

THE L'Amoureux FAMILY HISTORY

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AS THE LaMOREAUX's APPROACH 300 YEARS IN AMERICA AND WITH OUR NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTORS WE LOOK BACK AT OURSELVES

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DEDICATED
TO
THE WOMEN OF THE L'Amoureux's

ESPECIALLY DEDICATED
TO

PAMELA GORDON LaMOREAUX
(10/4/1922 - 12/16/1986)

& PAMELA ELIZABETH LaMOREAUX
(9/18/1964 - MURDERED 3/18/1987)

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Foreword

This history of the L'Moureaux's is done with information from the attached family history by Andrew Jackson Lamoreaux, written about 1919, with a foreword by Harold Dane Lamoureux, dated April 15, 1939; the detailed family history done by Elmer Lamoreaux in the 50's & 60's; the work done by my brother Donald at the Paris National Library while he served in the US Army in Germany during the Korean war; the work done by and with my brother Robert over many years, especially after we decided to look into the contributions of the L'Amoureux women; and what I have been able to obtain from London from letters and family members, letters from the Mayor of Bristol, visits to Toronto and New York, and time spent in Washington at the Library of Congress over the past 3 years.

I have been ask by a nephew to try my hand at writing a family history so the current generation has a better idea of their past. The following is my attempt, and I hope it adds to what you have. I am most willing to accept any criticism, corrections, additions and comments. It is my hope that this is just an early draft.

Elmer's history got us involved in looking back at our family and ancestors, and as we studied our family tree we felt we knew a great deal about the men of the L'Amoureux's, and little about the women they married. There was also the very old family story about how one of our grandparents got involved with Pocahantas [Pocahontas?] We wanted to know more, and find out if the old story was true. It took awhile, but Robert finally tracked down our Amerindian [American Indian?] Ancestor. We found that Daniel's wife, Jeanne Masereau Latour [This should be Jeanne Massé. Her mother was a Mercereau. Daniel's mom was a LaTour.] Was the grand daughter of the first European baby known to have been born in New England. [I have not been able to find anything on this. I looked in what early Rhode Island records I had access to here in AZ.] This along with our ancestor who lived next to Benedict Arnold. [Benedict Arnold was new information to me. I found more sources to confirm this.] And followed him to Canada has made the tracking all the more fun.

Also our name has many spellings, and many family members may not know they are in the same family. A study of the early census records of New York finds 39 spelling for know family members. They are: Lamarue, Lamoreuex, L'Amoureux, Lamour, Lamoureux, Lamaire, Lamoreaux, LaMoreaux, Lamorce, Lamoree (still in the Newburgh NY telephone book), Lamourea, Lamar, Lamoreaux, Lamore, LaMourer, Lamoures, Lamoureux, Lamouri, Lamare, Lamareaux, Lamereaux, Lamereux, Lamerex, Lamerey, Lamerex, Lamori, Lamarie, Lamois, Lamora, Lamorat, Lamord, Lamorent, Lamoreux, Lamorit, Lamorw, Lamosh, Lamoureun, Lamoureux, and Lamoureux (CLOSE). L'Amoureux, the original spelling is not used once, and you thought you

Sources

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had problems! There must be a thousand ways I've heard it pronounced. Praise be to God we are different.

Also let me thank April K. R. Coleman for sending a part of the family history to add to all the other, and by doing so, spurred me on to this work.

Peace be with you always

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

WE HAVE TRACED OUR FAMILY TREE TO FRANCE AND AMERICA IN THE 1600'S, THE 17th CENTURY. IN LOOKING AT WHO WE ARE, AND WHERE WE CAME FROM, IT HELPS TO HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN EUROPE AND AMERICA AT THE TIME. THIS IS A SHORT PRIMER TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA. IF POSSIBLE, LOOK AT A GOOD HISTORY OF THE TIME. THE INFORMATION COMES FROM A TEXTBOOK MY LATE DAUGHTER HAD CALLED, THE MAINSTREAM OF CIVILIZATION TO 1715. BY JOSEPH R. STRAYER AND HANS W. GATZKE.

THE 17th CENTURY, MUCH MORE THAN ANY OTHER, IS THE CENTURY IN WHICH THE MODERN EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION TOOK ON RECOGNIZABLE FORM. IT WAS ALSO A CENTURY OF SEVERE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS CRISES. EVERYWHERE THE POWER OF THE STATE WAS CHALLENGED, AND IN THE 1640'S THE 3 STRONGEST EUROPEAN MONARCHIES - SPAIN, ENGLAND AND FRANCE - WERE WEAKENED BY OUTRIGHT REBELLIONS. IT HAD THE LAST OF THE RELIGIOUS WARS ALONG WITH THE 1st COMMERCIAL WAR. THE RAVAGES OF WAR WERE COMPOUNDED BY BAD WEATHER, FAMINE, AND PLAGUE. A LONG ECONOMIC DEPRESSION MARKED THE MIDDLE OF THE CENTURY.

FRANCE STILL FELT THE EFFECTS OF ANARCHY AND VIOLENCE. THAT HAD PREVAILED FOR ALMOST HALF A CENTURY BEFORE THE EDICT OF NANTES IN 1598. HENRY OF NAVARRE HAD BECOME KING OF FRANCE IN 1589 AFTER HE AGREED TO CONVERT FROM PROTESTANT TO CATHOLIC. IN HIS EDICT OF NANTES, HUGUENOTS WERE GRANTED FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN SPECIFIED PLACES, EQUAL CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CONTROL OF SOME 200 FORTIFIED TOWN[S] THROUGHOUT FRANCE. IN SHORT THE EDICT RECOGNIZED THE RELIGIOUS STALEMATE, AND ZEALOTS ON BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED IT ONLY TEMPORARY. THE NOBLES (WHO PAID NO TAXES) WERE SPLIT, THE MIDDLECLASS, WHICH WAS SMALL, WAS MAINLY HUGUENOT, AND THE POOR (WHO PAID MOST OF THE TAXES) WERE MAINLY CATHOLIC.

FROM 1624 TO HIS DEATH IN 1642, CARDINAL RICHELIEU, AS HEAD OF THE KING'S COUNCIL, WAS THE REAL RULER IN FRANCE. HE, MORE THAN

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ANY KING, FOUNDED THE ABSOLUTE MONARCHY IN FRANCE. HE HAD ONE PURPOSE, TO ENHANCE THE POWER AND PRESTIGE OF THE MONARCHY BEYOND ANY POSSIBILITY OF CHALLENGE. TO DO THIS RICHELIEU HAD TO BREAK THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER OF THE HUGUENOTS, AND THEN THE GREAT NOBLES. TO DO THIS HE ATTACKED AND CAPTURED THE MAIN HUGUENOT TOWN, LaROCHELLE, ON THE WEST COAST. AFTERWARDS, HE STILL ALLOWED THE HUGUENOTS FREEDOM OF WORSHIP.

RICHELIEU WAS FOLLOWED BY HIS HAND PICKED SUCCESSOR, MAZARIN, IN 1642. MAZARIN WAS AN ITALIAN, WHO WAS NOT LIKED BY ANY FRENCHMAN, BUT HE CONTINUED IN POWER UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1661. LOUIS XIV, WHO BECAME KING IN 1643 AT AGE 5, TOOK OVER, AND RULED AS AN ABSOLUTE MONARCH, FROM 1661 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1715.

ENGLAND WHICH HAD BEEN AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY UNDER ELIZABETH I UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1603. ENGLAND WAS THEN TORN BY TURMOIL. THE ENGLISH REVOLUTION, UNDER OLIVER CROMWELL, TOOK PLACE FROM 1642 TO 1649. HE THEN BECAME DICTATOR UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1658. IN 1660 THE MONARCHY, PARLIAMENT, AND THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WERE RESTORED TO POWER. CHARLES II WAS INVITED TO RETURN FROM FRANCE, AND TAKE UP THE CROWN. HOWEVER, ALL THE ACTS OF PARLIAMENT TO RESTRICT THE ROYAL POWER, WERE KEPT ON THE BOOKS. ENGLAND BECAME, AND REMAINS A PARLIAMENTARY MONARCHY.

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THE EARLY 17th CENTURY IN ENGLAND WAS A BRILLIANT AGE OF SHAKESPEARE'S MATURE WORK, THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE, MILTON, AND A BRILLIANT PERIOD OF POLITICAL THINKING. IT WAS ALSO THE TIME WHEN THE COLONIZATION OF AMERICA TOOK PLACE. VIRGINIA WAS FINALLY SUCCESSFULLY SETTLED IN 1607, AND THE PILGRIMS LANDED IN 1620.

THE DUTCH, AFTER BREAKING AWAY FROM SPAIN IN THE 16th CENTURY, BECAME A MAJOR ECONOMIC POWER IN THE 17th CENTURY. BLOCK DISCOVERED BLOCK ISLAND FOR THE DUTCH, BY RUNNING INTO IT, IN 1604 (MORE ABOUT THIS LATER). HENRY HUDSON EXPLORED THE HUDSON RIVER FOR THE DUTCH IN 1609, AND THE DUTCH SETTLED NEW AMSTERDAM BY PURCHASING MANHATTAN ISLAND IN 1624. THE DUTCH HELD NEW AMSTERDAM AS A TRADING POST, UNTIL THE ENGLISH TOOK IT IN 1664.

THE FRENCH WERE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN NORTH AMERICA IN THE 17th CENTURY. BY 1640 THERE WERE 3000 FRENCH SETTLERS IN CANADA, AND 10,000 BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

SPAIN, WHICH HAD BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN NATION IN AMERICA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 17th CENTURY, SPIRALED

DOWNHILL ALL THROUGHOUT THE CENTURY. IN 1640, SPAIN EXPLODED POLITICALLY. ALSO THE GOLD AND SILVER MINES WERE RUNNING OUT, AND THE WARS IN EUROPE TOOK A HEAVY TOLL ON SPAIN.

GERMANY WAS BECOMING A POWER, BUT THE 30 YEARS WAR, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CENTURY, TOOK A HEAVY TOLL. RUSSIA WAS PUSHING ACROSS SIBERIA IN SEARCH OF FURS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY FRANCE PUSHED ACROSS AMERICA.

IN AMERICA, THE NATIVE POPULATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 17th CENTURY, WAS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THAT OF EUROPE, 3,000,000 PEOPLE. THEY MAINLY WORSHIPED ONE GOD, AND LIVED A LIFE STYLE OF ABUNDANCE IN HARMONY WITH THE LAND. THEY HAD MANY ECOLOGICALLY SOUND PRACTISES. THEY ANNUALLY BURNED THE UNDERGROWTH IN THE FORESTS, MAKING IT EASIER TO SEE ANIMALS TO HUNT. THIS ALSO PROMOTED THE GROWTH OF BERRIES AND OTHER FOODS, AND PROVIDED A RELATIVELY EASY LIFE STYLE. IT WAS, HOWEVER, ONE [THAT] THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. IT HAS ONLY BECOME TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AT THE END OF THE 20th CENTURY.

ON OCTOBER 15, 1685 LOUIS XIV, REVOKED THE EDICT OF NANTES, AND SET THE WORLD OF OUR HUGUENOT ANCESTORS, INTO TURMOIL AND TERRIOR. THIS ACT FORCED OUR ANCESTORS, ALONG WITH MOST OF THE MIDDLE CLASS OF FRANCE, TO FLEE, BE KILLED OR CONVERT. THANKFULLY, OUR FRENCH ANCESTORS WERE ABLE TO FLEE FROM FRANCE TO ENGLAND. IT TOOK FRANCE, MORE THAN ANOTHER CENTURY, TO RECOVER FROM THE LOSS OF IT'S MIDDLE CLASS. THIS ACT OF INTEMPERANCE ALSO UNITED THE OPPOSITION TO LOUIS XIV IN ALL THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

IN 1689, AFTER OUR ANCESTORS WERE IN ENGLAND, WILLIAM OF ORANGE, FROM THE DUTCH NETHERLANDS, BECAME WILLIAM III OF ENGLAND. HE WAS THE MOST IMPLACABLE ENEMY OF LOUIS XIV. IT LEAD TO WHAT MAY BE CALLED THE FIRST OF THE MODERN WORLD WARS AS IT WAS FOUGHT IN EUROPE, AMERICA, AND INDIA. IN 1697, FRANCE AGREED TO THE PEACE OF RYSWICK. ENGLAND CAME OUT OF THE WAR STRONGER, AND FRANCE WEAKER. OUR FRENCH ANCESTORS THEN CAME TO AMERICA.

WAR WITH FRANCE, AGAIN CAME TO EUROPE AND AMERICA, IN THE WAR OF SPANISH SUCCESSION, BETWEEN 1701-1714. THIS WAS FOUGHT ALL DURING THE TME OUR ANCESTOR WAS SAILING OUT OF NEW YORK FOR THE ENGLISH.

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THE L'Amoureux NAME IN FRANCE

L'Amoureux, OR NOW MORE COMMONLY, LaMoreaux OR Lamoreaux, IN AMERICA. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? AFTER MUCH RESEARCH IN THE

NATIONAL LIBRARY IN PARIS WE LEARNED IT HAS BEEN IN USE FOR OVER 500 YEARS IN FRANCE. TO THEIR BEST KNOWLEDGE, IN THE EARLIEST FRENCH, IT MEANS, **LOVER BY THE MOVING WATER OR LOVER BY THE RIVER**, IT IS FEMININE.

WHAT HAVE WE FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR FAMILY IN FRANCE? NOTHING! WE DON'T KNOW IF ANY REMAINED THERE OR WERE ALIVE AFTER THE REVOCATION OF THE EDIT OF NANTES ON OCTOBER 15, 1685. **WE DO NOT HAVE A RECORD OF OUR FIRST KNOWN ANCESTORS PARENTS OR ANY SIBLINGS.** THE RECORDS IN THE HUGUENOT CHURCH IN MERCHE (NOW THE POPULAR RESORT OF MESCHERS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE GIRONDE RIVER) **WERE BURNED ALONG WITH THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER OF 1685.** THE PROTESTANTS WERE KILLED OR CONVERTED, AND IF THEY DIDN'T FLEE. [sic] **I DON'T THINK OUR 1st KNOWN ANCESTOR, ANDRE L'AMOUREUX, WANTED TO LEAVE A RECORD OF THE FAMILY IN FRANCE, IF HE CONSIDERED IT.** **THE MEMORY OF OCTOBER OF 1685 WOULD HAVE BEEN TO MUCH TO BEAR OPENLY. I DO NOT BELIEVE HIS PARENTS AND ANY SIBLINGS SURVIVED THAT DAY.** [What Day?]

Méché Church

WE DO KNOW OF **2 PROMINENT L'AMOUREUX'S FAMILIES** OF THE LESSER NOBILITY IN THE FRENCH RECORDS PRIOR TO OCT 1685. THE 1st WAS A PROMINENT HUGUENOT, JAQUES L'AMOUREUX. HE WAS THE SIEUR DE LA ROQUE. A SEAT **NEAR MECHE**, BUT MORE LIKELY CLOSER TO BORDEAUX. THE KING LOUIS XIV OF FRANCE, IN COUNCIL, ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1665, RULED THAT HIS SON OF 16 YEARS COULD BE EDUCATED IN HUGUENOT SCHOOLS, RATHER THAN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL HIS GRANDMOTHER WANTED. THE OTHER WAS A CATHOLIC, THE SEIGNEUR DE LA JANVELLIERE, FIELD MARSHALL JOSEPH L'AMOUREUX OF BRITTANY.

WE ALSO KNOW THAT **40 L'AMOUREUX'S SERVED IN THE FRENCH ARMY AND NAVY DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.** WE DO NOT KNOW IF ANY SURVIVED, AND STAYED IN AMERICA.

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OUR EARLIEST KNOWN L'AMOUREUX ANCESTOR

ANDRE L'AMOUREUX IS OUR EARLIEST KNOWN L'AMOUREUX ANCESTOR. HE WAS A PILOT ON THE GIRONDE RIVER LEADING INTO BORDEAUX. AS SHIPS APPEARED AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER, THE PILOTS WOULD SAIL OUT IN A SMALL PILOTS SLOOP AND BOARD THEM. THEY WOULD THEN GUIDE THE SHIP DOWN THE RIVER INTO THE PORT OF BORDEAUX. RIVER CURRENTS ARE ALWAYS TREACHEROUS AND HAVE CHANGING SANDBARS. **ANDRE WAS BORN BETWEEN 1660 AND 1667 IN MECHE, FRANCE.** HE WAS A HUGUENOT (PROTESTANT) WHO BELIEVED IN

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HIS FAITH. ANDRE MARRIED SUZANNE LATOUR (BORN ABOUT 1668) IN MERCHE. [sic] THEY HAD A DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH, WHO WAS BORN IN MECHE. THEIR SON, JACQUES, MAY HAVE BEEN BORN IN MECHE OR BRISTOL, ENGLAND, AND DIED SOON AFTERWARDS.

IT APPEARS THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REVOCATION OF THE EDIT OF NANTES ON OCT 15, 1685, ANDRE WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD(REN?) FLED TO THE PORT OF BRISTOL, ENGLAND, IN HIS SMALL OPEN PILOT SLOOP. ANDRE APPEARS IN THE FRENCH CHURCH RECORDS IN BRISTOL FOR THE 1st TIME ON 12/16/1689, AND THE LAST IN DECEMBER OF 1698, HE IS SHOWN THERE AS A SHIPSMAN AND PILOT. ANDRE AND SUZANNE WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, AND THEIR NAMES APPEAR OFTEN AS WITNESSES AND GODPARENTS. THE FIRST LISTING IS AT THE CHRISTENING OF THEIR DAUGHTER ELIZABETH ON 12/16/1689. IT APPEARS AGAIN AT THE CHRISTENING OF THEIR SON, DANIEL ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1693. DANIEL DIED SOON AFTERWARD. A SECOND SON, DANIEL, WAS BORN ON 11/29/1695, AND CHRISTENED SOON AFTERWARDS. THE LAST LISTING IN BRISTOL IS WHEN ANDRE AND SUZANNE STOOD UP AT A FRIENDS WEDDING IN THE SUMMER OF 1698.

ANDRE'S NAME ALSO APPEARS IN THE ENGLISH CIVIL RECORDS WHEN HE TOOK OUT NATURALIZATION PAPERS ON 6/22/1694 FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. THIS WAS DONE BY A SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT. IN ALL THE RECORDS, ANDRE IS SHOWN AS A SHIPS CAPTAIN AND PILOT. HOWEVER, WHEN I TRIED TO FIND OUT THE NAME OF HIS SHIP FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN BRISTOL, THEY DID NOT FIND A LISTING OF HIS SHIPS NAME. THIS WOULD TEND TO INDICATE ANDRE MAINLY SAILED SMALL SHIPS BETWEEN ENGLISH PORTS OR WAS A PRIVATEER PREYING ON FRENCH SHIPS. THE PORTS MAIN RECORDS ARE NOW ALL IN LONDON, AND ARE WRITTEN IN LATIN. THE LONDON RECORDS INCLUDE ALL THE AMERICAN PORT RECORDS UP UNTIL THE BRITISH PULLOUT IN 1782. THESE ARE ALSO IN LATIN. (ONE OF MY DESIRES HAS BEEN TO RESEARCH THE EARLY ENGLISH NEW YORK RECORDS NOW IN LONDON. HOWEVER, THEY ARE ALL IN LATIN, AND YOU MUST HIRE A TRANSLATOR AT \$75 TO \$100 PER HR TO LOOK. I'M DISABLED AND I HAVEN'T WORKED IT INTO THE BUDGET YET.)

WE NEXT FIND ANDRE AND SUZANNE IN NEW YORK IN THE RECORDS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH ON 5/12/1700, WHEN THEY APPEAR AS WITNESS FOR A FRIEND. IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THEY ARRIVED IN EARLY 1700, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BECAME VERY ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH. IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SAILED THE NORTH ATLANTIC DURING THE WINTER. MOST SHIPS AT THAT TIME LEFT ENGLAND IN THE SPRING AS IT STILL TOOK ABOUT A MONTH FROM BRISTOL TO NEW YORK. WE CAN SURMISE FROM THIS, THAT ANDRE CAME TO NEW YORK WITH HIS FAMILY

André -Civil Records

André - New York

IN THE SPRING OF 1699. IN THE HISTORY OF DAVID LAMOUREUX, ANDRE HAD BUILT HIS OWN SHIP, AND SAILED IT FROM BRISTOL TO NEW YORK. IT WAS QUITE COMMON TO BUILD YOUR OWN. PROBABLY A SLOOP.

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UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, THEY SETTLED IN BROOKLYN. THIS WAS THE MAIN PORT AT THAT TIME. IN GOING OVER THE RECORDS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH IN NEW YORK, ANDRE AND SUZANNE APPEAR AS VERY ACTIVE MEMBERS. A COPY OF THE RECORDS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH IN NEW YORK ARE IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. THE L'Amoureux's, MASSE'S AND MASEREAU'S [Mercereau] ARE LISTED MORE THAN ANY OTHERS. THERE IS ONE LISTING IN NOVEMBER OF 1699, THAT COULD POSSIBLY INDICATE THEY WERE THERE. THE SPELLING ON THE REGISTER IS L'AMOUREUX. [Find This]

WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN, THEIR OLDEST DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH, MARRIED, DANIEL JANDEIN, AS FAR AS WE CAN FIND THE MARRIAGE DIDN'T OCCURRED AT THE FRENCH CHURCH IN BRISTOL OR NEW YORK. WE KNOW ANDRE WAS A SHIPS CAPTAIN, AND ABLE TO MARRY AT SEA. WHAT COULD BE MORE ROMANTIC THEN TO BE MARRIED BY YOUR FATHER AT SEA. WE DO HAVE A RECORD, FROM THE FRENCH CHURCH IN NEW YORK, DATED 1/4/1701, OF THE CHRISTENING OF THEIR SON OF THEIR SO[n] JEAN. SOME OF THE RECORDS REFER TO HER AS CATHERINE. [Catherine is a different person.] NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THIS LINE IS AVAILABLE TO ME.

ANDRE IS ALWAYS LISTED AS A SHIPS CAPTAIN AND PILOT IN BRISTOL AND NEW YORK. SUZANNE IS ALSO SHOWN VERY OFTEN AS AN ACTIVE PERSON. I UNDERSTAND IN THE ENGLISH RECORDS FROM NEW YORK, WHICH ARE NOW IN LONDON, SUZANNE APPEARS BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUESTING (DEMANDING?) A BETTER EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN. ANDRE FIRST APPEARS IN THE CIVIL RECORDS OF NEW YORK ASA RESIDENT OF BROOKLYN IN 1701.

IT THEN APPEARS IN EITHER 1702 OR 3 THEY PURCHASED 32 ACRES OF WHAT IS NOW MIDTOWN MANHATTAN. ANDRE IS LISTED ON THE CENSUS AS A RESIDENT OF THE WEST WARD OF NEW YORK (MIDTOWN MANHATTAN) WITH SUZANNE, JUDITH AND DANIEL. WE KNOW HE WAS STILL A SHIPS MASTER AT THIS TIME, SO IT IS LIKELY THE 32 ACRES OF FARM LAND WAS PURCHASED TO GIVE SUZANNE A BETTER PLACE TO RAISE THE CHILDREN. THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE 32 ACRES OF MANHATTAN WAS 15 POUNDS. THIS WAS A FAIR AMOUNT OF MONEY, SO WE CAN INFER THEY WERE REASONABLY WELL OFF. IT ALSO INDICATES THE LAND WAS CLEARED, AND PROBABLY HAD A HOUSE. (AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE 32 ACRES IS PART OF THE ROCKEFELLER PROPERTY WHICH NOW CONTAINS THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING. IT WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF

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BROAWAY, WHICH WAS THE ONLY ROAD UP THERE IN 1703.) (OUR FAMILY HAS A HISTORY OF OWNING AND THEN SELLING LAND BEFORE IT BECAME EXTREMELY VALUABLE.)

AS A LAND OWNER, HE STILL MAINTAINED HIS POSITION AS A SHIPS CAPTAIN. ANDRE MAY ALSO HAVE DONE SOME FARMING, AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WELL KNOWN, IN WHAT WAS STILL A SMALL COMMUNITY.

ANDRE APPEARS NEXT ON 5/4/1706. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM NEW YORK'S ENGLISH GOVERNOR EDWARD CORNBURY, AS OBTAINED AND TRANSLATED RECENTLY BY APRIL COLEMAN. WE COMMEND HER FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK.

IT SAYS:

BY HIS EXCY EDWARD VICCOUNT CORNBURY
WHEREAS ANDREW LAOUREUX HATH BY HIS PETITION TO ME SETT
FORTH THAT HE BEING LATELY MASTER OF A SLOOP WAS
UNFORTUNATELY TAKEN BY A FRENCH PRIVATEER IN THE WEST
INDIES, AND HAVING PROCURED HIS RELEASMT
SHIPT HIMSELF AT CURASOA

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ON BOARD THE SLOOP ORANGE IN ORDER FOR HIS -
TRANSPORTATION HITHER, BUT THAT UPON HIS
ARRIVAL HERE HE WAS IMPRESET
TO SERVE ON BOARD HER MAJ-TIES SHIP TRITON PRIZE UNDER
YOUR COMMAND YOU ARE
HEREBY REQUIRED TO-RELEASE THE SD LAMOUREUX FROM HER
MAJ-TIES SAID SHIP AND SERVICE GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ATT
FORT ANNE IN NEW YORKE THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 1706

TO CAPT THOMAS MILES COMMANDER
OF HER MAJ-TIES SHIP TRITONS PRIZE

AS APRIL POINTS OUT IN HER LETTER OF 4/4/1991, THE [THIS] GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANDRE. HE WAS THE SHIPS MASTER, AS WE KNEW. HE SAILED A SLOOP, A RELATIVELY SMALL FAST SHIP, OF WHICH WE STILL DO NOT KNOW THE NAME. HE SAILED AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE WEST INDIES. HIS SHIP, FLYING AN ENGLISH FLAG, WAS CAPTURED IN THE WEST INDIES BY A FRENCH PRIVATEER. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AFTER A BATTLE. HE WAS, AS WERE MOST MERCHANTMEN, MOST LIKELY A PRIVATEER, HIMSELF.

ANDRE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN, MOST LIKELY PURCHASE, HIS RELEASE. HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN PASSAGE, FROM CURASAD [CURASAO] IN THE DUTCH WEST INDIES, ON THE SLOOP ORANGE TO NEW YORK. WE KNOW

Pirate Letter

FROM SOME EARLIER HISTORIES, THAT AS THE ORANGE WAS ARRIVING IN SIGHT OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK, HE WAS IMPRESSED (SHANGHAI'ED) BY THE MEN OF THE ENGLISH NAVAL SHIP, TRITON, TO EITHER WORK ON, OR COMMAND A PRIZE, THE TRITON HAD [been] CAPTURED ON IT'S WAY INTO NEW YORK. UPON HIS ARRIVAL, HE APPEALED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR RELEASE FROM IMPRESSMENT.

GOVERNOR'S CORNBURY'S ACTION WAS MOST LIKELY BECAUSE ANDRE WAS A WELL KNOW, PROPERTY OWNING CITIZEN OF NEW YORK. ANDRE WOULD HAVE HAD HIS WIFE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH OF NEW YORK TO APPEAL ON HIS BEHALF. AFTER THIS, WE DO NOT KNOW IF HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ANOTHER SHIP AND/OR COMMAND. ANDRE APPEARS IN THE SUMMER OF 1706 IN THE CHURCH'S RECORDS FOR THE LAST TIME. THE ONLY OTHER REFERENCE IS THAT HE DIED AFTER 1706. [There is no reference to this - This is just the last time he is in the records. HE MAY HAVE DIED ON MANHATTAN OR MOST LIKELY AT SEA. DON'T FORGET THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY WAS ONLY ABOUT 40.

IN ANY CASE ANDRE WAS A WELL EDUCATED, AND TRAVELED ALL OVER, WITH A TOP JOB FOR THE TIME. HE DID EXTREMELY WELL TO HAVE FLED FRANCE IN HIS OWN VESSEL, AND SAILED TO AMERICA WITH HIS FAMILY IN HIS OWN VESSEL HE CONTINUED TO HOLD THE JOB OF SHIPS CAPTAIN WHILE HERE, AND BECAME A LAND OWNER. HE ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, SUZANNE WERE MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH NOT ONLY IN BRISTOL, BUT EQUALLY ACTIVE IN NEW YORK. WE ALSO KNOW THAT HIS SON, DANIEL, RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

SUZANNE (LaTour) L'Amoureux HAD TO HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING WOMAN. SHE FLED HER COUNTRY TO ENGLAND AT AGE 16 [Where is this from?] WITH HER HUSBAND, EITHER JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER THE BIRTH OF HER FIRST CHILD. [Edith I Lamoreaux says she had 2 children when they left.] SHE HAD 5 CHILDREN, AND MANAGED TO RAISE 3 TO ADULTHOOD. SUZANNE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE FRENCH CHURCH IN BRISTOL AND IN NEW YORK. SHE CAME TO THE NEW WORLD WITH HER HUSBAND AND YOUNG CHILDREN PRIOR TO 1700. IT APPEARS SHE HAD SOME EDUCATION, [I don't know about this, she signed her name with an "X".] AND WAS CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO EXPRESS HER VIEWS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR IN NEW YORK. [Where are these records?] MOST LIKELY SHE WENT TO THE GOVERNOR TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF IMPRESSMENT PAPERS.

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SHE MADE SURE HER CHILDREN WERE EDUCATED, AT A TIME WHEN FEW WERE. AS THE WIFE OF A SHIPS CAPTAIN, SUZANNE MUST HAVE HAD TO DO MOST OF THE WORK AROUND THE HOME AND FARM. IT APPEARS THAT UPON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, SHE WAS ABLE TO KEEP THE

André - last record

More on Suzanne

FAMILY TOGETHER FOR SOME YEARS. SHE REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE RECORDS OF THE FRENCH CHURCH UNTIL AT LEAST 1720. I WOULD SAY A LIBERATED MODERN WOMAN OF 300 YEARS AGO! I SHOW SHE DIED AFTER 1720, MOST LIKELY WHILE LIVING WITH DANIEL OR ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS AS WOULD HAVE BEEN COMMON. SINCE DANIEL'S 1st CHILDREN RECEIVED AN EDUCATION, I WOULD BET SHE LIVED WITH HIM.

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DANIEL, THE SON FROM WHOM WE ALL CAME

NOW LET ME TURN TO DANIEL. THE 2nd SON NAMED DANIEL OF ANDRE AND SUZANNE. BORN IN BRISTOL ON NOVEMBER 29, 1695. HE MARRIED JEANNE MASSE ON 6/28/1719. HE AND JEANNE HAD 9 CHILDREN INCLUDING 7 SONS. JEANNE DIED SOON AFTER JOSUE (JOSHUA), THEIR LAST SON, WAS BORN. DANIEL THEN MARRIED AALTJE STORMS ON 6/9/1744. IT APPEARS SHE WAS FROM ONE OF THE ORIGINAL DUTCH FAMILIES. THEY HAD NO CHILDREN. [Together - Aaltje had a family to blend with Daniel and Jeanne's children.] DANIEL WAS A BOOTMAKER "CORDWAINER". A MAKER OF LONG BOOTS MADE FROM GOATS SKIN, CALLED CORDWAN. BETWEEN 1724 & 26 DANIEL MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE FRONTIER IN NEW ROCHELLE, THEN BY 1736 TO BEDFORD, THEN IN 1739 TO PHILIPSTOWN IN PUTNAM COUNTY. MOST LIKELY HE MAINTAINED HIS TRADE ALONG WITH FARMING. HE DIED OR MOVED AGAIN PRIOR TO 1776. IT'S VERY LIKELY HE MOVED IN WITH HIS SON, ANDREW, AN ATTORNEY IN ALBANY, ESPECIALLY AFTER JOSUE'S EPISODE, OF WHICH I'LL HAVE MORE TO SAY LATER. [What episode?]

WE DO KNOW THAT DANIEL WROTE AN EXTENSIVE DIARY STARTING IN 1720. THE LAST ENTRY IS 1739, AT THE TIME JEANNE DIED. IT WAS ALL IN FRENCH. IT WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DESCENDENTS OF HIS OLDEST SON, ANDREW, AS LATE AS 1920. [I think this refers to Daniel's Copy Book. We do not have an 'extensive diary.' Was there more to it? Daniel wrote in his copybook in French and English. It mainly has dates for his children's births and details of a friend's will. It also includes birth dates of some of Daniel's grand children... written in another hand writing.] I DO NOT KNOW IF IT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN COMMON TO WRITE IT IN FRENCH, AS MOST PEOPLE COULDN'T READ IT. MY PARENTS SPOKE GERMAN, PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, WHENEVER THEY DIDN'T WANT US TO KNOW WHAT WAS BEING SAID.

I BELIEVE, DANIEL'S WIFE, JEANNE'S, GREAT GRANDMOTHER WAS OUR "POCAHANTAS", AND EXTENDS OUR ANCESTRY BACK TO THE NATIVE AMERICANS. HER MAIDEN NAME WAS MASSE. MY BROTHER, ROBERT, DID THE RESEARCH ON THIS. (WE MIGHT DISAGREE ON THIS, BUT I FEEL IT

Daniel

ADDS TO THE WORK OF KIMBALL STEWART ERDMAN.) ROBERT FOUND THAT WHEN CAPT BLOCK LEFT THE DUTCH NETHERLANDS, THERE WERE ONLY MEN LISTED ON THE MANIFEST. HE THEN WAS SHIPWRECKED ON WHAT IS NOW CALLED, BLOCK ISLAND. THEY WINTERED THERE IN 1608-09. ON THE WAY BACK, A WOMAN (WIFE) AND CHILD IS LISTED ON THE MANIFEST.

ERDMAN RESEARCHED THE VERY LIMITED OLD FRENCH RECORDS. HE SHOWS JEANNE MASSE WAS BORN 5/22/1696 IN NEW YORK, THE DAUGHTER OF PIERRE MASSE AND JEAN MERSEREAU FORMERLY OF MOEZE, FRANCE. HE ALSO SHOWS HER GRANDFATHER TO BE DANIEL MASSE, BORN ABOUT 1616, OF MOEZE. ROBERT'S RESEARCH WOULD INDICATE HE WAS PIETTER DANIEL MASSE, BORN 1609 IN DUTCH NEW TERRITORY OF NEW AMSTERDAM, AND HIS MOTHER WAS NATIVE AMERICAN. ERDMAN PUTS THE MASSE'S AND MERSEREAU'S TO BE FARMERS LIVING A SIMPLE LIFE NEAR THEIR ANCESTRAL HOME. I THINK HE DOWN GRADES OUR ANCESTORS. THE PEOPLE OF MOEZE WERE MEN OF THE SEA. IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR THEM, TO GO TO SEA IN DUTCH SHIPS, WHICH WERE MAINLY CREWED BY HUGUENOTS. IN ANY CASE WE KNOW JEANNE MASSE TO BE A STRONG WOMAN, NOT UNLIKE HER MOTHER-IN-LAW. SHE HAD 9 CHILDREN, OF WHOM IT APPEARS, AT LEAST 6 SONS WHO LIVED TO HAVE 54 CHILDREN, AND FROM THEM, WE ARE ALL DESCENDED.

THERE APPEARS TO BE NO QUESTION THAT DANIEL AND JEANNE RECEIVED A VERY GOOD EDUCATION FOR THE TIMES. THEY COULD READ AND WRITE, AND COULD ALMOST ALL HUGUENOTS. THE ABILITY TO READ WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO THE HUGUENOTS. IT WAS THEIR READING OF THE BIBLE AND THE WRITINGS OF JOHN

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CALVIN, THAT GOT THEM INTO TROUBLE WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN FRANCE IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEY COULDN'T FIND ANY JUSTIFICATION IN THE BIBLE FOR THE FEUDAL SYSTEM, THAT ALLOWED THE NOBLES AND CLERGY TO HOLD DOWN THE MASSES PER "THE DAYS OF THE UPRIGHT, The story of the Huguenots" by O.J.A. ROCHE. HE ALSO SAYS THEY DON'T EXIST TODAY BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO ASSIMILATE THEMSELVES IN THE AMERICAN SOCIETY SO WELL. WE KNOW THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.

ANDRE, BORN 1/10/1722, THE OLDEST KNOW SURVIVING SON OF DANIEL AND JEANNE, BECAME ONE OF THE EARLY ATTORNEY'S IN NEW YORK, AS DID HIS SON. THEY FORMED THE FIRM OF LAMOUREUX & LAMOUREUX, WHICH CONTINUED IN NEW YORK UNTIL 1945. THEIR YOUNGEST SON, JOSUE, BORN 1/9/1739, AS HIS MOTHER DIED IN CHILDBIRTH, NEVER LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE, JOSUE SIGNED HIS WILL WITH AN "X".

WE HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT JOSUE'S FARM IN NEWBURGH, ACROSS

FROM WESI POINT WAS NEXT TO THE FARM OF BENEDICT ARNOLD (ANOTHER HUGUENOT). IT APPEARS HE FLED TO NEW BRUNSWICK, WITH OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER, THE DISCOVERY OF WHAT IS NOW CALLED, ARNOLD'S TREACHERY. THE ENGLISH RECORDS WERE RECENTLY SOLD, BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, IN ANN ARBOR. THIS IS NEAR MY HOME, AND MY ALMA MATER. WILL LET YOU KNOW.

MUST CLOSE THIS PART OF THE 1st DRAFT FOR NOW. MORE LATER. PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS, COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS ETC. ALSO PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE ON ELIZABETH OGDEN, THE WIFE OF JOSUE. WE KNOW SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF COL. SAMUEL OGDEN, FOR WHOM THE BRITISH NAMED OGDENSBURG, NY, ON THE St. LAWRENCE RIVER UP STREAM FROM MONTREAL. IT APPEARS SHE WAS THE SISTER OR AUNT OF THE MORMAN LEADER, PETER SKENE OGDEN, FOR WHOM OGDEN, UTAH IS NAMED. WERE PETER OGDEN, WHO TRAVELED AT BRIGHAM YOUNG'S RIGHT HAND, AND DAVID BURDOCK LAMOREAUX, WHO TRAVELED AT HIS LEFT HAND COUSINS? [David was Brigham's right hand man? Where did this info come from?]

I'M ALSO LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON NANCY ANN MILLER, THE WIFE OF ISSAC LAMOREAUX. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

I'VE LOOKED AT JOSUE'S FARM IN SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, CANADA, WHICH WAS INHERITED BY ISAAC LAMOREAUX, AND SOLD ABOUT 1865, WHEN HE MOVED TO OHIO. IT IS JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN TORONTO, AND NOW PART OF TORONTO. IT IS FULL OF HIGH RISE APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS.

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