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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 Names have been standardized per Jetté.

The later families will be added as time permits.

Pierre You and Élisabeth, a Miami, Family:
Pierre You, sieur de LaDécouverte, son of Pierre You and Marie Renée Turcot, was from St-Saveur, La Rochelle, Aunis (Charente-Maritime), France [Jetté, p. 1136; Fichier-Origine, #350142; researchers: Archange Godbout; Lise Dandonneau; accessed 24 September 2015].

Pierre You married Madeleine Just, daughter of Hubert Just and Madeleine Dumont, and widow of Jean Jérôme Leguay, sieur de Jonquay, 19 April 1697 in Montréal. The couple had five children; two survived childhood and one son married [Jetté, pp. 701 – Leguay; 1136 – You].

Pierre You also had two filles naturels. Madeleine Drousson, daughter of Robert Drousson and Jeanne Tardé was the mother of Marie Charlotte who was born 29 April 1706 and baptized the following day in Laprairie. Madeleine Drousson was also the mother of Marie Catherine who was born and baptized 10 September 1708 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 1136].

Pierre You was also the father of a daughter by Élisabeth, a Miami, circa 1694. Jetté states their daughter was illegitimate, but the DCB states they married in April 1693 in Chicago [Jetté, p. 1136; Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online: http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/you_de_la_decouverte_pierre_2E.html].

Pierre You and Élisabeth’s daughter:

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 in Michigan’s Habitant Heritage.]
Marie Anne You and Jean Baptiste Richard had three children. Their daughter Suzanne is discussed below. Their daughter Agnès Richard married Jean Baptiste Vaudry 28 August 1756 in Fort Vincennes. The couple also had a son named Jean Richard [PRDH-IGD, # 12892 – Richard – You Family View]. The death dates for Marie Anne You and Jean Baptiste Richard are not known.

**Suzanne Richard**

Suzanne Richard, daughter of Jean Baptiste Richard and Marie Anne You was born 12 August 1718 in Montréal and baptized 15 August 1718 in Montréal following the marriage of her parents [Jetté, p. 983]. Her godparents were Philippe You [her half-brother] and Suzanne de Couagne [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, M, Montréal, Basilique Notre-Dame, 1713-1725, Image 168; Lafrance].

Suzanne Richard married Gilbert Parent, son of Joseph Parent and Madeleine Maret, circa 1733. Gilbert Parent was born 2 December and baptized the following day 1703 in Montréal. His godparents were Gilbert Maillet, a master mason, and Geneviève Paillé, daughter of Léonard Paillé [PRDH, #42678 – Gilbert Parent’s Baptism].

**Information about Gilbert Parent’s Parents – Joseph Parent and Madeleine Maret:**

Joseph Parent made at least voyage to the Ottawa during the 17th century. On 3 September 1693 Marie Nolan, wife of Louis de Laporte, sieur de Louvigny, recorded an agreement with Joseph Parent. Although the subject of the agreement is not specified in the summary, the contract was made immediately before Marie Nolan hired Jean Baptiste Maret for a voyage to the Ottawa [Chambalon and Roy, Vol. 18, p. 49 – 24 September 1693]. On 24 September 1693, Madeleine Maret leased two rooms in their house to Jean Dubois for a period of one year. The contract specifically states that Joseph Parent was absent on a voyage to the Ottawa [Le Détroit du Lac Érié – Volume 1, by Gail Moreau-DesHarnais and Diane Wolford Sheppard, and Volume 2, by

On 9 March 1706, Messire Antoine Lamothe Cadillac, captain and commandant of Fort Pontchartrain du Détroit, hired Joseph Parent, taillandier [edge tool or cutting tools maker], and Yves Pinet, armurier [gunsmith] to make a voyage to Détroit where they would be employed for three years. In addition to their duties as edge tool maker, blacksmith, and gunsmith, they would also operate a brewery [Moreau-DesHarnais and Wolford Sheppard, Contracts Chapter].

On 10 March 1707, Cadillac granted Joseph Parent lot 37 on rue St. Louis joining rue St. Antoine on one side and Cadillac on the other side. The site measured 30 pieds by 22 pieds; the rent was 3 livres de rente and 10 livres for other rights. On the same day, Cadillac granted him a garden lot [Moreau-DesHarnais and Wolford Sheppard, Land Chapter]. On 21 May 1707, Joseph Parent was godfather to Joseph Marquet who was baptized in Détroit. He was identified as a master toolmaker and brewer in the baptismal record [Ste. Anne du Détroit, Image 10].

In 1708, François Clairambault d’Aigremont reported that Cadillac charged Joseph Parent 600 livres and two barrels of beer in order for Parent to act as a blacksmith. Additionally, Joseph Parent was required to shoe all of Cadillac’s horses, although he only owned one horse in 1708 [MPHSC, Vol. 33, p. 425 – Clairambault d’Aigremont’s Report]. On 25 September 1708, Joseph Fafard, was godfather to Joseph Fafard who was baptized in Détroit [Ste. Anne du Détroit, Image 25]. On 24 November 1708, Joseph Parent was godfather to Marie Louise Baudreau who was baptized in Détroit [Ste. Anne du Détroit, Image 25].

On 7 June 1710, Joseph Parent was one of those who agreed to pay for a priest in Détroit [Moreau-DesHarnais and Wolford Sheppard, Miscellaneous Chapter]. Later that month, on 30 June 1710, Joseph Parent was one of the residents of Détroit who attended the marriage of Michel Bisaillon and Marguerite Fafard [Ste. Anne du Détroit, Image 46]. Joseph Parent was enumerated in the 1710 census of Détroit as a habitant who cultivated the land; his wife and children were with him [Moreau-DesHarnais and Wolford Sheppard Census Chapter].

Gilbert Parent was a trader: On 14 September 1729, Alexis Lemoine, sieur Monière, recorded an obligation from Gilbert Parent, Jacques Grignon, and Louis Chapeau for merchandise for their voyage to Détroit [RAPQ1930, p. 274 - 1729; Jetté, p. 876 mistakenly states that his first voyage was contracted on 9 May 1724]. On 2 June 1730, Alexis Lemoine, sieur Monière, recorded an obligation from Gilbert Parent, Jacques Grignon, and Louis Chapeau for merchandise for their voyage to the Illinois [RAPQ1930, p. 276 – 1730].

Gilbert Parent was shot at the Miami River. Gilbert Parent was buried 9 September 1750 in River Raisin; his body was exhumed and he was reburied 4 July 1752 in Ste. Anne’s [Denissen, Vol. II, p. 935 – Parent-Richard – lists four children; PRDH, #6530 – Parent-Maret Family and Couple Views; PRDH,
Gilbert Parent and Marie Suzanne Richard’s children:
1. Joseph Gilbert Parent was born circa 1734. He was buried 28 February 1742 in Montréal [PRDH-IGD - #22756 — incorrectly states that Joseph Gilbert Parent was born in Detroit].

2. Catherine Parent was born circa 1739. She was buried 24 July 1766 in Montréal [PRDH-IGD - #22756 — incorrectly states that Catherine was born in Detroit].

3. Madeleine Parent was born 30 August 1743 at an unknown location and baptized 15 July 1745 at Ste. Anne’s [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 20; [PRDH-IGD - #22756 — incorrectly states that she was born in Detroit and lists her baptismal date as her birth date; Denissen, Vol. II, p. 935 — incorrectly states that she was born in Detroit]. Her godparents were Charles Chauvin and Josette [Lotman dite] Barrois, wife of Alexis Bienvenu dit Delisle [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 20].


4. Albert Parent was born and baptized 7 October 1745 in Detroit. His godparents were Pierre [Chesne dit] Labutte and [Marie Catherine Godefroy], wife of Alexis [Trottier dit or sieur] DesRuisseaux [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 21].
Albert Parent was buried 4 July 1752 in Detroit [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 935].

5. **Pierre Parent** was born and baptized 13 October 1748 in Detroit. His godparents were Pierre [Chesne dit] Labutte [fils] and Angélique Cuillerier [www.ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, D, Detroit, Ste Anne, 1702-1780, Image 33 – Pierre Chesne dit Labutte, fils, can be distinguished from his father because he was literate].

Pierre Parent was buried 23 November 1749 in Detroit [Denissen, Vol. I, p. 935].