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It is impossible to understand the difference between the three maps contained in this PDF without reading Hennepin's biography in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online, particularly with regard to his time as a missionary with René Robert Cavelier, *sieur de La Salle*, and Hennepin's capture by the Sioux on 11 April 1680. The first map, published in 1683 in *Description de la Louisiane*, terminates the course of the Mississippi River at Fort Crevecoeur, reflecting the fact that Hennepin left the fort on 29 February for his trading voyage with Michel Acau and Antoine Auguel *dit* Le Picard. The second and third maps, published in *Nouvelle découverte* in 1697, then the *Nouveau voyage* in 1698, extends the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico and recounts his voyage to the Gulf of Mexico and back between the time he left Fort Crevecoeur on 29 February and 11 April when he and his companions were captured by the Sioux and later rescued by Daniel Greysolon, *sieur du Lhut*.¹



Louis Hennepin – circa 1688 - *Carte de la Nouvelle France et de la Louisiane nouvellement Découverte* – Available from BAnQ: Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec BAnQ, http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/cartes_plans/index.html

¹ Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online: http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/hennepin_louis_2E.html. You can read more about Hennepin's time with La Salle and his capture by the Sioux in Part 6 of the timeline on the History of New France on the FCHSM website: http://www.habitanteritage.org/french-canadian_resources/history_of_new_france.



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Louis Hennepin – 1704 – *Carte d'un très grand païs nouvellement découvert dans l'Amérique septentrionale... avec le cours du... Meschasipi... / par le R. P. Hennepin, ...* – Available from Gallica: <http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b84695111.r=Hennepin%2C+Louis.langEN>



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