The following métis couples lived in the Detroit River Region prior to 1850. If the heads of the family did not marry or have children in the Detroit River Region, the information regarding their union is provided and the names of their earliest descendants who lived in the area are listed. The profiles of the families listed below will include images of the original parish records or reliable secondary sources proving their métis descent. This list does not include those couples whose only link to the Detroit River Region is the fact that their children were baptized in another location such as Michilimackinac or Fort St. Joseph. The list also does not include métis families whose grandchildren or great grandchildren may have moved to the Detroit River Region in the later part of the 18th century. Although this list and the resulting profiles can be used as a starting point, we urge researchers to obtain original records for all of their ancestors rather than relying on family trees or blogs as proof of a Native or Aboriginal ancestor. As proven by census or parish records, all of the families in the following list lived with their French-Canadian neighbors or within a specific Native Community, such as a Huron/Wendat community in Amherstburg, rather than in a separate métis community. The number of métis families who lived in the Detroit River Region was extremely small in terms of numbers as well as percentages.

1. Jacob Andrews had a daughter by a Sauteuse (Chippewa/Ojibwa) circa 1776. Their daughter Thérèse Andrews was baptized 8 July 1811 in Ste. Anne du Détroit; her godparents were Henri Berthelet and Angélique Campeau. She married Jean Marsac, son of Paul Marsac and a Sauteuse (Chippewa/Ojibwa), the same day and recognized their children as legitimate.

2. John Askin had three children by Manette, a slave owned by René Bourassa. His children by Manette and by Archange Barthe settled in the Detroit River Region.

3. Geneviève Audet dite Lapointe, daughter of Paschal/Paul Audet dit Lapointe and Geneviève Godet, was born 10 March 1811 in Sandwich married Joseph Warrow, son of the deceased Solomon Warrow, chief of the Huron/Wendat village, 7 May 1732 in St. Jean Baptiste, Amherstburg

4. Jacques Duperon Babie/Baby, son of Raymond Babie and Thérèse Lecompte dite Dupré, had a daughter by a Shawnee. The daughter married Blue Jacket or Weyapiersenwah, a Shawnee war chief, and lived in the Detroit River Region.

5. Louis Beaufait, son of Louis Beaufait and Marie Thérèse Marsac, had a daughter by a Native American in 1804. Félicité Beaufait was born in January 1804. She married Charles Chartrand, son of Charles Chartrand and Louise Desnoyers and widower of Marie Anne Chauvin 2 March 1829 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

6. Baptiste Berard had a daughter by an Ottawa/Odawa. Nothing more is known about the couple or their daughter. Marie Berard was born August 1821 and baptized in Ste. Anne du Détroit 27 October 1826.

7. Jean Louis Bonaventure married an Iroquois who was not a Catholic. The had two sons: Simon Bonaventure was born 30 April 1817 in Sandwich. He was baptized 7 May 1817 in Assumption. Clément Bonaventure was born 3 February 1820 in Sandwich; he was baptized 18 February 1820 in Assumption.

8. Jean Louis Bourgery, son of Pierre Bourgery and Marie Boutard, married Anne Alimacoua, daughter of Nicolas Alimacoua, a member of the Quescancan (Kiskakon? or Bear Clan of the Ottawa/Odawa) Nation and Marguerite Potish, a member of the Argonquine (Algonquin?) Nation, 6 August 1717 in Détroit

9. Alexandre Bouvier and a Native American had a son who was born circa 1781. Louis Bouvier had a country marriage with a Sauteuse (Ojibwa/Chippewa) who bore him a son and a daughter.

10. Jean Baptiste Brillant dit Beaulieu married Françoise Itagisse dite Chretien, an Ojibwa or Chippewa, 6 July 1752 in Michilimackinac. They had eight children and moved to the Detroit River Region by 1757.
11. Adam Brown and Thérèse Langress, a Huron, had a son François who was baptized in Assumption in 1825.

12. Samuel Brown and Angélique, a Huron, had a son François who was baptized in Assumption in 1817.


14. William Caldwell, probable son of William Caldwell and Rebecka, met the daughter of Rising Son, a Mohawk, and had a son by her circa 1780. As a member of Butler’s Rangers, Caldwell was frequently assigned to duties in Detroit. When he moved to Detroit, William Caldwell abandoned his son Billy. William Caldwell married Suzanne Babie/Baby, daughter of Jacques Babie/Baby and Suzanne Réaume circa 1783.

15. François Calve had a son by a Native American in 1791. The origins, and ultimate fate of François Calve and his Native American wife are unknown.

16. Barnabé Campeau, son of Jacques Campeau and Catherine Ménard, had a son by a Native American prior to his 1808 marriage to Thérèse Sicot/Cicotte, daughter of Jean Baptiste Sicot and Angélique Poupard, 18 May 1808 in Ste Anne de Detroit. His son by the Native American, François Xavier Campeau was baptized 5 July 1812 in Ste. Anne du Détroit. He married Monique Moran, daughter of Louis Moran and Catherine Campeau, 28 November 1822 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.


18. Ildephonse Antoine Chesne, son of Charles Chesne and Catherine Sauvage had a son by a Sauteuse (Chippewa/Ojibwa). The son, Charles Chesne was born circa 1770; he was baptized 12 May 1776 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

19. Léopold Chesne, son of Charles Chesne and Catherine Sauvage, was an interpreter. He had a daughter by an Ottawa/Odawa and a son by a Sauteuse (Chippewa/Ojibwa).

20. Pierre Couc dit Lafleur, son of Nicolas Couc and Élisabeth Templair, was from Cognac, Saintes, Saintonge (Charente). Pierre Couc married Marie Miteouanimgoukée, an Algonquin, 16 April 1657 in Trois-Rivières. Pierre Couc dit Lafleur and Marie Miteouanimgoukée were the parents of seven children. Three of their children lived in Fort Pontchartrain: Élisabeth/Isabelle Couc, Marguerite Couc. Marguerite Couc first married Jean Baptiste Fafard and had four children. She then married Michel Massé. Their sister, Madeleine Couc, married Maurice Ménard and lived at Michilimackinac during the 17th century. Madeleine Couc and Maurice Ménard’s grandson, Pierre Ménard dit Montour, moved to the southwest coast of Détroit with Geneviève Sicard, his wife and family by 1773.

21. Antoine Daunois/Daunay had two children by a Native American starting in 1779. On 7 July 1785, Antoine Duinay brought his children (Antoine and Thérèse) to Ste. Anne du Détroit to be baptized.

22. François Jacques Demers, son of Jacques Demers and Marie Madeleine Chevalier, married Thérèse Touanna, a Potawatomie and resident of the parish, 24 Sept 1812 at Ste. Anne du Détroit.

23. René Deniau, son of Jean Deniau and Hélène Dodin, widower of Marie Madeleine Matou, married Anastasie/Anasthasie, an Illinois, circa 1705. They had one daughter. Anastasie/Anasthasie died 19 August 1715 and was buried the following day in Detroit. René Deniau was buried 13 July 1730 in Detroit.

24. Antoine Louis Descompt dit Labadie, son of Pierre Descompt dit Labadie, married Angélique Campeau, daughter of Nicolas Campeau dit Niagara and Agathe Casse dite St Aubin, 26 February 1759 in Ste Anne de Detroit. Following Angélique Campeau’s death, he had eight children by Marie, a Sauteuse (Ojibwa/Chippewa).
25. **Pierre Drouillard**, son of Jean Baptiste Drouillard and Marie Élisaeth Rapin, was born 10 October 1746 in Lachine [PRDH, #17508 – Family and Couple Views for his parents]. Pierre was an official interpreter of the Huron language. *Circa* 1773, Pierre had a son by Aoundechris or Hündechrí, a Shawnee. Their son, Pierre (George) Drouillard, was baptized *sous condition* 27 September 1775 at the age of two in Assumption, Sandwich. Prior to 1803, Pierre Drouillard became known as George Drouillard. He was employed as an interpreter, scout, and hunter on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

26. **Charles François Fontaine**, son of Antoine Fontaine and Angélique Godbout, may have had a son or grandson by a Native American, François Lafontaine, who was baptized 2 July 1797 in Ste. Anne du Détroit at the age of about 12 years.

27. **Francois Fontenay** had three children by a *Sauteuse* (Chippewa/Ojibwa). Joseph François Fontenay, Josette Fontenay, and Antoine Fontenay.


29. **Jean Gauthier dit Saguingoira** married Marie Suzanne Capciouékoué *circa* 1702 in Kaskasia. Their daughter Marie Suzanne married Jacques Souchereau; three of their daughters settled with their husbands and families in the Detroit River Region.

30. François Goguet *dit* Sansoucy married Marie Madeleine Clingnnancourt, a *panisse*, possibly in Détroit when it did not have a resident priest. Their first child, Marie Marguerite, was born 2 April 1720 and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Four additional children were born in the St. Lawrence Settlements.


32. Charles François Gouin, son of Monsieur Claude Thomas Gouin, *negoçiant* living on the coast of the north east and *Demoiselle* Marie Josèphe Cuillerier *dite* Beaubien, was born 2 February 1755 in Detroit [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 540]. In 1790, Charles François Gouin may have had a daughter by a Native American.

33. **Anne Gourdon**, widow of Pierre Lelat, married André Rapin *dit* Skianis, a *panis* who had been adopted by André Rapin and Clémence Jarry, 18 April 1706. Their son, André Rapin *dit* Skianis, married Marie Anne Domitille Parent in August 1744 at Michilimackinac. Their son, André Rapin *dit* Skianis, married Madeleine Casse *dite* Saint-Aubin 2 February 1778 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

34. Gabriel Hunault, son of Gabriel Hunault and an Unknown Native American, was born *circa* 1778. His mother died before 1783. Gabriel Hunault was baptized 25 March 1783 in Assumption.

35. An English merchant named Jacob and a Native American had a son *circa* 1782. The father died prior to 1786. Additional information regarding the parents are not known. Pierre Jacob was baptized 10 January 1786 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

36. Thomas Knaggs, son of George Knaggs and Rachel Schley, may have had a son by Native American Woman in 1804 before his marriage to Catherine Pouget. John Knaggs was born *circa* 1804; he married Archange Lorrain, daughter of Joseph Lorrain and Marie Louise Dagenais, 23 August 1825 in Detroit.

37. François Labreche married or had a child by Anne or Charlotte Drouet de Richardville, sister of Jean Baptiste Drouet de Richardville, Miami Chief. Jean Baptiste Labreche was born at or near Fort Wayne, present-day Indiana. Jean Baptiste Labreche married Angélique Drouillard, daughter of Dominique Drouillard and Josette Laviolette, 22 February 1815 at St. Antoine, River Raisin.

39. André Lafontaine had a son by an Atchipaw (Chippewa or Ojibwa) in 1824. Nothing further is known about this family. Joseph Lafontaine was born 5 or 6 June 1824 at the lake of the place [Lake St Clair] and baptized 12 September 1826 at Ste. Anne du Détroit.

40. Antoine Laforest had a son by a Monsaine Native American. No additional information is available about this family. Antoine Laforest was baptized 9 April 1803 in St Antoine, River Raisin.

41. Jacques Laforest married Anastasie Acheiaron, a Huron from Grosse Roche, 21 September 1805 in Assumption. Two other couples were married the same day. The ultimate fate of this couple is not known.

42. Joseph Lallemend had an _enfant naturelle_ by Charlotte, a Sauteuse (Ojibwa or Chippewa). Both individuals died prior to September 1806 when their daughter Marie Lallemend/Lalleymand married François Beaugrand _dit_ Champagne, son of Antoine Beaugrand _dit_ Champagne and Geneviève Dubord _dit_ Généraux, 30 September 1806 in Assumption.

43. Firmin Landry, son of Charles Landry and Marie Madeleine Guérard, met Marguerite, a Sioux slave owned by _sieur_ Claude Landry _dit_ St Andre, _circa_ 1758. Prior to meeting Firmin Landry _dit_ Charlot, Marguerite had a son Pierre, by a _voyageur_ named Champagne. Pierre was born 16 November 1753 at 8 o’clock in the evening and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Firmin Landry _dit_ Charlot married Marguerite, a Sioux slave that had been owned by _sieur_ Claude Landry _dit_ St Andre, 17 July 1771 in Ste. Anne du Détroit. _Sieur_ Landry allowed Firmin Landry to purchase Marguerite on condition that they married. At their marriage, the couple acknowledged as legitimate their two daughters. Suzanne had been born 6 June 1766. Marie Josèphe was born and baptized 28 December 1769.

44. Pierre Leduc _dit_ Souligny, _fils_, fathered a daughter Charlotte by a Charlotte a Native American in 1756. Charlotte Leduc _dite_ Souligny, _fille naturelle_ of Pierre [Leduc _dit_] Souligny was baptized 1 October 1758 in Ste Anne’s Mackinac. Charlotte Leduc _dite_ Souligny, daughter of Pierre Leduc _dit_ Souligny and Charlotte, a Native American, married Joseph Miville _dit_ Deschâines, son of Pierre François Miville _dit_ Deschâines and Marie Paradis, 2 March 1771 in Assumption.

45. François Léveillé had a son by a Chippewa. The ultimate fate of this family is not known. Their son, François Léveillé, was baptised 28 July 1821 in Ste. Anne du Détroit

46. Léon Lyons, son of _Sieur_ George Lyons, an English merchant, and Élisabeth Chesne, met an Ottawa _circa_ 1810 prior to his marriage to Élisabeth Lydia Roy. They were the parents of a daughter Élisabeth who was born 15 July 1811 and baptized 21 May 1813 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

47. Thomas McKee, an Irish trader, had a son by Mary, a Captive or a Shawnee. Their son, Alexander McKee, married a Shawnee, _circa_ 1770. In 1779, he joined the British Indian Department in Detroit.

48. Paul de Marsac, son of François de Marsac and Thérèse Cécile Campeau, had a son Jean de Marsac by a Sauteuse before 1779; he married Thérèse, a Sauteuse, 8 July 1811 at Ste. Anne du Détroit. Thérèse Andrews [Tacamabinacouai / Tacsamabinacouain / Tacsamabondis], daughter of Jacob Andrews and a Sauteuse [Ojibwa or Chippewa], was baptized 8 July 1811 in Ste. Anne du Détroit, the same day that she was married. They had a total of nine children.

49. Joseph Marsac had a son by ChominiteKoi, a Native American in 1820. It is possible, but not proven that Joseph Marsac was the son of François Marsac and Cécile Sauzier. Their son, François Marsac, was born in the middle of 1820 and baptized 13 May 1822 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.
50. Ignace Moras, son of Nicolas Moras and Marie Anne Boyer, had a son Charles with an Ojibwa / Chippewa, prior to his 1798 marriage to Françoise Chauvin. Charles Moras was born in 1797 and baptized in 1836 on the Black River a few days before his marriage to Thérèse, an Ojibwa / Chippewa.

51. Jean Paul had a child by a Potawatomi. Their daughter, Angélique Paul, married Jean Baptiste Freton 5 July 1819 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

52. André Perron, son of Jean Baptiste Perron and Élisabeth Gervais, married Élisabeth 14 June 1808 in Assumption. The groom and bride were residents of Ecorse on Lake Erie. The bride may have been a Native American; alternatively, the priest just failed to note her surname and parents in the record.

53. Jean Baptiste Réaume, son of René Réaume and Marie Chevreau, married Symphorose Ouauagoukoué, a Native American, during the 1710s possible at present-day Green Bay, Wisconsin. Their daughter Marie Joséphine Réaume married Jean Baptiste Jourdain, circa 1746 in Michilimackinac. Marie Madeleine Jourdain married Augustin Larchevêque 13 September 1731 in Michilimackinac. Marie Anne Larchevêque married Augustin Gibault. The couple moved to the Detroit River Region.

54. Gerard Rhodes had three children by a Native American before his 1787 marriage to Marie Joséphine Rivard.

55. François Roy had four children by Marie, an Ojibwa / Chippewa. Three children were married in Assumption starting in 1808.

56. François Roy and Marie Josephette, an Ojibwa / Chippewa, had at least two children. The family lived in Amherstburg.

57. Pierre Roy, son of Pierre Roy and Catherine Ducharme, married Marguerite Ouabankekoué, a Miami, circa 1701-1702 in Fort St. Joseph. They had five children; four were baptized in Fort Pontchartrain, starting in 1704.

58. Louis Saint-Amant married Louise, an Ojibwa / Chippewa, 23 March 1791 in Assumption.

59. Jean Serre had a daughter by a Native American circa 1781. Their daughter Anne was baptized in 1794 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

60. Claude Solo had a son by an Ojibwa / Chippewa in 1770 after the death of his wife, Marguerite Descompt dit Labadie.

61. Prosper Thibault had nine children by Thérèse Alavos, a Potawatomi. The family settled in River Raisin by 1795.

62. Jacques Tiviege married Élisabeth 19 April 1814 in Assumption. Her last name and parents are not known.

63. Paul Tougas had a son by a Native American circa 1785. Their son, Paul, was baptized in Ste. Anne du Détroit in 1788.

64. An Unknown French Canadian had a daughter by an Ojibwa / Chippewa circa 1760. Their daughter, Marie, was given to Antoine Cuillerier. She was baptized 13 July 1762 in Ste. Anne du Détroit.

65. Françoise Vacher dit Lacerte married Jean Baptiste Duplessis, a Mascoutin Slave, who had been baptized in Detroit married in St. Lawrence settlements.

66. John Waters had a daughter with an Ojibwa / Chippewa near Michilimackinac. Their daughter, Madeleine Waters, married François Courtemanche 21 November 1803 in Assumption.