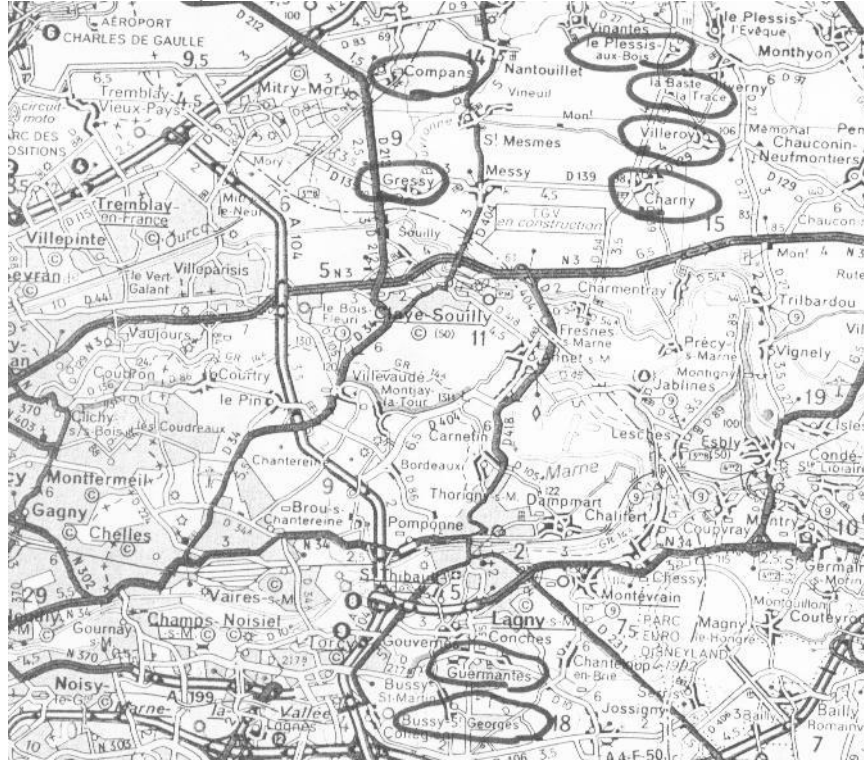


**Robert Navarre, First Royal Notary in *Dé*troit
Part II**

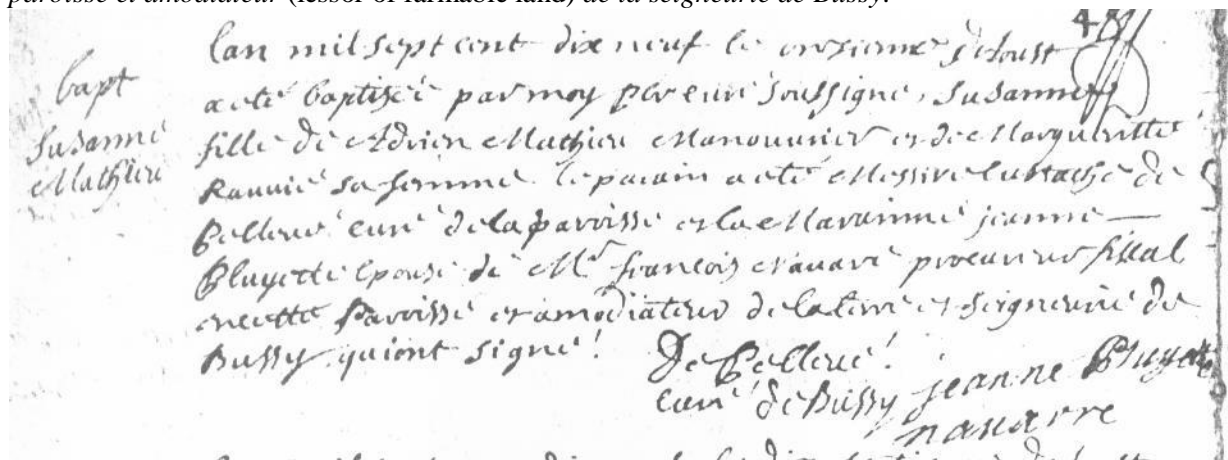
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By 1720 the family of (Antoine) François Navarre and Jeanne Pluyette was living at Bussy-St-Georges where François was the *receveur* (tax collector) *de la seigneurie de Bussy-St-Georges*. Bussy-St-Georges is south of Compans, le Plessis-aux-Bois, la Trace, Villeroy, Gressy and Charny, towns that were associated with the Navarre family, and, in particular, with François Navarre, Robert's father.

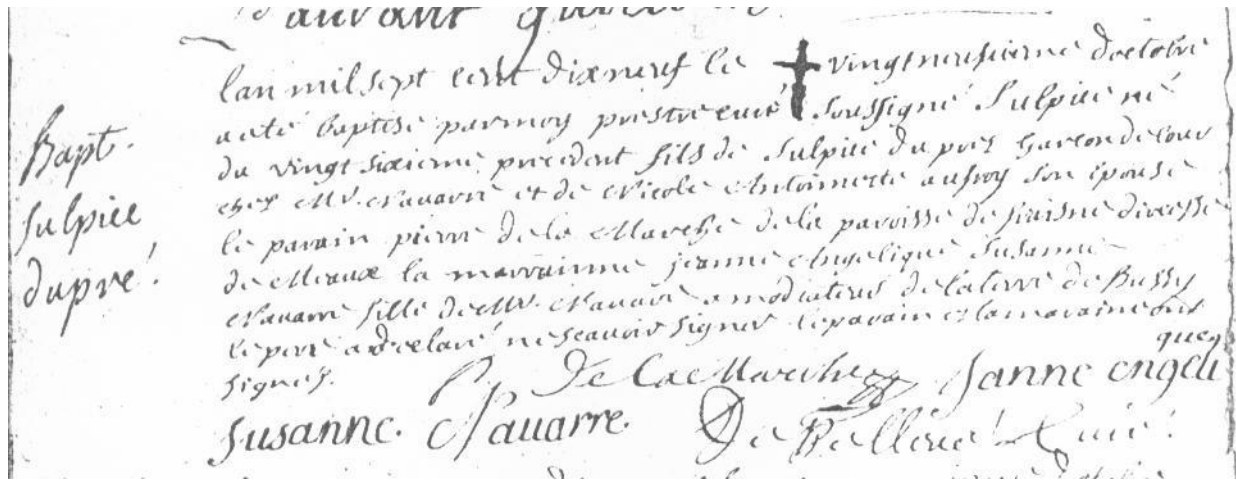


The family first appeared in the church records of Bussy-St-Georges on 11 August 1719. Jeanne Pluyette Navarre, who also signed the register, was godmother to Susanne, daughter of Adrien Mathieu, a *manouvrier* (able seaman). François Navarre was the *procureur fiscal* (attorney or prosecutor) *en cette paroisse et amodiateur* (lessor of farmable land) *de la seigneurie de Bussy*.¹

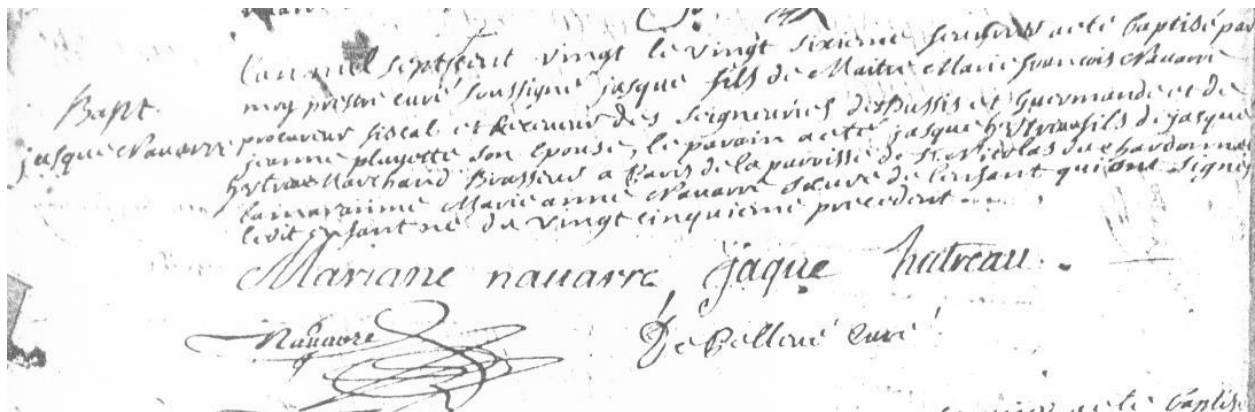


¹ All records from Bussy-St-Georges, Seine et Marne, are from Family History Library [FHL] microfilm #1225341.

Janne Engeline Susanne Navarre, Robert's half sister, was godmother to Sulpice Dupré, son of Sulpice Dupré, *garçon de cour* (court messenger) chez Mr. Navarre. In this record Jeanne Angélique was listed as the daughter of Mr. Navarre, *amodiateur de la terre de Bussy*.



On 25 February 1720, twin sons *Jacque* and *Nicolas*, the last two children of *Marie* [*sic*] *François* Navarre and *Jeanne* *Pluyette*, were born at *Bussy-St-Georges* and baptized the following day. The baptism of *Jacque* was the first one in the register. His godparents were *Mariane* Navarre, his half sister, and *Jacque* *Hutreau*, son of *Jacque* *Hutreau*, a *marchand brasseur* (merchant brewer) in Paris in the parish of *St-Nicolas-du-Charonnet*. *Jacque* *Hutreau*, senior, was married to *Marie-Hyacinthe* Navarre, sister of *François* Navarre. The family, in 1705, lived on the *rue des Fossés Saint-Victor près de Saint-Nicolas-du-Chardonnet*.² In this record *François* Navarre was the *procureur fiscal et receveur des seigneuries des Bussis et Guermante*. He signed the baptismal acts of both of his sons.



The baptism of *Nicolas* Navarre was listed second in the register. His godfather was his brother, *Étienne*; his godmother was *Janne* *Angeline* Navarre, his half sister.³ *Nicolas* died four days later on 29 February 1720 and was buried on 1 March 1720. The burial act did not indicate if his father was present

² Jean-Marc Moriceau, *Les Fermiers de l'Île-de-France L'ascension d'un patronat agricole (XV^e-XVIII^e siècle)*, (France: Fayard, 1994), p. 670n.

³ <http://gw.geneanet.org/index.php3?b=jomave&lang=en;i=50050> The site by Thierry Straub only gives the birth and death information. It does not give the actual baptismal or burial record nor does it give any information about the godparents or the occupation of the father. This information also pertains to the following two footnotes.

or not.⁴ The following is his baptismal act with the only known signature of his brother, Étienne Navarre. The fate of Étienne is, at present, not known.

Bapt
Nicolas Navarre
L'an mil sept cent vingt le vingt sixième jour de la baptes
pas moy prestre eue soussigne Nicolas fils de Maître et
François Navarre procureur fiscal et Receveur des Seigneuries de
Bussy et Guermante et de Jeanne Pluyette son épouse le par
Etienne Navarre père de l'enfant la marianne Jeanne
angelique Navarre saur ledit enfant né du vingt quinzième
présent.
Jenne angelique Navarre Navarre
De Ballerue curé

Jacque died on 13 December 1720 at the age of about 11 months (*d'environ onze mois*) and was buried the next day at Bussy-St-Georges.⁵ According to Straub, Jeanne Pluyette also died in 1720, but he gives no date or location for her death.⁶ In the burial act for *Jacque* she was not said to be deceased. Her husband, *Maistre François Navarre, receveur de la terre et seigneurie de Bussy*, signed this act. To date her burial act has not been found in the church register of Bussy-St-Georges.

On 11 August 1720, at Bussy-St-Georges, Jeanne Aengelque [sic] Navarre was godmother to Antonin Parol, son of Louis Parolle, a shepherd. The godfather was Antonin Coutanceau, son of Charles Coutanceau, the *receveur de la paroisse de Jossigny*. In this record Jeanne Angélique was said to be the daughter of François Navarre, *receveur des seigneuries des Bussy et Guermante*. This is the last record found, to date, for Jeanne Angélique Susanne Navarre, Robert's half sister, born on 6 May 1706 at Villeroy.

Jeanne aengelque Navarre

On 14 April 1721, at Bussy-St-Georges, *damoiselle* Mariane Navarre was godmother to Pierre André Montoje, son of Pierre Montoje [sic], a gardener at the château of Genitoy. The godfather was *Maistre André Frain, receveur de la terre du Genitoy*.

Mariane Navarre

To be continued.

⁴ <http://gw.geneanet.org/index.php3?b=jomave&lang=en;iz=2;p=nicolas;n=navarre>

⁵ <http://gw.geneanet.org/index.php3?b=jomave&lang=en;iz=2;p=jacques;n=navarre>

⁶ *Ibid.*