

**Burials from *la chapelle de Saint Jean baptiste* [in present-day, Amherstburg, Ontario]
23 June 1803- 27 December 1805**

Burials from *la chapelle de la Nouvelle Tamise*, dedicated in honor of the apostle St. Pierre [present-day, St. Peter Tilbury, Ontario], 4 July 1802-2 November 1805

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[Note: Names in brackets at the end of some entries indicate the presiding priest.¹ Names are as written in the original parish register. The standardized spelling of a family name, complete with known *dit*-names, will be given the first time the name appears. Additional material, in brackets, is the transcriber's comments. The dates are burial dates.]

Saint-Jean-Baptiste

Francoise Reaume, daughter of Pascal Reaume [Réaume] and Cecile [Cécile] Pouget; four years four months, 23 June 1803, buried in cemetery in the presence of Louis Gendron and Chrisostome Pajot [Pageot]. [Fr. Gatien *ptre*]

Joseph Germain, 50 years, 2 July 1803, buried in cemetery in presence of Etienne Bissonnet and Basile Bellant.

Hyacinthe Réaume, son of Joseph Réaume and Josephpte Pertuy [Perthuis]; 13 months, 10 September 1803, buried in cemetery in presence of Basile Belan and Etienne Bissonnet.²

Josephpte Perthuys, wife of Joseph Réaume; 28 years and three months, 7 November 1803, buried in cemetery in presence of Charles Pouget and Joseph [Baudreau *dit*] Graveline. [Marchand *ptre*]³

Unnamed female, *ondoïée*⁴ at home, three months, 11 July [1804], buried in cemetery in presence of Louis Gendron and Antoine Barau [*sic*]. [Fr. Gatien *ptre*]

Unnamed infant, *ondoyé* at home, deceased, and placed in the cemetery of this church by Louis Gendron, 7 August 1804; prayers of burial said by Father Marchand 23 September 1804, with the notation the prayers were said on 24 September 1804. [Marchand *ptre*]

Anne Halay, daughter of Jean Halay and Elisabeth Visina; no age given, 26 September 1804. "and the same day I said the prayers for another child, *ondoyé* at home and placed in the cemetery this month." Louis Visina and Louis Gendron were present.

Marie [Dulignon *dite*] **Lamirande**, wife of Joseph Graveline; 26 years, 1 February 1805, buried in cemetery, in presence of Louis Gendron and Paschal Réaume. The same day [1 February 1805] Father Gatien said prayers for their child born 26 January 1805, *ondoyé* at home, died the same day, and placed in the cemetery of this parish. [Fr. Gatien *ptre*]

Augustin M^cGinnis, an *Ecossais* [Scottish], about 19 years, 28 April 1805, buried in cemetery in the presence of Jacques Gordon and Alexis Maisonville. [Marchand *ptre*]

Marie Louise [Vessière *dite*] **Laferté**, daughter of Alexis [Vessière *dit*] Laferté and Marie Louise Pajot; [no age given], 5 September 1805, buried in cemetery in presence of Paschal Réaume and Francois St. Bertrand.⁵

Rebecca Caldwell [Caldwell], daughter of Guillaume Caldwell [William Caldwell] *Ecuier* and Susanne Baby; nine years, one month and six days, 28 September 1805, buried in cemetery in presence of François Bertrand and Thomas Digué *dit* Contois.⁶

Child of Guillaume **Caldwell** and Suzanne Baby; *ondoyé* at home, 27 December 1805, buried in cemetery in presence of Thomas Contois and Dominique Langlois. [Fr. Gatien *ptre*]⁷

¹ These transcriptions are based on the actual parish registers, which can be found in Family History Library (FHL) microfilm #1310842, items 3-6, and at www.ancestry.com, Ontario, Canada, Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1747-1767, A, Amherstburg, St-Jean, 1802-1829. The chapel of Saint-Jean-Baptiste opened on 26 June 1802, but the first burial was not recorded until 23 June 1803.

² Rev. Christian Denissen, *Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region 1701-1936*. rev. ed. (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 1987), II, 1034, #13 does not mention the birth or burial of Hyacinthe Réaume. He was born 7 August 1802 and baptized 17 August 1802, by Father Marchand, at Saint-Jean-Baptiste.

³ Denissen, II, 1034, #13 does not mention the burial of Josephpte Perthuys.

⁴ *Ondoyé* – baptized under emergency conditions, usually by a lay person.

⁵ Denissen, I, 650, #4 does not mention the birth or burial of Marie Louise Laferté. She was born 18 September 1804, baptized 23 September 1804 at Saint-Jean-Baptiste, and buried 5 September 1805.

⁶ Denissen, I, 196, #1.7 states Rebecca Caldwell was baptized 5 September 1796 at Ste Anne du Détroit and died February 1805, burial location not stated.

⁷ Denissen, I, 196, #1 does not mention the birth or burial of this child.

*St-Pierre sur la nouvelle Tamise*⁸

Before the dedication of the cemetery, the following bodies were buried: the wife of Joseph Tacheleau; old Vincent Laframboise; a child of Benjamin Lavallé; a child of Guillaume Desjardins; a child of Antoine [Descomps *dit* Labadie *dit*] Badichon; and a little *sauvagesse* baptized at home. This was reported by Simon Meloche, Valcour [Joseph Pantoux *dit* Valcour], Jean Baptiste Lacroix, and almost all the Catholic inhabitants of this river. – The wife of Tacheleau and Laframboise about 10 ½ months ago. Dated 4 July 1802.

Jaque Delisle [Jacques Bienvenu *dit* Delisle], son of the deceased Charles [Bienvenu *dit*] Delisle and Thérèse Campeau; eight years and a few months, beginning of November 1802, buried in cemetery in presence of Pierre Dénoyer [Desnoyers] and Francois [François] Arcouete. [Marchand *ptre*]⁹

Jenevieve [Geneviève] **Drouillard**, widow of Jaques Arkayte [Jacques Arcouet (Urguhart)]; 37 years, 28 July 1803, buried in cemetery in presence of Pierre Charon [Charron] and Gabriel [Audet *dit*] Lapointe.

Jenevieve Morin, daughter of Pierre Morin and Jenevieve Balard [*dite* Latour]; three years, 3 October 1803, buried in cemetery by Alexis Drouillard and Antoine Badichon. Reported to Father Marchand by the child's father, 28 October 1803.¹⁰

A child of **McGervais** [*sic*- the name might be McGervin/McGervain]; drowned, about seven years old, 15 June 1804, placed in the cemetery accorded to the church wardens P. Denoyer [Pierre Desnoyers] and Fr. Ouellette [François Ouellet]. Father Marchand recited the prayers of the church over the *fausse* [fosse=grave] of the child, 29 June 1804, in the presence of the whole assembly after vespers.¹¹

Father Marchand recited the prayers of the church over the grave [location not specified] of the wife of Jean Baptiste Sterling, 21 October 1804, and on the grave of a child of Gabriel Peltier [Pelletier]. Sterling's wife was 21 years old; date of death not decipherable. Peltier's child was about six years old; died 8 August 1804. This information was from the church warden in charge, Pierre Dénoyer, who was present with prayers. Alexis Delisle was also present.

An unnamed child *ondoyé* at home, died and placed in the cemetery during the course of last September [1804]. Father Marchand recited the prayers of the church over the child's grave, in the presence of Simon Meloche and Pierre Morin.

Anne M^cKay, wife of Jean Drayk [John Drake] *Ecuier*; 32 years, 31 January 1805, buried in cemetery in presence of Bonaventure Réaume and Gabriel Peltier.

A child of Pierre **Charon père**, *ondoyé* at home; 31 January 1805. Father Marchand said the prayers of the church in the presence of many people on the grave of this child. [Location not specified.]¹²

Transeline [?], *panise esclave* of George Jacob; [no age specified], 23 May 1805. Father Marchand said the prayers of the church over her grave. She had died and was placed in the cemetery a few days after Easter and [the prayers were said] in the presence of a large number of people after High Mass, the day of *l'assinetion* [(*sic*), Ascension of Our Lord, 40 days after Easter].

A child belonging to Pierre **Charon** and Jeanne Peltier, *ondoyé* at home and buried at the end of September [1805]. Father Marchand said the prayers of the church over the grave on 2 November 1805 at the end of the procession through the cemetery in the presence of several people who took part in the ceremony.¹³

Benjamin Augé, native of Lower Canada and living in this part of Upper Canada, *le Détroit*, for several years, about 36 years old, 2 November 1805, buried in the cemetery in the presence of Paul Chevalier and J. Bte Legaille [*sic*], and several other *habitants* of this river. He was found drowned in the lower part of this river, *la nouvelle Tamise*, vulgarly called *la rivierre à la tranche* [Thames River]. He had left there about 24 hours ago in a *canot* [canoe, small boat] to go to *Détroit*.¹⁴

⁸ These transcriptions are based on the actual parish registers, which can be found in Family History Library (FHL) microfilm #1310855, items 1-3 and www.ancestry.com, Ontario, Canada, Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1747-1767, S, St. Pierre, 1802-1836. The chapel of *la Nouvelle Tamise* [St. Pierre] was dedicated 8 July 1802 and the register was begun the same day. At the same time the adjacent cemetery on the *Côté Est* [east side] was dedicated.

⁹ Denissen, I, 339-340, #4. xi does not mention the burial of Jacques Bienvenu *dit* Delisle.

¹⁰ Denissen, II, 876, #6.i.1 mentions the baptism of Geneviève Morin, 9 February 1801 at *L'Assomption*. Her burial, 3 October 1703 at St. Pierre, is not mentioned.

¹¹ See Denissen, II, 774, #1 for James McGarvin. There was also a Patrick McGarvin in St. Pierre in the same time period.

¹² Denissen, I, 257, #4 does not mention the birth or burial of this child.

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¹⁴ Possibly Benjamin Auger, son of Joseph Auger and Marie Josèphe Ouis St. Laurent, baptized 11 March 1762 in Deschaillons. The only apparent record for him in Québec is his baptism [PRDH #195980].