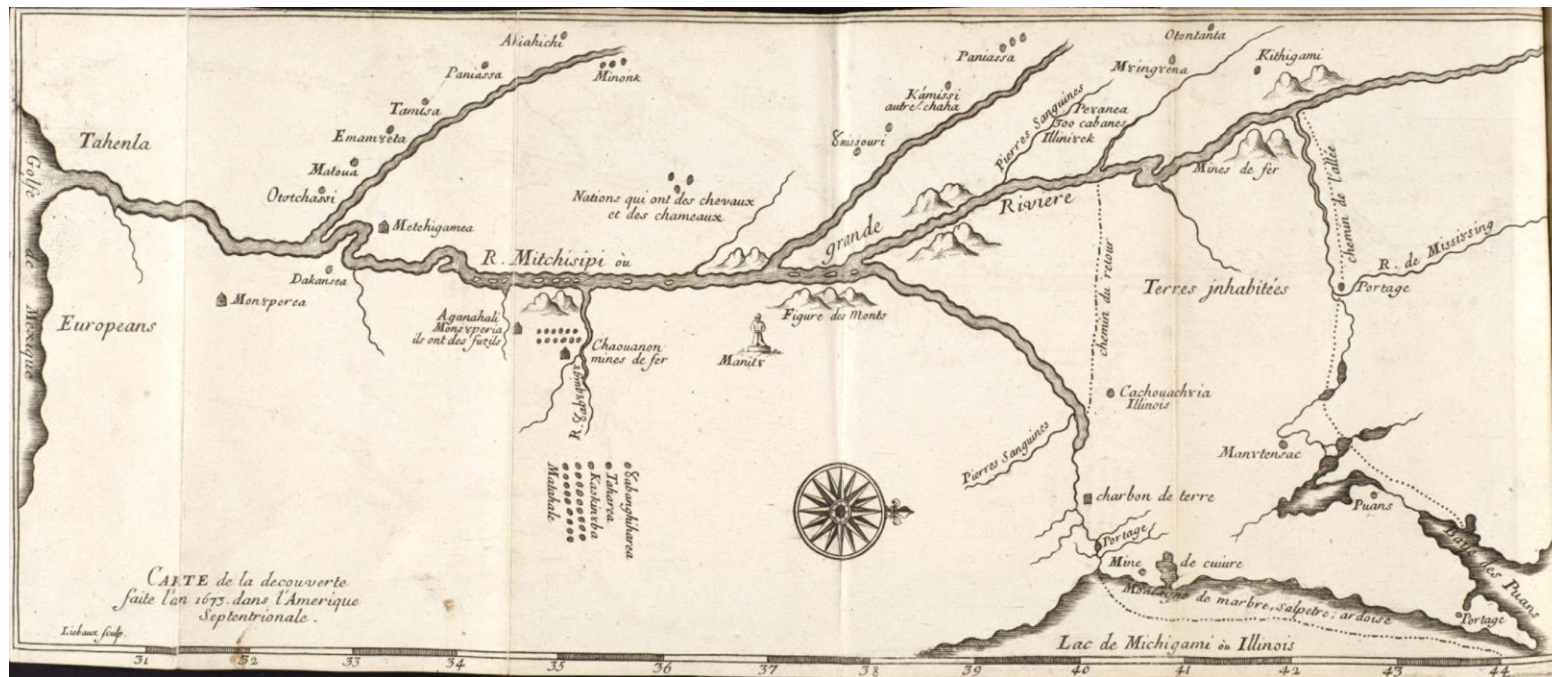


Melchisédech Thévenot
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In 1681, Melchisédech Thévenot published an account of Jacques Marquette, S.J., and Louis Jolliet's 1673 voyage on the Mississippi in one of the voyage collections that Thévenot published. When possible, Thévenot illustrated the books that he published with illustrations and maps. The map which follows illustrates Marquette and Jolliet's voyage. Thévenot included on the map mineral lodes and a statue of Manitou – the Native name for a spirit. His map was based upon Thierry Beschefer, S.J.'s earlier map of the Mississippi.¹ See the PDF of this map on our website. The map which follows was downloaded from BAnQ: Available from Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec BAnQ, http://www.banq.gc.ca/collections/cartes_plans/index.html.



Melchisédech Thévenot – 1681 – *Carte de la découverte faite l'an 1673 dans l'Amérique Septentrionale* – Available from BAnQ

¹ Michael McCafferty, *Native American Place-Names of Indiana* (Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 2008), p. 4; Raymonde Litalien, Jean-François Palomino, Denis Vaugeois, and Käthe Roth (translator), *Mapping a Continent – Historical Atlas of North America – 1492 – 1814* (Georgetown, Ontario, and Sillery, Québec: Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, McGill University Press, and Les éditions du Septentrion, 2007), pp. 101, 216 – does not name Beschefer as the author of the earlier map.