

**FELIX GATINEAU**  
LEADER of the FRENCH CANADIAN COMMUNITY  
in SOUTHBRIDGE

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The following is the text appearing on the monument erected at South and Main Streets:

On the back of the monument:

Born in Canada, November 12, 1857  
Settled in Southbridge, in 1877  
Died December 31, 1927

While ever retaining his affection for the land of his birth, he achieved the highest type of citizenship in his adopted country. For fifty years he served the community faithfully and well in offices of honor and trust

- Charter member Co. K sixth regiment MVM  
Organized 1888
- Selectman 1893
- Overseer of the poor 1895-1906
- Sealer of Weights & Measures 1914-1927
- Representative Massachusetts Legislature  
1906, 1920-21, 1927
- Trustee Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded at Waverly 1907-  
1913

He was a citizen of the sort of which America is justly proud.

On the front of the monument:

Né à Ste-Victoire, PQ, le 12 Novembre, 1857

S'établit à Southbridge en 1877

Décédé le 31 Décembre 1927

Fut President:

Société St-Jean-Baptiste  
Cercle Canadien

Club de Naturalisation Conseil Rochambeau  
Caisse Coopérative de Southbridge  
Club Républicain Franco-Américain du Massachusetts

Membre Fondateur:  
Société Historique Franco-Américaine  
Ligue Civique Franco-Américaine Du Massachusetts

Président Général:  
L'Union St-Jean-Baptiste D'Amérique 1902-1911

Directeur Caisse des Viellards de la Même Société 1919-1927

Auteur de:  
"L'Histoire des Franco-Américains de Southbridge"

et

"L'Historique des Conventions Générales des Canadiens-Français aux Etats-Unis"

Sa vie publique de Cinquante années fut toute d'honneur, de dévouement et de services à sa race.

The Sculptor was JULIEN GOSSELIN