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COMMUNICATION

To the Walpole Times:
In Chapter VII of the Story of Walpole entitled "The Acadians" there is reference to a poor family of exiles from Nova Scotia called "D'Autremont" who were supported by the town as the story relates. A distinguished descendant of this family was in town looking up our records of his family and on his return wrote me the following letter which you may use if you wish.
Harry A. Whiting.

The House of d'Entremont was one of the most ancient and illustrious houses of Savoy and France. This family originated in the Valley d'Entremont which is located in the Savoyan Alps. Rudulf, Lord of d'Entremont and Montbel, born about 990, was qualified Lord of the above territories in 1020, and he died in 1040. I have the whole genealogy and history of the family from his time to the present.

The Jacques d'Entremont, who died at Walpole, was a descendant of this Rudolph or Rudulf, Lord of d'Entremont and Montbel, and in his veins coursed the royal blood of France and Italy; the noble blood of the Savoy and other illustrious families of Savoy and France; and the noble blood of the Pachecos, of Spain, whose ancestry I have traced way back to the Romans, one of the family being a commander in the army of Julius Caesar. Furthermore, this Jacques was a direct descendant of the celebrated Gaspard de Coligny, Admiral of France, Governor of Paris, etc., and the leader of the Huguenot party of France in the sixteenth century. It was he, through the cupidity of Catherine de Medicis, the most wicked queen in the history of Europe, who was the first victim of the St. Barthelemy, on the morning of the 24th of August, 1572. The people of Walpole should be proud to have in one of its cemeteries the decaying bones of a person of such nobility, and the town of Walpole would do credit to itself by having an appropriate tablet place in the cemetery where he was buried, even if at the time of his demise he was considered an unwelcome pauper.

Here is the history, in brief, of Jacques d'Entremont and his family. This Jacques was the son of another Jacques who had married Anne de La Tour, daughter of Charles de La Tour, Governor and owner of Acadia, one of the greatest personages in Acadian history and who was well known in the early history of Boston. This Jacques, the father, was a son of Sieur Philippe d'Entremont, Baron of Pobomcoup (now Pubnico, Nova Scotia), King's Attorney in Acadia, who had come from France in 1651 and settled Pubnico. He had married, in France, Madeleine d'Elie du Tillet, related to the Bourbons.

The Acadians of Cape Sable (Pubnico) were not disturbed in the general deportation of 1755, but on April 10, 1756, Governor Lawrence gave to Major Prebble, who was leaving Halifax for Boston, an order to call at Cape Sable and carry off as many of the inhabitants as he could get hold of, and "to burn and destroy whatever he could not carry off." On the 22nd he arrived at Port Latour, landed 167 men, and crossing the point of land, arrived at Cape Sable in the night and surprised the Acadians in their beds, captured 72 men, women and children and carried them to Boston, after pillaging and burning 44 buildings and killing all the cattle, sheep, and swine that they could find. To complete their work more thoroughly, they scalped the young son of Joseph d'Entremont (not the one of Walpole). They arrived in Boston harbor on the 30th, and, after a month's delay, they finally decided to let the Acadians, "recently arrived," stay in Massachusetts and be distributed in the seaport towns between Gloucester and Plymouth.

On the 5th of June, two families were taken to Marblehead; one was that of Jacques Amirault, the other was that of Jacques d'Entremont who, later, figured in the history of Walpole. In giving the names of the members of the family I am including their subsequent marriages, as follows:
Jacques d'Entremont, born in 1679, died at Walpole, Mass., on July 28, 1759. Married in 1723.

Marguerite Amirault, his wife, born in 1700, died October 18, 1796. Their children were:
1. Anne, born in 1732, married at Marblehead in 1756, to Abel Duon, one of the exiles, who came over with them.

2. Marguerite, born in 1734, never married.

3. Joseph, born in 1739, died May 20, 1783. Was married, probably at Walpole, to Agnes Belliveau. They had nine children, two of whom, Cyrille and Marguerite, were born in Massachusetts, the others at Pubnico.

4. Paul, born in 1742, married to Isabel Belliveau. They had six children.

5. And Benoni, born in 1744, died February 21, 1841. He had married, at Pubnico, Anne Marguerite Pothier, by whom he had

nine children. Benoni was the first Acadian appointed as Justice of Court (1791); first Treasurer of the District of Argyle (1792).

On the 28th day of October, 1756, Jacques d'Entremont, his wife, and daughter, Marguerite, were removed to Walpole. On the same day, Anne, his daughter, with her husband and her two younger brothers, Paul and Benoni, were removed to Medfield. On the 8th day of November, 1758, Joseph d'Entremont petitioned the Council, of Boston, praying that the family might be reunited, "and it would be much for their comfort, as well as for their mutual ease, in the general support of the family, and of their aged parents in particular, if they were all in the same town." (Doc. 26, vol. 24) and the prayer of the petition being granted, accounts for the new d'Entremonts mentioned in the accounts of Walpole for 1760.

The family of Jacques d'Entremont, including his widow, went back to Pubnico in 1766. It is not probable that they were among those who went by land. The tradition of the family says that they built a vessel, and with eight other families, went to Pubnico. These families: three d'Entremont, one Mius, two Belliveau, two Amirault, and one Duon. A vessel cleared from Boston, August 23, 1766, whose captain was an Amiro, and it may have been this same vessel that these families went back to Pubnico in.

This family of Jacques d'Entremont, in going back to Pubnico went to settle in the same land of the old barony of their ancestors, and today there are more than a thousand persons, issue of the children of this Jacques d'Entremont, a majority of whom are living at Pubnico and other villages in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia, while a great many are in Massachusetts, and they may be found in Boston, Stoneham, Lynn, Salem and other towns in this state.

Some members of the d'Entremont family were taken to France in 1759, and there are still a few of their descendants to be found in that country.

The d'Entremont family of Nova Scotia is represented in the House of Representatives by Raymond N. d'Entremont; Louis A. d'Entremont is Inspector of Schools for Nova Scotia and Cape Breton; James G. d'Entremont is Inspector of Fisheries for Yarmouth County, and many others of the family hold government positions.

Therefore, the town of Walpole can point with pride, not in the manner by which it received members of this family, but in the fact that, considering the condition of affairs of that period, it took care, for years, of a family that has grown to be the greatest, and the only family left of those of the "Noblesse" who settled Acadia; and I am sure that, when the facts are considered by the people of your town, you will take the initiative in placing an appropriate tablet to mark the locality where one of this noble family was buried.

As already stated, I shall try to visit your town next week.

Very sincerely yours,
H. L. d'Entremont.

LEGION POST WILL ELECT OFFICERS

The election of officers of the Thomas H. Crowley Post of the American Legion will be held at the next meeting, Tuesday, October 13, at the Bradford Lewis House. The candidates are as follows:

Commander, Lyman W. Small, Herbert A. Rose, G. E. Plunkett; 1st Vice-President, Ira D. Jonah; 2nd Vice-President, Henry T. Belling; Adjutant, Stanley Patterson; Finance Officer, Charles A. Bean; Historian, Albert E. Alden; Sergeant at Arms, Anthony Unaly; Americanization Officer, Albert Carlone; Insurance Officer, John Deveney; Employment Officer, Richard Hennessey; Executive Committee (eight to be elected): Walter C. Allen, Raymond Hale, Wm. E. Alden, Rocco Meomartino, R. H. Hennessey, Carl Thomas, Angelo C. Trudeau, Lyman W. Small, George McCabe, Arthur Maguire, Walter Giles, Allston F. Hart.

PROOF THAT SOME PEOPLE READ THE WALPOLE TIMES

Unwarranted Competition
As the World Wags:

THE BEST BOBBER SHOP
JOE WOJCIECHOWSKI'S
Maguire's Block, East Walpole
Latest Modes in Curling, Waving, Bobbing, Shingle and Semi-Shingle

Doesn't this advertisement, which was recently clipped from the Walpole Times, put Mr. Wojciechowski into the Hall of Fame? East Walpole for many years has been famous as the home of Bird & Son, the makers of shingles. This new rival in making shingles now sits on the opposite corner to the Bird establishment.

From Boston Herald, October 7

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