

Women Documented to Have Been Involved in the Fur Trade
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Business Women in the 17th century:

Women involved in the fur trade or liquor trade in the 17th century:

1. Marie Anne Aubuchon (wife of François Chorel, *sieur* de Saint Romain)
2. Marie Bazire (wife of Philippe Gauthier, *sieur* de Comporté)
3. Madeleine Beaudoin (wife of Séverin Ameau)
4. Madeleine Bénassis (wife of Étienne Seigneuret *dit* Delisle)
5. Marie Carlier (wife of René Fezeret)
6. Simone Côté (wife of Pierre Soumande)
7. Catherine Courtin (wife of Jacques René Brisay *marquis* de Denonville)
8. Jeanne Dandonneau (widow of Jacques Babie)
9. Louise Duval (wife of Pierre Juneau)
10. Jeanne Evard (wife of Christophe Crevier)
11. Marguerite Gamelin (daughter of Michel Gamelin and Marguerite Crevier)
12. Catherine Gauchet (wife of Jean Baptiste Migeon)
13. Éléonore de Grandmaison (wife of François de Chavigny, Jacques Gourdeau, *sieur* de Beaulieu, Jacques de Cailhaut, *sieur* de LaTesserie)
14. Marie Thérèse Guyon (wife of Antoine de Lamothe, *sieur* de Cadillac)
15. Charlotte Françoise Juchereau (widow of François Viennay-Pachot and future wife of François Daupin, *sieur* de LaForest)
16. Catherine LeNeuf (wife of Pierre Denis)
17. Charlotte Maugis (wife of Pierre Miville)
18. Marguerite Madeleine Morisseau (wife of François Pelletier *dit* Antaya)
19. Marie Michelle Nolan (wife of Louis Laporte, *sieur* de Louvigny)
20. Marie Félix Ouentouen (Huron, wife of Laurent Duboc)
21. Madeleine Raclos (wife of Nicolas Perrot)
22. Marie Raclos (wife of René Beaudoin)
23. Madeleine (de) Roybon de Alonnnne (single)
24. Agathe Saint-Père (wife of Pierre Legardeur)
25. Marie Senestre de la Nores (she does not appear in Jetté)
26. Anne Marie Vanzégue (wife of Gabriel Cardinal)
27. Françoise Zachée (wife of Claude (de) Xaintes, Antoine Gourdeau, René Louis Chartier)

Compagnie de la Colonie shareholders:

1. Jeanne Dandonneau (widow of Jacques Babie)
2. Charlotte Françoise Juchereau (widow of François Viennay-Pachot and future wife of François Daupin, *sieur* de LaForest)
3. Marie Michelle Nolan (wife of Louis Laporte, *sieur* de Louvigny)
4. Marie Senestre de la Nores (she does not appear in Jetté)

18th century women who acted as *engageurs* or lenders of money used to finance voyages to the Great Lakes:

1. **Marie Françoise Alavoine** handled her husband's [Jean Baptiste Chevalier] business affairs when he was absent from Michilimackinac and carried on his affairs after his death [DCB]
2. **Louise Bizard** – 27 May 1723 – *Dame* Louise Bizard, wife and agent for Jacques Charles Renaud, *sieur* Dubuisson, hired François Mallet and Jacques Monet to make a voyage to the Miami post [David – two contracts]

- 10 April 1726 – *Mad^e*. Dubuisson [Louise Bizard] hired Louis Chapeau and Louis Gadois to make a voyage to the Miami Post [David – two contracts]
- 16 August and 23 August 1726 – *Mad^e*. Dubuisson [Louise Bizard] hired Louis Gadois, Louis Chapeau, Joseph Massé, Jean Baptiste Brunet *dit* Létang, and Joseph Boyer to make a voyage to the Miami Post [David – five contracts]
- 3. **Catherine Catin** – 1 June 1736 – *Dam^{lle}* [Catherine Catin] widow of Pierre Chartier, hired Claude Primot, Charles Duquet, François Énard, Pierre Descent *dit* Sanspitié, Pierre Lestage, and Joseph Couillard to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [LePallieur – six contracts]
- 4. **Jeanne Cécile Catin** – 31 May 1713 – Jeanne Cécile Catin, wife of Jacques Campeau, acting under her husband's power of attorney, hired Claude Robillard, *fiils*, and Joseph Robert *dit* Lafontaine to make a voyage to Détroit [Antoine Adhémar].
- 5. **Thérèse Catin** – 6 and 9 September 1718 – Thérèse Catin, wife of Simon Réaume, hired Joseph Gagne, Pierre Valois, and Jean Baptiste Brault *dit* Pomainville to make a voyage to the pays d'en haut [Jean Baptiste Adhémar – three contracts]
 - 8 April 1733 – Thérèse Catin, wife of Simon Réaume, hired Jacques Lalande to make a voyage to Détroit [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
 - 31 May 1733 – *Dame* [Thérèse] Catin Réaume consented to an obligation from François Roy, a merchant, for merchandise sent to the Miami post [Chaumont]
 - 6 June 1734 – *Dame* Thérèse Catin, wife of Charles Francois Ruette, *sieur* de Monceaux and d'Auteuil, hired Baptiste Gauthier to make a voyage to Detroit [LePallieur]
 - 10 June 1735 – *Dame* Thérèse Catin, wife of Charles Francois Ruette, *sieur* de Monceaux and d'Auteuil, hired Jean Danis, Gervais Baril, François Larante, Louis St. Cire, Dominique Bourdeau, Ignace Adam, Clément Lafrance, and Joseph Campeau to make a voyage to Detroit [LePallieur – eight contracts]
 - 16 June 1735 – *Dame* Thérèse Catin, wife and agent of Charles Francois Ruette, *sieur* de Monceaux and d'Auteuil, hired Paul Massias to make a voyage to Detroit [LePallieur]
- 6. **Marie Chaspoux** – 2 October 1718 – Jacques Hubert *dit* Lacroix acknowledged that he owed *Damoiselle* Anne Marie Chaspoux, widow of Jean Soumande, a merchant, 3,612 *livres*, 14 *sols*, 1 *denier* for the voyage that he would make to Detroit [Raimbault, *père*]
 - 9 August 1730 – Nicolas Lauzon and Marie Madeleine Moran, his wife, acknowledged that they owed *Dame* Anne Chaspoux, widow of [Jean] Soumande 2,338 *livres*, 7 *sols* for trading in the *pays d'en haut* [Chaumont]
 - 12 August 1730 – *Dame* Madeleine Thunay, wife of Pierre Mallet, acknowledged that they owed *Dame* Marie Chaspoux, widow of Jean Soumande, 6,741 *livres*, 2 *sols*, 1 *denier*, for equipment for a voyage that they would make to the pays d'en haut [Chaumont]
 - 12 August 1730 – *Dame* Madeleine Thunay, wife of Pierre Mallet, acknowledged that they owed [*Dame* Marie Chaspoux, widow of] Jean Soumande, 785 *livres*, 8 *sols*, 6 *deniers* for a voyage to the pays d'en haut [Chaumont]
 - 25 August 1730 – Marie Cardinal, widow of Jacques Hubert *dit* Lacroix, acknowledged that she owed *Dame* Marie Chaspoux, widow of Jean Soumande, 8,205 *livres* for trading in the *pays d'en haut* [Chaumont]
- 7. **Marie Anne Cuillerier** – 29 May 1733 – Jean Cécire and his wife, Marie Charlotte Girard, acknowledged that they owed *Demoiselle* Marie Anne Cuillerier 1,509 *livres*, 5 *sols*, 1 *denier* for equipment and merchandise to establish the couple at Détroit [Charles René Gaudron de Chevremont]
- 8. **Louise Denis** – 7 May 1717 – *Dame* Louise Denis, wife of Pierre d'Ailleboust, *sieur* d'Argenteuil, hired Alexandre Boursier to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
- 9. **Jeanne Faucher** – 1 April 1716 – Jeanne Faucher, wife of Étienne Campeau, hired Laurent Lauzon to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
 - 1 May 1716 – Jeanne Faucher, wife of Étienne Campeau, hired Antoine Ménard and Nicolas Catin to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar – two contracts]

10. **Marie Anne Faye** – 15 and 17 May 1722 – *D^{lle}*. Marie Anne Faye, acting for *M^r*. [Jean Baptiste Saint-Ours] Deschaillons and Associates, hired Jacques Charlu and Nicolas Thibault to make a voyage to the *pays d'en haut* [David – two contracts]
 - 4 June 1722 – *D^{lle}*. Marie Anne Faye, acting for *M^r*. [Jean Baptiste Saint-Ours] Deschaillons and Associates, hired Jean Brault *dit* Pomainville to make a voyage to the *pays d'en haut* [David]
11. **Marie Anne Hubert** – 2 September 1722 – *Dame* Catherine Trottier DesRuisseaux, wife and agent of François Marie Picoté de Belestre, and Angélique Girard, wife and agent of Antoine Cuillerier, associate of Picoté de Belestre, acknowledged that they owed 2,103 *livres*, 19 *sols*, 6 *deniers* to *s^r*. [Louis Lacorne], *chevalier* de La Corne and to Marie Anne Hubert, his wife, for merchandise furnished for *s^{rs}*. Belestre and Cuillerier for their business [Raimbault, *films*].
12. **Suzanne Hubert** – 24 May 1751 – *Damoiselle* Suzanne Hubert, wife of *Sieur* Pierre Réaume, hired Jean Baptiste Brazeau to make a voyage to Détroit [Hodienne]
13. **Marguerite Lalande** – 6 September 1724 – *Dame* Marguerite Lalande, wife of Nicolas Ladouceur, hired Jean Monet to make a voyage to the Ouyas [Wea] [David]
14. **Anne Lemire** – 28 and 29 May 1723 – *Dam^{lle}* Anne Lemire, widow of Marc Antoine Desjardins, *sieur* de Rupalley, acting for Étienne de Villedonné, hired François Lemire, Louis Vaillant, and Charles Chaput to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar – three contracts]
15. **Charlotte Lemire** – 10 May 1744 – *D^{lle}*. Charlotte Lemire, wife [and representative] of François Auger and Associates, hired René Lebeau, to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Simonnet]
16. **Barbe Loisel** – 6 September 1708 – Barbe Loisel, wife of François LeGantier, *sieur* de Lavallée et de Rasné, hired Jean Gros *dit* Laviolette and Joseph Lamy for a voyage to Detroit [Antoine Adhémar]
17. **Marguerite Messier** – 30 April 1704, Marguerite Messier, wife of Pierre Lesueur/LeSueur, hired François Benoît *dit* Livernois, of Longueuil, to make a voyage to Fort Mobile [Antoine Adhémar, FHL microfilm #1613459, image #02684; Adhémar, *RAPQ1930*, p. 209; Adhémar and Roy, Vol. 6, p. 133]. On 30 April 1704, Marguerite Messier hired Julien Choquet and Antoine Foisy to make a voyage to Fort Mobile. In a 2 May 1704 addendum to the same contract, Marguerite Messier hired her brother Jean Baptiste de St. Michel [probably Jean Michel Messier de St. Michel] for one year, under the same conditions as Choquet. Marguerite Messier signed the engagement [Antoine Adhémar, FHL microfilm #1613459, images #02685, #02686; Adhémar and Roy, Vol. 6, p. 133 – Jean Baptiste de St. Michel is not mentioned].
18. **Élisabeth Millet** – 2 October 1715 – Élisabeth Millet, wife of Jean Baptiste Magdeleine *dit* Laducer, hired Jacques St. Yves to make a voyage to the Nipissing [Jean Baptiste Adhémar].
19. **Marie Françoise de Pécaudy** – 10 May 1734 – *Dame* Marie Françoise de Pécaudy hired Alexis Boyer to make a voyage to Détroit [François LePallieur]
20. **Anne Robutel** – 18 September 1713 – *Dame* Anne Robutel, wife of Constant LeMarchand, *sieur* de Lignery, hired Albert Beaune to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Antoine Adhémar]
 - 4 September 1715 – *Dame* Anne Robutel, wife of Constant LeMarchand, *sieur* de Lignery, hired Jean Baptiste Brisebois to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
 - 9 and 10 September 1715 – *Dame* Anne Robutel, wife of Constant LeMarchand, *sieur* de Lignery, hired Paul Desjardins de Rupalley and *s^r*. Marsolet to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar – two contracts]
 - 28 and 29 1716 – *Dame* Anne Robutel, wife of Constant LeMarchand, *sieur* de Lignery, hired Jean Pinard and Jean Lemire *dit* Marsolet to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
 - 24 May 1717 – *Dame* Anne Robutel, wife of Constant LeMarchand, *sieur* de Lignery, hired Paul Mathias to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
21. **Marie Catherine Trottier DesRuisseaux** – 28 April 1728 – *Madame* [Marie Catherine Trottier DesRuisseaux Picoté de] Belestre hired Louis Edeline to make a voyage to Detroit [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]