Michilimackinac – Boisguillet/Boisguilbert to Bourassa
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Boisguillet/Boisguilbert – *Amiot Family
**Francois Boisguillet/Boisguilbert** married **Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve**, daughter of Daniel Amiot dit Villeneuve and Domitilde Oukabé, 23 September 1738 in Michilimackinac. The names of his parents are not known [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Marriages, 1725-1749, Image 3]. The couple did not have any children [PRDH – #20858].

Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve was baptized 5 February 1724 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 5]. After Francois Boisguillet/Boisguilbert’s death, Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve married Pierre Leduc dit Souligny, son of Jean Baptiste Leduc dit Souligny and Marguerite Desroches, 21 May 1758 in Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages, 1725-1749, Image 21].

Blot Family – 1794 – to be completed

Bolon – *Ménard Family
**Gabriel Bolon** married **Suzanne Ménard**, daughter of Maurice Ménard and Marie Madeleine Couc, 7 January 1726 at Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages, 1725-1749, Image 3; PRDH – #15676 – does not provide a precise date]. Gabriel Bolon’s origins are not known. Suzanne Ménard was born and baptized 21 July 1706 in Boucherville. Her godparents were Jacques Charles de Sabrevois and Louise Boucher [ancestry.com, B, Boucherville, 1696-1717, Image 74; PRDH, #2875].

Baptism of Suzanne Ménard

Gabriel Bolon and Suzanne Ménard had at least eleven children; most were baptized at Fort St. Joseph and Michilimackinac. Gabriel Bolon was a soldier in the detachment of a company of the marines; he was posted at Fort St. Joseph.

Gabriel Bolon and Suzanne Ménard’s children:
1. **Suzanne Bolon** was born 29 January 1726 and baptized the following day in Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were Nicolas Coulon de Villiers, *commandant* of the post and Marguerite Faucher, wife of [Claude] Collet [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 5].

![Baptism of Suzanne Bolon](image)

2. **Marie Louise Bolon** was born 22 April 1728 and baptized the following day in Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were Louis de Laplante, a cadet in the detachement of marines, and Catherine Ouekioukoué, wife of Jean Baptiste Baron, a *voyageur* [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 6].

![Baptism of Louise Bolon](image)

3. **Unknown Bolon** was baptized 1 August or 1 September 1730 in Fort St. Joseph. His godparents were Sieur Jacques Unknown [illegible] and Charlotte Chevalier, wife of Antoine Deshêtres, blacksmith [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 6]. It is possible that the baby’s name was **Gabriel** who was godfather to Marie Suzanne, his sister, who was baptized in 1740.
4. **Philippe Bolon** was baptized 14 January 1733 at Michilimackinac at a time when the mother and godparents are not named in the register [Ste-Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, image 6].

5. **Jean Louis Bolon** was baptized 27 May 1735 at Michilimackinac at a time when the mother and godparents are not named in the register [Ste-Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, image 6].

6. **Marie Marguerite Bolon** was born 22 March 1738 and given emergency baptism by M. de Lusignan, commandant of the post. She was conditionally baptized 21 June 1738 in Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were Joseph Amelin [Hamelin] and Charlotte Robert-Jeanne, wife of François Ménard [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 8].

Marguerite Bolon married **Antoine Marier** 22 June 1767 in Ste. Geneviève, Missouri [Beauregard, Couple 111265].

7. **Marie Suzanne Bolon** was born 19 January 1740 and baptized 24 April 1740 at Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were Gabriel Bolon, her brother, and Marie Louise Bolon, her sister [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 8].
Suzanne Bolon married Pierre Gauder 5 May 1760 in Fort Vincennes [Beauregard, Couple 111265].

8. **Hyppolite François Bolon** was baptized 31 January 1740 at Fort St. Joseph. His godparents were François Ménard and Marie Madeleine Larche [Larchevêque] [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 14 – note the baptism was one of several partial sheets that were inserted into the register; it was not inserted in the proper chronological order].
9. **Joseph Bolon** was born 20 March 1745 at quiquanamasa [Kalamazoo], the wintering place where he was given lay baptism. He was conditionally baptized 16 May 1745 at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Joseph des Caris [Descaries] and Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve, wife of [François] Boisguilbert [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 15].

   ![Baptism of Joseph Bolon](image1)

10. **Marie Françoise Bolon** was born 6 July 1747 and baptized the following day at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Étienne Auger, voyageur, and Marie Françoise Lacroix [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 21].

   ![Baptism of Marie Françoise Bolon](image2)

11. **Amable Bolon** married **Marie Josèphe Gauderre** 26 January 1773 in Fort Vincennes [Beauregard, Couple 111265].

   - **Bonga** – 1780s
   - **Bostwick** – 1794
   - **Boucher de Monbrun** – 1750s
Boucher – to be completed.

Bourassa – Gagné and Bourassa – Lériger dit Laplante Family:
René Bourassa dit Laronde, son of François Bourassa and Marie Leber, was born and baptized 21 December 1688 in Laprairie [Jetté, p. 147]. His godparents were René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais and Jeanne Cusson, wife of Jean Bareau dit Bréliau [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, L, Laprairie, Notre-Dame-de-La-Madeleine, 1670-1729, Image 42].

Baptism of René Bourassa

Involvement of the Bourassa and Leber Family in the fur trade during the 17th century:
Rene Bourassa’s father and material grandfather and uncle were involved in the fur trade during the 17th century.
On 6 May 1685, Claude Greysolon hired Joachim Leber for a trip to the 8ta8ats (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine; RAPQ1930, p. 195].

In 1686, François Bourassa made a voyage to Hudson Bay for the Compagnie du Nord [Langlois, Vol. I, p. 254].

On 27 June 1688, René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais, hired François Bourassa and Joachim Jacques Leber to make a voyage des 8ta8ats (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar, RAPQ1930, p. 196].


On 31 August 1693, Guillaume Boucher and François Leber hired Vital Caron for a voyage to the 8ta8ats (Ottawa Indians) [RAPQ1930, p. 211].

René Bourassa’s marriages and children:
René Bourassa married Agnès Gagne, daughter of Pierre Gagné and Catherine Daubigeon, 23 October 1710 in Laprairie [PRDH #10739 – Bourassa – Gagné Family and Couple Views]. The following people witnessed their marriage: de Villiers, Guillaume Barette, François Gagner [Gagné], and Pierre Bourdeau [Lafrance].

Agnès Gagné was born and baptized 17 December 1692 in Laprairie [Jetté, p. 448]. Her godparents were Étienne Bisaillon and Catherine Gagnier [Gagné] [Lafrance]. René Bourassa and Agnès Gagné had three children. Agnès Gagne died 15 December 1719 and was buried the following day in Laprairie [Jetté, p. 147].

René Bourassa and Agnès Gagné’s children:
1. Marie Catherine Bourassa was baptized 22 September 1712 in Laprairie [PRDH #10739 – Bourassa – Gagné Family and Couple Views]. Her godparents were Pierre Gagner [Gagné] and Marie Leber [Lafrance]. Marie Catherine Bourassa died 30 August 1731 in Laprairie [PRDH #10739 – Bourassa – Gagné Family and Couple Views].
2. Agnès Françoise Bourassa was baptized 14 June 1716 in Laprairie [PRDH #10739 – Bourassa – Gagné Family and Couple Views]. Her godparents were François Leber and Jeanne Gagner [Gagné], wife of Guillaume Barette [Lafrance]. Agnès Françoise Bourassa died 25 September 1779 in Montréal [PRDH #10739 – Bourassa – Gagné Family and Couple Views].
3. René Bourassa was baptized 1 June 1718 in Laprairie. See the discussion of his family below.

René Bourassa married Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante, daughter of Clément Lériger dit Laplante and Marie Roy, 28 September 1721 in Laprairie [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, L, Laprairie, Notre-Dame-de-La-Madeleine, 1670-1729, Image 170; PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets].

Signatures at the marriage of René Bourassa and Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante

Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante was born and baptized 25 November 1702 in Laprairie. Her godparents were Jean Caillou dit Lebaron and Marie Touchet [Lafrance]. René Bourassa and Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante had five children [Lafrance].

Starting in 1726, René Bourassa was a fur trader and fur merchant. His sons, Rene Bourassa and Ignace Bourassa, were also involved in the fur trade. The family moved to Michilimackinac by the 1740s, although the only members of the family who can definitively be documented at Michilimackinac are René Bourassa, père; Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante, René Bourassa, fils; Ignace Bourassa, and Charlotte Ambroisine Bourassa [DCB]. Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante died 30 August 1770 and was buried the following day in Montréal. René Bourassa died 6 September 1779 and was buried the following day in Montréal [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets].

René Bourassa and Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplante’s children:
1. Marie Renée Clémence Bourassa was born and baptized 17 September 1722 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. Her godparents were Laplante and Marie Lebert [Leber] [Lafrance].
2. Ignace Bourassa was born 19 May 1724 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. He was baptized the following day in Laprairie. His godparents were Ignace Gamelin and Hélène [Lemoine] de Bienville [Lafrance]. See the discussion of his family below.
3. **Amable Bourassa** was born 1 August 1729 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. He was baptized the following day in Laprairie. His godparents were Pierre Boye [Boyer] and Marie Marguerite Roy [Lafrance]. He was buried 22 November 1729 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets].

4. **François Marie Bourassa** was born 15 August 1733 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. He was baptized the following day in Laprairie. His godparents were François Bourassa and Agnès Bourassa [Lafrance]. He died 18 May 1734 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets].

5. **Charlotte Ambroisine Bourassa** was born 13 June 1735 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. She was baptized the following day in Laprairie. Her godparents were Jacques Leber and Charlotte Lériger [Lafrance]. She married Charles Michel Mouet de Langlade 12 August 1754 in Michilimackinac [PRDH #1388 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. See the discussion of her family.

**Bourassa – *Amiot Family**

**Ignace Bourassa**, son of René Bourassa and Marie Catherine Lériger *dite* Laplante, was born 19 May 1724 in Laprairie [PRDH #13788 – Bourassa – Lériger Family and Couple Sheets]. He was baptized the following day in Laprairie. His godparents were Ignace Gamelin and Hélène [Lemoine] de Bienville [Lafrance].


**Ignace François Xavier Bourassa** was born and baptized 24 March 1750 at Michilimackinac while his father was wintering at Grande Rivière. The baby’s godparents were Mr. [François Lefebvre, *sieur*] Duplessis Faber, Captain, Knight of St. Louis, first Captain and Commanding the King’s infantry in Canada, and *Mlle.* Bourassa [Marie Catherine Lériger *dite* Laplante].
Ignace François Xavier Bourassa died 17 July 1750 [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 1].

Ignace Bourassa married twice. He married Marie Anne Huet dite Dulude, daughter of Marien Huet dit Dulude and Françoise Bénard Carignan dit Bourjoly, 20 November 1752. The couple had 12 children [PRDH 30146]. He married Marie Louise Catherine Durocher, daughter of Joseph Durocher and Marie Louise Catherine Juillet, and widow of François Thibodeau, 25 February 1778 in L’Assomption. Ignace Bourassa died 15 February 1779 and was buried the following day in Montréal. His widow died 15 May 1780 and was buried the following day in L’Assomption [PRDH #54271].

Bourassa – Chevalier Family:
René Bourassa, son of René Bourassa and Agnès Gagné, was baptized 1 June 1718 in Laprairie. His godparents were Pierre Lefebvre and Anne Catherine Bisaillon [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, L, Laprairie, Notre-Dame-de-La-Madeleine, 1670-1729, Image 129].
René Bourassa married Marie Anne Charlotte Chevalier, daughter of Jean Baptiste Chevalier and Marie Françoise Alavoine, 3 August 1744 in Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Marriages 1725-1749, p. 4].

Marie Anne Charlotte Chevalier was baptized 1 March 1726 in Michilimackinac [Jetté, p. 248]. René Bourassa and Marie Anne Charlotte Chevalier had nine children. René Bourassa died 23 November 1792 [PRDH #24017 – Bourassa – Chevalier Family and Couple Views – only shows the birth of two children and the marriage of four children]. René Bourassa was buried the following day in Ste. Anne du Détroit’s Cemetery [Gail Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Ste. Anne, Part V, http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/parish_records].

René Bourassa and Marie Anne Charlotte Chevalier’s children:
1. René François Bourassa was born 31 March 1744 and baptized 3 August 1744. At his baptism, his parents recognized him as being legitimate. His godparents were Monsieur [René] Bourassa, père, and Marie Françoise Alavoine, wife of Sieur Jean Baptiste Chevalier [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 1]
2. **Anne Catherine Bourassa** was born 16 March 1747 at Michilimackinac and *ondoyé* at birth. She was conditionally baptized the following day at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Mr. [Jean Baptiste] Chevalier and Mlle. [Marie Catherine Lériger] Bourassa, the wife of Monsieur Bourassa, père [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 19].

![Baptism of Anne Catherine Bourassa](image1)


![Marriage of Anne Catherine Bourassa and Jean Baptiste Leduc](image2)

Anne Catherine Bourassa and Jean Baptiste Leduc had four children. Anne Catherine Bourassa was buried 16 January 1814 in St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 719].

3. **Charlotte Bourassa** was born 4 February 1749 in Lachine [PRDH #24017 – Bourassa – Chevalier Family and Couple Views – only shows the birth of two children and the marriage of four children]. She was baptized 8 February 1749 in Lachine. Her godparents were Joseph Blondeau and Marie Anne Chevalier, wife of [Charles] Chaboillé, and aunt of the infant [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, L, Lachine, St-Anges-Gardien, 1676-1756, Image 292].

Charlotte Bourassa and François Marsac had six children. He was buried 19 October 1777 in Detroit [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 802].


Charlotte Bourassa and Louis Lesieur dit Desaulniers had three children; all of their children married [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 349].
4. **Daniel Bourassa** was born the morning of 8 October 1752 and baptized the same day at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Mr. [Louis Joseph Léonard, sieur de Beaujeau and de Villemode] de Beaujeau, captain and commandant for the King at this post, and Mde. [Charlotte Ambroisine Bourassa] [Mouet de] Langlade [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 6].

![Baptism of Daniel Bourassa](image1)

Daniel Bourassa formally married **Marguerite Bertrand**, daughter of Laurent Bertrand and Marie Thérèse Dulignon, 20 July 1786 in Michilimackinac. The mission had been without a missionary for several years prior to their Church marriage, although they had exchanges vows earlier. Four of their children born between 1780 and 1786 were baptized on 16 July 1786 [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1775-1789, Image 9 – two marriages were included in the register with the baptisms].

![Marriage of Daniel Bourassa and Marguerite Bertrand](image2)
Daniel Bourassa and Marguerite Bertrand had six children [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 156].

Daniel Bourassa had a daughter by a Potawatomi circa 1781 [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 156]

5. **Charles Louis Bourassa** was baptized 18 January 1755 at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Mr. [Louis Legardeur de] the Chevalier de Repentigny, the officer commanding for the King at the Sault [Sault Ste. Marie] and Mme. [Charlotte Ambroisine Bourassa] Mouet de Langlade [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 11].

![Baptism of Charles Louis Bourassa](image1.png)


![Marriage of [Charles] Louis Bourassa and Thérèse Meloche](image2.png)
Charles Louis Bourassa and Thérèse Meloche had 11 children. Charles Louis Bourassa was buried 30 August 1834 in Detroit [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 156].

6. **Anne Agnès Bourassa** was born and baptized 2 March 1757. Her godparents were M. [Charles Michel Mouet] de Langlade and Mme. [Anne Amiot *dite* Villeneuve] Blondeau [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 18].


Antoine Vaudry was a trader. Anne Agnès Bourassa and Antoine Vaudry had five children. Their children married in Cahokia and St. Louis [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 1234].
7. **Louis François Bourassa** was born 16 December 1758 and baptized the following day in Michilimackinac. His godparents were *Mr. [Louis Joseph Léonard, sieur de Beaujeau and de Villemode] de Beaujeau, captain and commandant* at this post, and *Marie Anne Chevalier, widow of [Charles] Chaboillé* [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 1].

![Baptism of Louis François Bourassa](image)

Louis François Bourassa married **Charlotte Boutourne**, daughter of Louis Betourned and Charlotte Dubuq, 4 November 1688 in Longueuil. The couple had two children; both children married [Lafrance].

8. **Charles Jean Baptiste Bourassa** was born the night of 31 May 1761 and baptized the following day in Michilimackinac. His godparents were *Mr. [Mouet] de Langlade, fils*, and *Mme. Cardin [Constance Chevalier]* [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 7].

![Baptism of Charles Jean Baptiste Bourassa](image)

9. **Angélique Bourassa** was born 18 November 1763 and baptized 29 November 1763 at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were René Bourassa, *fils* [the baby’s brother] and Angélique [Limousin *dite*] Séjourné, daughter of *Sr. [Alexis Limousin *dit*] Séjourné* and Sanschagrin
Angélique Bourassa married **Alexandre Ouellet/Ouellette**, son of Joseph Ouellet and Madeleine Tardif, 23 July 1781 in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Angélique Bourassa and Alexandre Ouellet/Ouellette had at least three children. Their youngest two children were born in St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 906 – Images are missing from the Ste. Anne’s records during the period when they married].