulevard Kirouac.**



49th Stop – 16 Boulevard Kirouac Warwick, (Quebec)

After selling their farm to their son, Gérard in 1956 (See 5th Stop) Joseph-Jean Kirouac (GFK 01135) (1890-1980) and his wife Amanda Ouellette Kirouac (1896-1989) moved into number 16 Boulevard Kirouac. Their daughter, Hélène, lived with them while teaching at the Warwick School Board. They were still very active. Jean often went to help at the farm. He was known for his green thumb and grew lots of vegetable who were the delight of many villagers. Amanda, on the other hand, was still very alert and an excellent cordon-bleu, she had boarders and also gave lunches to many school children. They lived in that house until Jean died on 16 December 1980.

50th Stop — 8 Boulevard Kirouac Warwick (Quebec)

Home of Maurice (1905-1980) and Monique (née Pelletier) (1917-2008) Kirouac (GFK 00934)). Maurice was the son of Calixte Kirouac (1865-1937) and his wife, Aurélie (née Noël) Kirouac (1865-1943) (See 14th Stop) and the grandson of Eusèbe-Calixte (1841-1923) (See first stop). They had four children: René, Rita, Paul and Gilles.

Adélard Kirouac (GFK 01012) lived at number 3 Boulevard Kirouac, across the street from Maurice. The house was eventually demolished to open up the passage for the parking lot located behind the *Caisse populaire*. Adélard was married to Jeannette L'Heureux, daughter of Émile L'Heureux, the postman; she was also the granddaughter of Marie-Julie-Anna Kirouac (GFK00734) and Jean L'Heureux (See 3rd Stop).



Drive all the way to the end of Boulevard Kirouac and enter the City Hall parking lot



51st Stop — 8 Rue Hôtel de Ville Warwick (Quebec)

The City Hall was built in 1895 as a private residence for Dr Étienne Valcourt, the first medical doctor to settle in Warwick; his widow and son lived there for thirty-eight years. Lionel Kirouac (See 13th Stop) bought the house in 1937 and lived in it until 1957 when he sold it to the Town of Warwick for \$29,000.

Partial genealogical ancestry to show the family links between the persons mentioned in this document as well as with Brother Marie-Victorin (Conrad Kirouac)

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