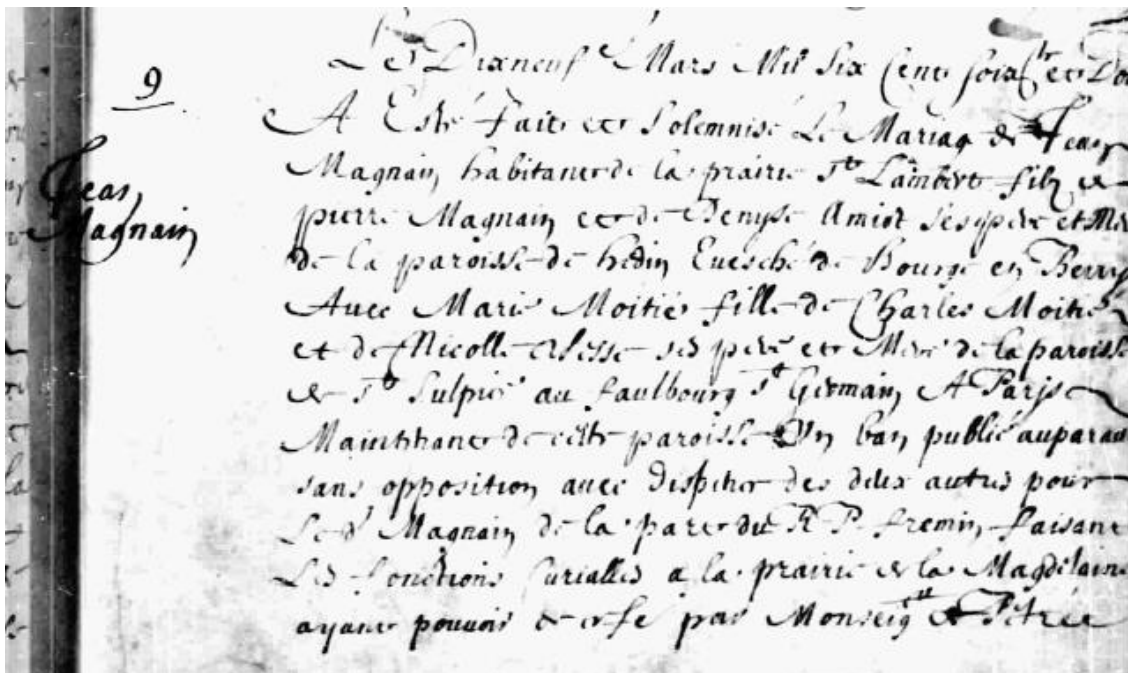


Research in France on a Carignan soldier

After determining whether an individual is / was indeed a Carignan soldier or not,¹ then check the following resources below in footnote #2 for a possible location of birth / baptism in France.² I chose **Jean Magnan dit Lespérance** for two reasons: (1) a connection to the beginning of Détroit 1701-1710; (2) No one else has found anything about his birth / baptism in France. Jean Magnan dit Lespérance arrived in Québec on 12 September 1665 on board the ship *le Saint-Sébastien* as a soldier in the Company of Captain La Varenne.³ He married **Marie Moitié** on 9 March 1672 in Montréal. Their marriage act is below. It is indicated that Jean Magnan was the son of **Pierre Magnan** and **Denise Amiot** from the parish of Hedin bishopric of Bourges en Berry. I then went to Ficherorigine to see if any work had been done on Jean Magnan.⁴ There were three men with the surname of Magnan but no connection and nothing on Jean Magnan dit Lespérance. I decided to see if Jetté had any more information. Jetté indicated that Jean Magnan was from Dun-sur-Auron, *arrondissement* (district) of St-Amand-Mont-Rond, archbishopric of Bourges, Berry. It is in the modern department of Cher.⁵



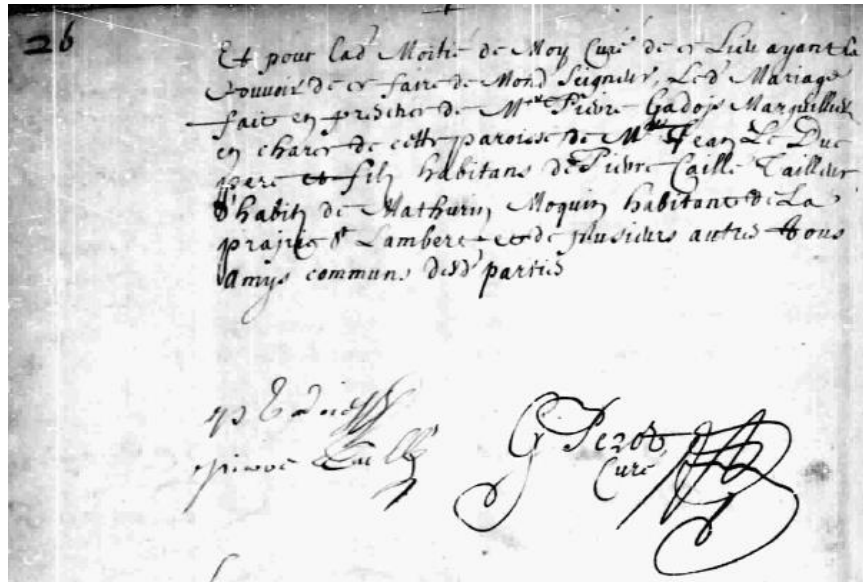
¹ The best source for accuracy about the identity of Carignan soldiers is Michel Langlois, *Carignan-Salières 1665-1668* (Drummondville: La Maison des Ancêtres, 2004), 336, 337. [Hereafter, Langlois Carignan.]

² (1) René Jetté, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730* (Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1983); (2) www.genealogie.umontreal.ca (PRDH) – a paid site; (3) Michel Langlois, *Dictionnaire biographique des ancêtres québécois (1608-1700) Tome 3, lettres J à M* (Sillery: La Maison des Ancêtres, 2000) [Hereafter, Langlois Dictionnaire.]; (4) L'Abbé Cyprien Tanguay, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles canadiennes depuis la fondation de la colonie jusqu'à nos jours, Premier Volume depuis 1608 jusqu'à 1700* (Province de Québec: Eusèbe Sénécal, imprimeur-éditeur, MDCCCLXXI) – Facsimilie Reprint Edition 1996 by Quintin Publications.

³ Langlois Carignan, 401.

⁴ www.fichierorigine.com This is a good site to determine the possible place of birth / baptism of an individual in France. If a date and place are stated but no record is shown (*numérisé*), it is always wise to see if you can find that record and verify it.

⁵ Jetté, 751.



The next step was to go online to www.francegenweb.org/archives.htm. This is the site of WikiGenWeb and *Archives en ligne*.

- On the right, click on *Archives du Cher en ligne*.
- Then click on “*archives en ligne*.”
- Then under *archives numérisées*, click on *registres paroissiaux et état civil*. You will have to set up an account (free) by putting in your e-mail address and choosing a pass word.
- Then under *archives numérisées*, click on *registres paroissiaux et état civil*.
- The terme *commune* will appear and click on the symbol that represents a list of the communities. Put in Dun-sur-Auron, *baptême*, and the years 1635-1644. It will bring up the following:

Dun-sur-Auron

Avant 1793, la commune de Dun-sur-Auron s'appelait Dun-le-Roi, nom qu'elle reprendra sous la Restauration. Par décret de 1880 elle prendra définitivement le nom de Dun-sur Auron. Par ordonnance du 4 décembre 1822, la commune de Cuzay-Sainte-Radegonde est supprimée et son territoire rattaché à la commune de Dun-sur-Auron.

Communes liées:

- **Cuzay-Sainte-Radegonde**
 Par ordonnance du 4 décembre 1822, la commune de Cuzay-Sainte-Radegonde est supprimée et son territoire rattaché à la commune de Dun-sur-Auron.
 Autre nom : Cuzay-Radegonde (Révolution)
- **Dun-le-Roi**
 Avant 1793, la commune de Dun-sur-Auron s'appelait Dun-le-Roi, nom qu'elle reprendra sous la Restauration. Par décret de 1880 elle prendra définitivement le nom de Dun-sur Auron.

Commune	Période	Cote	Types d'actes	Complément d'information	Images
Dun-sur-Auron	1635-1644	3E543	Baptêmes Mariages Sépultures	1635-1644 (baptêmes) ; 1638 (mariages, sépultures) ; 1641-1644 (sépultures)	(232 images)

I went through all the baptisms from 1635 to 1641 which should have covered the period Jean Magnan would have been born. The only age given for him is age 41 in the 1681 census. I found nothing. Also, of importance, I found no Amiots or Magnans.

I then went to PRDH to see what their interpretation of his place of birth / baptism was. Two pieces of information are given: (1) the accurate recording of the place of origin of Hedin as stated in the marriage act; (2) Jean Magnan *dit* Lespérance's birth about 1640 in Vesdun, archbishopric of Bourges, Berry (*arrondissement* of St-Amand-montrond, Cher).⁶ I then went back to the Cher Archives online, going through the same steps as above, and went to the town of Vesdun. The earliest records online, unfortunately, are for 1676-1677, 1680-1681. I went through all the records for 1676, 1677, which included baptisms, marriages and burials. I found no Magnans but did find in July 1677 a Catherine Amyot, daughter of the deceased Mathieu Amyot and Anne Bagy from the near-by parish of Culan, marrying Pierre Orlaut (*sic*) from the parish of Vesdun. I then checked the parish register for Culan and did find some Amyots there but no Magnans.

The third source I checked was Michel Langlois in both the Carignan Soldier book and his *Dictionnaire*. He stated that Jean Magnan was from Veyde, archbishopric of Bourges in Berry.⁷ There is no such place.

I finally went to Tanguay, not a source I normally consult because of many inaccuracies. However, Tanguay was one source that remained true to what was stated in the marriage act. Jean Magnan was from Hedin, bishopric of Bourges in Berry.⁸ There is no town or parish of Hedin in Cher. There is a town of Hêdin or Hesdin in the department of Pas-de-Calais. I also attempted to search those available records but again found no Magnans or Amiots.

I did look at the available records for St-Amand-Montrond which did have early records. Again no Magnans or Amiots.

At this point, I started to "google" for anything that might be relevant. I found the following site: www.map-france.com/departement-Cher/ Pictures, maps, and, most important of all, the names of all the existing towns in the modern department of Cher. I looked at the list and no town even resembling Hedin could be found. I used my imagination. I looked at all the churches listed for Bourges and found a Saint-Ursin. I tried that and again no Magnans or Amiots.

Another site that has sometimes helped in locating a department for a surname is www.geopatronyme.com I did put in the name of Magnan and found two towns in Cher that had families with the surname between 1891 and 1915: Oizon and Mehun-sur-Yèvre. I also put in Amiot and found many towns for that surname between 1819-1915, including Bourges, Saint-Amant-Montrond, Vesdun and Dun-sur-Arun. (This site is free.)

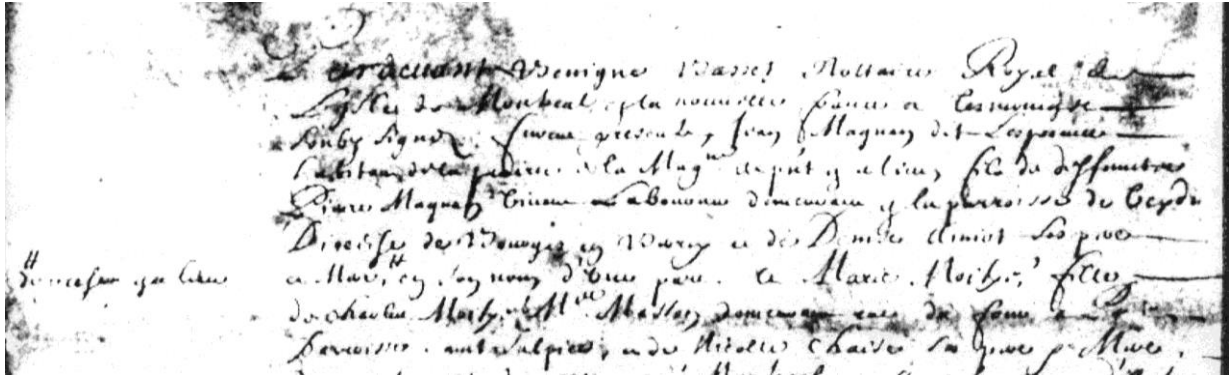
A second site that has been some help in past research is www.genealogie.com, a site for which you have to pay. By putting in the name of Magnan, the years 1600-1665, and *l'état civil*, it was indicated that there were some Magnans in the following towns: Argent-sur-Sauldre, Clémont, Genouilly and Massny. For the name of Amiot, the following towns appeared: St-Amand-Montrond, Beddes, Graçay, Aubigny-sur-Nère, Herry, Sidiailles, Brinon-sur-Sauldre, Barlieu, Thauvenay, Bourges (St -Pierre-le-Marché), and Arcomps. St-Amand-Montrond, Sidiailles and Bourges were also on the list from *geopatronyme* for 1891-1915

⁶ PRDH #47373, marriage, #52779, Individual, accessed 25 October 2014.

⁷ Langlois Carignan, 401; Langlois *Dictionnaire*, 336.

⁸ Tanguay, 402.

Last of all, I checked the marriage contract by *notaire* Bénigne Basset dit Deslauriers, dated 9 March 1672. This contract contained the information that Jean Magnan was the son of the deceased Pierre Magnan, a laborer, and Denise Amiot from the parish of Veyde diocese of Bourges en Berry (see the insert below).⁹



To date, I have found, based on sources that are somewhat reliable, four possible places for the birth / baptism of Jean Magnan dit Lespérance: (1) Hedin – church marriage record, PRDH marriage record, and Tanguay; (2) Dun-sur-Arun – Jetté; (3) Vesdun – PRDH; (4) Veyde – Langlois and marriage contract. Based on the sounding out of the name, it is very likely that Vesdun could be the place of origin. There is no proof for this statement.

I also thought it might be good to check who else was in the Company of La Varenne to see if this would help in better identifying the place of origin for Jean Magnan dit Lespérance. The list below is from Langlois Carignan, p. 183.¹⁰ I have added the “places of origin” and the sources. Based on the material below, it is evident that in one way or another the men were, for the most part, from the departments of Cher and Allier. See the map at the end for a more concrete concept of the places of origin claimed by the soldiers in La Varenne Company.

Captain: **Roger Bonneau de la Varenne** – baptized 11 January 1636 in Cérilly in Bourbonnais, (department of Allier) [Langlois Carignan, p. 237].

Lieutenant: **Robert Des Granges** [Langlois Carignan, p. 297].

Antoine Barrois,* surgeon – (1) *circa* 1641, St-Nicolas-du-Château, city and archbishopsric of Bourges, Berry (*arrondissement*, Bourges, Cher) [PRDH Individual #7518 (based on marriage act)]; (2) *circa* 1640, St. Vincent, Chantelle in Allier [Fichierorigine #430033, researched by Jean Marie Germe, accessed 27 October 2014 (Other siblings were baptized there between 1632 and 1643.)].

Detroit and Kaskaskia Connection: (1) son **Philippe Barrois** was buried 19 February 1722 in Kaskaskia [Jetté, p. 53]; (2) Wife **Anne Leber** married **Jean Baptiste Lotman dit Albrin** *circa* 1689 in *Nouvelle-Hollande*. Their son **Jean Baptiste Lootman** married **Marie Madeleine Cardinal**, daughter of **Jacques Cardinal** and **Louise Arrivé**, 30 March 1717, in Montréal, and **François Lootman** married **Marie Anne Sauvage**, daughter of **Jacques Sauvage** and **Marie Catherine Jean dite Vien**, 31 May 1717, in Montréal [Jetté, p. 744]. The family of Jean Baptiste Lootman moved to Kaskaskia and was known by the surname of **Barrois** [Marthe Faribault-Beauregard, *La population des forts français d'Amérique (XVIIIe siècle) Tome II* (Montréal:

⁹ Family History Library, notary Bénigne Basset, microfilm #1419845.

¹⁰ PRDH List of immigrants #402524 for the members of the Company of Varenne, Regiment of Carignan. Not all of the names, as indicated in Langlois Carignan, 183, are enumerated on this list. The only individual identified with a surname, not a *dit* name, is Barrois. An asterisk after the names above and on the next page indicates they were also on the PRDH list.

Éditions Bergeron, 1984). The family of François Lootman moved to Détroit and were known by the surname of Lotteman (*sic dit* Barrois and finally just Barois / Barrois. Royal Notary **Robert Navarre** married **Marie Barrois** 10 February 1734; **Pierre Chesne dit Labutte** married **Louise Barois** 2 January 1736; **Jean Baptiste Cuillerier dit Beaubien** married **Marie Anne Barrois** 20 January 1742; **Pierre Laurent St. Cosme** married **Catherine Barrois** 25 January 1747; **François Barois** married **Catherine Cécire** 9 January 1758; **Jean Baptiste Réaume** married **Agathe Barois** 11 December 1763 [Sharon Kelley, ed., Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church Detroit 1701-1850 (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Inc., 2001)].

Jean Beaune dit Lafranchise* – (1) St-Claude de Bellenaves diocese of Bourges [marriage act 1667]; (2) St-Claude de Bellenaves, archbishopric of Bourges, Bourbonnais (*arrondissement* of Montluçon, Allier) [PRDH Individual #6959]. [I did search online in the department of Allier in the town of Bellenaves and found no Beaunes or any variation of that name.]

Connection to Detroit: Son **Albert Bosne** (Beaune) Lafranchise was hired 28 July 1704 to go to Détroit. **Étienne Bosne** (probably son Antoine François) was hired at the same time. Daughter **Marie Anne Beaune** was hired 18 April 1707 as a servant to the **Cadillacs**; she married **Martin Cirier dit Argenteuil** 12 June 1710 in Détroit [Jetté, pp. 257, 744].

Charles de Boussiny Montéro – Bourges [Langlois Carignan, p. 242].

Champagne*

Antoine Chaudillon*¹¹ – started out in the Company of LaVarenne and then was put in the Company of Saurel – (1) parish of St-Martin, Ygrande, archbishopric of Bourges, Bourbonnais (*arrondissement* of Moulins, Allier) [PRDH Individual #13259]; (2) Baptism 16 July 1641, St-Martin, Ygrande, Allier [Fichierorigine #430013, researched by Marie Gagné, accessed 27 October 2014, *numérisé*].

Detroit Connection: daughter **Marie Louise Chaudillon** married **Jean Baptiste Gouriou dit Guignolet**, a sergeant in the Company of Blainville, 2 June 1701, Lachine. The couple was in Détroit by 26 April 1708 when their son **Antoine** was baptized in the church of Fort Pontchartrain [Jetté, p. 521]. Daughter **Charlotte Chaudillon** married **Jean Barthe dit Belleville et Larivière**, a soldier, 8 July 1707, Varennes. The family was in Détroit by 24 October 1709 when their daughter **Marie Charlotte** was baptized in the church of Fort Pontchartrain [Jetté, p. 53].

Jacques Demoulin*

Charles DesMaignoux, sieur de Laleu – bishopric of Bourges en Berry [Langlois Carignan, p. 298].

Jean Duceau dit Baron* – Cenneville en Bourbonnais [Langlois Carignan, p. 306]. No town with this name can be found.

Claude Duparc, killed in 1666 by the Iroquois [Langlois Carignan, p. 316].

Jean Fagueret dit Petitbois* [Langlois Carignan, p. 325].

Mathieu Faye dit Lafayette* – St-Jean-d'Aubrigoux, *arrondissement* of LePuy, bishopric of Clermont, Auvergne, department of Haute-Loire [Jetté, p. 415].

Detroit connection: daughter **Élisabeth Faye** married **Pierre Cosme / Côme dit Saint-Cosme** [and *dit* Lajeunesse] 22 November 1717 in Laprairie [Jetté, p. 272]. Pierre Come *dit* Lajeunesse bought a house on *rue* St. Joachim in Fort Pontchartrain from **Jean Ferland dit Deloriers** on 22 March 1709. Their son **Pierre Laurent St. Cosme** married **Catherine Barrois** 25 January 1747 in Détroit [see above under Antoine Barrois].

Jean Fouché – Jemausac en Saintonge [Langlois Carignan, p. 338].

Gabriel Fournier dit Laverdure* [Langlois Carignan, p. 339].

Claude Galoppe, surgeon [Langlois Carignan, p. 342].

Gilbert Genin dit Lamontagne* – diocese of Bourges en Berry [Langlois Carignan, p. 349]. [www.genealogie.com (a paid site) – act of birth, Sancoins, Cher, 8 January 1643, **Gilbert Genin**, son of **Philippe Genin** and **Catherine Despilliers**. Act #106700046796113178, from the Cercle Généalogique du Haut-Berry. The parish registers are not available online from the departmental archives of Cher to verify this act.]

¹¹ Also, enumerated on the Saurel list, PRDH List of Immigrants #402526.

Antoine Juchereau *dit* Sallebrune* – parish of St-Etienne, Bourges en Berry (Cher) [Langlois Carignan, p. 370].

Lafontaine [Langlois Carignan, p. 373].

Laforest [Langlois Carignan, p. 374].

Levau, killed in 1666 by the Iroquois [Langlois Carignan, p. 386].

Antoine Legros *dit* Laviolette* – (1) St-François-de-Bourbon-les-Bains, bishopric of Bourges en Berry [Langlois Carignan, p. 390]; (2) parish of St-François, city of Bourbon-les-Bains, archbishopric of Bourges [marriage act in Québec 9 September 1670]; (3) St-François-de-Bourbonne-les-Bains, *arrondissement* and bishopric of Langres, Champagne, department of Haute-Marne [Jetté, p. 531]; (4) St-François, city of Bourbon (today Bourbon-l'Archambault), bishopric of Bourges, Bourbonnais (*arrondissement* of Moulins, Allier) [PRDH Individual #32261]. Neither Bourbon-l'Archambault nor Bourbonne-les-Bains has a parish of St-François. On searching the parish of Bourbon-l'Archambault, Allier, online for the years 1639-1640 no Gros / Legros families were found. The parish records for Bourbonne-les-Bains, Haute-Marne, do not go back as far as 1640. Thus, to date, it is not possible to determine the origin of Antoine Gros / Legros *dit* Laviolette.

Detroit Connection: Son **Nicolas Gros / Legros** was hired to go to Détroit 5 May 1705 [Jetté, p. 531]; On 6 September 1708, son **Jean Baptiste Gros / Legros *dit* Laviolette** was hired by **Barbe Loisel**, wife of **Louis Le Gantier, *sieur de LaVallée et de Rané***, to go to Fort Pontchartrain [Antoine Adhémar, FHL microfilm #1613461, image #00595].

Jean Magnan *dit* Lespérance* the subject of this paper

Detroit Connection: On 9 October 1700, his widow Marie Moitié married **Pierre Chesne *dit* Saint-Onge** who received land in Détroit in 1707. His daughter **Louise Magnan** married **Jean Baptiste Giguère** who was hired to go to Détroit on 27 June 1701 [Jetté, p. 496]. Son **Jean Antoine Magnan *dit* Lespérance** was hired 26 September 1702 to go to Détroit [Jetté, p. 751]. He married **Louise Lecomte** 19 March 1718 in Montréal. Their daughter **Marie Anne Magnan** married **François Marie Picoté de Belestre**, 29 January 1753, in Montréal [PRDH Union #12798]. François Marie Picoté de Belestre was the last French commandant of Détroit.¹²

Louis Marie *dit* Sainte-Marie* – St-Symphorien, city and archbishopric of Tours, Touraine, department of Indre-et-Loire [Langlois Carignan, p. 404, Jetté, p. 770; PRDH Individual #53939].

Detroit connection: Son **François Marie *dit* Sainte-Marie** was hired 30 May 1705 to go to Détroit [Jetté, p. 770].

Jean Morieau *dit* Jolicoeur* [Langlois Carignan, p. 418].

Antoine Pigeon [Langlois Carignan, p. 436].

François Poisson – Neuvy en Nievernois [Langlois Carignan, p. 439].

Guillaume Richard *dit* Lafleur* – St-Léger, bishopric of Saintes en Saintonge, department of Charente-Maritime [Langlois Carignan, p. 452; PRDH Individual #65561]. [The parish registers begin mid-1642.]

Detroit Connection: Son **Pierre Richard** was hired to go to Détroit in the first convoy that arrived 24 July 1701. Son **Guillaume Richard** was hired to go to Détroit on 16 July 1702 [Jetté, p. 982]. Son **Jean Richard** was in Détroit by 10 March 1707 when he received a site of land within Fort Pontchartrain. On 9 April 1707 son **Claude Richard** was given permission to go to Fort Pontchartrain to transport merchandise to **Étienne Veniard de Bourgmont** and to also help his brother **Jean Richard** who had been wounded there [Antoine Adhémar, FHL microfilm #1613460, image #02234].

Pierre Rivière *dit* Larivière* – Les Sables-d'Olonne, bishopric of Luçon in Poitou, department of Vendée [Langlois Carignan, p. 453; PRDH Individual #68052].

Gilbert Roux, *cadet* [Langlois Carignan, p. 457].

Saint-Denis de Besne [Langlois Carignan, p. 460].

¹² http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/picote_de_belestre_francois_marie_4E.html
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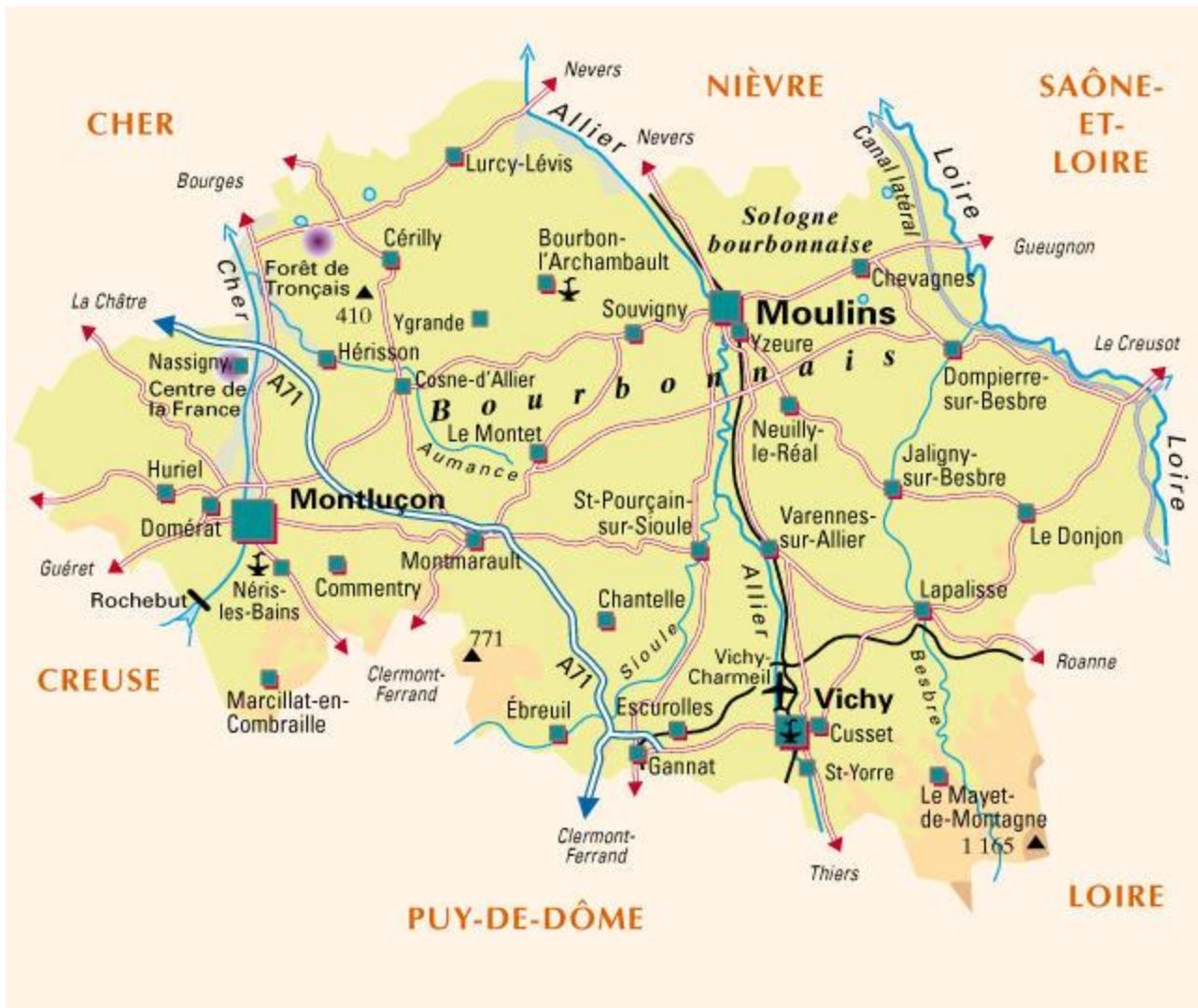
François Saluer de Montlieu [Langlois Carignan, p. 465].

Charles Taillandier, *sieur de La Brosse* – Varigny en Nivernais [Langlois Carignan, p. 477].

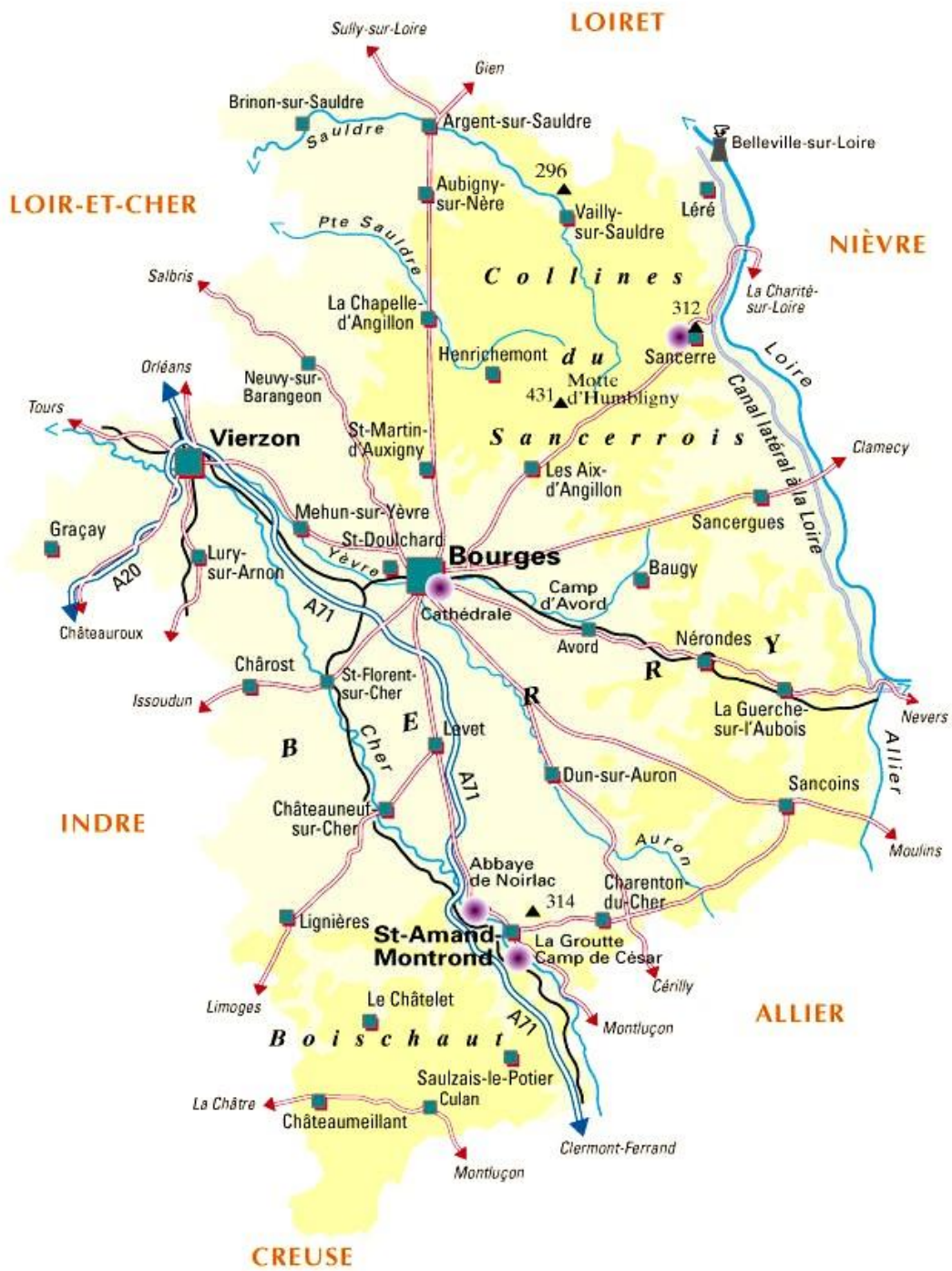
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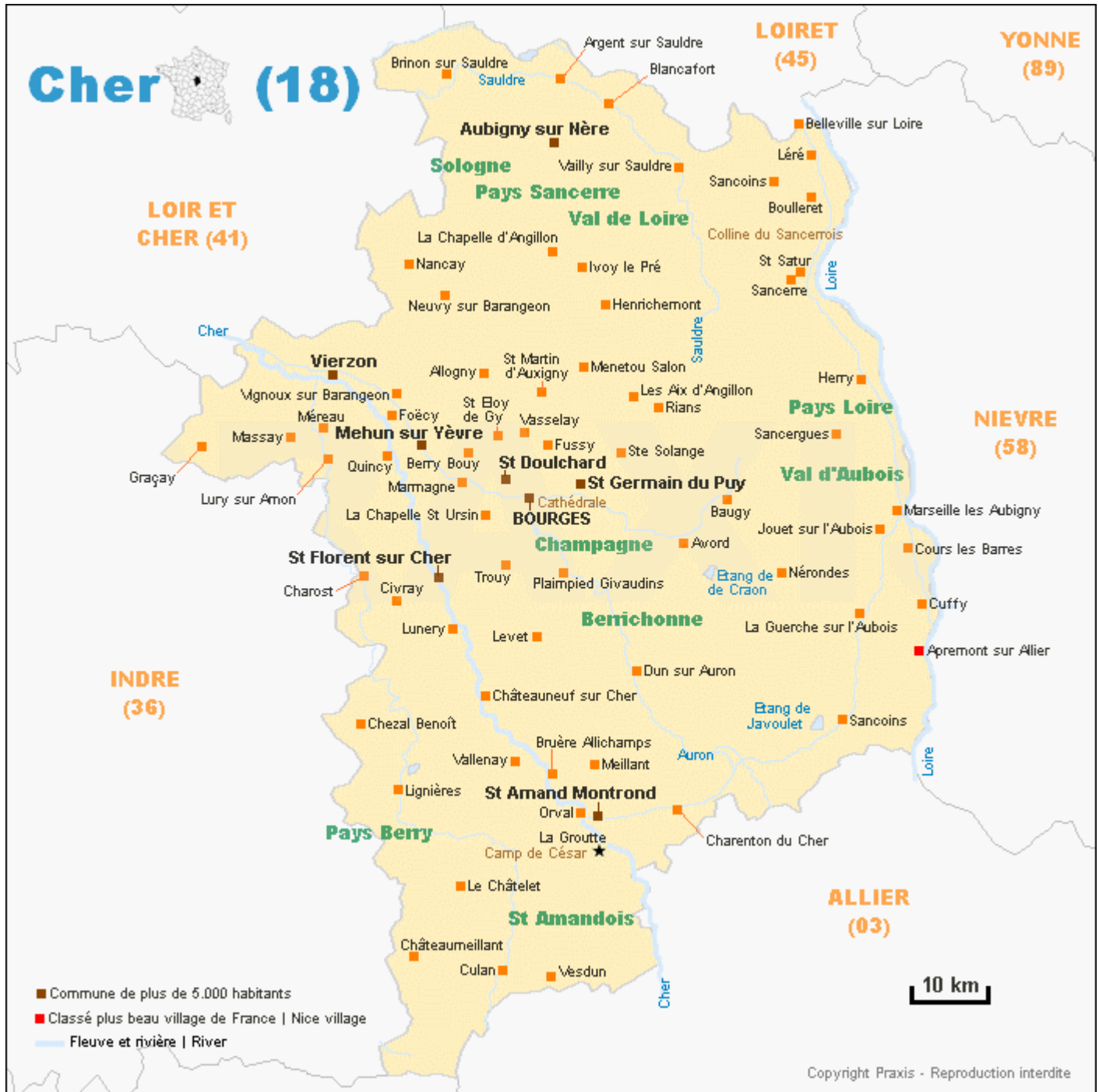
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