Detroit River Region métis Families – Lafontaine to Laforest Families
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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

Lafontaine – Unknown Chippewa:
André Lafontaine had a son by an Atchipaw (Chippewa or Ojibwa) in 1824. Nothing further is known about this family.

1. **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’s. François Cicott was Joseph’s godfather. The godmother was not named [Denissen, vol. I, p. 654 – does not name Joseph’s godfather].

[Image: Baptism of Joseph Lafontaine]

Laforest – Monsaine Native American:
Antoine Laforest had a son by a Monsaine Native American. No additional information is available about this family [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 655].

1. **Antoine Laforest** was baptized 9 April 1803 in St Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 655 – the records for St Antoine, River Raisin are not available online; therefore, I have not included an image]

Laforest – Adechiaron Family:
Jacques Laforest married Anastasie Adechiaron, 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 [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781 – 1808, Image 285].

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).
Marriage of Jacques Laforest and Anastasie Adechiaron