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Anne Larchevêque and Augustin Gibault dit Poitevin – see the discussion of Jean Baptiste Réauime and Symphorose Ououagoukoué

Leduc dit Souligny, fils – Charlotte, a Native American’s Family:
Pierre Leduc dit Souligny, son of Pierre Leduc dit Souligny and Françoise Massé, was born 30 March 1732 and baptized the following day in Montréal. His godparents were René de Couagne, a merchant, and Catherine Pothier [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1726-1733, Image 309].

Baptism of Pierre Leduc, fils

François Massé was the daughter of Michel Massé and Marguerite Couc, daughter of Pierre Couc and Marie Miteouamigoukoué, an Algonquin [Jetté, p. 785; Suzanne Boivin Somerville, “But I read it…” Who Is the Father of the Charlotte Leduc dite Souligny Baptized at Michilimackinac in 1758 and Married at L’Assomption (Windsor) in 1771 to Joseph Mainville / Miville dit Deschênes / Duchêne? in the October 2011 issue of Michigan’s Habitant Heritage. 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. Her godparents were M. [Charles Mouet] de Langlade and Mde. Souligny [Madame Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve, Pierre Leduc dit Souligny’s third wife].

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).
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 [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 9; see Suzanne Bovin’s article for a translation of their marriage].


Charlotte Leduc dite Souligny and Joseph Miville dit Deschâines’ children:
1. Charlotte Miville dite Deschâines was born and baptized in Assumption 22 July 1772. Her godparents were Charles Bourron and Marie Josette Pelletier [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 12].
Baptism of Charlotte Miville dit Deschâines

Charlotte Miville dit Deschâines married Gervais Hodienne, son of Gervais Hodienne and Marguerite Lereau 2 January 1786 in Assumption. They had four children. Gervais Hodienne was buried 17 June 1801 in Assumption [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 579].

Charlotte Miville dit Deschâines married Jacques Hudon dit Beaulieu, son of Jean Baptiste Hudon dit Beaulieu and Geneviève Bernier, 29 February 1808 in Assumption. They had four children Charlotte Miville dit Deschâines was buried from Assumption 11 April 1813 [Denissen, Vol. I, pp. 69-70].

2. **Joseph Miville dit Deschâines** was born and baptized in Assumption 6 April 1775. His godparents were Jean Baptiste Leduc and Geneviève Janis [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 22].

Jean Baptiste Miville dit Deschâines married Betsy Ward before 1810. They had one son. Jean Baptiste Miville dit Deschâines was killed at the Battle of River Raisin 22 January 1813 [Denissen, Vol. II, pp. 848].

3. **Jean Baptiste Miville dit Deschâines** was born and baptized in Assumption 6 May 1777. His godparents were Louis Joseph De Saux and Thérèse Meloche [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 29].

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4. **Hypolite Miville dit Deschâines** was born and baptized in Assumption 17 August 1779. His godparents were Thomas Rèaume and Marie Magdeleine Goiau [Goyau] [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 36].
5. **Pierre Miville dit Deschânes** was born about 1781. He was buried 2 August 1784 in Assumption cemetery [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 30].

6. **Louis Bernard Miville dit Deschânes** was born and baptized in Assumption 11 July 1783. His godparents were Le Sieur [Alexis Rivard dit Loranger dit] Maisonville, captain of the militia, and Dame Marguerite [Joncaire dite] Chabert, his wife [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1767-1783, Image 59].

7. **Isaac Miville dit Deschânes** was born and baptized in Assumption 18 February 1786. His godparents were Sieur Gervais Hodienne and Dame Charlotte Dechene, his wife [and the baby’s sister] [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781 – 1808, Image 46].

8. **Marie Catherine Miville *dite* Deschâines** was born and baptized in Assumption 13 September 1788. Her godparents were Benjamin Chaput and Marie Catherine Pajeot [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 71].
9. **Marie Joséphine Miville dit Deschâines** was born 21 October 1790 and baptized the following day in Assumption. Her godparents were Jean Baptiste [Pelletier dit] Antailla and Catherine Métay [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 91].

   ![](image1.png)

   Baptism of Marie Joséphine Miville dit Deschâines

Marie Joséphine Miville dit Deschâines married **Pierre Poulin**, son of François Poulin and Marie Lavergne, 15 January 1821 in St. Antoine, River Raisin. They had four daughters who were baptized in Assumption [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 1006].

10. **Pierre Miville dit Deschâines**’ birth date is unknown. He married **Geneviève Lebel**, daughter of Antoine Lebel and Madeleine Audet dit Lapointe, 1 September 1818 in Assumption [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1808-1820, Image 162]. They were the parents of 11 children [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 848]. Their last three children were baptized in St. Jean Baptiste, Amherstburg.

   ![](image2.png)

   Marriage of Pierre Miville dit Deschâines and Geneviève Lebel

Léveillé – Unknown Chippewa Family:
François Léveillé had a son by a Chippewa. The ultimate fate of this family is not known.

1. François Léveillé was baptised 28 July 1821 in Ste Anne’s. His godparents were Louis Lognon and Marie Drouillard [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1810-1848, Image 114].

Lyons – An Ottawa Family:
Léon Lyons, son of Sieur George Lyons, an English merchant, and Élisabeth Chesne was born 30 July 1783 and baptized 4 August 1783 in Ste Anne’s. His godparents were Charles Chesne and Josephte [Descompt dite] Labadie [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 22].

Léon Lyons met an Ottawa circa 1810 prior to his marriage to Élisabeth Lydia Roy. They were the parents of a daughter Élisabeth.

1. Élisabeth Lyons was born 15 July 1811 and baptized 21 May 1813 in Ste Anne’s. Her godparents were François Ducharme and Élisabeth Lyons [the baby’s aunt] [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1810-1848, Image 30].
Élisabeth Lyons married Bellamy Lachapelle, son of Charles Lachapelle and Angélique Beausoleil, 12 November 1833 in Ste Anne’s. He was buried from Ste Anne’s 14 August 1834. Élisabeth Lyons married Jean Baptiste Séguin dit Ladéroute, son of Jean Baptiste Séguin dit Ladéroute and Archange Cardinal, 18 January 1846 in Ste Anne’s. They were the parents of two children Denissen.

David McCloude and a Sauteuse (Chippewa or Ojibwa) Family:
David McCloude had a son by a Sauteuse (Chippewa or Ojibwa) circa 1802 [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 771]. The ultimate fate of the family is not known.

1. **David McCloude** was born circa 1802 at the Grand Portage, south of Niagara. He was baptized 17 January 1809 at Assumption. His godparents were François Drouillard and Archange Réaume [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, Image 11].

McKee Families:
**Thomas McKee**, an Irish trader, had a son by Mary, a Captive or a Shawnee [Larry L. Nelson, *A Man of Distinction among Them – Alexander McKee and the Ohio Country Frontier, 1754 – 1799* (Kent, Ohio; The Kent State University Press, 1999), pp. 26-28; *DCB* – biography of Alexander McKee – does not give her first name].

1. **Alexander McKee**, son of Thomas McKee and Mary, was born circa 1735 in western Pennsylvania. In 1760, he was part of the Indian Department in Pennsylvania. Alexander McKee married a Shawnee, circa 1770. In 1779, he joined the British Indian Department in Detroit. After the British
left Detroit in 1796, Alexander McKee lived on the Canadian side of the Detroit River. He died 15 January 1799 in Thames River, Kent County, Ontario [Nelson, *passim*; DCB].

- **Thomas McKee**, son of Alexander McKee and a Shawnee, was born circa 1770, probably in a Shawnee Village on the Ohio River. Like his father, he was actively involved in Indian affairs in the area [DCB; Nelson, *passim*]. He married **Thérèse Askin**, daughter of John Askin and Marie Archange Barthe [DCB; Denissen, Vol I, p. 27].

  ![Portrait of Thomas McKee](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Thomas_McKee.jpg)

- **Alexander McKee** was probably the son of Thomas McKee and Thérèse Askin. He married **Félicité Jacob**, daughter of George Jacob and Archange Chesne *dit* Labutte. The couple had three daughters baptized in Assumption. Félicité Jacob was the great, great granddaughter of Pierre Roy and Marguerite Ouabankikoué, a Miami [DCB; Denissen, Vol II, p. 774].

Thomas McKee also had two daughters by an **unknown mother**.

- **Catherine McKee** was born *circa* 1789. She was baptized 19 November 1797 in Assumption. Her godparents were Jean Baptiste Marchand, the priest at Assumption and Archange Barthe, the wife of John Askin [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 174].
Marie Anne McKee was born circa 1796. She was baptized 4 March 1800 in Assumption. Her godparents were Jean Baptiste Barthe and Adelaide Askin [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, L’Assomption de Sandwich de Windsor, 1781-1808, Image 211 – note that the baptism is out of order and recorded in the April entries; considering that the entry contains signatures, it is possible that Father Marchand made an error when recording the date].
Unknown McPherson and a Native American:

McPherson, an Englishman, had two children by a Native American. His children were baptized one year to two years after their birth [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 775], making it probable that he was not a local resident. Note that Denissen also erroneously includes a daughter named Marie Cécile; however, Marie Cécile was actually the daughter of Monforton, a merchant in Detroit.

1. Jean Baptiste McPherson was born circa 1783 and baptized in Ste Anne’s 2 January 1785. His godparents were Joseph Tremblay and Catherine Billiau dite Lespérance [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 40].

2. Élisabeth McPherson was born circa 1784 and baptized 1 December 1785 in Ste Anne’s. Her godparents were Charles François Girardin and Françoise Mini [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1780-1801, Image 52].