

Sylvain Dufour

Sylvain too has been researching and writing a family history. He has so far produced three works printed in 2020 and 2021. They recount the history of one branch of the Dufour family, one of the pioneer families of Canada (arrived in the XVIIth century). That branch was involved in the development of La Malbaie, Charlevoix's main town.

Matriarchal branches are considered. Several other pioneer families are thus covered. Also covered in the first four books are the stories of various Huguenot, English, Irish and even Scandinavian ancestors that make up the ancestry. Oral tradition has been corroborated by extensive documentary research.

The fifth and most recent book tells the story of a private fishing club, created in Charlevoix's back country in 1930 under the provincial regime of private fishing and hunting clubs. The Club was established by great local friends who soon reached out to well-connected professionals and business persons they knew as far away as Montreal. An eccentric American millionaire also contributed for a while to the Club's development. The Club survived the abolition of Québec's 1978 private forest management regime. Thousands of relatives and friends have been to the Club's premises, and we wish the walls could talk!



In all cases, the print runs were limited and the distribution entirely private. A limited number of copies may still be available from the author (dufs03@uqo.ca). Otherwise, copies are available for consultation at both the National Library in Ottawa and at the Quebec provincial library in Montreal.