

THE CREUGNET HOTELS

The hotel and restaurant business is a family tradition of the CREUGNET family, which began mainly with Jean CREUGNET and his Irish-born wife, Annie CASEY.

Jean CREUGNET was the first CREUGNET to set foot on New Caledonian soil in 1855.

Jean and Annie created the restaurant "Les Pieds Humides" and gave birth to 11 children, some of whom would take over this tradition:

Their first son, Auguste CREUGNET will create a restaurant relai diligence in TOMO

Their last and eleventh child, Albert-Henri CREUGNET founded the "Hotel-Restaurant CREUGNET" in BOULOUPARIS in 1912. This one will be taken over later by his son Eugène, then by his son Henri (1st heart operation in New Caledonia and father of the famous rally driver Eugène CREUGNET) - If you have followed well: Albert-Henri => Eugène => Henri => Eugène 😊.

Nowadays, this hotel-restaurant is called "Chez Henri" and is a grocery store that you will find while crossing the village of BOULOUPARIS and always held by a member of the CREUGNET family 😊

Ferdinand CREUGNET, brother of Auguste and Albert-Henri, also had a restaurant and food store on DUBOUZET Island, now the NOUVILLE peninsula in NOUMEA

Ernest-Jules CREUGNET, Jean and Annie's fifth child, with the help of his wife, opened a restaurant and then a few hotel rooms "Au rendez-vous des Niaoulis" in PAITA.

At that time, the distribution of mails was done by postal stagecoach relays which stopped in each CREUGNET hotel to change the mounts. The time of the musketeers of New Caledonia 😊

Let's move on to the third generation of Jean CREUGNET :

Ernest-Jules CREUGNET had 3 daughters and only one son: Camille CREUGNET who in turn had nine children with Marguerite ROLAND.

Georges ROLAND, Camille CREUGNET's father-in-law, opened at the same time the first hotel in the New Hebrides, now Vanuatu.

Two of Camille and Marguerite's sons, Jean-Claude and Pierre-Louis CREUGNET, bought the hotel "Le Lutétia" in 1988 (created by the NEGOSANTI family and named after the largest ocean liner of the time).

"The Lutétia was taken over by Pierre-Louis' daughter, Savina CREUGNET, in 1997 and completely renovated in 2017-2018 to become the "Gondwana City Art".

IN PHOTOS



On the picture : Ernest-Jules on the top right, Auguste the taller on the left and Albert-Henri on Auguste's right

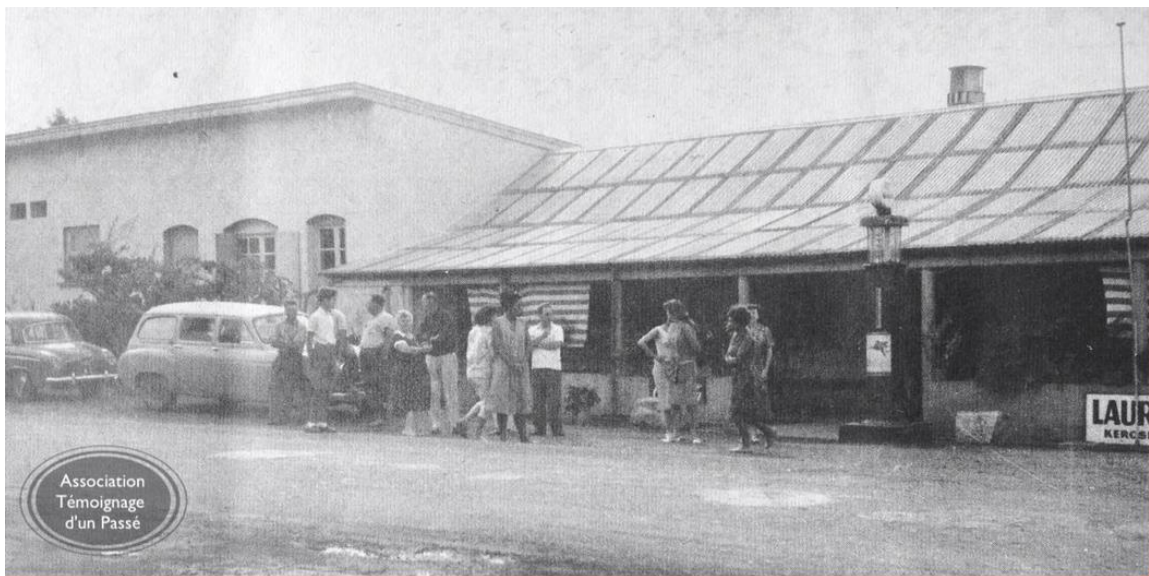


Photo credit: Photographed in 1962, the Creugnet Hotel in Boulouparis was celebrating its 50th anniversary, under the management of Eugène Creugnet. Founded in 1912 by his parents (Henri Creugnet had married Miss Siret), the hotel and the business rented out horses to go to Thio at a time when only a mule track along the river made it possible to reach the mining centre. For 20 F, a guide and a horse were provided.

On the picture : Georges Creugnet, his brother Eugène, Marguerite and Georges Amiot, Eugénie Bourguine



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