Michilimackinac Families – Desjardins to Duplessis/Duplessy
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Desjardins dit Rupalley or Rupallais – Unknown Family
Marc Antoine Desjardins, sireur de Rupalley or Rupallais, and Anne Lemire were the parents of five children. Three sons were fur merchants.
1. Louis Antoine Desjardins, the youngest son, was buried 13 March 1723 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 342].
2. Paul Desjardins, sireur de Rupalley, was an engageé in 1715 and an engageur between 1722 – 1726 [Jetté, p. 342]. He was usually referred to by his dit or sireur name.
3. Henri Charles Desjardins, sireur de Gonneville, was an engageur from 1724 through the 1750s [RAPQ1930/1931/1932 – passim]. He was usually referred to by his dit or sireur name.

One of the members of this family, possibly Paul Desjardins, sireur de Rupalley or Rupallais, was thought to be the father of a little girl who was ondoyé 11 October 1757 at the age of about six weeks. She had smallpox. Her mother was a daughter of la culotte [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 23].

Dion – *Panisse Family
A voyageur named Dion fathered a son by a Panisse owned by Catherine, the wife of Cadieux. The infant, Panisse, Catherine, and Cadieux were all residents of Illinois. Louis René Dion was baptized 25 October 1747 at Michilimackinac at the age of one year. His godparents were René Bourassa, père, and Catherine, the wife of Cadieux [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 23].

Ducharme – Grienier dite Métivier Family
Laurent Ducharme, son of Louis Ducharme and Marie Picard, was born and baptized 10 August 1723 in Montréal. His godparents were Laurent Trudeau [Trudeau] and Louise [Brault dit] Pomainville, wife of [Alexis] Picard [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1713-1725,
Members of the Trudeau, Brault *dit* Pomainville, and Picard families were hired as *voyageurs* [RAPQ1930, *passim*].

**Baptism of Laurent Ducharme**

**Louis Ducharme’s role in the fur trade:**


From 17 March 1716 to 2 May 1726, Louis Ducharme was an *engageur* hiring *voyageurs* to travel to Michilimackinac and the *pays d’en haut* [RAPQ1930, pp. 218-253].


Laurent Ducharme married **Marguerite Amable Groinier *dit* Métivier**, daughter of Barthélemy Groinier *dit* Métivier and Marguerite Descaries, 26 November 1753 in Montréal [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1751-1754, Image 97].

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1 Burton Collection, *Montréal Notary Records* (Detroit: Detroit Public Library, unknown dates).
Marguerite Amable Groinier *dite* Métivier was born and baptized 25 October 1730 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 530]. Her godparents were Nicolas Sarrazin and Marie Anne [Trottier *dite*] DesRuisseaux [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1726-1733, Image 235].

Laurent Ducharme and Marguerite Amable Groinier *dite* Métivier had seven children. Laurent Ducharme died 13 January and was buried 15 January 1798 in Montréal. Marguerite Amable Groinier *dite* Métivier died 18 November and was buried 20 November 1779 in Montréal [PRDH #30943 – Ducharme – Groinier *dite* Métivier Family and Group Sheets].

**Children of Laurent Ducharme and Marguerite Amable Groinier *dite* Métivier:**

1. **Louis Ducharme** was born 2 September 1754 in Montréal. He died 21 September 1754 in St-Laurent [PRDH #30943 – Ducharme – Groinier *dite* Métivier Family and Group Sheets].

2. **Joseph Laurent Ducharme** was born the evening of 11 April 1758 and baptized the following day in Michilimackinac. His godparents were *Mr.* Nicolas Dufresne, a trader, and *Mde.* [Marie Catherine Léger *dite* Laplante] Bourassa [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Image 22].
3. **Louis Ducharme** was born and baptized 6 September 1760 at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Mr. [Louis Joseph Léonard, sieur de] Beaujeau, commandant, and Mde. [Anne Charlotte Bourassa] Langlade [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 6].

4. **Pierre Augustin Ducharme** was born and baptized 6 September 1760 at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Augustin Chaboillé and Angélique Métivier [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 6].

Pierre Augustin Ducharme was buried 10 August 1769 on Montréal [PRDH #30943 – Ducharme – Groinier dite Métivier Family and Group Sheets].

5. **Marie Marguerite Ducharme** was born 19 August and baptized 22 August 1763 at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Mr. [Constant Fily dit Kerrigou] Kerrigou dit Fily and Angélique Métivier, his wife [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 14].

6. Marie Madeleine Ducharme was born 17 January 1766 in Montréal. She married Charles François Chénier 10 August 1791 at Sault-St-Louis [Kahnawake]. She died 22 January 1803 in Sault-au-Recollet [PRDH #30943 – Ducharme – Groinier dite Métivier Family and Group Sheets].

7. Jean Baptiste Ducharme was born 21 July 1767 in Montréal [PRDH #30943 – Ducharme – Groinier dite Métivier Family and Group Sheets].

Duclos dit Carignan – Unknown Family
François Duclos dit Carignan fathered a daughter by an unknown woman in about 1738. He brought his daughter to Michilimackinac in 1761.

Marie Josèphe Duclos dite Carignan was born in about 1738. She was baptized 19 July 1761 at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Mr. [René Provencher] Provenche and Mde. [probably Marie Josèphe, a Nipissing, who married Jean Baptiste Tellier dit] Lafortune [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1758-1770, Image 7].
Dulignon dit Lamirande – Fafard dite Lemaire

Jean Baptiste Dulignon dit Lamirande, son of Jean Dulignon, sieur de La Mirande, and Marie Marthe Testard dite Forville, was baptized 16 June 1686 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 380]. His godparents were Jean de St. Basile and Jeanne Cécile Closse, wife of Messieur [Jacques] Bizard [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M. Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1681-1694, Image 63].

On 18 July 1713, Charles Lemaître dit Auger hired Jean Dulignon to make a voyage to the 8ta8ois (Ottawa) [RAPQ1930, 214].

Marie Angélique Fafard dite Lemaire was born circa 1717. Her parents are not known and a surname is used only in connection with the marriage of her children. She was baptized 29 September 1737 in Michilimackinac, under the name Angélique. She died at Michilimackinac on 4 September 1748 [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 7]. Jean Baptiste Dulignon and Marie Angélique married 30 September 1737 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Marriages, 1725-1749, Image 3].

Jean Baptiste Dulignon and Marie Josèphe Angélique Fafard dite Lemaire’s children: Prior to 1742, baptisms were recorded in a table.

1. Louis Josué Dulignon was born in 1734. He was baptized 30 November 1736 in Michilimackinac. The register noted that he had been legitimated [by his parent’s marriage] [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 6].
Louis Josué Dulignon, daughter of Jean Dulignon and Angélique Fafard, married Marie Élisabeth Lacroix, daughter of André Lacroix and Madeleine Marchand, 23 November 1750 at St-Michel-de-Bellechasse (La Durantaye). At his marriage, his mother was named Angélique Fafard [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, Saint, St-Michel, Bellechasse, 1693-1755, Image 229].

2. Françoise Michelle Dulignon was born in 1736. She was baptized 29 September 1737 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 7].

Marie Françoise Dulignon, daughter of Jean Dulignon and Marie Josèphe Lemaire, married Claude Marot dit Labonté, son of Jacques Marot and Marie Brossard, 27 October 1761 in Pointe-aux-Trembles [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, P, Pointe-aux-Trembles, St-Enfant-Jésus-de-la-Pointe-aux-Trembles, 1758-1785, Images 39 and 40].
3. **Thérèse Dulignon** was born 19 November 1738. She was baptized 14 July 1739 in Michilimackinac Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 7].

Marie Thérèse Dulignon, daughter of Jean Dulignon and Marie Josèphe Lemaire, married Joseph Laurent Bertrand, son of Jacques Bertrand and Marie Louise Dumouchel, 31 August 1762 in Montréal [ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1762, Image 29].
4. **Angélique Dulignon** was born 25 April 1740. She was baptized 10 May 1740 in Michilimackinac Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 8]. PRDH states that Angélique married Antoine Perrault dit St. Pierre on 31 August 1760 in Montréal, however the marriage record states that her parents were Jean Baptiste Dulignon and Françoise Gosselin; but the marriage record for a couple with these names does not exist in the PRDH database. Therefore, the priest may have made a mistake when they named her mother [PRDH #20431]. The marriage between Angélique Dulignon and Antoine Perrault appears below. Sadly, Angélique Dulignon died 17 December 1760 in Montréal [PRDH #20431 – Dulignon – Lemaire Family and Couple Views].
5. **Paul Dulignon** was born 31 October 1742 in Sault Ste. Marie. He was baptized 17 July 1743 in Michilimackinac. His godparents were *Sieur* [Paul Joseph d’Ailleboust de] Coulognes and Anne [Amiot *dite*] Villeneuve, wife of *Sieur* [Antoine] Guillory. Jean Dulignon was identified as a *voyageur* at his son’s baptism. Paul Dulignon died the following autumn at Sault Ste. Marie [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 11].

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Baptism and notice of death of Paul Dulignon

6. **Françoise Marie Anne Dulignon** was born 4 August 1744 and baptized the following day at Michilimackinac. Her godparents were *M. de Ailleboust de la Madeleine* and *Mme. [Françoise Marie Anne Picoté de Belestre] Dequindre* [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 14].

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Baptism of Françoise Marie Anne Dulignon

7. **Josèphe Marguerite Dulignon** was born at the beginning of May 1747 in Sault Ste. Marie, and baptized 17 June 1747 in Michilimackinac. Her father was described as a *voyageur*. Her godparents were *M. de Noyelles* [Charles Joseph de Noyelles, *sieur* de Fleurimont], *fils, commandant* of this post, and *dame* Josèphe de Celle, wife of Thomas Blondeau [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 20].
Josette Marguerite Dulignon married Michel Boier [Boyer] 7 January 1760 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Marriages, 1750-1775, Image 13]. As can be seen below, neither set of parents is named in the marriage act. He may have been the son of Charles Boyer and Marie Madeleine Vivier.

Duplessis/Duplessy – Unknown Family

Pierre Duplessis/Duplessy fathered a son in 1729 and another son 1733. Both sons were baptized in 1733 in Michilimackinac. Duplessis or Duplessy is a dit name used by a number of families, but none of the families using this dit name had a son named Pierre during the proper time frame.

Charles Dominique Duplessis/Duplessy was baptized 3 August 1733 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 6].

Maurice Duplessis/Duplessy was baptized 4 August 1733 in Michilimackinac [Ste. Anne, Mackinac, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 6].
Baptisms of Charles Dominique and Maurice Duplessis/Duplessy