

The Languedoc Family

The first member of the Languedoc family (Joseph) settled in Gaspé in the 1820s. He married Eliza Boyle, a sister of Felix Boyle, who was a whaler. Many of the families of the Gaspé Bay area descend from Joseph and Eliza.

The Languedoc family history can be traced back to France and to the early days of the French colony of New France. The first Languedoc to arrive in Quebec was Jean Garigue dit Languedoc. The “dit” name was a tradition that was common in New France up until the mid 19th century. It is an alternate name added to the family name to distinguish them from another branch of the same family. It can be a nickname based on trade or physical characteristics, or to identify the ancestral place of origin. Many dit names were derived from military service, where early French military rules required a nom de guerre, or war name, for all regular soldiers. This practice was a precursor to identification numbers and allowed soldiers to be identified collectively by their given name, their family name, and their nom de guerre. Over time families either kept their original family name or adopted the dit name. ¹

The name Jean Garigue dit Languedoc is taken from his birthplace in the Languedoc region of France. Garigue, is taken from the Provençal language. “Garriga” refers to a vast land of small oak trees in the south of France.

Jean Garigue dit (called) Languedoc was born in 1681 in Breteleville, Castre, Languedoc, France and was married on January 29th, 1704, in Quebec to Marie Anne Bourget, daughter of Claude Borget and Marie Couture. Jean’s father was Pierre Garigue. On his marriage certificate he stated that he did not know his mother’s name as she died when he was a young child. ²

Mar. de Jean Garigue dit Languedoc
Le dix-neuvième jour de Janvier de l'an 1704. ayant esté
Garigue dit Languedoc le dit oncle le dit oncle Jean Louis de Montigny de la Colombie
Languedoc et Vicaire general de ce diocèse de Quebec de la publication des banns
de M^{rs} Bourget & de M^{rs} Couture. Entre Jean Garigue dit Languedoc fils de Pierre
Garigue ne sçavoit pas de son nom de sa mere pour estre fait de son
enfance par son oncle le dit oncle paroitte et Bourg de Breteleville Languedoc
Cathed. de Languedoc d'une part et de Marie Anne Bourget fille
de Claude Bourget et de Marie Couture sibi pere et mere de cette
parois de Breteleville d'autre part et ne sçavoit pas de son nom de sa mere
pour estre fait de son enfance par son oncle le dit oncle paroitte et Bourg de Breteleville
Languedoc. Coquet led. ay marié, selon la forme
prescrite par M^{rs} le Roy la Sainte Eglise en presence de J^{rs} Jean
Montigny de la Colombie en cette dite ville de J^{rs} Pierre Quel
notaire public de la parois de Quebec de J^{rs} Guillaume Ouch
bourgeois de cette dite ville et de J^{rs} Francois Reich aussi bourgeois
de cette dite ville lesquels ont signe. Bourget & Coquet ont declare
ne sçavoit pas de son nom de sa mere pour estre fait de son enfance
par son oncle le dit oncle paroitte et Bourg de Breteleville Languedoc.

P. Coquet
Francois Reich
Coquet

Francois Languedoc, their only son, was born in 1713 at Chateau Richer in Quebec and died in 1748. On June 15th, 1734, he married Catherine Martel. ³

Le quinzieme juin mil sept cent trente quatre apres
 la publication des trois banns de mariage faite avec
 mesmes paroissiaux entre francois Languedoc fils de Jean Bapt
 languedoc et de Marie Anne Bourget sa pere et mere
 de cette paroisse d'une part et Catherine Martel
 fille de Jean Martel et de Marie Anne Roulois
 ses pere et mere de la paroisse du Chateau Richer
 demourant en cette ville d'autre part et ne s'ont
 decouvert aucun empeschement nous soussignés prestres
 de Quebec y faisant les fonctions curiales avons pris leur
 mutuel consentement et les avons marie avec les ceremonies
 prescrites par l'eglise en presence de Messrs Charles
 de Gamus ceuyer se de salaise officier des trouppes, Messrs
 Martin Cheron M^r Hippolyte Thibierge Jean Chapeau
 Charles Languedoc Pierre Languedoc Louis Bourget
 tous parrains amis temoins lesquels ont signé
 leurs noms avec la femme et quelques temoins ont declare
 ne sçavoir signer de ce qui suit
 Louis Lafleur
 Francoise Languedoc Lecher, de salaise
 Charlotte monse et Marie Anne
 Marie Anne monse Barolet
 Joseph Gold coeur
 Nicolas de Tibierge

Francois and Catherine's son Jacques was born on Sept. 12, 1745. ⁴

Le douze septembre mil sept cent quarante cinq par nous prestre soussigné a été baptisé dans l'eglise paroissiale de
 Jacques Languedoc Quebec Jacques ne de la par de mariage de francois Languedoc charpentier demeurant en cette ville et
 Catherine Martel sa femme le parrain a été Jacques Amelin lacharmeux grand vieu nicolas fove de
 Hippolyte Thibierge lesquels ont signé
 Francoise Languedoc Jacques Amelin
 Nicolas de Tibierge

James Edward Languedoc, a son of Joseph and Eliza, married Jane Martha Starnes of New Carlisle. One of their daughters was Louisa Caroline, who married William Jones. Louisa was my great grandmother (my grandmother May Lillian Jones was her daughter).

Francois Languedoc was an associate with John White and Company from 1812 to 1821. Francois became a successful businessman. He was a shareholder, secretary, and treasurer in two companies involved in marine transport. He was also one of the promoters of the Chambly Canal and of the Bank of Quebec. He invested in real estate in Quebec and various townships. In 1824, he was living on his seigneurie in Saint-Georges.

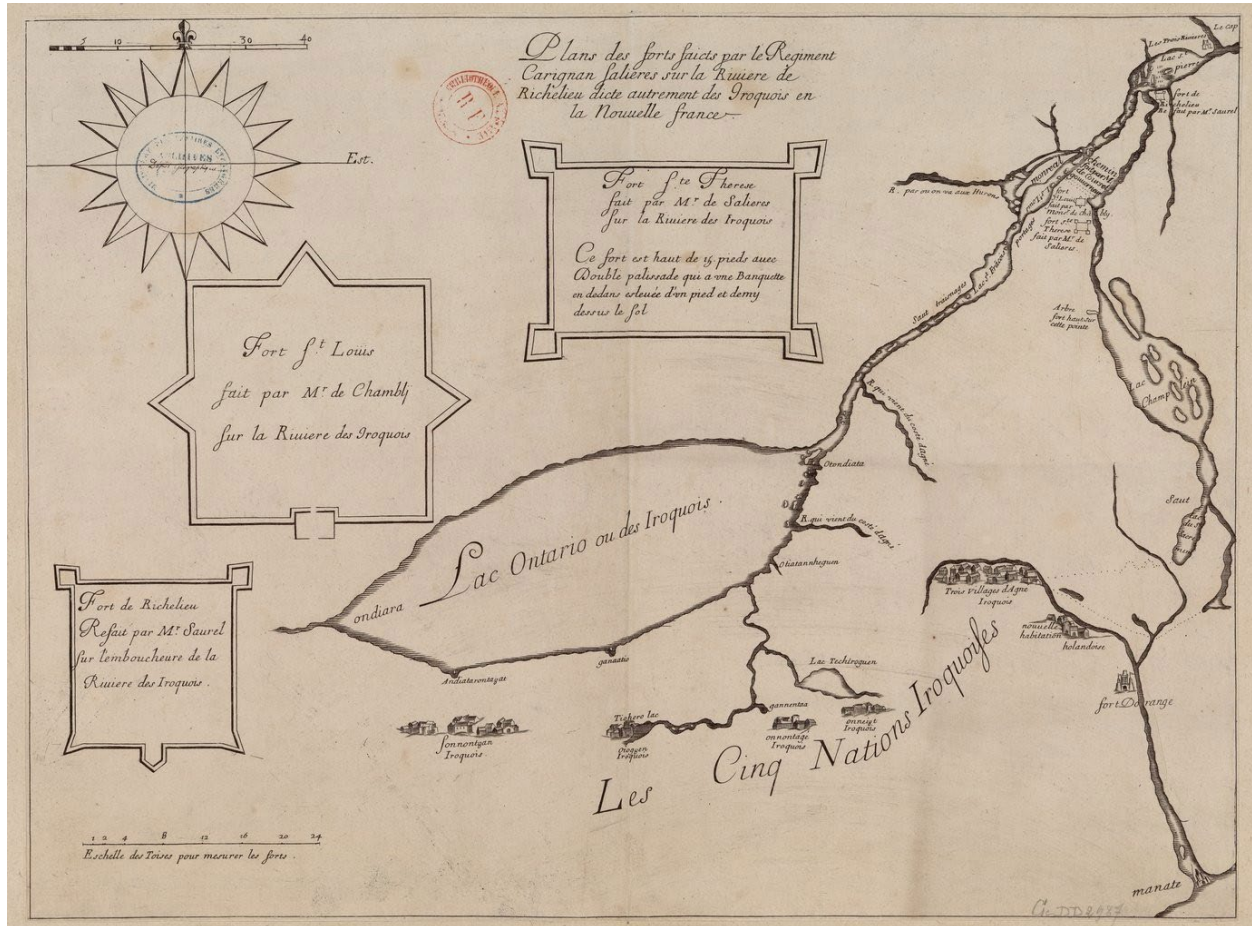
In 1816, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada, representing the Lower Town of Quebec (Basse-Ville de Quebec). He did not run for re-election in 1820. He made a return to politics in 1830 when he was elected without opposition in the riding of L'Acadie. He was sworn in in 1832. In January 1833 he was taken into custody by the Sargent at Arms for unjustified absences and was released several days later. It is interesting to note that he voted against the 92 Resolutions (demands made by the Legislative Assembly to the British Crown). He was defeated in 1834 and did not run again for election.

After his political life ended, Francois served in several commissioner's posts as well as a justice of the peace and militia officer. Francois died in 1840 (at the age of 50) at his seigneurial manor at Saint-Edouard.⁹

The Martel-Languedoc Family

In 1665 the first regular French troops in New France, the Carignan-Salieres Regiment, arrived in the colony in response to the pleas of the colonists for assistance in their struggle with the Iroquois. Between June and September of 1665, some 1200 soldiers and officers arrived in Quebec, under the command of Lt. General Alexandre de Prouville, Sieur de Tracy.

The series of forts established by the regiment along the Richelieu River, along with the success of its second campaign into the lands of the Mohaw Nation, led to a long period of peace for the French colony. ¹⁰



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The regiment was demobilized, and the officers and soldiers were offered incentives to permanently settle in New France. Over 450 of these troops remained in the colony, many of whom married the newly arrived Fille du Roi (King's Daughters) who were sent from France to marry the bachelors.

One of these men who stayed in New France was Honore Martel dit La Montagne (Honoré Martel, called the Mountain), a soldier in the Berthier Company. On November 16th, 1668, he married Marguerite L'Amirault, a Fille du Roy. ¹¹

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 Le mariage se fit le jour du mois de novembre de l'an mil six
 cent soixante huit après les fiançailles et la publication faite
 de deux bans de mariage d'un honore Martel fils de Jean
 Martel et de Marie du Chesne les père et mère de la paroisse
 de St Eustache de la ville de Paris d'une part Et Marguerite
 L'Admirault fille de Francois L'Admirault et de Jeanne Clos les
 père et mère de la paroisse de St Germain L'Auxerrois de la
 ville de Paris d'autre part. Monsieur L'Evêque de Paris leur
 ayant donné dispense du troisième ban et ne pouvant découvrir
 aucun empêchement. Le Jougne prestre curé de la paroisse
 de notr Dame de luebe les ay maria et leur ay donne la
 benediction nuptiale selon la forme prescrite par la pe lyle en
 presence de tesmoins connus Jacques Larche, Samuel Vignier,
 Jean Giron etc. J. de Bernieres.

27. — Mariage de Jean Garmes, le mar... de quoy
 17 gbr — Mariage de honore Martel / de la Montagne & Mary ^{de L'Admirault}
 1669. — Mariage de Jean Baumom, de Jeanne de la Haye +

Honore Martel was the son of Jean Martel and Marie Duchenes from St. Eustache in Paris. Marguerite was the daughter of Francois L'Admirault and Jeanne Clos from Saint Germain, Auxere, also in Paris. The families lived in close proximity, and it is possible that Honore and Marguerite knew each other before emigrating to New France.

Their grand daughter, Catherine, married Francois Languedoc in 1734. Catherine and Francois's grandson, Joseph, married Eliza Boyle and moved to York in the 1820s.

¹ www.thoughtco.com

² Drouin Collection Registre Basilique Notre Dame, Québec, 1704-1709

³ Drouin Collection Registre Basilique Notre Dame, Quebec, 1734-1738

⁴ Drouin Collection Registre Paroisse Notre Dame, Quebec 1743-1748

⁵ Drouin Collection Registre Paroisse St. Joseph, Lauzon 1773-1792

⁶ Drouin Collection Registre Basilique Notre Dame, Quebec 1785-1789

⁷ LAC Quebec Directory 1822

⁸ Drouin Collection Registre Cathédrale du Christ Roi, Gaspé 1874

⁹ www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/deputes/languedoc/francois

¹⁰ Gallica.bnf.fr/Bibliothèque nationale de France

¹¹ Drouin Collection Registre Paroisse Nortre Dame, Quebec 1667-1679