



Villa Marguerite, 9409 Boul. Gouin ouest,  
Pierrefonds, Québec, Canada.  
Photo circa 1900.  
Collection Marc Locas

Gouin. Villa Marguerite ( photo du début du siècle)

## Villa Marguerite

**Sad news:** Villa Marguerite, the residence of the Congregation Notre-Dame may have closed in 2010 and the few remaining elderly sisters relocated. Villa Marguerite is the site of the original splendid « Saraguay House » built ca. 1925 by Ward C. and Grace Pitfield on the shore of Rivière des Prairies. (9409 Boul Gouin O Pierrefonds-Roxboro, Qc - see map at bottom of this page)

**Bleak Prospect:** Does this mean that soon the Villa and its extensive green spaces could be carved up for condos and McMansions and high-rise towers could loom over the riverside.

This property offers splendid historical context to the Village of Saraguay and environs and to its architectural and natural heritage that many famous families established there on Montreal Island along the « Back River » (Rivière des Prairies).

During its brief fifty-year history, 1914-1964, the Village of Saraguay embraced a unique era and niche in the annals of Montreal. Families such as MacDougall, Ogilvie, Molson, Reford, Gordon, Gault, Hooper, Bélanger and Paton nurtured this special place, built its gracious mansions set in immense estates with rich forests and farms, even created the home of the Montreal Polo Club!

**Grey Gables - another rich legacy to protect:** Grey Gables is formerly the stately home and estate of Albert Edward Ogilvie is currently owned by the Jesuits (Villa Saint-Martin). This large wooded property is located to the west along the riverside from Villa Marguerite.



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Magnifique vue du terrain devant la villa.



Villa Marguerite, 9409 Boul. Gouin Ouest,  
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Côté est de la Villa, accès au pont de la  
route 13, direction sud.  
Photo Guy Billard, 30 août 2015



Villa Marguerite, 9409 Boul. Gouin Ouest,  
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Côté est de la Villa, pont de la route 13, direction nord.  
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Villa Marguerite, aile est, 9409 Boul. Gouin Ouest,  
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Derrière la Villa, vue de la Rivière-des-Prairies.  
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Villa Marguerite, 9409 Boul. Gouin Ouest,  
Pierrefonds, Québec, Canada, entrée principale  
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Maison rouge sur le boul. Gouin ouest à  
Pierrefonds, Québec, Canada, à l'ouest de la route 13 et devant  
la Villa Marguerite en face de la maison Pitfield.  
Photo Guy Billet, 20 août 2015