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

Massé – Couc Family:
Michel Massé, son of Martin Massé and Jeanne Ducorps dit Leduc, was born circa 1671 in New France. Jeanne Massé who married Michel Campeau was his sister [Jetté, p. 785 – Massé]. Michel Massé married Marguerite Couc, daughter of Pierre Couc and Marie Miteouamigoukoué, and widow of Jean Fafard, circa 1705, possibly in Fort St. Joseph or Détroit, although their marriage does not appear in the Register [Jetté, p. 785 – Massé].

Marguerite Couc last appearance in Détroit was on 6 January 1716 when she was godmother to François and André, two Hurons [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne Autre Registres, 1704-1744, Image 36]. The couple moved to Fort St. Joseph between 1716 and 1720. Marguerite Couc was godmother to Madeleine Collet, 15 August 1720 [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St. Joseph de Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 4 – the first recorded baptism in the register]. Marguerite Couc’s last appearance in the Fort St. Joseph Register was on 30 May 1722 when she was godmother to Marie Joséph Beaune [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St. Joseph de Michigan, 1720-1773, Image 5].

Michel Massé died 21 June 1730 and was buried the following day in Montréal [Jetté, p. 785 – Massé; PRDH, #9527 – Massé-Couc Family and Couple Views].

Michel Massé and Marguerite Couc had two daughters:
1. Françoise Massé’s birth date and location are not known. She married Pierre Leduc dit Souligny, son of Jean Leduc and Marguerite Desroches, 28 May 1731 in Montréal. Their marriage contract was drafted 19 May 1731 by Jean Baptiste Adhémar [PRDH, #331783 – Leduc-Massé Marriage Contract].

Signatures at the Marriage of Françoise Massé and Pierre Leduc dit Souligny
www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1726-1733, Image 270

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_record).
The following people witnessed their marriage: Jean-Baptiste Leduc, the groom’s brother; Lambert Leduc, the groom’s brother; René de Couagne, a Montréal merchant; and François Volant, a merchant [PRDH, #149715 – Leduc-Massé Marriage]. The couple had one son. Françoise Massé died 19 October 1733 and was buried the following day in Montréal. After Françoise’s death, Pierre Leduc dit Souligny married Marie Françoise Bouchard dite Vallée [PRDH, #17641 – Leduc-Massé Family and Couple Views; Pierre Leduc dit Souligny, père, married third Agathe Amiot dite Villeneuve, widow of François de Boisguilbert and daughter of Daniel Joseph Amiot Villeneuve & Domitille Langlade, on 21 May 1758 at Michilimakinac. His son from his first marriage, Pierre Leduc dit Souligny, fils, with a Native American, fathered a daughter and she has descendants. See “Who Is the Father of the Charlotte Leduc dite Souligny Baptized at Michilimackinac in 1758 ...” in the October 2011 issue of Michigan’s Habitant Heritage.

2. Geneviève Massé’s birth date and location are unknown. She married John Hendricks Lydius, son of John Lydus, a Protestant minister, and Isabelle Laudieu, 13 February 1727 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 747 – Lydius – his mother’s surname is not listed; PRDH, #95413 – Lydius-Massé Marriage Contract]. Lepailleur drafted their marriage contract 12 February 1727 [PRDH, #95413 – Lydius-Massé Marriage Contract]. The following people witnessed their marriage: René de Couagne, a Montréal merchant, Marie Massé, wife of Jean Pothier, marguillier; de Couagne, la jeune; Marie Anne Pothier dite Laverdure, Legardeur dit de Repentigny, fils, écuyer and officer; Agathe de St-Pere, mother of Legardeur; Julien Trottier DesRivières, merchant [PRDH, #15782 – Lydius-Massé Marriage]. The couple moved to Albany after 1730 [Jetté, p. 747 – Lydius]. The couple had nine children [DCB – Lydius’ biography; Jetté, p. 747 – lists three children; PRDH, #15782 – Lydius-Massé Family and Couple Views – lists two children].
Signatures at the marriage of Jean Henri Lydius and Geneviève Massé
www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1720-1733, Images 51-52

Ménard dit Montour – Sicard Family:
Pierre Ménard dit Montour was a descendant of Pierre Couc and Marie Miteouamigoukoué who married 16 April 1657 in Trois-Rivières. Following is his direct line. Also see Suzanne Boivin Sommerville’s book on the Couc Family on the French Canadian and Native Families Page on the FCHSM website:

Generation 1:
Pierre Couc dit Lafleur, son of Nicolas Couc and Élisabeth Templair, married Marie Miteouamigoukoué 16 April 1657 in Trois-Rivières [www.familysearch.org, Catholic Parish Registers, Trois-Rivières, Immaculée Conception, BMS, 1654-1677, Image 7].

Marriage of Pierre Couc and Marie Miteouamigoukoué

Generation 2:
Madeleine Couc, daughter of Pierre Couc and Marie Miteouamigoukoué, married Maurice Ménard, son of Jacques Ménard and Catherine Forestier, circa 1692 in Michilimackinac [Jetté, p. 795 – their marriage is recorded in a summary table in the Ste Anne, Michilimackinac Records].
Generation 3:

Generation 4:
Pierre Ménard, son of François Ménard and Marie Charlotte Robert-Jeanne, was born 25 November 1741 and baptized 24 March 1742 in Fort St. Joseph [www.Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, S, St-Joseph-de-Michigan, 1720-1773, Images 10-11 – note this is a correction to Denissen which names the wrong parents, and lists the wrong birth date and location]. He married Amable Sicard, daughter of Joseph Sicard and Marie Angélique Brazeau, 2 February 1761 in Rivière-des-Prairies [www.Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, R, Rivière-des-Prairies, 1731-1795, Image 166 – this is a correction to Denissen which does not provide a marriage date and location].
Marriage of Pierre Ménard and Amable Sicard

She was born 23 November 1739 in Rivière-des-Prairies [PRDH-IGD, #21127 – Sicard – Brazeau Family View – this is a correction to Denissen which states she was born in 1740 and does not provide a location]. They had five children before moving to Détroit [PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Ménard – Sicard Family View]. Four additional children were born in Détroit. She was buried 7 December 1815 from St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol II, p. 831].

Children of Pierre Menard and Amable Sicard:
1. Marie Angélique Ménard was born 30 March 1762 in Laval. She died the following day and was buried 1 April 1762 in Sault-au-Récollet [Lafrance; PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Family View].

2. Joseph Simon Ménard was born 12 April 1763 [PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Family View]. He may have been the Joseph Marie Ménard who married Cécile Robert, daughter of Pierre Robert and Madeleine Casse dite Saint-Aubin, 13 January 1791 in Ste Anne du Détroit
Marriage of Joseph Ménard and Cécile Robert
She was born 6 June 1776 at the Godefroy farm on the southwest coast of Détroit. They had 14 children. She was buried 15 April 1815 from St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol II, pp. 831-832].

He married Françoise Lenfant, daughter of Joseph Lenfant and Françoise Tessier, and widow of Louis Suzor, 11 December 1815 in St. Antoine, River Raisin. She was born June 1773 on Corlac. They did not have any children. He was buried 14 June 1816 from St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol II, pp. 831-832].

3. Marie Amable Ménard was born 23 February 1765 in Laval [PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Family View]. She may have been the Marie Angelique Ménard [see #6 below] who married Pierre Demers.

4. Louis Ménard was born 23 June 1766 in Laval [PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Family View].

5. Pierre Ménard was baptized 28 January 1771 in Sault-au-Récollet [PRDH-IGD, #37713 – Family View].

6. Marie Angélique Ménard was born at an unknown date and location. She married Pierre Demers, son of Pierre Demers and Marie Françoise Hayot, 19 November 1780 in Détroit. They were the parents of ten children; the last five children were probably born in River Raisin. Marie Angélique Ménard was buried 20 January 1802 in St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 436].

7. Jean Marie Ménard was born at an unknown date and location. He married Marie Jacob, daughter of Étienne Jacob and Madeleine Godet dite Marentette, 22 April 1793 in Ste Anne du Détroit [www.Ancestry.com, D, Détroit, Ste-Anne, 1780-1801, Images 194-195].
Marriage of Jean Marie Ménard and Marie Jacob

She was born 5 December 1775 in Assumption / Sandwich. They had two children. He was buried 7 September 1795 from St. Antoine, River Raisin. She was buried 21 February 1811 from St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol II, p. 832].

Marriage of François Ménard and Angélique Jacob

She was born 16 February 1774 in Assumption / Sandwich. They had eight children who were born in River Raisin. He was buried 1 September 1805 from St. Antoine, River Raisin. She was buried 31 December 1812 from St. Antoine, River Raisin [Denissen, Vol II, p. 832].
9. **Marie Josèphe Ménard** was born 7 August 1775 on the southwest coast of Détroit. She was buried 20 February 1776 from Ste. Anne’s [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 831].

10. **Antoine Ménard** was born 31 May 1777 on the southwest coast of Détroit. He was buried 9 July 1777 from Ste. Anne’s [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 831].

11. **Antoine Ménard** was born 31 March 1779 in Détroit [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 831].

**Nicolas Michel dit Lorrain and a Miami:**

Nicolas Michel dit Lorrain, son of Sébastien Michel and Catherine Gentiller, was a trader among the Miami. He had a son by a Miami in 1766. Nicolas Michel married **Marie Cécire**, daughter of Jean Cécire and Marie Charlotte Girard, 19 August 1769 in Détroit [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 766].

Son of Nicolas Michel and a Miami:

**François Antoine Michel** was born in the Illinois Country in about 1766. He was baptized 14 May 1773. The notice of his baptism was carried to Détroit and entered in the register of Ste. Anne’s [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste-Anne, 1701-1780, Image 185].

![Baptism of François Antoine Michel](image)

In 1797, prior to his marriage to Françoise Chauvin, daughter of Pierre Chauvin and Catherine Chevalier, Ignace Moras had a son by a **Chippewa / Ojibwa** [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 872].

**Ignace Moras and a Chippewa**

Ignace Moras, son of Nicolas Antoine Moras and Marie Anne Boyer, was born 20 October 1774 and baptized the following day in Détroit [www.Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Détroit, Ste-Anne, 1702-1780, Image 208].

![Baptism of Ignace Moras](image)
Son of Ignace Moras and an Ojibwa / Chippewa:

**Charles Moras** was born in 1797. He was baptized 14 July 1836 at the Black River [present-day, Port Huron, Michigan]. Charles Moras married **Thérèse**, a Chippewa / Ojibwa, 17 October 1836 in St. Clair, Michigan [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 872 – due to the fact that these records are not available online, images of Charles Moras’ baptism and marriage have not been included in the profile].