

**Charles de Bourbon**

**Stouffville man claims he's heir to French crown**

**BY CHRIS GARBUTT**  
 If the monarchy ever returns to France, a heir to the throne is sitting in waiting in the Stouffville area.  
 Charles Louis de Bourbon, sometimes known as Charlie, is a well-known Markham real estate broker who, also claims to be a direct descendant of King Louis XVI of France.  
 "From a historical point of view, it is very interesting," said the 53-year-old de Bourbon, who lives with wife Arline at Island Lake, near the Aurora Sideroad.  
 One of a small number of pretenders to the French throne, Mr. de Bourbon claimed the others are just branches of the de Bourbon family, and he is the only direct heir.  
 Louis XVI and his wife Marie Antoinette were put in prison and later sent to the guillotine during the French Revolution. But Mr. de Bourbon believes that their son, Louis, survived and was smuggled out of prison. Louis found himself in Germany, and became a watchmaker.

When the monarchy was revived in France, the brother of the dead king took over. The exiled prince tried to claim the throne as his own, but the new king refused to acknowledge him. He was expelled to England, and later moved to Holland.  
 Mr. de Bourbon, who lived in Markham for 12 years and has resided in the Stouffville area for the past eight, claimed he is the only remaining descendant of Louis' nine children.  
 The realtor came to Canada from Holland in 1952. For a time he worked for a clothing chain until he bought his own store in Markham, then switched to real estate a few years ago.  
 The de Bourbons visit France every few years to see friends and take part in a monarchist party.  
 "I like to meet a few people, create a little bit of excitement," he said. "It's something to be quite proud of to belong to such an illustrious family. It's nice to go over and see your name on every corner of the street."



Stouffville-area resident Charles de Bourbon is one of a few pretenders to the now-defunct French throne. When not preserving his monarchist roots, he sells real estate for Re/Max in Markham.

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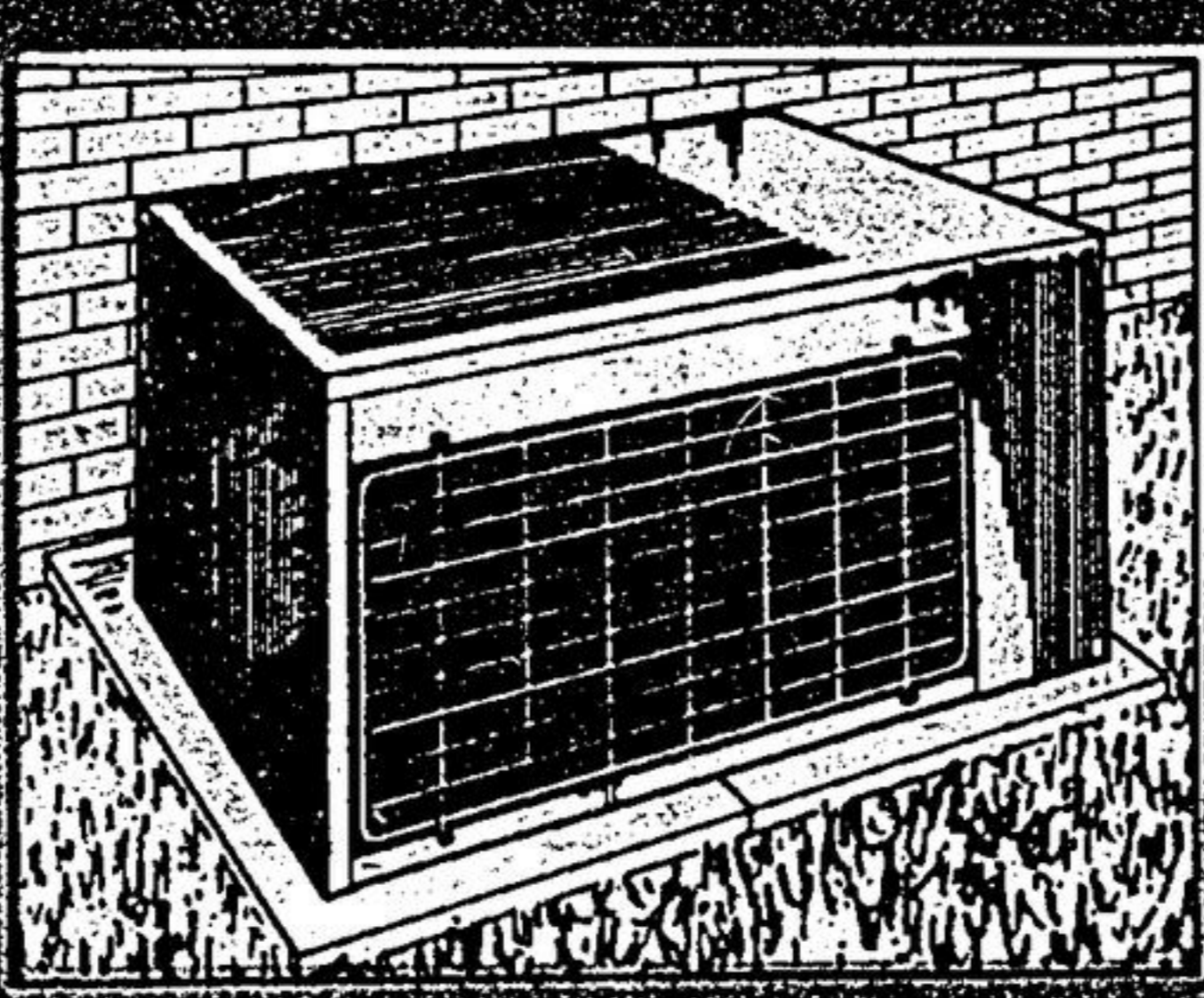
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