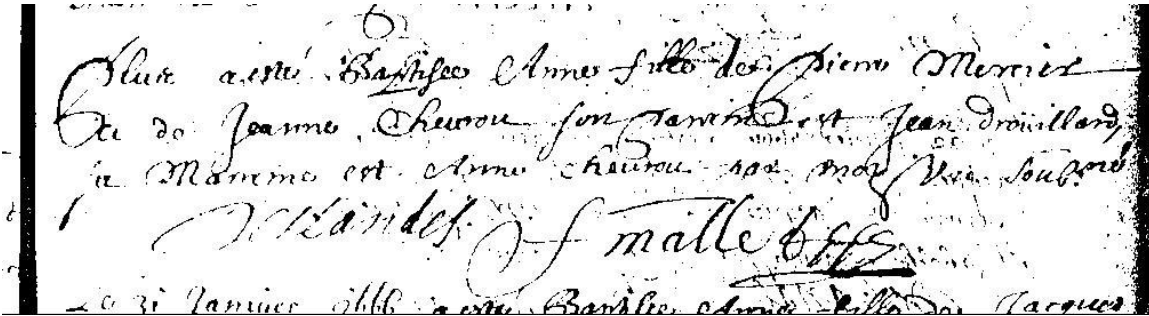


**The Family of Simon Drouillard dit Argencourt
in the Parish of St-Pierre de Marennes, Charente-Maritime, France**
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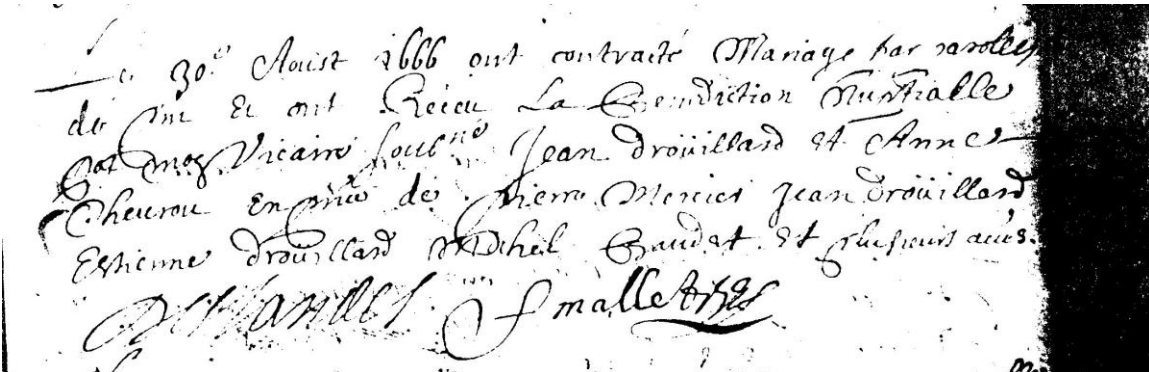
Recent research using films from the Family History Library has revealed some additional information on Simon Drouillard dit Argencourt, his parents Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou, his siblings, and his maternal ancestors at Marennes, Charente-Maritime, France.¹

31 January 1666 - Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou were godparents to Anne, daughter of **Pierre Mercier** and **Jeanne Chevrou**. It is possible, based on this record, to speculate that Jeanne and Anne Chevrou were sisters. The same day Anne Chevrou was also the godmother to Anne, daughter of Jacques Gabin (*sic*) and Françoise Gigon.



Plus a esté Baptisé Anne fille de Pierre Mercier
de Jeanne Chevrou son parent et Jean Drouillard
de Marennes est Anne chevrou par moy Jean souffert
M. Landet J. malle etc
Le 31 Janvier 1666 a esté Baptisé Anne fille de Jacques

30 August 1666 - Marriage of Simon's parents, **Jean Drouillard** and **Anne Chevrou**. The names of Jean and Anne's parents were not given, which was typical in the marriage records in the parish of St-Pierre in Marennes at that time. However, witnesses were given: **Pierre Mercier** (most likely the husband of Jeanne Chevrou), **Jean Drouillard**, **Estienne Drouillard** and **Michel Baudet**. The relationship of Jean and Estienne Drouillard to the groom Jean Drouillard is not known at this time.²

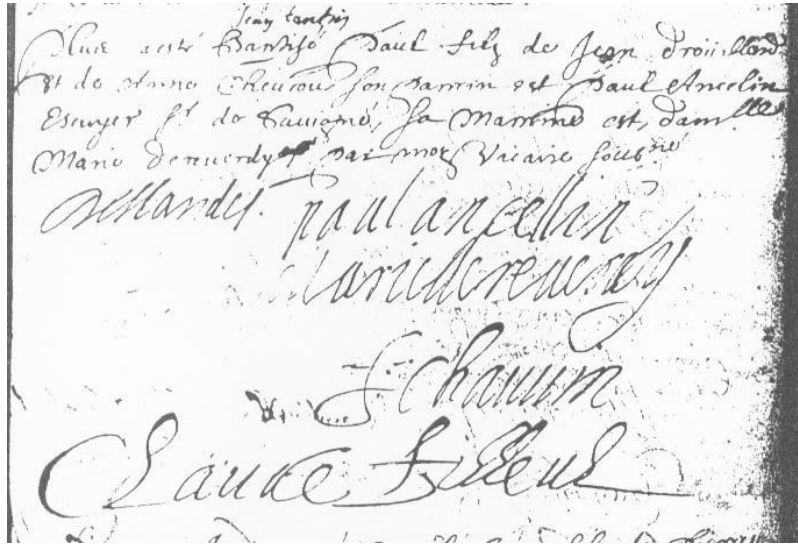


Le 30^e Aoust 1666 ont contracté Mariage par paroles
de son de ont reçu La Bénédiction Nuptiale
par moy Vicain souffert Jean Drouillard et Anne
Chevrou en pres de Pierre Mercier Jean Drouillard
Estienne Drouillard Michel Baudet et plusieurs autres.
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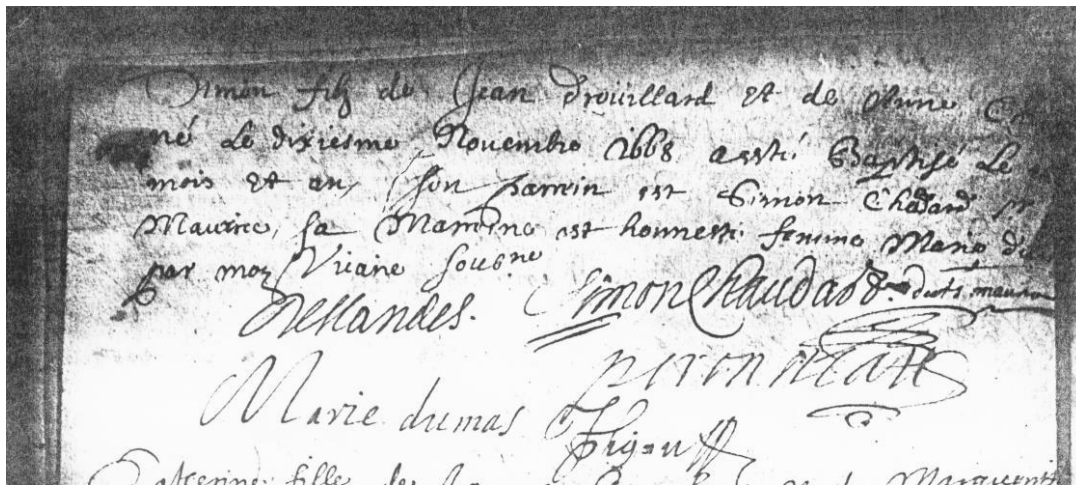
¹ Family History Library (FHL) microfilms #1733693 and #1733694. The first film is said to cover the following records: baptisms, marriages, burials 1603 - 1649 (not in order); baptisms, marriages, 1650 - 1668; baptisms, marriages, burials, 1669 - 1682. The film actually goes to May 1674. The second film is said to cover the periods 1683 - 1710 with baptisms, marriages and burials. However, the first film ends in 1674 and the second film continues from that point. (FHL microfilm #1733457, item #9, from the Communal Archives, covers baptisms from 1584 - 1603 and marriages from 1597 - 1603. This is a film which should be ordered in the future for further research on the Chevrou family.)

² The marriage of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou was found by Christian Siguret, FichierOrigine, #31010, accessed 31 March 2008.

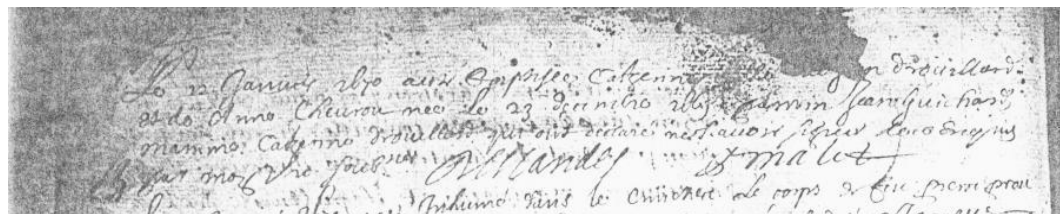
29 May 1667 – **Paul Droüillard**, first child of **Jean Droüillard** and **Anne Chevrou**, was baptized at St-Pierre de Marennes. His godfather was Paul Ancelin, Escuyer, Sr. de Savigné (*sic*); his godmother was Demoiselle Marie Dereuerdy.



28 November 1668 - **Simon Droüillard**, the second child of **Jean Droüillard** and **Anne Chevrou**, was baptized. He was born 10 November 1668 at St-Pierre de Marennes. His godfather was Simon Chaudard, sieur de St. Maurice; his godmother, the "honest woman," Marie Dumas.



12 January 1670 – Baptism of **Catherine Droüillard**, daughter of **Jean Droüillard** and **Anne Chevrou**. Catherine was born 23 December 1669. Her godparents were Jean Guichard and Catherine Droüillard. It was not indicated in the baptismal act what the relationship of Catherine Droüillard was to the baby Catherine.



4 October 1671 – Baptism of **François Drouillard**, son of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou. He was born 27 September 1671. His godparents were François Denis and Marie Guibert. François Mallet and Jean Gigon were mentioned as being present at the baptism. P. Gorribon signed in the absence of the *curé*. Jacques Mercier also signed.

Le 4^e octobre 1671 a Esté baptisé François, fils de Jean Drouillard & de Anne chevrou par le parrain François Denis la marâtre Marie Guibert par moy nassut le 27 du mois de septembre dernier En présence de François Mallet, de Jean Gigon & autres qui nous ont signé de ce Inquit par moy Jacques Mercier J Mallet P Gorribon En absence de Mr le Curé François

28 October 1674 – Baptism of **Gabrielle Drouillard**, daughter of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou. This is the first record to indicate the father was absent. Her godparents were Jean Reneteau and Gabrielle Grimard.

Le même jour a été baptisée Gabrielle fille de Jean Drouillard absent et de Anne chevrou née le 18^e du mois de Juin par le parrain Jean Reneteau & la marraine Gabrielle Grimard ont déclaré ne savoir signer de ce Inquit par moy J Reneteau J Grimard

20 July 1676 – Baptism of **Pierre Drouillard**, son of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou. He was born 20 December 1675. Again, it is noted that the father was absent. His godparents were Estienne Mettereau and Marie Genet. Marie Genet signed with Lablanche *prestre*, in the absence of the regular *curé*.

Le vingt dix deux mois et an a Esté baptisé Pierre fils de Jean Drouillard absent et de Anne chevrou née le vingt deuxieme decembre 1675 par le parrain Estienne Mettereau & la marraine Marie Genet qui a signé avec moy en l'absence de Mr le Curé Lablanche prestre Marie Genet

19 June 1678 – Baptism of **Magdelaine Droüillard**, daughter of Jean Droüillard and Anne Chevrou. She was born 20 December 1677. Her godfather was Pierre Pernel, *commis* of Monseigneur Le Moyne; her godmother was Magdelaine Linger. Some additional signatures on the baptismal record were those of Blanchet, Pillaud and Marie Dumas, who was Simon's godmother.

Le dix-neuf de Mars 1681 a été baptisée ma
me fille Jeanne Drouillard de Anne Che
vrou sa mere, née le vingt-sept de Mars
dernier. son parrain a été Pierre Gennel
commun des nonjésuïtes, et La marraine
magdelaine d'inger qui ont signé avec
curé soussigné. Baron Fleury.
Blanchet G. Pillaud & Sernelee
Marie dumas

30 March 1681 – Baptism of **Jeanne Drouillard**, daughter of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou. She was born 11 February 1681. Again there was the notation that Jean Drouillard was absent. Her godparents were Jean Pelletier, a merchant, and Jeanne Boudot.

Le dix-neuf de Mars 1681 a été baptisée Jeanne
Drouillard de Anne Chevrou sa mere née le
dix-sept de Mars dernier son parrain a été
Jean Pelletier marchand marraine Jeanne
Boudot qui ont signé avec curé soussigné
Baron Fleury
G. Pillaud & Sernelee
Marie dumas

After 30 March 1681, no additional baptismal records for the family of Jean Drouillard and Anne Chevrou were found. Also, no burial records were found for any of their children. The St-Pierre de Marennnes records were searched from 1681 to 1691, but no records were found for this family.