

## A Short history of Joseph Filteau and his family

Georgiana Delisle (Joe's 2nd wife) was born in the Province of Quebec. In about 1912, the Delisle family moved to Saskatchewan. Georgiana was troubled with Asthma all her life, which may have also been a reason for the decision for the move to a dryer climate.

Joe Filteau was born in Lewiston, Maine. He moved to Laconia, New Hampshire and in 1914 married Corinne Brochu, she was born in Quebec.

They moved to Debden, Saskatchewan where their daughter, Marie Rose, was born. Corinne died of the **Spanish Flu pandemic**, according to a letter received from Lina that was sent in 1918 to the Delisle family.

Joe Filteau then married Georgiana Delisle in 1921. Joe, Georgiana, and Marie Rose lived in a little house on his farm. Their daughter Aureore was born in Debden, and Lina was born in Shell River (later Victoire).

In 1924, Joe Filteau heard of opportunities to be found in the United States (recalled by Lina). He and the family moved to Oakland, California, where Maurice was born. (1924)



The story goes; since Eugene Delisle Sr. left the Thetford Mines area in Quebec, where he was born, for Laconia (for just 2 years) our guess is Corinne's family did the same. Which means she was definitely born in Quebec.

The **1918 flu pandemic (the Spanish Flu)** - An **influenza pandemic** is an epidemic of an influenza virus that spreads on a worldwide scale and infects a large proportion of the human population. In contrast to the regular seasonal epidemics of influenza, these pandemics occur irregularly, with the 1918 Spanish flu the most serious pandemic in recent history.

The pandemic lasted from June 1918 to December 1920, spreading even to the Arctic and remote Pacific islands. Most victims were healthy young adults, in contrast to most influenza outbreaks which predominantly affect juvenile, elderly, or weakened patients. Between 50 and 100 million died, making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history.