The following pages are retyped from a hand written account of the Bourgeois Genealogy by Adolphe Bourgeois. Today’s date is February 17, 2003. Edited and typed by Donna Rose Hass Burgess. Anything in the text that appears in a gray type in brackets was inserted by me and does not appear in the original document. After comparing this document to records on file at various places, I am convinced that this is an incredible and accurate account of the Bourgeois family.

BOURGEOSIS Genealogy

Cecime, Joseph D. Bourgeois
December 25, 1877. Born Memramcook, New Brunswick
The son of Donat Bourgeois and Saraphique Landry. Upon entry to the United States took an option in the law to adopt any name, chose Burgess.

All the following are ancestors leading to Mathurin 1775-1845. The details of whom they married, when, and how many children they had are not listed here. They were born in Memramcook and the local baptism records at the church rectory should supply any details.

Allain father of Donat.

[Note added 2008: this appears to be incorrect, father of Donat is Moise]

Moise (a Mathurin) father of Allain.

Mathurin father of Moise (Moses).

Notes in the margins of the document:
Dan Burgess father of Walter, Mildred, George, Alice, Leona, Rose Burgess all born in Lynn, Mass.

Note: Cecime (Dan) had two brothers in the trenches in World War I. They met in a trench and Blair was killed, very sad!! One brother of WWI spent his life in the hospital.

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“Dan Burgess” is written over the name Cecime, with an arrow pointing to it.

[According to the parish records there was both a Joseph Donat Bourgeois and a Zosime (Cecime) Bourgeois born to Donat. Cecime is listed as being born on 25 Dec 1878.]
The genealogy of Mathurin Bourgeois born at Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada. This is taken from Adolphe Bourgeois an ordained priest. The original information was written in French and this is a translation.

Mathurin was born at Memramcook in 1775 – lived 70 years – died 1845. He was the son of Pierre Benjamin Bourgeois and Ann Thebeau. Mathurin inherited Pierre Benjamin’s lands and married Marie Robichaud.

Pierre Benjamin was born May 16, 1726 at Port Royal (Annapolis N.S.) [Annapolis Royal, N.S. today] where he was baptized two days later. He was the son of Claude and Marie Leblanc. He is referred to as Pierre Bourgeois and or Benjamin Bourgeois in diverse documents. (According to Placides Guoguln, grandfather of Msgr Jean Hebert P.D., Pierre Benjamin had been married five times). It is possible that he had married four times, but only three wives are accounted for here.

When he reached manhood, Pierre settled at Duck River (Riviere au Canards) [Beaubassin, Acadie, St. Joseph’s parish, and Grand Pre, N.S.] where he married Cecile Aucoin in 1753. She was the daughter of Rene Aucoin and Madelaine Bourg. In the spring of 1754 (before June 17) during the British invasion of Acadia, Pierre Benjamin took refuge from the British at a small settlement, on the east bank of the Petitcodiac River, called “Le Village des Beaumont” [N.B.]. Up to this time Pierre Benjamin and his wife were childless. When the British moved on the Petitcodiac settlements, they escaped deportation by moving to Cocagne [N.B.] to the camp known as “Ruisseau-des-Malcontents” where records show them to be on June 1st, 1757 when Cecile, his wife, was godmother to a child born there.

Some weeks later the Sieur de Boishebert, commander of French troops, ordered the sieur di Niuerville, his lieutenant at Cocagne to take to the field with his detachment and march to the Miramichi (near Newcastle) [N.B.]. Practically all of the Acadians refugees at Cocagne, to their misfortune, chose to follow the detachment. More than half of them perished of hunger on the Miramichi in the winter of 1757-58. It is believed that Cecile Aucoin, Pierre Benjamin’s wife, and
two young children, whom she bore by then, died in that disastrous winter on the Mirimicik.

At Pisiquit (Windsor) [N.S.] on July 12, 1768 Pierre Benjamin had two children baptized by Father Bailly, a missionary. They were Anastasia, four years old, who had been born in 1764, and Pierre-Nabord, two years old, who had been born May 8, 1766. Weeks later on August 28, 1768 he had a son, Joseph-Romaine (3 months old) baptized by the same priest. These children were born of Anne Leblanc who died from complications after the birth of Joseph-Romain. One other child of this marriage was Anne-Nanon, who was baptized on the south shore of Chaleur Bay by le Pere Bonaventure in the year 1762. Anne, who married an Armand Thibideau when grown, died giving birth to her first child at what is now Dieppe near Moncton [N.B.].


Anne Leblanc, wife of Pierre Benjamin, was the daughter of Rene Leblanc and Anne Theriault both of whom perished on the Mirimichi in the disastrous winter of 1757-58.

About 1769 or 1770 Pierre Benjamin, after taking the oath of allegiance to the British crown left Pisiquit [Windsor, N.S.] with his children and settled in Memramcook [N.B.]. He was the twelfth settler to come there after the dispersion.

Here he married Anne Thebeau who bore him ten children. All but one of these married. One son died a young man. One of the daughters of this marriage, Saraphique, married Moise a Marin Gallant of Grand Dique. She died Jan 25, 1883 at the age of 94. In her obituary which appeared in the “Moniteur Acadieu” it was said "The mother of the deceased [Anne Thebeau] experienced all the horrors of the expatriation and passed three months at sea returning from exile. Her father [Pierre Benjamin Bourgeois] was the twelfth settler of Memramcook".
Claude Bourgeois  1695-176?  

Born at Port Royal in 1695, the son of Germain Bourgeois and Madelaine Dugas. Claude married November 24, 1721 to Marie Le Blanc daughter of Pierre LeBlanc and Madelaine Bourg. In December 1755, Claude and his entire family, excepting his son Pierre Benjamin, were expatriated to Massachusetts. Claude is believed to have died after 1760 during his exile. After nineteen years his widow and most of the family arrived at St Jacques de l’Achigan in the province of Quebec during the summer of 1774 where she settled. On January 24, 1781 she died there leaving eleven children, five of which were sons.

Germain Bourgeois  1650-1711  

Germain was born at Port Royal [Annapolis Royal, N.S.] in 1650. In 1673 he married a Marquerite Belliveau. In 1682 he married a second time to Madelaine Dugas, the daughter of Abraham Dugas, the armorer of Port Royal, and Marguerite Doucet. Germain was a merchant at Port Royal. He died in the spring of 1711, leaving ten children by his second marriage, two of which were boys.

He was the son of Jacques Bourgeois and Jeanne Trahan.
Jacques Bourgeois 1621 – 1701

Jacques Bourgeois was the first Bourgeois established in North America. He was born 1621 in the ancient province of Lower Berry in central France. This old province is now two departments of the central highland, Cher and Indre.

He arrived at Port Royal (Annapolis, N. S.) in August 1642 with eighteen families, which the Governor Sieur D’Aulnay de Charnissay brought from France after a visit to court to plead his case against, La tour, a rival for the king’s favor.

Jacques was a surgeon by profession, a farmer of three fiefs and a ship builder. He engaged in commerce with the settlers at Boston and learned English very well. He was a principal interpreter between the French and English.

In 1643 he married Jeanne Trahan, only fourteen years old, who had been born in France in 1629. They had ten children three of which were sons.
Addendums:

February 8, 2003

Let it be known that I met Lucille Burgess at 9:45pm Thursday October 30, 1950. I was on my way to a large Coast Guard ship which was leaving for 35 days at sea on Friday October 31st. Lucille was “about” to leave a dance at the Moose club in Lynn, mass. Lucille was “striking” and loved to dance. We stayed until the last dance 12:00 am and I walked Lucille home and saw my future (father0 and father in law at the corner of Chestnut St. #3 and Lewis Street. Lynn Mass. Walter Albert Burgess born March 1, 1903 in Lynn, Mass.

When the ship got back to Boston, I called Lucille from my mother’s house in Marblehead. Lucille and I got married July 8, 1951. I fell in love with nana and Grampa Burgess. The Burgess family was full of beauty and love. To me, the burgesses are a gift of a lifetime.

Most sincerely, John J. Wheeler, born May 25, 1931

P.S. My greatest wish is this life is not the end that I will see the Burgess family again and never part again.