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LA GAZETTE DARDEL
(ENGLISH VERSION)

BULLETIN DE L'ASSOCIATION JEHAN DARDEL

A new Dardel reunion is being prepared for 2025!

You will no doubt remember the 500th anniversary reunion of Jehan Dardel, which took place at La Rouvraie, Bevaix, not far from Neuchâtel, in August 2013. A new reunion is being prepared for 2025, near Mulhouse. We will keep you informed as preparations progress. From now on, make a note of the date: 10 & 11 May 2025.

General Assemblies of the AJD

A General Assembly (GA) was held on 26 November 2022. The association's statutes were slightly amended. The AJD committee was renewed. The exchange groups were presented:

- Animation & communication
- Archives & history
- Genealogy
- Women's branches
- Logistics and tools

You should have received the minutes of this GA, sent on 10 December 2022.

A new GA will take place on Saturday, 9 Dec. 2023 at 11:00 am



An extraordinary GA was also held on 18 March 2023, during which the principle of a membership fee (of 10.00 Swiss francs, or more depending on your generosity) was adopted. The bank details are:

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Access to certain data is restricted to full members:

Activity	Open to all	Paid-up members
• Family tree	✓	✓
• Family contacts	✗	✓
• Family archives	✗	✓
• Conferences	✗	✓
• Gazette	✓	✓
• On-line event	✗	✓
• Physical event	✗	✓

Thanks to the 44 members who already paid the fee!

News of the exchange groups

Archives and history

In June, Renaud Dardel prepared a detailed document on the archives, which can be viewed (in French) on the AJD pages of the «Dardel Family» website. The «Archives and History» group meets regularly by video-conference. These meetings are open to anyone interested in the subject, whether they have already expressed an interest - they will be invited by name - or not yet; in the latter case, please send us your contact details so that we can send you the link to the meeting. To find out more, don't miss these meetings! The next video-meeting will take place on 27 October 2023.

Animation and communication

Mathieu Dardel has joined this group, in charge of the organisation committee of the forthcoming Dardel family reunion in 2025.

Genealogy

The genealogy centred on Jehan Dardel and managed by François de Dardel is regularly updated, the last one on 2 October 2023. It now includes more than 6,300 individuals. The most recent additions are mainly due to the development of the female branches (see below). For greater flexibility and efficiency, Laurent Dardel is now equipped with a Macintosh and Reunion software, which hosts the database.

Women's branches

This group, currently led by Clémence and Isabelle, is interested in all the women in the family, famous or not, and meets approximately once a month by video-conference. No special skills are required to join the group. Please contact the AJD (<mailto:assojehandardel@gmail.com>) to find out when the next meeting will be held. Here are the testimonies of the six current members:

Clémence Dardel

My interest in this group is to highlight the Dardel women and, if possible, increase their visibility. For example, I'm currently trying to flesh out the family tree of Dorothea von Sachsen Lauenburg, which 'descends' to us through her offsprings. For me, behind every great man there is a great woman.

Isabelle Dardel

My interest in this group is that the women in the family should be treated in the same way as the men, whether they bear the surname Dardel or not. I would like to add photos of our young grandmothers, notes on their careers and photos of their homes and places of residence.

Anne Isman

The starting point for my research is General de La Harpe, a Swiss citizen who fought for France during the revolutionary wars and whose daughter (Jenny) married Auguste Dardel (ID no. 1566). My genealogical link with this character is only through women, and I'm continuing to go back in time by exploring the female roots of the general and his wife.

Caroline Burnand

My aim is to bring out of anonymity the women of the Dardel family, of whom we generally only know the number and the names of their children. My research is currently limited to my grandmother Anna Maria Louise (Vivi) Burén (1866-1958), wife of Otto de Dardel (ID no. 29), and I hope to find letters and stories from my cousins, all of whom are older than me and therefore knew her better.

Gunilla Husberg

I, Gunilla, and my sisters Marianne and Ulla are the granddaughters of Marie Lucie Aurore von Dardel, who was born in Stockholm on 23 February 1894. She grew up in Helsingborg, Sweden. She married Carl Reuterskiöld at a young age. Her life was very different from ours. My sister Ulla has written about her in Swedish. I'm going to translate a few pages into English.

Laurent Dardel

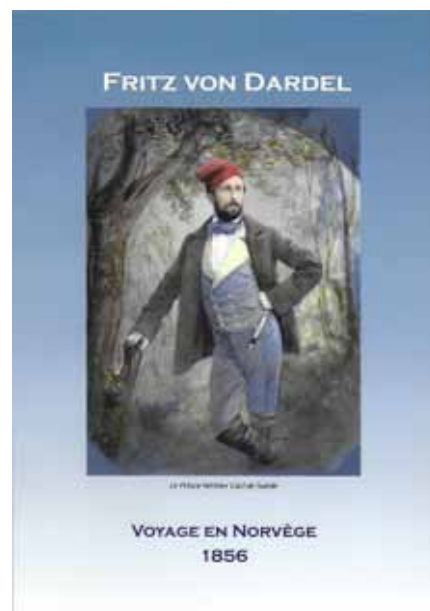
Jean-Paul, my father, wrote his book on the Dardel family based on the transmission of the name, so mainly via the male branches. However, he systematically explored all the ancestry and descent of all the women, whether born Dardel or not. So it's high time we gave them their rightful place in our great family!

Logistics and tools

The "Logistics & Tools" group is looking for volunteers to help the AJD improve its archive tools (documents, photos, etc.), communication tools and any other tools that could help the association's activities. If you are interested, we suggest you let us know and we will discuss it together in the coming weeks. As far as genealogy tools are concerned, we are continuing on the Mac with the "Reunion" tool, with two administrators since this summer (François & Laurent, see above).

Recommended reading

The little book about Fritz von Dardel's trip to Norway in 1856 with the Swedish Crown Prince Carl (son of Oscar I), who was appointed Viceroy of Norway that year, has just been reprinted and is available for €15.00 plus postal charges. The diary of this voyage is written in French, as Fritz never fully mastered Swedish. It is richly illustrated with Fritz's drawings and watercolours.



The book that François Zosso wrote on Louis de Dardel with Anne-Françoise Touraine, Louis's daughter, has finally been published by Alphil (Neuchâtel). It can be obtained directly from the publisher for CHF 33.00. The archives of Louis de Dardel (1899-1963), rescued from oblivion in an attic in Neuchâtel, include some 3,000 letters and a large number of notes that this great letter-writer wrote throughout his life. In one of them, dated 6 February 1954, he remembers how his father, Otto de Dardel, a journalist and member of parliament, «saw him [...] as a giant and his shoes as seven-league boots», although this was certainly a loving influence.

