Deshêtres – Chevalier Family

Antoine Deshêtres married Charlotte Chevalier, daughter of Jean Baptiste Chevalier and Marie Françoise Alavoine and widower of Jean Cauchois, 30 October 1729 in Michilimackinac. The names of Antoine Deshêtres parents are not known [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages, 1725-1749, Image 3 – During this period, the register only notes the name of groom and a date]. [PRDH-IGD, # 10399 – Chevalier – Alavoine Family and Couple Views – only shows the birth of one son and the marriages of three children].

Notation of the marriage of Antoine Deshêtres and Charlotte Chevalier

Marie Charlotte Chevalier was born and baptized 3 August 1710 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 248]. Her godparents were Charles Alavoine, grandfather of the infant, and Élisabeth Chevalier, wife of Séraphin Lauzon [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1705-1712, Image 265].

Baptism of Marie Charlotte Chevalier

Her mother was not Native American, as some have asserted. See the profile of the Chevalier Family on this page of the FCHSM Website:

Marie Charlotte Chevalier married Jean Cauchois, son of Jacques Cauchois and Élisabeth Prudhomme, 6 August 1725 in Ste Anne’s, Mackinac. Their 3 August 1725 marriage contract was deposited with the Notary Jacques David [Beauregard, Couple # 116345].

The Deshêtres – Chevalier family lived briefly at Michilimackinac, Fort St. Joseph, and Detroit. Antoine Deshêtres died between 6 February 1764 and 20 March 1765 [Loraine DiCerbo articles]. Marie Charlotte Chevalier died 20 March 1768 and was buried in Assumption’s cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Assumption, Part 1]. Antoine Deshêtres was the blacksmith at Fort St. Joseph.

1. **Louis Deshêtres** was born 25 January 1731 and baptized the following day at Fort St. Joseph. His godparents were Louis Coulon de Villiers, *Ecuyer*, cadet in his Majesty’s troops, and Marie [Madeleine] Réaume, wife of Augustin Larchevêque [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 6].

![Baptism of Louis Deshêtres](image1)

Louis Deshêtres, interpreter at Fort St. Joseph, married **Thérèse Damours de Louvières**, daughter of Marie Josèphe de Tonty and [Louis Damours de Louvière], 18 February 1760 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 92].

![Baptism of Louis Deshêtres](image2)
Marriage of Louis Deshêtres and Thérèse Damours de Louvières

As Suzanne Boivin Sommerville notes in her article, Father Simple Bocquet notes in the margin of the register that the bride’s name was Marie Thérèse [Damours de] Louvières, and at the bottom edge of one page he states the bride’s name was Marie, but when he continued the entry on the next page he mistakenly inserted the name of her mother, Marie Josèphe de Tonty, widow of Louis Damours de Louvières, and wife of Pierre Tremblay.

Louis Deshêtres and Thérèse Damours de Louvières had the following children:  
a. **Thérèse Deshêtres** was born the morning of 7 March 1762 in Grosse Pointe, and baptized the same day in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit. Her godparents were Louis Tremblay and Catherine Gatignon [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D. Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 107].

Baptism and Burial of Thérèse Deshêtres

Thérèse Deshêtres was buried 9 March 1762 in Ste. Anne’s Cemetery at the age of two days [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Ste. Anne’s, Part II].
b. **Charlotte Deshêtres** was baptized 11 July 1763 at Assumption. Her godparents were Charles Moran and Marie Geneviève Tremblay [Toupin, p. 1015].

c. **Louis or Pierre Deshêtres** was born 12 January 1766 in Illinois Territory. He married Marguerite Laplomb 10 June 1797 in St. Louis. They did not have any children [DiCerbo articles].

Louis Deshêtres died in the area of St. Louis between 25 July 1770 and 18 August 1770. Thérèse Damours de Louvières married Joseph Jourdain dit Labrosse 27 April 1771 [DiCerbo articles].


2. **Marie Catherine Deshêtres** was born the 8th of (unreadable) 1732 given lay baptism by the commandant. She was conditionally baptized 19 September 1734. Her godparents were Louis Damours, sieur de Clingnancourt, and Marie [Catherine Ouékioukoué, an Illinois] wife of [Jean Baptiste] Baron, voyageur [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 6].

Marie Catherine Deshêtres’ baptism also appears in the Ste Anne, Mackinac Register, during the period when the baptisms only appear as a simple entry [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 6].

3. **Marie Anne Deshêtres** was born 6 October 1734 and baptized by the commandant. She was conditionally baptized 25 July 1735 at Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were René Bourassa and Marie Anne Chevalier [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 7].

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Marie Anne Deshêtres married Jean Baptiste Liénard *dit* Durbois, son of Jean François Liénard and Agnès Bonhomme, 8 May 1754 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 52].

Marie Anne Deshêtres and Jean Baptiste Liénard *dit* Durbois had four children. They lived on the northeast coast of Detroit in Grosse Pointe. One son married in Cahokia, in present-day Illinois [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 454]

4. **Louis de Gonzague (*dit* Pigeon) Deshêtres** was born 13 August 1736 and baptized the 15th in the absence of a missionary by [Paul Louis Dazemar, *sieur* de Lusignan], the *commandant*. He was conditionally baptized 21 June 1738 at Fort St. Joseph. His godparents were Paul Louis Dazemar, *sieur* de Lusignan, and Charlotte Robert-Jeanne, wife of François Ménard [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 7].
Louis de Gonzague Deshêtres lived with Louise Marie Beaulieu, the wife of Jean Breche dit Labatterie, in Sandwich. She pretended to be a widow when she arrived in the area, but was questioned by the priests. They had three sons together who were baptized in Assumption. The couple was excommunicated six weeks after the birth of Louis Gonzague Deshêtres in 1774. See Loraine DiCerbo’s article “The Excommunication of Louis de Gonzague Deshêtres dit Pigeon and Louise Beaulieu” and “The Combined Children of Marie Louise Thérèse Beaulieu and Louis Gonzague Deshêtres dit Pigeon”.

Louis de Gonzague Deshêtres left the area after the excommunication. He married Marie Françoise Fortier, daughter of François Fortier and Suzanne Henri, and widow of Louis Delaunay 17 June 1776 in Montréal [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1772-1776, Image 168].
Françoise Fortier died 12 August 1795 and was buried the following day in Montréal [Lafrance].

5. Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres was born 15 October 1737; he was given lay baptism the same day by Mr. [Paul Louis Dazemar, sieur de] Lusignan the commandant. He was conditionally baptized 21 June 1738 at Fort St. Joseph. His godparents were Louis Hamelin and Catherine Larchevêque [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 8].

Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres married Marie Anne Pilet, daughter of Jean Baptiste Pilet and Marie Anne Prevost, 6 February 1764 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Images 118-119].
Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres and Marie Anne Pilet had six children. She was buried 24 September 1772 in Assumption Cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Assumption, Part1].

Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres married Marie Petit, daughter of Nicolas Petit and Isabelle Charron dit Cabanac 13 February 1786 in Assumption [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 45].
Marriage of Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres and Marie Petit

They did not have any children [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 351]. Marie Petit was buried 2 February 1802 in Ste. Anne’s Cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Ste. Anne’s, Part VII]. Antoine Hyacinthe Deshêtres was buried 4 January 1796 in Ste. Anne’s Cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Assumption, Part VI].

See Loraine DiCerbo’s article about their eldest son: “Where in the World is Hyacinthe Deshêtres?”

6. **Antoine Deshêtres** was born *circa* 1738 [DiCerbo article cited below].

Antoine Deshêtres was living in St. Louis in 1770 and was documented in the estate records for Louis Deshêtres [DiCerbo article cited below].
Antoine Deshêtres married Marie Kiercerneau 4 February 1788 in the area of St. Louis. He died 17 March 1798 in the area of St. Louis.

See Lorraine DiCerbo’s article “An Additional Child of Antoine Deshêtres and Marie Charlotte Chevalier”.

7. **Susanne Esther Deshêtres** was born in the month of October at Fort St. Joseph. She was baptized 29 October 1743 at Fort St. Joseph. Her godparents were Charles Benoist [Benoît] and Suzanne Mainard [Ménard] Bolon [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 11].
8. **Marie Josèphe Deshêtres** was born 27 September 1747, presumably at Fort St. Joseph. She was baptized 29 August 1751 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit. Her godparents were Charles Chauvin and the wife of Eustache Gamelin [Marie Josette Dudevoir] [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 42].

Marie Josèphe Deshêtres married **Jean Baptiste Roucoux**, son of Claude Roucoux and Élisabeth Domage, 15 May 1765 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 128].
Marriage of Marie Joséphè Deshêtres and Jean Baptiste Roucoux


9. Jeanne Deshêtres, born 29 December 1749. She was baptized 29 August 1751 in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit, at the same time as her sister, Marie Joséphè Deshêtres. Her godparents were André Chapoton and Jeannette Cardinal [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 42].

Jeanne Deshêtres married Bonaventure Réaume, son of Pierre Réaume and Suzanne Lacroix, 7 January 1767 in Assumption [Toupin, pp. 1027-1028].

Jeanne Deshêtres and Bonaventure Réaume had ten children. Jeanne Deshêtres was buried 28 February 1789 in Assumption Cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Assumption, Part 2].

10. Thérèse Deshêtres was born 19 April 1752 in Détroit. She was baptized in Ste. Anne’s, Detroit, 20 April 1752. Her godparents Sieur Pierre Lapointe and Thérèse Campeau, the wife of Sieur [André Charles] Barthe [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 45].
The image shows a page from a document titled "Michilimackinac and Fort St. Joseph Families – Deshêtres – Chevalier Family" compiled by Diane Wolford Sheppard. The page contains a document titled "Baptism of Thérèse Deshêtres" and mentions that she was buried 31 August 1758 in Ste. Anne’s Cemetery [Moreau-DesHarnais, Burials from Ste. Anne’s, Part II].