Detroit River Region métis Families – Gourdon – Rapin dit Skianis Family
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Other than the parish records from the Drouin Collection at www.ancestry.com, which are fully cited in brackets, the full citations for other sources used are found below.¹

Gourdon – Rapin dit Skianis Family:
Anne Gourdon, daughter of Jean Gourdon dit LaChasse and Michelle Perrin, was baptized 22 October 1678 in Lachine [Jetté, p. 521]. Her godparents were André Rapin, marguillier of Lachine, and Madeleine Charbonnier [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, L, Lachine, Ste-Ange-Gardiens, 1676-1707, Image 8].


¹ Christian Denissen, Genealogy of the French families of the Detroit River Region, 1701-1936 (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, revised edition, 1987) [although Denissen is fairly reliable for records in the Detroit area, it is less reliable than Jetté or PRDH for records from other areas; rarely lists all children born outside Detroit; and often confuses baptismal dates for birth dates. Researchers should verify birth dates with Jetté, PRDH, or the actual parish register. For most families, Denissen cuts off in the mid-1850s; René Jetté, Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730 (Montréal: Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal: 1983); Programme de recherche en démographie historique de l’Université de Montréal online: http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca, hereafter PRDH [does not necessarily name all the children born in Détroit; the PRDH numbers generally refer to family sheets or certificates]; Sharon A. Kelley, editor, Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church 1701-1850 (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 2001; Gail Moreau-DesHarnais, Ste Anne’s Burials, http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/parish_recor).
Pierre Lat was born 2 September 1667 and baptized 4 September 1667 in Ste-Famille, Île d’Orléans. Anne Gourdon and Pierre Lat were the parents of four children. Pierre Lat died 22 October 1704 of dropsie and was buried the following day in Lachine [Jetté, p. 660].


André Rapin–Clémence Jarry – André Rapin’s Adoptive Parents:
André Rapin’s adoptive father and mother were highly regarded in New France as can be seen by the witnesses to their 25 November 1669 marriage in Montréal. The witnesses included Charles Lemoine de Longueuil, Jacques Lemoine, Pierre Gadois, Jacques Picot, Charles d’Ailleboust de Musseaux, Bénigne Basset, and Flotard de Lescure, chevalier de Malté [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1642-1681, Image 164]. André Rapin, père, was a surgeon who practiced first in Montréal and then in Lachine.
André Rapin and Clémence Jarry had 11 children. André Rapin died 27 December 1694 of pleurisy; he was buried the following day in Lachine. In his will, André Rapin left a heifer and a bull to André Rapin, his adopted son “for the services he had rendered to the family he had joined at the age of five.” André Rapin and Clémence Jarry’s son, Jean Baptiste Rapin, was born 28 February 1691. He married Catherine Janson, 27 January 1711 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 966]. Jean Baptiste Rapin and Catherine Janson were the parents of Marie Élisabeth Rapin who married Jean Baptiste Drouillard 5 February 1731 in Lachine [Lafrance]. The Rapin – Drouillard Family settled in the Detroit River Region by 1750.

Gourdon – Rapin dit Skianis family:
PRDH-IGD estimates that André Rapin was born circa 1681 in present-day Nebraska, the traditional location of the Pawnee Tribe [PRDH-IGD – 6715- Individual View – they also point out that the issue of whether he was a panis was an assumption made by genealogists based upon his dit name, that no primary documents call him a panis, and that the use of the dit name was not used until André was adult].

Anne Gourdon and André Rapin dit Skianis had four children. Anne Gourdon dite Lachasse died before 19 September 1715, the date that André Skayimis requested that guardians be appointed for his minor children, as well as her minor children by Pierre Lat [BAnQ: CC601,S1,SS1,D340]. On 17 August 1744, André Rapin dit Skaianis, age 63, widow of Anne Gourdon, married Louise Madeleine Philippon, age 58, daughter of François Philippon and Gertrude André, in Lachine. He died 2 May 1772 and was buried the following day in Lachine [PRDH-IGD, #9835 – Family and Couple Views].

Anne Gourdon dite Lachasse and André Rapin dit Skianis’ Children:
1. Antoine Rapin was born 30 August 1706 and baptized the same day in Lachine. His godparents were Jacques Filiatrault and Marie Madeline Rapin [Lafrance]. Antoine Scayanifs, age 19, was buried 19 June 1725 in Montréal [Lafrance].

2. Jeanne Rapin was born 20 September 1708 and baptized the following day in Lachine. Her godparents were François de Tonti and Marie Jeanne de Lorimier [Lafrance]. Marie Jeanne Rapin, Louise Dechêne, and Liana Verdi, translator, Habitants and Merchants in Seventeenth Century Montreal (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 1992), p. 327, note 28. Gail Moreau-DesHarnais tried to locate the will on the Adhémar microfilm but was unable to do so the date cited by Dechêne.


Signatures at the marriage of André Rapin and Clémence Jarry
age 30, daughter of André Rapin Skaianis and the deceased Anne Gourdon, died 9 October 1738 in Lachine [Lafrance]

3. **Suzanne Rapin** was born 20 October 1710 and baptized the following day in Lachine. Her godparents were Gabriel Lenoir and Suzanne Gourdon [Lafrance]. Suzanne Rapin Kaianis, daughter of André Rapin Kiainis and Anne Gourdon dite Lachasse, died 21 July 1731 in Lachine [Lafrance] [PRDH-IGD, #9835 – Family and Couple Views].

4. **André Rapin dit Skianis** was born circa 1712. He is discussed below [PRDH-IGD, #9835 – Family and Couple Views].

In October 1704, Jean Ladouceur, André Rapin, and François Bosner were imprisoned for having violated the King’s orders by making a voyage to the Ottawa without a permit [BAnQ: TL4,S1,D792.8]. On 28 May 1723, **sieur** Charles Nolan de Lamarque hired André Scayanis to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [E. Z. Massicotte, “Répertoire des engagements pour l’ouest conservés dans les Archives Judiciaires de Montréal (1670-1778),” Rapport de L’archiviste de la Province de Québec pour 1929-1930 (Québec: Rédempti Paradis, 1930) p. 238].

**Rapin dit Skianis and Landroche – Parent Family:**
**André Rapin dit Skianis**, fils, was born circa 1712. He was a voyageur. He married **Marie Anne Domitille Parent**, daughter of Pierre Parent and Marie Anne Chaboillé in August 1744 at Michilimackinac [PRDH-IGD, #25779 – Family and Couple Views; Ste. Anne, Mackinac CD, Marriages 1725-1749, Image 5].

Marriage of André Rapin dit Skianis and Marie Anne Domitille Parent

**Anne Domitilde (Nanette) Parent** was baptized 22 April 1726 in Michilimackinac [Ste Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 5]. André Rapin dit Skianis and Marie Anne Domitilde Parent had 11
children; five married. Anne Domitilde Parent died 8 December 1768 and buried the following day in Lachine. André Rapin dit Skianis was buried 23 July 1788 in Lachine [PRDH-IGD, # 25779 – Rapin dit Skianis – Parent Family].

André Rapin dit Skianis and Landroche and Anne Domitilde Parent’s Children:

1. **Marie Anne Skayaenick dite Landroche**, daughter of André Skayaenick dit Landroche, voyageur, and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 28 September 1745 in Michilimackinac. Her godparents were Jean Marie Blondeau, a voyageur, and Marie Anne Chaboillé, Parent’s wife [Ste. Anne, Mackinac CD, Baptisms, 1695-1749, Image 16]. Marie Anne Skianis dite Landroche married Pierre Saint-Yves, son of Joseph Saint-Yves and Suzanne Boutin, 10 January 1774 in Lachine [Lafrance]. She died 18 June 1775 in Lachine [PRDH-IGD, # 25779 – Rapin dit Skianis – Parent Family].

2. **André Rapin dit Skianis**, son of André Rapin dit Skaianis, voyageur, and Anne Parent, was born 25 October 1747. He was baptized the following day in Lachine. His godparents were André Rapin dit Skaianis, the infant’s grandfather, and Françoise Lat, wife of François Merlot [Lafrance]. André Rapin died 5 July 1748 in Lachine [PRDH-IGD, # 25779 – Rapin dit Skianis – Parent Family].

3. **Geneviève Amable Rapin dit Scaianis**, daughter of André Rapin dit Scainis and Anne Parent, was born 27 June 1749 and was given lay baptism by the midwife. She was conditionally baptized the following day in Lachine. Her godparents were Vincent Henri Laforge and Geneviève Chenier [Lafrance]. Geneviève Scayanifs, daughter of André Scayanifs dit Landroche and Anne Domitilde Parent, married Antoine Clemenceau, a native of La Rochelle, and son of Antoine Clemenceau and Marie Madeleine Cailhau, 26 October 1767 in Lachine [Lafrance]. [PRDH-IGD, # 25779 – Rapin dit Skianis – Parent Family].

4. **Josèphe Rapin dite Skianis** was born circa 1750. Josette Skayanis dite Landroche, age 39, was buried 7 February 1789 in Lachine [Lafrance]

5. **André Rapin dit Skaianis**, son of André Rapin dit Skaianis, habitant, and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 1 February 1752 in Lachine. His godparents were Jean Baptiste Rapin and Madeleine Caron, wife of Antoine Tabau [Lafrance]. André Rapin and his family are discussed below.

6. **Marguerite Amable Rapin dite Skainis**, daughter of André Rapin dit Skainis and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 9 June 1753 in Lachine. Her godparents were Vital Pomainville and Amable Merlot [Lafrance]. Marguerite Amable Rapin dite Skainis, age 3, daughter of André Rapin dit Skainis and Anne Parent, died 26 March 1756 in Lachine [Lafrance].

7. **Pierre André Constant Rapin**, son of André Rapin and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 21 January 1755 in Lachine. His godparents were Constant Vien and Élisabeth Russell. Pierre Scayanifs dit Landroche, son of André Scayanifs dit Landroche, and Anne Parent married Marguerite Félicité Baugis, daughter of Paul Baugis and Clémence Chambly, 19 February 1776 in Lachine [Lafrance].

8. **Marie Antoine Rapin dite Skianis** was born and baptized 11 September 1756. Her godparents were Joseph Roy and Marie Catherine Rapin [Lafrance]. Catherine Scayanifs dite Landroche, daughter of André Scayanifs dit Landroche and Anne Parent married Pierre François McCabe dit Lajeunesse, son of Jean François McCabe and Jeanne Françoise Tournoux, 28 October 1776 in Lachine [Lafrance].
9. **Antoine Gabriel Skianis**, son of André Skianis and Marie Anne Parent, was born and baptized 14 June 1759 in Lachine. His godparents were Jean Gabriel Merlot and Marie Angélique Niverville [Lafrance].

10. **Anonymous Landeroche**, son or daughter of André Landeroche and Marie Angélique Parent, was born 24 September 1761 in Lachine and given emergency baptism by the midwife. The baby was buried the same day in Lachine [Lafrance].

11. **Marguerite Landroche**, daughter of André Landroche and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 5 September 1764 in Lachine. Her godparents were Sébastien Lacroix and Catherine Roy, wife of François Pilet. Marguerite Landroche, age five months, died 15 February 1765 in Lachine [Lafrance].

**Rapin dit Skianis – Casse dite Saint-Aubin Family:**

**André Rapin dit Skianis**, son of André Rapin dit Skianis, **habitant**, and Anne Parent, was born and baptized 1 February 1752 in Lachine. His godparents were Jean Baptiste Rapin and Madeleine Caron, wife of Antoine Tabau [Lafrance]. André Scayanis, adult son of André Scayanis and the deceased Marianne Parent, of the parish of St. Michel [sic] Lachine, married **Magdeleine [Casse dite] Saint-Aubin**, daughter of Charles [Casse dit] Saint-Aubin and the deceased Marie Metay, 2 February 1778 in Ste. Anne du Détroit. The bride’s father was a miller living on the Grand Marais [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 224].

Magdeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin was born 28 January 1759 in the morning and baptized the same day in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Her godparents were Antoine Louis Descompt dit Labadie and Magdeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin, the infant’s sister [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 85]. André Scayanis and Magdeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin had five children. Magdeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin was buried 22 March 1804 in Ste. Anne du Détroit Cemetery [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1842, Image 4]. Andre [Rapin dit Scayanis dit] Landroche was buried 15 August 1820 in Ste. du Détroit Cemetery [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1842, Image 55].
André Rapin dit Skaianis dit Landroche and Magdeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin’s Children:

1. **Suzanne Scayenis**, daughter of André Scayinis and Magdeleine Casse, was born 25 November 1778 at eight o’clock at night and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Her godparents were Charles Casse dit Saint Aubin and Élisabeth Saint Aubin [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 230]. Suzanne Scayenis, age seven months died at the mill at Grand Marais and was buried in Ste. Anne du Détroit Cemetery in June 1779 [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 233].

2. **Susanne Skayanis**, daughter of André Skayanis and Magdeleine St-Aubin was born 4 November 1785 and baptized the following day in Assumption. Her godparents were Charles Lozon [Lauzon] and Catherine Peltier [Pelletier] [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 41]. Susanne Landroche, daughter of André Landroche and the deceased Magdeleine Casse, married [Jean Baptiste Raimon [Raymond dit Toulouse], widower of Archange Lauson, 15 November 1808. At their marriage, they acknowledged as legitimate, their two children: Féliucité, about three years of age and Nicolas, 11 months [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1832, Image 23]. They were the parents of nine children.

3. **Marie Skayanis**, daughter of André Skayanis and Magdeleine St-Aubin, was born 15 September 1788 and baptized the following day in Ste. Anne du Détroit. Her godparents were Joseph Beseau

4. André Scahiens, son of André Scahiens and Magdeleine Saint-Aubin, was born 1 January 1791 and baptized the following day in Assumption. His godparents were Pierre Scahiens, the infant’s uncle, and Marie Anne Chauvin [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 92]. He was buried 30 August 1815 on the Church Farm on the northeast coast of Détroit [Denissen, Vol. 1, p. 673].
5. **Pierre Scaiyanis**, son of André Scaiyanis and Magdeleine Casse, was born 13 August 1793 at four o’clock in the afternoon and baptized the following day. His godparents were Jean Baptiste Laguille and Jeanne Leperle [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 202]. Pierre Landroche, adult son of André Landroche and the deceased Madeleine Casse dite Saint Aubin, married **Marie Anne Bouvier**, adult daughter of Louis Bouvier and a Saulteux [Ojibwa / Chippewa] who had been dead for several years, 23 January 1821 in Ste. Anne du Détroit [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste Anne, Autre Registres, 1801-1832, Image 72]. Pierre Scaiyanis dit Landroche and Marie Anne Bouvier had six children [Denissen, Vol. I, pp. 673-674].