Jourdain – *Réaume Family:
Jean Baptiste Jourdain, son of Guillaume Alexandre Jourdain and Marie Angélique Roy was born and baptized 27 June 1718 in Montréal. His godparents were Charles Gervais and Marie Renée Dussault [possibly Marie Renée Toupin dite Dussault] [Lafrance].

Jean Baptiste Jourdain married Marie Josèphe Réaume, daughter of Jean Baptiste Réaume and Symphorose Ouaouagoukoué, in 1746 at Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Marriages 1725-1749, p. 6; PRDH-IGD, #24763].

Marriage of Marie Josèphe Réaume and Jean Baptiste Jourdain

Marie Josèphe Réaume’s birth date and location are not known with certainty; however considering her father’s position as a trader and interpreter at present-day Green Bay, Wisconsin, she was probably born and raised at Green Bay.

Jean Baptiste Jourdain and Marie Josèphe Réaume had five children:¹
1. Marie Josèphe Jourdain was born in April 1746 in La Baye, She was baptized 20 June 1747 in Michilimackinac. Her godparents were M'. de Noyelles, fils. [Charles Joseph de Noyelles de Fleurimont] commandant of the post, and Mme Bourassa [Marie Catherine Lériger dite Laplan], wife of M'. Bourassa, père [René Bourassa]. [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 18].

¹ PRDH-IGD, # 24763 states that they had a daughter named Marie Louise who married Michel Quesnel 30 June 1790 in St. Louis. However, this date seems much later than one would expect from this couple. Her parents are not listed in the marriage record: www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St. Louis, 1781-1828, Image 15.
Marie Joséphè dite Lysette Jourdain married Jean Baptiste Lebeau, a voyageur, 24 July 1764 at Michilimackinac; her sister Marie Joséphè dite Josette Jourdain married François Leblanc the same day [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages, 1750-1775, Image 16]. It is not known if the couple had any children or their ultimate fate. See the image of their marriage below under the discussion of the Jourdain – Leblanc Family.

2. **Jean Baptiste Jourdain** was born in November 1748 and **ondoyé** in La Baye. He was conditionally baptized 4 July 1749 at Michilimackinac. His godparents were Ignace Bourassa and Agathe Amiot [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 28].

3. **Marie Joséphè Jourdain** was born 10 October 1751, probably in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was baptized 19 July 1756 in Michilimackinac in a group baptism with her sister Marie Madeleine Jourdain and her Personne cousins. Her godparents were Jean Baptiste Tellier and Marie Anne Amiot [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Images 17-18].
Marie Josèphe dite Josette Jourdain married François Leblanc. See the profile of their family below.

4. Marie Madeleine Jourdain was born 25 January 1754, probably in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was baptized 19 July 1756 in Michilimackinac in a group baptism with her sister Marie Josèphe Jourdain and her Personne cousins. Her godparents were Antoine Janis and Marie Angélique Taro [Ste Anne, Mackinac, CD, Baptisms, 1750-1758, Images 17-18 – see above for the images of her baptism].

Marie Madeleine Jourdain married Jean Saliot at Assumption, Sandwich. Their family is discussed below.

5. Angélique Jourdain was born 28 February 1759, probably in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was baptized conditionally 16 July 1760 in Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Mr. de Souligny [Pierre Leduc dit Souligny] and Mde. de Langlade [Charlotte Ambrosine Bourassa].
Marie Josèphe dite Josette Jourdain married François Leblanc, a voyageur, 24 July 1764 at Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages, 1750-1775, Image 16].

Marie Josèphe dite Josette Jourdain and François Leblanc moved to the Detroit River Region by 1778 when two of their children were baptized. Considering that they married fourteen years earlier, they probably had more than two children, but these children did not survive long enough to be conditionally baptized at Michilimackinac. Marie Josèphe dite Josette Jourdain was buried 11 December 1825 from Ste. Anne’s, Detroit [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 712].

The Jourdain – Leblanc Family is an excellent example of the pitfalls associated with relying on secondary sources such as town or city histories, especially ones that do not cite sources, for genealogical research or as the basis for part of a chapter of the history of the French Canadians and the métis in Michigan. In Robert Foxcurran, Michel Bouchard, and Sébastien Malette, Songs Upon the Rivers
Pierre LeBlanc, who would later settle in Ecorse, was one of the first Frenchmen to travel to the area, arriving in 1790 for the Hudson Bay Company. Since French and other white women were scarce in this frontier settlement, Pierre married a Fox Indian woman and established a homestead farm on what is now West Jefferson near the Detroit River. When a French trapper took an Indian wife, his marriage helped him survive Indian attacks or other trouble with the warriors still numerous in the Down River area.

As soon as I read “French and other white women were scarce in this frontier settlement” I knew that there would be problems with that section of Songs Upon the Rivers. To put things in perspective, by 1790, 406 marriages had been performed in Ste. Anne’s Detroit. Anyone with a basic knowledge of Detroit and Great Lakes’ History would know that after the 1712 Fox attack on Detroit, very few Fox Indians would have remained in the Detroit River Region or migrated to the area in order to marry “Pierre” Leblanc.

After checking Denissen (Vol. I, pp. 712-713), I was able to determine that the “Pierre” Leblanc in Warnes and Foxwood, Bouchard, and Malette was really a reference to François Leblanc and that the “Fox Indian Woman” was a reference to Marie Joséphe dite Josette Jourdain, the granddaughter of Jean Baptiste Réaume and Symphorose Ouauagoukoué.

Children of Marie Joséphe dite Josette Jourdain and François Leblanc:
1. Pierre François Leblanc was born circa 1773. He was conditionally baptized on 9 August 1778 at Assumption with his sister Suzanne. His godparents were Pierre Javerai and Marguerite Saint-Onge [Ancestry.com, D, Detroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 33].

2 In addition to numerous factual, historical, and genealogical errors, Songs Upon the Rivers is often difficult to follow because the authors do not develop their narrative in chronological order and even more troubling; few of the alleged facts are accompanied by a source. For example, on pages 161-162 under the heading Un Village des Canadiens: Ecorse, Michigan, the authors discuss events from 1776, 1764, 1821, 1710, and 1743. The last entry refers to “the 1743 census;” the problem with that statement is that a census was not taken in 1743. In fact, the only censuses taken during the French Regime were taken in 1710, 1749, and 1750. The first census ordered by the British in 1762 and enumerated by Robert Navarre only recorded the French Residents. Links to the 1749, 1750, and 1762 censuses can be found on the Land and Census Information Page on the FCHSM website:


4 See the Military Page on the FCHSM website for two articles written about the Fox attack on Detroit:
Pierre François Leblanc married Thérèse Bourassa, daughter of Charles Louis Bourassa and Thérèse Meloche, 28 October 1799 in Detroit [Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste-Anne, 1780-1801, Image 295].

Marriage of Pierre François Leblanc and Thérèse Bourassa


2. Suzanne Leblanc was born circa December 1777. She was conditionally baptized on 9 August 1778 at Assumption with her brother Pierre François. Her godparents were Louis Joseph Dussault and Charlotte Réaume [Ancestry.com, D, Detroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 33].

Baptism of Suzanne Leblanc

Suzanne Leblanc married Joseph Parnier dit Vadeboncoeur, son of Joseph Parnier and Catherine Larivière, 8 July 1793 in Detroit [Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste-Anne, 1780-1801, Image 199].
Marriage of Suzanne Leblanc and Joseph Parnier dit Vadeboncoeur

Jourdain – Saliot Family:
Marie Madeleine Jourdain, was born at Bay Verte [Green Bay, Wisconsin]. She was the daughter of Jean Jourdain and Marie Josèphe Réaume. She married Jean Saliot, son of Jean Saliot and an unknown mother, from St-Servan, St-Malo, Bretagne, 9 February 1768 at Assumption [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 7].

Marriage of Marie Madeleine Jourdain and Jean Saliot

Marie Madeleine Jourdain and Jean Saliot had ten children:

1. **Marie Marguerite Saliot** was born 5 September 1772 at Assumption. She was baptized the following day. Her godparents were Louis Joseph Du Saux and Marie Marguerite Réaume [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 12]. She was buried 25 September 1773 from Assumption under the name Geneviève. At her burial, the priest noted the following: Genevieve Saliot, 14 months, 25 September 1773, buried in cemetery in the presence of Pierre Javerai and Dominique Godet [Assumption Burials, Part 1; Denissen, Vol. II, p. 1123 mistakenly states she was buried 6 September 1772].

2. **Jean Baptiste Saliot** was born 21 May 1776 Assumption and baptized the following day. His godparents were Jean Baptiste Gignac and Anne Villiers www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 26].

He married **Marie Jeanne Bondy**, daughter of Joseph [Douaire de] Bondy and Jeanne Meloche, 21 January 1799 in Ste Anne’s www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 287].

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**Michilimackinac Families – Jourdain – Réaume Family**
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Jean Baptiste Saliot married Catherine Chesne, widow of John Shaw, 27 November 1817 in Ste. Anne’s, www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1832, Image 61 – her parents are not listed in the marriage record.

3. Catherine Saliot was born 29 April 1778 Assumption and baptized the following day. Her godparents were Jean Baptiste Réaume and Catherine Cuillerier www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 32].
Catherine Saliot married **Antoine Vermet**, son of Joseph Vermet and the deceased Marie Lajeunesse, 20 July 1795 in Ste Anne’s [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 243].

Marriage of Catherine Saliot and Antoine Vermet

4. **Marie Angelique Saliot** was born 8 August 1780 in Assumption and baptized 10 August 1780. Her godparents were Charles Campeau and Marie Angélique Tourangeau [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 39].
Angélique Saliot married Joseph Lamirande, son of Michel Lamirande and Josephte Benoît, of Rivière-du-Loup, Trois-Rivières, 18 May 1795 in Ste Anne’s www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 238].

Marriage of Angélique Saliot and Joseph Lamirande

5. Thérèse Saliot was born 9 September 1782 Assumption and baptized 12 September 1782. Her godparents were Antoine Robert and Marie Angélique Beauchamp www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 51].
She married Dominique [Douaire de] Bondy, son of Joseph [Douaire de] Bondy and the deceased Josephine Gamelin, 10 June 1799 Ste. Anne’s www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 292].

Thérèse Saliot’s marriage to Joseph [Douaire de] Bondy

6. Josette Saliot was born 19 August 1784 in Assumption and baptized 20 August 1784. Her godparents were René Lebeau and Catherine Bondi [Douaire de Bondy]. www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 30]. She died 2 February 1787 and was buried the following day from Ste. Anne’s. At her burial the priest noted the following: Marie Josette Saliot, three years, 3 [sic] February 1787, buried in cemetery [Ste. Anne’s Burials, Part V; Denissen, Vol. II, p. 1123 mistakenly states she was buried 20 August 1784].

7. Alexis Saliot was born 11 May 1786 and baptized 12 May 1786 in Ste. Anne’s. Her godparents were Alexis Serat dit Coquillard and Marie Descompt [dit Labadie] www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 64].

Alexis Saliot married Archange Bourassa, daughter of Louis Bourassa and Thérèse Meloche, 7 February 1809 at Assumption www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 13].
8. Marie Désanges Saliot was born 2 August 1788 and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne’s. Her godparents were Prisque Côté and Josèphe Dehêtre, Dame Recour [www.ancestry.com], Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 102].

Marie Saliot married Joseph [Douaire de] Bondy, son of Joseph [Douaire de Bondy] and Marie Meloche, in January or February 1806 [www.ancestry.com], Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1832, Image 12 – the marriage was not dated. The previous marriage was dated 7 January 1806 and the subsequent marriage was dated 11 February 1806].
9. **Archange Saliot** was born 26 October 1791 and baptized 28 October 1791 in Ste. Anne’s. Her godparents were Louis Perrault and Catherine Salliotte, sister of the baby [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 168].

Archange Saliot married **Claude Campeau**, son of Bernard Campeau and Véronique [Douaire de] Bondy, on 21 January 1812 in Ste Anne’s [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1832, Image 41].
10. **Pierre Saliot** was born 24 March 1794 in Detroit and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne’s. His godparents were Pierre Leblanc and Angélique Saliot [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 217. He died 20 August 1795 and was buried the following day from Ste. Anne’s. At his burial, the priest noted the following: Pierre Saliot, 18 months, 31 August 1795, buried in cemetery [Ste. Anne’s Burials, Part VI].

Marie Madeleine Jourdain was buried 1 April 1794 from Ste. Anne’s. At her burial, the priest noted the following: Magdelaine Jourdin, wife of [Jean Baptiste] Saliot; about 38 years, 1 April 1794, buried in cemetery [Ste Anne’s Burials, Part VI].