

# Ruby Cabot Midwife Story

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**Gertie Fowler:**

Today is July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and I'm here in West St. Modeste with Ruby Cabot and Ruby is going to share with me today a midwife story.

**Ruby Cabot:**

Yeah

**Gertie Fowler:**

So Ruby would you like to share your story with me?

**Ruby Cabot:**

Yes, I'm gonna tell you a story about Aunt Kate Joncas from Lourdes de Blanc Sablon or Long Point we use to call it at that time.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Hmmm..... hmhhh.

**Ruby Cabot:**

Now, it's very little I know, but I'll tell you what I do know. Aunt Kate Joncas was a MacDonald from West St. Modeste, Aunt Kate MacDonald. I know she had one brother, her name..... his name was Louis MacDonald but anyway she married to a fellow in Lourdes De Blanc Sablon... Long Point as we call it and his name was Jock Joncas and I also know for her to have two sons, one was Francis Joncas and one was Alexandre Joncas.

But anyway, she was the midwife well right from the time she got married to this fellow in Lourdes de Blanc Sablon. What I want to tell you the story about was what mom told me about her at different times.

Mom told me that she was a very, very religious woman and she use to send to St. Anne's church in Quebec City and get those little tablets come. Now they wasn't like a pill tablet, they were something like a paper tablet, very small but with religious pictures on them. Mom said she'd know them for the sacred heart and the Blessed Virgin and St. Gerard, St. Jude, and St. Theresa that was the most ones she had come. And when she

get a patient or one of her .... or one of the patients she had, if they had a very tough delivery she would always say to them, “now swallow this one”. Mostly St. Gerard was her most favorite, he’s supposed to be the patron saint for pregnant women.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay.

**Ruby Cabot:**

But anyway she use to say, “now swallow this one and say a prayer to” that saint whichever one it was that she gave, right. Her faith somehow or another, she said always worked. You know the woman would.... er.....her labor pains wouldn’t be so hard, she’d go into forcing pains and her baby was born and she said Aunt Kate use to always say “all you got to do is believe my child and everything will be okay.” And she told me that’s what Aunt Kate Joncas use to do for all the pregnant women.

Now, she said sometimes she’d tell me they would give her.... she would give ‘em every now and then a different one... like she might give them two or three but she said her most patron one was St. Gerard.

But anyway mom say as far as she knows, she never ever lost a baby. She had some difficult tasks on her hand but she never ever lost a baby.

Yeah, so, that’s as much now as I know about Aunt Kate Joncas, you know, I heard that from mom, hey.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Oh. Okay.

**Ruby Cabot:**

That’s where she came from West St. Modeste and she married a guy in Long Point, in the name of Jock Joncas.

Now whether she had any daughters or not, I don’t know. But she had two sons, that’s Joncas’ up there now...

**Gertie Fowler:**

Joncas’ up there?

**Ruby Cabot:**

Young Joncas’, yeah.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yeah. So is that all you got to add to your story.

**Ruby Cabot:**

That’s all I know about Aunt Kate.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Well I want to thank you very much than.

**Ruby Cabot:**

Yeah.