

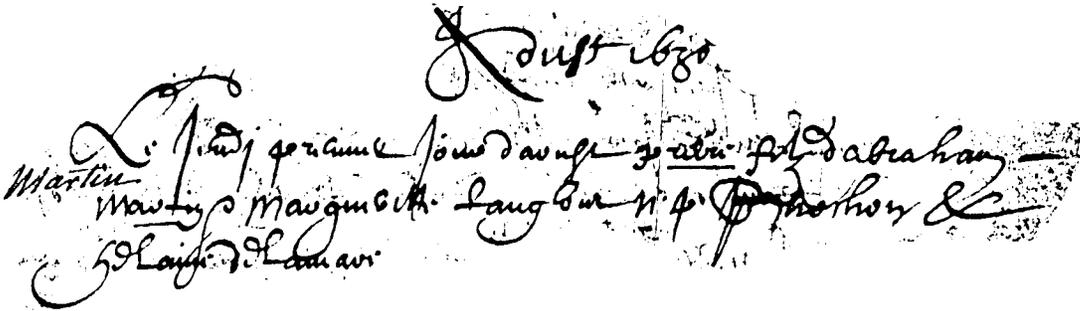
Exiles from Québec Found in the Parish of St-Jacques de Dieppe During the Kirke Occupation (1629-1632)

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Abraham Martin and Marguerite Langlois

Recently, while searching through the register of Saint-Jacques de Dieppe¹ for some births between 1628 and 1633, I encountered an entry that startled me. I was reading the family names in the left margin, looking for some forms of *Demers*, *Dumais*, etc. and *DeHorné*, *DeHornay*, etc., when I came across the name **Martin**. I was not looking for any Martins, but something about the entry made me look more closely. I saw the name **Abraham**, and I immediately thought of Abraham Martin. I then read a little more closely and saw the name of his wife -- **Marguerite Langlois**. I said to myself: I thought they were in Quebec at this time -- **August 1630**. I copied the baptism of their son: **Pierre**.

When I checked Jetté², I saw that Abraham Martin and his family had left Québec for France after 24 July 1629, following the capture of Québec by the Kirke brothers on 19 July 1629. Québec was restored to France in 1632 by the Treaty of St-Germain-en-Laye.³ The Martin family returned to Québec by 1633 or 1634. Between the baptism of their daughter, **Hélène**, in Québec on 21 June 1627 and the baptism in Québec of their fourth previously known child, **Marie**, on 10 April 1635, one more child seems to have been born: **Pierre**. The following is Pierre's baptismal act as recorded in the parish register of Saint-Jacques de Dieppe on 1 August 1630.



Aoust 1630
Le Jedy premier Jour d'aoust pierre fils d'abraham
Martin & Marguerith Langlois n.p. P. Hothon &
Helaine Delamare

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helaine delamare

On Thursday, the first day of August [1630] Pierre, son of Abraham
Martin and Marguerith Langlois. The godparents [were] P. Hothon [sic] and
Helaine Delamare.

At this time it is not known what became of Pierre Martin. The burials for Saint-Jacques are missing for about a year after his birth. However, the above baptismal act shows that the Abraham Martin/Marguerite Langlois family did leave Québec and was in Dieppe, at least for a while.

¹ FHL film #1218219, item 1, Saint-Jacques de Dieppe, Seine-Maritime, France (Baptisms, Marriages, Engagements, Burials, 1628-1667). [Author's note: In *Monumenta Novae Franciae* by Lucien Campeau, S.J., Québec: Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1979, p. 842, the following was written about Abraham Martin: "This latter year [1629] he had three children, born in New France. Repatriated, he resided in Dieppe during the English occupation, baptizing one of his children there. It seems he returned to Canada as early as 1632." -my translation. Nothing specific was said about Pierre's baptism at St-Jacques. I appreciate FCHSM member, Sharon Kelley, for bringing this to my attention.]

² René Jetté. *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730*. Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1983, p. 778.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 617.

For more information on Abraham Martin, see issue #94, volume 28, Number 4, 2002, pp. 133-137, **American Canadian Genealogist**, journal of American-Canadian Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6478, Manchester, N.H. 03108-6478. A French version of much of the article can also be found at the following website: <http://www.lesoleil.com>

Françoise Langlois, wife of Pierre Desportes

After the excitement of the discovery of Pierre's baptism and the presence of his parents in Dieppe in 1630, I decided to re-check the Saint-Jacques register for the period shortly after July 1629 to about 1634 when it has been assumed families had returned to Québec. Some other people who seemed to have left Québec in the same period were **Samuel de Champlain**; **Pierre Desportes** and his wife, **Françoise Langlois** (sister of **Marguerite Langlois**); their daughter, **Hélène Desportes**, the ancestress of many French-Canadians; and **Olivier Tardif** [in France between 1629-1632⁴].

Before another search of these records, I checked whether any other articles had already been published on these individuals that might help in the search. I found an article on Pierre Desportes⁵ by Léon Roy who said that the burial act of "Marguerite Langlois, wife of Pierre Desportes" had been found in the register of Saint-Jacques de Dieppe. He dismissed the possibility that this was in fact the burial act of Françoise Langlois, Pierre's wife and Marguerite's sister. He said that she was 36 years old. Roy could accept that maybe the priest had made an error in her first name by giving her her sister's name but because her daughter, Hélène, had not indicated that her mother or her parents were deceased at the time of her marriage contract with Noel Morin on 27 December 1639 (notary Piraubé), he felt this could not be the right person. I decided to find the burial act and see what it did say. Indeed, on 20 April 1632 a Marguerite Langlois was buried in Dieppe.

Langlois Le 20.....Marguerite Langlois femme de pierre desportes
âgée de 30 ans ou Environ et fut inhumée le 21 au cimetie

The 20th...Marguerite Langlois, wife of Pierre Desportes
aged about 30 years and was buried on the 21st in the cemetery.

Marguerite Langlois, Abraham Martin's wife, was very much alive as is evidenced by the birth of a daughter in 1635 back in Québec. I had always wondered why Hélène, a very young girl, apparently seemed to have returned to Quebec without her parents. There is a definite possibility that the above burial act was that of Françoise Langlois, mother of Hélène Desportes. It is still not known what happened to Pierre Desportes.

Based on my research, I have found several Martin, Langlois and Desportes families in the early parish registers of both St-Jacques and St-Rémy in Dieppe. It is just possible that this was their place of origin in France. It would make sense to go back "home" when the necessity arose. Various other early people to what would become Québec seem to have a connection to Dieppe: Adrien Duchesne, uncle of Charles Lemoine; Charles Lemoine, sieur de Longueuil; even Louis Hébert. More research needs to be done.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 1062.

⁵ Léon Roy. "Pierre Desportes et sa descendance". *Mémoires de la Société Généalogique Canadienne-Française*, Vol. II (1946-1947), pp. 165-168.