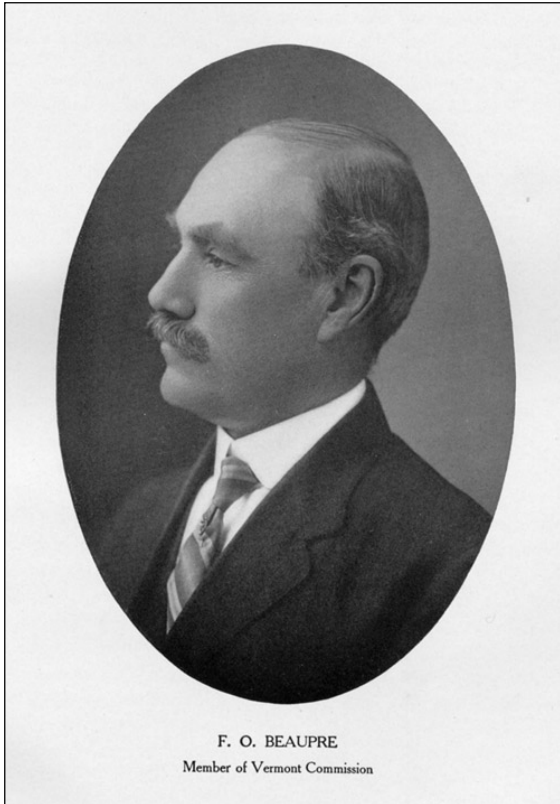


Frederick Oliver Beaupre

A French-American on the 1909 Champlain Tercentenary Commission of Vermont

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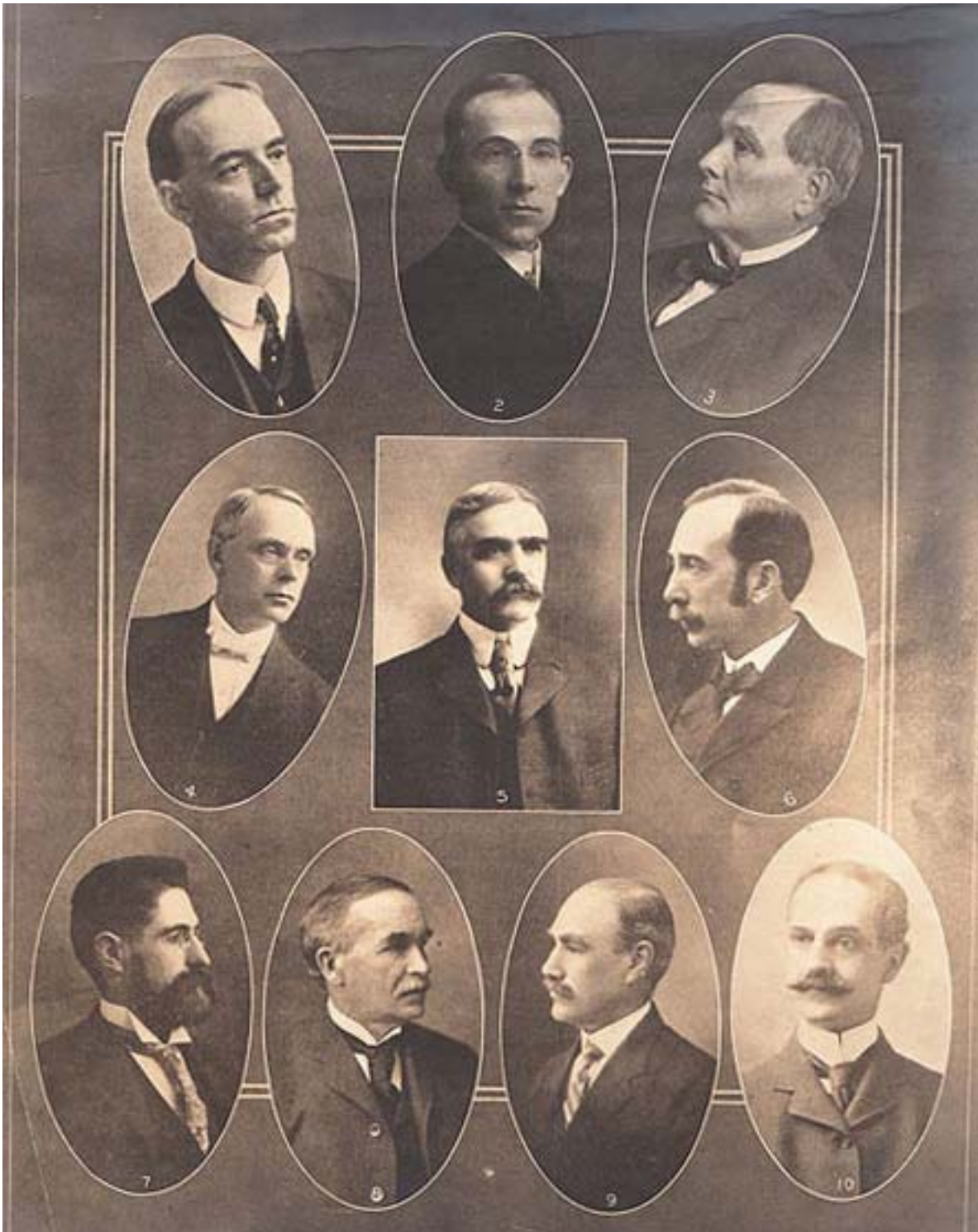
Frederick O. Beaupre was born on 26 July 1851 at Burlington, Vermont. He was the 3rd child of Olivier Beaupre and Louisa Gaudette. He was baptized a day after his birth at the original St Joseph Church which was only 7 months old at that time, and his godparents were Francois Lapointe and Marie Pelletier. Frederick O. was educated in the Burlington school system and then attended the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Burlington. In 1868 he entered the drug business with Vincent & Taft where he remained for 12 years, until 1880. He then bought the Jones and Riley drugstore along with George W. Lowrey. In the 1882 Burlington City Directory, we read, "Beaupre & Lowrey, (F. O. Beaupre and George W. Lowrey) apothecaries, 75 Church Street, corner of Bank Street". His home was listed as 82 North Winooski Avenue. He continued in this business for 20 more years. He later was the Burlington City Assessor for 20 years before devoting his attention to the Real Estate business as a broker at 73 Church Street. Frederick was a Trustee of the Home Savings Bank in Burlington and in 1918 he is listed as Trustee, as

one of the three Auditors, and he was also on the Investing Committee. He also served as a Director of the Burlington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and he was a member of the Ethan Allen Club, which was an exclusive male club for many successful Burlington Businessmen.

At St Joseph's church he was a member of the St John Baptist Society. We find the Beaupre family in the 1884 church census as follows: Beaupre widow, Elise and children; Fred, Louise, Helene, Marthe and Fabien. Looking at the book, "History of St Joseph Parish", we read on Page 47 that on the 3rd of June, 1896, Frederick bought Lot "D" on the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Peru Street for the sum of \$5,300.00 which he then conveyed to the church for the sum of \$10.00 on June 9 to be used for the new rectory which was completed in 1895. On page 51, Frederick and his widowed mother were one of 12 sets of godparents for the smallest of the 3 new bells in the new St Joseph church, which was completed in 1887. The Anne-Antoine bell weighed 1,336 pounds and it rang the "G" note. And then on page 68, Fred Beaupre was a pallbearer at the funeral in 1920 of Monsignor Jerome Marie Cloarec who had been at St Joseph's for 50 years, from 1871 to 1920. We can very easily conclude that Frederick was a central figure in the fabrique of St Joseph Church for a period of many years. Fred's brother, Fabien Beaupre was the organist at St Joseph's for 34 years and he was the organist for the funeral of Monsignor Cloarec. Frederick Beaupre attended Mass at the original St Joseph church for almost 37 years, and at the new church for 37 years. This is quite a coincidence.

Frederick O. Beaupre and the 1909 Champlain Tercentenary:

In the book by Henry Wayland Hill, "THE CHAMPLAIN TERCENTENARY 1909 - FIRST REPORT OF THE NEW YORK LAKECHAMPLAIN TERCENTENARY COMMISSION", we find the following list.



Lake Champlain Tercentenary Commission of Vermont

5. Governor George H. Prouty, Chairman	Newport, Vt.
4. Lynn M. Hays, Secretary	Burlington, Vt.
6. Frank L. Fish, Treasurer	Vergennes, Vt.
1. Walter H. Crockett	St Albans, Vt.
3. Horace W. Bailey	Newbury, Vt.
10. George T. Jarvis	Rutland, Vt.
2. John M. Thomas	Middlebury, Vt.
8. William J. Van Patten	Burlington, Vt.
7. Arthur F. Stone	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
9. F. O. Beaupre	Burlington, Vt.

As you can see above, Frederick was in very good company on this commission. The chairman was the governor of Vermont and the other two men from Burlington were well known at that time. In this book, we also find Frederick attending as a commissioner during dedication of the Champlain monument at Crown Point.

His parents; Olivier Beaupre and Louisa Gaudette:

Olivier Beaupre was established in Burlington before the large immigrations from Quebec to New England began. From 1841 to 1843, the French Catholic community in Burlington was blessed with a French priest named Father Ance and they had a small wooden chapel and a small school between Archibald Street and Riverside Avenue where the cemetery is now located. But in 1843, the bishop of Boston asked Fr. Ance to leave. The French community made a petition to the bishop, asking him to let Fr Ance stay and serve them. In all, 315 French men signed the petition and we find Oliver's name in that list. The Bishop of Boston's authority extended over all of Vermont until 1853, and he was not to change his decision for the benefit of the community. Actually, we also see that Oliver was a godparent on 25 October 1840. If he immigrated earlier than this, he did not leave a record of it. Olivier Beaupre and Louisa Gaudette were married at St Mary's Church in Burlington on 12 August 1845. We find them as Oliver Beaupret and Louisa Godet and the witnesses were John Godet and Mary Godet. According to the 1870 census, both Olivier and Louisa were born in Canada. Louisa gave birth to 10 children. Elisabeth was born on 6 Jun 1847 and Delphine on 4 November 1849 and they were both baptized at St Mary's.

Oliver Beaupre's House at 82 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington:



More than 160 years old.

“A post and beam, clapboard clad, three bay wide example of the Greek Revival style, this house rests on a stone foundation. A blind window above the pedimented porch maintains the symmetry of the windows on the second floor. The symmetrically arranged windows are one over one double-hung sashes. The wood truss, gable front roof with cornice returns is covered by slate.” UVM

St Joseph Church and Parish:

In 1850, St Joseph's Parish was founded and it was the First French National Church in New England. Olivier Beaupre and Louisa Gaudette continued to have more children; Frederick Oliver on 26 July 1851, Marie on 28 August 1853, Louise on 25 April 1855, Moise or Moses on 20 March 1857, Helene on 2 July 1860, Marthe on 17 April 1863 and Flavien or Fabien on 22 May 1867. All of these were baptized at St Joseph's. In 1866 we find Olivier in the city directory, living on Winooski Avenue and his occupation was a ships carpenter. In 1869 he is listed as a carpenter and later as a joiner and carpenter. It is assumed that Olivier built the house at 82 North Winooski Avenue about 1840. You can view a webpage on the Internet about this house by UVM at <http://www.uvm.edu/~hp206/2001-1853/rpanepin/84nwa.html>.

Being a carpenter and joiner, can we assume that Olivier assisted in building the original St Joseph Church in 1850 on Gogh Street, which is now named Prospect Street? There isn't much information on who built that church, but both St Joseph churches were built with much help from the parish community. Just 10 years after the birth of their last child, Olivier dies of apoplexy on 13 September 1877 at the age of 59 years and 8 months. His occupation is listed as a carpenter, and his parents are Peter Beaupre and Carrie Bayor in the Vermont Vital Records. In the Drouin records at Ancestry.com we find Olivier Beaupre is born on the 18th of February 1817 at St Sulpice which is on the St Lawrence River, just east of Montreal. His parents were Pierre Beaupre, who was a farmer, and his wife Marie Anne Baillard. The Blue Drouin index lists her surname as Boillard. Both surnames would sound like Bayor to an English person. In the St Sulpice marriage repertoire we find their marriage on the 14th of June 1814 at St Sulpice, Quebec. Pierre's parents are Francois (who was deceased) Beaupre and Josephte Duhamel and both are from St Sulpice.

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 d Olivier
 Beaupré

Le sixième jour de Février l'an mil huit cent dix sept le sieur huit heures pour son
 Pater Beaupré a été baptisé Olivier né
 de ce père au légitime mariage de Pierre
 Beaupré acquiescent de cette paroisse et de
 Marie Anne Baillod: le parrain Charles Morin
 Beaupré et la marraine Marguerite Beaupré
 qui, accouchés le jour présent, a déclaré un
 enfant surnom. Charles Lazare Morin
 J. H. Brunau P.

Above is the 18 Feb 1817 baptism record of Olivier Beaupre at St Sulpice, Quebec

U.S. Census Information about the Beaupre family:

In 1850, they are called Oliver and Louisa Boprn by the census indexer but it appears to be written as Bopra. Oliver is a carpenter and joiner and they have 2 children.

In 1860 they are Oliver and Louisa Bossa by the indexer but it appears to be written Bopea. The Indexer erroneously assumed the 'p' to be a double 's' letter. Oliver is a carpenter and joiner and they have 5 children. Also listed are a Michel Godet age 82 and Louisa Godet age 66. Maybe her parents? Also an Angeline Patry age 27 is listed as a servant.

In 1870 Oliver Bopie's (written as Bopre with an accent mark) occupation is a 'House carpenter' and he and Louisa have 8 children. The indexer assumed that the accent was an 'i'. Marthe was written as Martin and Fabien (born Flavien) was written as Phebe.

In 1880, Oliver Beaupre had died and his wife is Mary L. for Marie Louise, and Frederick is called Oliver and is a druggist. On Frederick's baptism he was named Oliver Frederick which is the same as his father and so he used the name Frederick, whereas now he uses Oliver but actually keeps the name Frederick Oliver.

In 1900 we find only Lizzie, Fred, Louise and Ellen at the house, and all are single. Lizzie is the Head of the house.

In 1910 Frederick O. is the Head of the house with Elizabeth, Louise and Helen. Fred is a real estate broker.

In 1920 it's the same but Fred is now the City Assessor and Helen is a clerk at a Dye Factory.

Olivier & Louisa Beaupre Family Sheet:

Family Member	Born	Died	Information
Olivier - father	18 Feb 1817 Can.	13 Sep 1877	Age 59
Louisa - mother	1826 Can.	21 Dec 1895	Age about 69
Elizabeth	6 Jun 1847 bap	1932	Wed Maurice Yelle 22 Jan 1878
Delphine	4 Nov 1849 bap		
Frederick Olivier	26 Jul 1851	28 Jul 1924	Age 73 buried by Arsene Boucher Mt Calvary
Mary	28 Aug 1853	1935	Wed Louis Despin (Pine) 14 Aug 1876 St Joseph
Louise Virginie	25 Apr 1855	1931	Dressmaker for W. Scott
Moses (Moise)	20 Mar 1857	1 Jul 1857	3 months 11 days
Joseph	1858	1 Aug 1858	1858-1859 on stone
Helene	2 Jul 1860	1937	Last to survive at 82 N. Winooski Ave.
Marthe	17 Apr 1863		Wed 25 Sep 1884 Lawrence Griffin at Cathedral Employed at A. Boutin
Fabien (Flavien)	22 May 1867	1928	Wed Josephine Robarge 6 Jun 1893 St Joseph

Frederick Oliver Beaupre's Death & Funeral:

Burlington Free Press 30 July 1924: Frederick O. Beaupre died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock following a lingering illness of a year. (chronic kidney disease) Death took place at Mr. Beaupre's home at 82 North Winooski Avenue. Besides one brother, Fabian J., he is survived by 4 sisters, Elizabeth, Louisa A., Helen and Mrs. Louis Pine, all of this city. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's, with burial in St Joseph's cemetery.

Friday: The funeral of Frederick O. Beaupre was held at St Joseph's church yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Norbert Proulx sang a high Mass of requiem with the Rev. Max Mooney as deacon and the Rev. Father Archambault as sub-deacon. A quartet from St Joseph's choir sang the Gregorian Mass. The bearers were J. Henry Lavigne, Jules Simays, Napoleon Thomas, Frank H. Robillard, George P. Giroux and George J. Gratton. Burial was in Mount Calvary cemetery where the Rev. Max Mooney officiated. There were many flowers. Those present from away at the funeral included John Gaudette from St Johns, PQ; Miss Mina Allard from Plattsburg, NY; and Mrs. George Williams of White Plains, NY.



The Beupre monument in the Old Mount Calvary cemetery in Burlington, VT



The remaining Beupre Family Members and the Final Beupre Will:

As we saw in Fredericks obituary, “Besides one brother, Fabian J., he is survived by 4 sisters, Elizabeth, Louisa A., Helen and Mrs. Louis Pine, all of this city”. His brother Fabien died in 1928. In a high level review of Frederick’s and Fabian’s real estate, it appears that Frederick sold or left his commercial buildings on 71 to 75 Church Street and on Bank Street to Fabian, who sells them to the Solomon’s, Lapierre’s, Kelly’s, Elsworths and Beebe’s just before his death in 1928. Fabians house at 2-4 Hickock Street goes to his remaining sisters. Louise dies in 1931, Elizabeth in 1932 and finally Helen in 1938. At each death, their remaining share is signed over to the surviving sister. And finally we see the decree of the estate of Helen after her death. It covers 2 whole pages of the Burlington Ledger in Volume 110 and page 430-431 which was registered on 26 March 1938.

1. Fabian's 4 apartment house at Hickock Place was left to Sister Borgia of Mt Saint Mary Academy.
2. The Beaupre homestead at 82 N. Winooski Ave which was in the family for almost 100 years, was left to Ruth Griffin Ober of Philadelphia, PA. and Madeleine Williams of White Plains, NY; to be sold and the receipts shared between them.
3. \$1000.00 to Father Pariseau of St Joseph Parish.
4. \$500.00 to Nazareth School of St Joseph Parish.
5. \$500.00 to St Anthony School, Burlington.
6. A gold watch to the Ladies of St Joseph.
7. A diamond ring to Mother Thecla O'Brien at Mt St Mary's.

And many other miscellaneous bequeaths.



Frederick O. Beaupre's Drug Store Building at 73 to 75 Church Street.



Ancestral Lineage of Frederick O. Beupre

Nicolas Bonhomme	1595 St Croix de Fecamp, Normandie, France	Catherine Gayon
Nicolas Bonhomme	2 Sep 1640 Trois Rivieres, PQ	Catherine Goguet
Nicolas Bonhomme	14 Jan 1676 Notre Dame, Quebec City	Marie Therese Levasseur
Louis Francois Bonhomme	1705 Repentigny L'Assumption	Marie Jeanne Delpeche/Dalpecque
Pierre Francois Bonhomme-Beupre	21 Apr 1738 St Sulpice, PQ L'Assumption	Marie Genevieve Dufaux/Dufaut
Francois Beupre	12 May 1766 St Sulpice, PQ	Josephte Duhamel
Pierre Beupre	14 Jun 1814 St Sulpice, PQ	Marie Anne Baillard
Olivier Beupre	12 Aug 1845 St Mary's Cathedral, Burlington, VT	Louisa Gaudette
Frederick Oliver Beupre – Born & Died at St Joseph Parish, Burlington, 1851 - 1924		