

***Descendants of Charles Boudrot***  
***(1710-1766)***  
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The events of the lives of Charles Boudrot<sup>1</sup> and his family, as recorded in the records of Acadia, England, France, and Louisiana, tell the story of *Le Grand Dérangement* of French Acadians expelled from their homeland in what is now Nova Scotia, Canada, by the British, casualties of the wars between France and England for control of the New World. Although the dramatic and tragic story of the Acadian diaspora has become familiar through repeated retellings in literature and film, the emphasis in fictional works like Longfellow's "Evangeline" on the separation of heartbroken lovers has sometimes softened and obscured the horrific experiences suffered by these refugees over many years.

During the years of exile beginning in 1755, Acadian families were forced from their homes, crowded onto ships, many of which were ill-provisioned and overloaded, and dispersed throughout the British Empire. Some were deported to the English seaboard colonies, or, when other colonies refused to accept them, dispatched to England, where they were put into concentration camps. Others were transported to maritime France and a few managed to escape into the Canadian wilderness. Many families were separated. Over one-half of the Acadian population, which has been estimated as high 10,000 to 15,000 individuals, did not survive the expulsion, succumbing to the effects of malnutrition, exposure, shipwreck, or disease.<sup>2</sup>

The experiences of the Charles Boudrot family during this time of exile and resettlement were typical of those in most Acadian families during the *Dérangement* period. The repeated moves from place to place, the deaths from hardship and disease, the remarriages and regroupings within the extended family, the failed attempts at forming new colonies, and, finally, the successful establishment of a new home in America are stories told over and over in the family histories of the Acadian descendants.

Beyond their physical survival and that of their culture, what motivated the Acadians during the years of exile was the desire for a new homeland on fertile soil to replace the one taken from them in the course of war. Like all refugees throughout history, they longed for their lost freedom and for the chance to regain their self-sufficiency and live in a manner of their own choosing. The values that were most important to them and continued to give them hope were their Catholic faith, the extended family ties that bound

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<sup>1</sup> The name "Boudrot" is spelled many different ways in various records, as there was no attempt to standardize the spelling of Acadian names until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Generally speaking, the name was most often spelled *Boudrot* in Acadia and France, *Boudro* or *Budro* in Spanish colonial Louisiana, *Boudreau* in French colonial Louisiana, and *Boudreaux* after 1820, when Judge Paul Briant took responsibility for standardizing the spelling of names in the 1820 census. According to the historian Carl Brasseaux, adding the "x" was an arbitrary choice and did not represent the X mark of illiterate Acadians as has been often reported.

<sup>2</sup> Carl A. Brasseaux. *The Founding of New Acadia: The Beginnings of Acadian Life in Louisiana 1765-1803*, (Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Press, 1987), p. 25.

them together, and their attachment to the land.<sup>3</sup> These values were passed down to their children and grandchildren. Although few of the original group of exiles survived long enough to see their dream of a new homeland fulfilled, many of their children born in exile did. Sustained by the hope of reuniting with their relatives and beginning again, they endured the years of exile and were able to carry their values back across the Atlantic Ocean to their new home in Louisiana, where their sustained efforts to overcome the adverse circumstances of their history contributed to the building of a new colony, a new state, and, ultimately, a new country.

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. Charles Boudrot**, the son of Denis Boudrot<sup>A</sup> and Agnes Vincent,<sup>4</sup> was born about 1710<sup>5</sup> in Pisiguit, Acadia,<sup>6</sup> and died 19 November 1766 in St. Malo, France.<sup>7</sup> He married **(1) Cécile Thériot** about 1735,<sup>8</sup> the daughter of Pierre Thériot and Marie Bourg.<sup>9</sup> She was born about 1707<sup>10</sup>, and died 17 Aug 1761 in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.<sup>11</sup> He married **(2) Marie Magdeleine Bourgeois** 19 Aug 1762 in Très-Ste-Trinité de Cherbourg, Normandie, France,<sup>12</sup> daughter of Claude Bourgeois and Marie LeBlanc, of Beaubassin, Acadia, who were deported to Massachusetts and died there.<sup>13</sup> She was born around 1727/8 and was living in Baie St. Marie, Acadia, at the time of the deportation.<sup>14,15</sup> She died May 1780 in St. Malo, France.<sup>16</sup>

Pisiguit, where Charles Boudrot lived before the expulsion, was located at the eastern extremity of the Bay of Fundy in the Minas Basin, a region that, before the deportation of 1755, included several significant Acadian settlements such as Grand-Pré, Pisiguit, and Cobequid.<sup>17</sup> Charles and Cécile, like most Acadians, were farmers and preferred the fertile marshlands on which to grow their grain. They protected their fields with dykes,

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<sup>3</sup> Naomie E. S. Griffiths. "Acadian Identity: The creation and re-creation of community," *Dalhousie Review* 73:325-349.

<sup>4</sup> Bona Arsenault, *Histoire et Généalogie des Acadiens*, 6 volumes (Québec : Leméac, c1978), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 4:1337.

<sup>5</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Roque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>6</sup> "Declaration of Felix Boudrot 12 March 1767" IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *Acadians in France*, 5 volumes, Volume 2, Belle-Isle-en-Mer Registers (Metairie, La. : [s.n.], 1967-1972), 2:39-40.

<sup>7</sup> Charles Boudrot burial record, St. Servan Parish Records, Ille-et-Vilaine, Saint Malo, France., "d. Hotel-dieu/ burial Register St-Malo 19/20 nov 1766, 55ans."

<sup>8</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Roque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>9</sup> Stephen A. White. *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Acadiennes*. 2 volumes (Moncton, Canada: Centre D'Etudes Acadiennes - U. de Moncton, 1999), 2:1497.

<sup>10</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Roque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia. (Cécile's age is given as 45.)

<sup>11</sup> Cecile Theriot burial record, St. Nicholas Parish Records, Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France.

<sup>12</sup> Albert J. Robichaux. *The Acadian Exiles in Saint Malo 1758-1785*, 3 volumes (Eunice, Louisiana : Hebert Publications, c1981), 1:95.

<sup>13</sup> Stephen A. White. *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Acadiennes*. 2 volumes (Moncton, Canada: Centre D'Etudes Acadiennes - U. de Moncton, 1999), 1:255.

<sup>14</sup> Albert J. Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in Nantes 1775-1795* (Harvey, LA: privately published), p. 156.

<sup>15</sup> Janet Jehn. *Acadian Descendants*, Vol. II (Covington, KY: privately published, 1975) p. 208.

<sup>16</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in Saint Malo 1758-1785*, 1:734.

<sup>17</sup> Tim Hebert. *Pisiguit*. <http://www.acadian-cajun.com/pisiguit.htm> [Accessed Tues Sep 21 19:11:12 US/Central 2004].

large mounds of earth containing passageways that let the river flow onto the fields at a farmer's discretion. The Pisiguit area had a population of about 1,400 in the mid-1700s, and included two church parishes, La Sainte Famille and L'Assomption, but their records have been lost.<sup>18</sup>

Although no Pisiguit parish register containing a record of Charles's birth, baptism, or first marriage has survived, other records tell us that he, along with most of the residents of Pisiguit, fled to Ile Saint-Jean (Prince Edward Island) around 1750, when the increasingly hostile attitude of the English towards the Acadians started a panic.<sup>19</sup> The French government and priests pressured the Acadians to move to areas still under French control while the new fortifications at Louisbourg were being built. The refugees were promised land and liberal assistance by the government if they would move to the island with their livestock. When they arrived, some provisions were found for them, but food and clothing were in short supply. At first, their diet largely consisted of bread and peas. They were forbidden to fish in order to encourage farming.<sup>20</sup>

We know of Charles's presence on the island because, in 1752, le Sieur de La Roche was charged with taking a "general census of the settlers on the island, name by name, men as well as women and children, their respective ages and professions, the number of arpents each has of improved land, the number of their cattle, their species, fowl, etc., etc., distinguishing the good workmen from those who are not, and the character of each individual ... and lastly a general survey of everything."<sup>21</sup> He found 28 settlements, all on rivers or on the coast and connected only by boat, as there were no roads. He reported the total civilian population to be 2,223 individuals, distributed in 368 households. This census lists most of the families from the previous settlements of Cobequid and Pisiguit and helps replace the lost parish registers. The Charles Boudrot family were enumerated as residents of Ance-à-Pinet.<sup>22</sup>

*Charles Boudrot, ploughman, native of l'Acadie, aged 42 years, he has been 14 months in the country. Married to Cecille Terriaud, native of l'Acadie, aged 45 years.*

*They have two sons and one daughter:*

*Charles Olivier, aged 16 years.*

*François, aged 14 years.*

*Cecille, aged 6 years.*

*And in stock four oxen, five cows, one calf, one horse, one ewe, three sows, two pigs, and four fowls.*

*The land upon which they are settled is situated as in the preceding case [i.e., that of Charles's brother, Olivier, "at the farther end of Ance à Pinet to the*

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<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>19</sup> Harvey, D.C. *The French Regime on Prince Edward Island*. (New York: Ams Press, 1970), pp. 133-144.

<sup>20</sup> Harvey, p. 198.

<sup>21</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Roche, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

*south of said ance”]. It was given to them verbally by Monsieur de Bonnaventure. On it they have made a clearing for a large garden.*

That last sentence conveys an impression of diligence and hope, with a focus on building a future in their new surroundings. Unfortunately, as the war continued and the English continued to gain ground, this was not to be. After the fall of Louisburg, the English were determined to rid themselves of all of the French settlers in Nova Scotia and the deportations begun in 1755 intensified.<sup>23</sup> Charles Boudrot and his family were among those deported from Isle Saint Jean in 1758 as part of a convoy of ships carrying 3,500 Acadians bound for Saint-Malo, France.<sup>24</sup> A violent storm separated the convoy and two of the ships, the *Duke William* and the *Violet*, sank, killing 700 people.<sup>25</sup> Among those who died at sea was Charles’s mother, Agnes Vincent.<sup>26</sup> The ship carrying Charles, his first wife Cécile Thériot, and their three children was blown off course in the storm and made port in Boulogne-sur-Mer, a seacoast town of about 8,000 people.<sup>27</sup> A reconstructed list of the Acadians who arrived in Boulogne provides the names and ages of the Charles Boudrot family members:<sup>28</sup>

*Charles Boudrot, 48 years*  
*Cécile Thériot, his wife, 51 years*  
*Charles Olivier Boudrot, their son, 22 years*  
*François Boudrot, their son, 20 years*  
*Cécile Boudrot, their daughter, 12 years*

The French government did what it could for the desperate Acadians. The local Port Authority provided welfare (6 sous per day) for the refugees,<sup>29</sup> the sick were sent to hospitals, and the frail and elderly were placed in hospices. Temporary housing was set up and family groups were reassembled. Attempts were made to find employment for the able-bodied men. Food was not plentiful, however, and, in their weakened and stressed condition, diseases such as smallpox struck down many of them, including Charles’s wife, Cécile Thériot, who died in 1761.<sup>30</sup> Her death is recorded in the register of the St-Nicholas Church.

In an attempt to provide homes for the orphaned children, comfort for one another, and continuity for their culture, most of the exiled Acadians who had lost spouses quickly remarried other Acadians, forming and reforming families within the extended family structure. The Catholic parish registers of France, which are filled with their baptisms,

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<sup>23</sup> Harvey, p. 198.

<sup>24</sup> Reconstructed list of Acadians at Boulogne-Sur-Mer assembled from comparing the census of Saint-Servan, the parochial registers, and the 1752 census of l’Ile St. Jean in Acadia.  
[http://brhaffre.free.fr/les\\_179.htm](http://brhaffre.free.fr/les_179.htm) [Accessed Tues Sep 21 18:25:15 US/Central 2004].

<sup>25</sup> Harvey, p. 198.

<sup>26</sup> “Declaration of Pierre Trahant, 24 February 1767” IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *Acadians in France*, Belle-Isle-en-Mer Registers, 5 volumes, (Metairie, La. : [s.n.], 1967-1972), 2:70.

<sup>27</sup> Reconstructed list of Acadians at Boulogne-Sur-Mer assembled from comparing the census of Saint-Servan, the parochial registers, and the 1752 census of l’Ile St. Jean in Acadia.  
[http://brhaffre.free.fr/les\\_179.htm](http://brhaffre.free.fr/les_179.htm) [Accessed Tues Sep 21 18:25:15 US/Central 2004].

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> Albert J. Robichaux, *Acadian Marriages in France: Department of Ille-et-Vilaine, 1759-1776* (Harvey, Louisiana: Robichaux, c1976), p. 15.

<sup>30</sup> Donald J. Hébert, *Acadians in Exile* (Cecilia, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 1980) p. 386.

marriages, and deaths, bear witness to their struggles to survive as a group. Charles and his second wife came together in this way. In Cherbourg, on 19 August 1762, he married Marie-Madeleine Bourgeois,<sup>31</sup> whose first husband, Joseph-Prudent Robichaux, had died on 2 January 1759.<sup>32</sup> On 1 July 1764, their first child, Jean-Charles, was born in Boulogne.<sup>33</sup>

Seeking a better life and some stability, many of the Acadian refugees volunteered to emigrate to other French territories to begin new colonies.<sup>34</sup> In time, seven such attempts were planned and failed. The West Indies island of St. Lucie, for example, was considered in 1763, and the next year a group set out for Cayenne in what is now French Guiana aboard *Les Deux Frères*.<sup>35</sup> In 1765, twenty-two families migrated to the island of Belle-Isle-en-Mer off the coast of France to begin a colony there.<sup>36</sup> It is in Belle-Isle that sworn statements were taken from the heads of the Acadian families providing detailed genealogical information going back several generations. Charles's birthplace is known because of the information about his family provided by his nephew, Felix Boudrot, son of his brother Jean, in a sworn deposition in 1767 in the colony at Belle-Isle-en-Mer.<sup>37</sup> These registers are still found in each of the Belle-Isle-en-Mer parishes and are invaluable in supplying genealogical information about generations of Acadians that would otherwise have been lost.

Some of the Acadians at Boulogne, including the Charles Boudrot family, decided to join their kinsmen living in other areas of France. In 1766, the Boudrots sailed aboard *le Hazard* to the parish of Saint-Servan near Saint-Malo. The census of Acadians taken in Plouër in 1766<sup>38</sup> lists Marie-Madeleine, age 40, her baby Jean-Charles, 2, her step-daughter Cécile, 19, by then wife of Charles Richard,<sup>39</sup> and Antoine Marin Boudrot, the 7-year-old son of her recently deceased stepson, Charles-Olivier. Unfortunately, the census also reports that on the 19th of November 1766 Charles Boudrot died in Hotel-Dieu hospital at Saint-Malo at the age of 56. He was buried the following day and his death recorded in the parish register there.<sup>40</sup>

At the time of her husband's death, Marie-Madeleine was pregnant with their second child, Joseph, who was born the following May.<sup>41</sup> Their first born son, Jean-Charles, died not long after at the age of 3 1/2.<sup>42</sup> In a determined attempt to assure her

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<sup>31</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in St. Malo*, 1:95.

<sup>32</sup> Donald J. Hebert. *Acadians in Exile*, p. 386.

<sup>33</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in St. Malo*, 1:96.

<sup>34</sup> Robichaux, *Acadian Marriages in France*, p. 15.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 17.

<sup>37</sup> "Declaration of Felix Boudrot 12 March 1767" English transcription IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *Acadians in France, Belle-Isle-en-Mer Registers*, 5 volumes, (Metairie, La. : [s.n.], 1967-1972), 2:39-40.

<sup>38</sup> "List of arrivals from Boulogne at St.-Servan (Plouer) 1766," IN Albert J. Robichaux Jr., *The Acadian Exiles in St-Malo, 1758-1785*, 3 volumes, (Eunice, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 1981), 3:1158-1161.

<sup>39</sup> Richard/Boudreau marriage entry, 14 Feb 1763, Register of Parish of St. Nicholas, ville de Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.

<sup>40</sup> Charles Boudrot burial record, St. Servan Parish Records, Ille-et-Vilaine, Saint Malo, France, d. Hotel-dieu/ burial Register St-Malo 19/20 nov 1766, 55a.

<sup>41</sup> Joseph Budro birth entry, 14 May 1767, Register of Parish of St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France.

<sup>42</sup> Jean Boudrot burial entry, 5 janvier 1768, Register of St-Malo Church, Archives Municipales, Ville de Saint Malo, Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

family's survival, Marie-Madeleine married a third time on 13 February 1770 to another widowed Acadian exile, Etienne Thériot.<sup>43</sup> They moved first to Pleudihen in 1770,<sup>44</sup> then to Chatelleraut in the Poitou region in 1773 in yet another settlement attempt funded by the French government.<sup>45</sup> The 1772 *Rolle General*, taken in preparation for the migration to Poitou lists the family.<sup>46</sup>

*Etienne Terriot, 46, laborer and basket maker, of St. Malo*

*Marie Madne. Bourgeois, 48, his wife, spins with cotton*

*Joseph, 21, son of Etienne and his first wife, seaman*

*Olivier, 17, son of Etienne and his first wife, works the land*

*Jacques, 11 ½, their son*

*Jean Charles, 7, their son*

*Francoise, 19, daughter of Etienne and his first wife*

*Joseph Boudrot, 5, of St. Malo, son of Marie Madeleine Bourgeois widow  
Boudrot and wife of Etienne Terriot*

After the Poitou settlement failed, four Acadian convoys left Chatelleraut for Nantes in 1775 and 1776 and lists of the families comprising these convoys were made.<sup>47</sup> This family is listed as part of the third convoy which departed on December 7, 1775, although Joseph's age was incorrectly transcribed as 29 rather than 9.<sup>48</sup>

*Etienne Terriot, 50, seaman*

*Madeleine Bourgeois, 48, his wife*

*Olivier, 22, their son*

*Pierre, 15, their son*

*Jean, 12, their son*

*Joseph Boudrot, 29[sic], son of Madeleine Bourgeois*

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<sup>43</sup> Robichaux, *Acadian Marriages in France*, p. 103.

<sup>44</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in St. Malo*, 1:96.

<sup>45</sup> "List of Acadian Families 15 September 1772 at St. Malo," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 86.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid.

<sup>47</sup> G. C. Bugeon. "The Reasons for the Failure of the Acadian Settlement at Poitou," a Speech delivered December 3, 1997, <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/froux/poitou/bugeang.htm> [Accessed Mon Sep 20 20:45:12 US/Central 2004].

<sup>48</sup> State of the Acadian Families Comprising the Third Convoy Leaving Chatelleraut for Nantes 7 December 1775," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 118.

It is in Nantes that Marie-Madeleine died at the age of 53 and was buried 16 May 1780.<sup>49</sup> Her death was recorded in the Saint-Jacques church register. Her husband married again to Marguerite Vallois in November of that year,<sup>50</sup> but he only lived another year after that. He was buried on November 24, 1781 and his death recorded at St. Jacques.<sup>51</sup>

Charles Boudrot and his first wife, Cécile Theriot, were parents of the following three children all born in Pisiguit in Acadia.

- 2 i. CHARLES OLIVIER<sup>5</sup> BOUDROT, born about 1736 in Pisiguit, Acadia<sup>52</sup>; died about 1766.<sup>53</sup> The 1766 census of Acadians taken in Plouër describes him as “recently deceased.”
- 3 ii. FRANÇOIS XAVIER BOUDROT, born about 1738 in Pisiguit, Acadia<sup>54</sup>; died 03 May 1816 at the home of his brother, Joseph, on Bayou Vermilion in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>55</sup> François does not appear to have ever married. He is enumerated in the household of his parents in the census taken in 1752 in Île Saint-Jean by the Sieur de la Rocque, where his age is given as 14 years,<sup>56</sup> and *Rolle General*, taken in 1772 in preparation for the migration to Poitou, which lists François Boudrot, 32, son of deceased Charles, of Havre.<sup>57</sup> In Louisiana, he lived on lower Bayou Vermilion on land adjoining that of his half-brother, Joseph,<sup>58</sup> and owned over 800 head of cattle at the time of his death in 1816.<sup>59</sup> His siblings went to court over

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<sup>49</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadians in Nantes*, p. 155.

<sup>50</sup> Ibid.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid.

<sup>52</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Rocque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>53</sup> “List of arrivals from Boulogne at St.-Servan (Plouer) 1766,” IN Albert J. Robichaux Jr., *The Acadian Exiles in St-Malo, 1758-1785*, 3 volumes, (Eunice, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 1981), 3:1158-1161.

<sup>54</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Rocque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>55</sup> Francois Xavier Boudreaux burial entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 4, no. 1046 IN Donald J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*, 5 volumes, (Eunice: Hebert Publications, 1974-1985), 2:99. “BOUDREAUX, Francois Xavier - native of Acadie - died 3 May 1816 at age 87 years at Joseph BOUDROT, his brother at Vermillion; buried 4 May 1816 in the parish cemetery. Fr. Gabriel ISABEY”

<sup>56</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Rocque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>57</sup> “List of Acadian Families 15 September 1772 at St. Malo,” IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 40. The original manuscript is in the Bibliothèque municipale de Bordeaux, Ms. 1480, Collection Le Moyne.

<sup>58</sup> Glenn R. Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, Vol. II, Part I, Conveyance Records of Attakapas County, 1804-1818, p. 9. “Land Sale. March 20, 1804. Francois Broussard sold to Francois Boudro a tract of land located on Bayou Vermilion, measuring 5 X 40 arpents, bounded on one side by Joseph [Boudreau] and on the other side by Francois [Broussard]. Price: Document damaged at that point, but sale price paid in cash. Book 22:90.”

<sup>59</sup> Succession of François Boudreau, No. 247 dated September 16, 1816, St. Martin Parish Courthouse, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

INVENTORY, September 16, 1816. At the request of Cecile Boudreau, widow of Charles Richard, Judge Paul Briant went to the ranch of the late Francois Boudreau to inventory and appraise the decedent's estate. Appraisers were Jacob Ryan and Marin Mouton, Jr. Items inventoried were:

1. About 800 head of cattle, according to Darius Argrow [Hargrave] and Joseph Boudreau, Jr., employed to look after the ranch, appraised at \$5600
2. 23 head of wild horses, \$345

the dispensation of his estate, but eventually settled their differences, with Cécile retaining the bulk of the estate.<sup>60</sup> François' nephew, Joseph Jr., worked for him on the cattle ranch and bought part of his land shortly before his death at the home of his half-brother, Joseph.<sup>61</sup>

- + 4      iii. CECILE BOUDROT, born 1745 in Pisiguit, Acadia;<sup>62</sup> died 21 Feb 1822 in Lower Bayou Vermillion, Louisiana.<sup>63</sup>

Charles Boudrot and his second wife, Marie Madeleine Bourgeois had two children together:

- 5      i. JEAN CHARLES<sup>5</sup> BOUDROT, born 01 Jul 1764 in St. Nicholas Parish, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France;<sup>64</sup> died at the age of 3 ½ years on 05 January 1768 in St. Servan, St. Malo, France and was buried the following day.<sup>65</sup>
- + 6      ii. JOSEPH BOUDROT, born 14 May 1767 in St. Malo, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, France;<sup>66</sup> died 01 Dec 1838 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>67</sup>

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3. 11 broke horses, \$450

4. LAND: a tract of land 5.5 X 40 arpents on the west bank of Bayou Vermilion, bounded above by the lands of Joseph Boudreau, Jr. and below by the lands of James Argrow. Appraised at \$330.

5. LAND: a tract of land 5 X 40 arpents on the east bank of Bayou Vermilion, bounded above by the lands of Francois Broussard and below by the lands of Joseph Boudreau. Appraised at \$300.

6. three and three-quarter quarts of wheat flour, \$36.

7. a chest; a tester bed and its hangings; 4 wool blankets; 7 culottes, a linen shirt, and two gingham shirts; a vest of local cottonade; a vest of dimity; two old handkerchiefs; 2 pairs of stockings; a pair of gloves; a sailors' jacket made of cottonade; a hat; 15 lbs. sugar, a small bottle and a demijohn; all, \$30.

8. in cash, \$137.

Appraised value of estate: \$7228. Debts were owed to Francois Gouzon Chaumette, Jacob Ryan, Thomas Beraud, Scolastique Boudreau, Joseph Boudreau, Jr., Darius Argrow [probably Darius Hargrave who lived on Lower Bayou Vermilion]. Debts amounted to \$40.50. Net appraised value of estate \$7187.50

<sup>60</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, v. II, pt. 1, p. 280. # 3273 Settlement, July 26, 1817.

“Cecile Boudreau, widow of Charles Richard, and Joseph Boudreau came to the following agreement in order to settle their differences and end the lawsuit then pending regarding the estate of Francois Xavier Boudreau. Widow Richard agreed to surrender all rights to a herd of cattle numbering 67 animals. In return Joseph Boudreau agreed to drop any further claims to the estate of Francois Xavier Boudreaux and to drop the lawsuit in this matter.”

<sup>61</sup> Ibid, vol. II, p. 2, p. 146. “Land Sale. May 2, 1816. Francois Boudreau sold to Joseph Boudreau, Jr., a tract of land located on the west bank of Bayou Vermilion, measuring 5 X 40 arpents, bounded above by the lands of Jacob Ryan and below by the lands of the vendor. He also sold one third of the land in woods on the left side of the Vermilion directly opposite from that mentioned above. Price: \$70.”

<sup>62</sup> Hebert, *Acadians in Exile*, p. 42.

<sup>63</sup> Cecile Boudreaux burial record, St. John the Evangelist Church Records, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, 1:25 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>64</sup> Robichaux, *The Acadian Exiles in St. Malo 1758-1785*, 1:96.

<sup>65</sup> Jean Boudrot burial entry, 5 janvier 1768, Register of St-Malo Church, Archives Municipales, Ville de Saint Malo, Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

<sup>66</sup> Joseph Budro birth entry, 14 May 1767, Register of Parish of St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France.

<sup>67</sup> Joseph Boudreaux death entry, Register of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette Parish, Lafayette, Louisiana, 3:131 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records*



4. **Cecile<sup>2</sup> Boudrot**(Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born about 1745 in Pisiquid, Acadia<sup>68</sup> and died 21 February 1822 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, Louisiana.<sup>69</sup> She appears in two censuses in her parents' household: the census taken in 1752 in Île Saint-Jean by the Sieur de la Rocque, where she appears as a child of six years<sup>70</sup> and the list of Acadians who arrived from Boulogne on the Brigantine *Le Hazard*, May 28, 1766, where her age is 19 years.<sup>71</sup>

She married **Charles Richard** 14 Feb 1763 in Boulogne-sur-Mer, where their marriage is recorded in the St. Nicholas Church register.<sup>72</sup> Her age is given as 18 and his as 27. Charles, the son of Jacques Richard and Anne Leblanc, was born about 1735, in Grand Pré, Acadia<sup>73</sup> and died between 1776 and 1785.<sup>74</sup> The *Rolle General* taken in 1772 in preparation for the migration to Poitou lists Charles Richard, 38, laborer, of St. Malo, Cecile Boudro, 25, his wife, [who] sews and spins, and Marie Rose, 1, their daughter.<sup>75</sup> After the Poitou colony failed, another census was taken and Cecile is enumerated with her husband and baby on the list for the fourth convoy to leave the colony, which departed Chatelleraut for Nantes in March of 1776, delayed three months by severe winter weather.<sup>76</sup>

Cécile Boudrot next appeared on the ship's manifest of La Bergère bound for Louisiana in 1785, identified as a widow and accompanied by her daughter, Marie Rose, and her half-brother, Joseph.<sup>77</sup>

Cécile never remarried. She lived on the lower Bayou Vermilion near her brother, François, and her half-brother, Joseph. When François died in 1816, Cécile and Joseph went to court over the settlement of his estate.<sup>78</sup> They reached a compromise and about the same time Cécile signed an *inter vivos* agreement with her daughter, Marie Rose, and son-in-law, Joseph Nunez, in which she signed over all the property inherited from her

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*of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>68</sup> Hebert, *Acadians in Exile*, p. 42.

<sup>69</sup> Cecile Boudreaux burial entry, Register St. John the Evangelist, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, 1:25.

<sup>70</sup> Census of 1752, Sieur de la Rocque, Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadia.

<sup>71</sup> "List of arrivals from Boulogne at St.-Servan (Plouer) 1766," IN Albert J. Robichaux Jr., *The Acadian Exiles in St-Malo, 1758-1785*, 3 volumes, (Eunice, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 1981), 3:1158-1161.

<sup>72</sup> Richard/Boudreau marriage entry, 14 Feb 1763, Register of Parish of St. Nicholas, ville de Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.

<sup>73</sup> White, 2:1376.

<sup>74</sup> Charles Richard appears on the list of Acadians leaving the failed Poitou colony at Chatelleraut for Nantes in 1776 (see note 63) but not on the 1785 lists of passengers to Louisiana on which his wife is described as "widowed" on the list of the Bergère.

<sup>75</sup> "List of Acadian Families 15 September 1772 at St. Malo," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 86.

<sup>76</sup> "State of the Acadian Families Comprising the Fourth Convoy Leaving Chatelleraut for Nantes 6 and 13 March 1776," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 120.

<sup>77</sup> Milton P. and Norma G. Rieder. *The Crew and Passenger Registration Lists of the Seven Acadian Expeditions of 1785* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1965), p. 19.

<sup>78</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, v. II, pt. 1, p. 280. # 3273 Settlement. July 26, 1817.

brother François in return for support of \$150 year.<sup>79</sup> Her death came at the age of 77 on 21 February 1822 at the home of Joseph Vincent.<sup>80</sup> She was buried in the cemetery on lower Bayou Vermilion the following day and her death recorded on 13 February 1826 in the St. John the Evangelist death register by Rev. Laurent Peyrette.

Cecile Boudreaux and Charles Richard had one children together:

- + 7 i. MARIE ROSE<sup>3</sup> RICHARD, born 15 Mar 1771 in St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France<sup>81</sup> and died January 1833 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>82</sup>

**6. Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudrot** (Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 14 May 1767 in the parish of St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France,<sup>83</sup> and died 1 December 1838 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>84</sup> He married **Elizabeth Apolline Trahan** 20 November 1792 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>85</sup> daughter of Pierre Trahan and Marguerite Duhon.<sup>86</sup> She was born 2 January 1767 in Bangor, Belle Isle en Mer, France,<sup>87</sup> and died 25 June 1835 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>88</sup>

Joseph was born six months after his father's death. As discussed above, his early years were spent in the household of his mother and stepfather, moving from location to

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<sup>79</sup> Ibid, v. II, pt. 1, p. 280. # 3275 *INTER VIVOS DONATION*. July 29, 1817. "Cecile Boudreau, widow of Charles Richard, finding herself in advanced age, decided to donate to her daughter Marie Rose Richard and her husband Joseph Nouguen (Nunez) all property moveable and unmovable which she (Cecile) inherited from her brother Francois Xavier Boudreau listed in the succession inventory made in September 1816, with the exception of 67 head of cattle which she gave to Joseph Boudreaux and four cows and their calves which she gave to her grandchildren, namely Joseph, Celestin, Claire and Sebastien Nouguer (Nunez). In return, Joseph Nouguer and his wife would provide Cecile Boudreau with an annual payment of \$150, payable \$75 in January and \$75 in July."

<sup>80</sup> Cecile Boudreaux burial entry, Register St. John the Evangelist, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, 1:25.

<sup>81</sup> Marie Rose Richard birth entry, 15 March 1771, St. Servan Parish Records, Ille-et-Vilaine, Saint Malo, France.

<sup>82</sup> Marie Rose Richard burial entry, January 1833, Register St. John the Evangelist, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, 3:33 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated. "Richard, Marie Rose m. Joseph Nunez, Sr. d. Jan. 1833 at age 23 [sic] yrs. Buried at Baudoin Cemetery near Pont-Perry near Perry's Bridge. Happened in January but was registered in the church of Vermilion."

<sup>83</sup> Joseph Budro birth entry, 14 May 1767, Register of Parish of St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France.

<sup>84</sup> Joseph Boudreaux death entry, Register of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette Parish, Lafayette, Louisiana, 3:131.

<sup>85</sup> Budro/Trahan marriage, 20 November 1792, St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church Records, volume 4, no. 62, Saint Martinville, Louisiana, microfilm publication *St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church Records 1756-1810*, roll no. 01, unpaginated, arranged by date, Clayton Library, Houston, Texas.

<sup>86</sup> Ibid.

<sup>87</sup> Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France*, Vol. II, Belle Isle en Mer Registers, La Rochette papers (Metairie, LA: [s.n.], 1972), p. 69. Her birth is given as part of the deposition of her father, Pierre Trahan, on February 24, 1767.

<sup>88</sup> Elizabeth Pauline Trahan entry, Register of Deaths, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, volume 3, p. 77, Lafayette, Louisiana IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), 3:634.

location within France as the Acadian refugees continued their search for a permanent place to settle and rebuild their lives. Moving to Pleudihen in 1770,<sup>89</sup> to Chatelleraut in 1773,<sup>90</sup> and to Nantes in 1775,<sup>91</sup> where his mother and stepfather died, Joseph's early life was characterized by constant change and loss.

It is in Nantes, after the final failed settlement attempt on French soil, that the Acadians became convinced that migration to Louisiana was their last and best hope.<sup>92</sup> News of the successes of their kinsmen who had settled there previously continued to reach them and negotiations began in earnest to make this final dream of resettlement a reality.

At long last, in 1785, their hopes for resettlement were fulfilled. After thirty years of exile and hardship, their numbers greatly reduced by deprivation and disease, over 1,600 of the Acadians in France accepted passage from the King of Spain on one of seven ships bound for the French-speaking Territory of Orleans (later Louisiana), then under Spanish rule, to begin a new life along the bayous and prairies there. It was a solution that suited all parties. Spain sought settlers to buffer the zone between Spanish and British territory; the French government needed a place to relocate their population of Canadian exiles, who had never fully adjusted to their new environment in France; the Acadians wished to be reunited with their kinsmen scattered by exile and to have a place of their own.<sup>93</sup> After many years of negotiations and numerous failed attempts at founding new colonies elsewhere, a plan of resettlement agreeable to all three groups was made. As the Acadians boarded the seven ships, they must have been filled with relief, gratitude, and hope as the long-anticipated opportunity to join their fellow countrymen in Louisiana was realized, and they finally could begin to rebuild their lives.

On Saturday, May 14, 1785, his eighteenth birthday, Joseph Boudrot, boarded the 300-ton ship *La Bergère* in Nantes and set sail for the New World and a new life.<sup>94</sup> After a 95-day crossing from France to Louisiana, Joseph arrived in New Orleans August 15, 1785, with his half-sister Cécile, now a widow, and her daughter, Marie Rose.

*Cecile Boudrot, widow of Charles Richard -- 38*

*Marie Rose Richard, daughter, 14*

*Jean Boudrot, brother, sailor, 18*

The name **Jean** Boudrot on ship's manifest certainly is in error and should read **Joseph** Boudrot, for Cecile's brother, Jean Charles, who was born in 1764 and would have been

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<sup>89</sup> Ibid.

<sup>90</sup> "List of Acadian Families 15 September 1772 at St. Malo," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 86.

<sup>91</sup> "State of the Acadian Families Comprising the Third Convoy Leaving Chatelleraut for Nantes 7 December 1775," IN Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1967), p. 118.

<sup>92</sup> Oscar William Winzerling. *Acadian Odyssey* (Eunice, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 1981), p. 124-128. Reprint. Previously published: [Baton Rouge, La.]: Louisiana State University Press, 1955.

<sup>93</sup> Jacqueline K. Voorhies, "The Acadians: The Search for the Promised Land," in *The Cajuns: Essays on Their History and Culture*, Glenn R. Conrad, ed., (Lafayette, Louisiana: Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1984), p. 88.

<sup>94</sup> Milton P. and Norma G. Rieder. *The Crew and Passenger Registration Lists of the Seven Acadian Expeditions of 1785* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1965), p. 19.

almost 21 at this time, had died at the age of 3 ½ years.<sup>95</sup> The age of 18 is correct for Joseph, and, Joseph and Cécile appear to have lived close to one another for their entire lives. The fact that Joseph's name does not appear on any of the seven ship lists, reinforces the conclusion that the Bergère list is in error and that the Jean Boudrot listed with Cecile and Marie rose was actually Joseph Boudrot.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, the Acadians were housed in converted warehouses for about a month until they recuperated from the long voyage. The government gave them money and paid for medical help, supplies, and housing. Delegates were sent out to inspect possible settlement sites and the settlers followed soon after.<sup>96</sup> Joseph and Cécile, along with other members of their extended family, chose to settle in the area of southwest Louisiana known as Attakapas Post, named after the Indians who had controlled the area when the first European settlers arrived. He eventually acquired a ribbon-like plot of land, 5.5 arpents<sup>97</sup> wide and 40 arpents long, extending out from the east bank of the Vermilion River, located near the current boundary between Lafayette and Vermillion parishes, where the town of Milton is today.<sup>98,99</sup> The plots of his kinsmen surrounded his own.<sup>100</sup> The names of many of the families in the area are the same as those who had lived in Pisiquit in Acadia: Vincent, Trahan, Landry, Leblanc, and Thibodeau.<sup>101, 102</sup>

The ubiquitous ribbon configuration of the farms stemmed from the restrictions of an early French royal decree of 1716 that had limited each grant to no more than four arpents of river frontage per household, each of which was required to maintain its own strip of protective levee.<sup>103</sup> The benefit of this peculiar shape was that the grants extended a generous forty arpents – almost a mile and a half – back from the water through the bottomland and hardwood forests to the fresh-water swamps of cypress and the wilderness beyond, thus establishing within each farm a microcosm of the local landscape.<sup>104</sup> There the new settlers cleared the land and began to farm and raise cattle.

In 1792, Joseph married Isabelle Apoline Trahan,<sup>105</sup> another child of the Exile, who was born in 1767 on the rocky island of Belle-Isle-en-Mer off the coast of Brittany,<sup>106</sup> the site of one of the refugees' failed colonization attempts. They were married in St.

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<sup>95</sup> Jean Boudrot burial record, 5 January 1768, Register of St-Malo Church, Archives Municipales, Ville de Saint Malo, Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

<sup>96</sup> Brasseux. *The Founding of New Acadia*, p. 108.

<sup>97</sup> One square arpent equals about .84 acres.

<sup>98</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, 1:192.

<sup>99</sup> *American State Papers: Documents, Legislative and Executive, of the Congress of the United States* (1834; reprint, Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1994) 2:805.

<sup>100</sup> Conrad, 1:192.

<sup>101</sup> Tim Hebert. *Pisiquit*. <http://www.acadian-cajun.com/pisiquit.htm> [Accessed Tues Sep 21 19:11:12 US/Central 2004].

<sup>102</sup> Acadian Historic Atlas. "Surnames of People in the Pisiquit region." <http://www.cdene.ns.ca/neo-ecossaise/en/region/PisiquitNoms.cfm?alpha=b> [Accessed Tues Sep 21 19:11:32 US/Central 2004].

<sup>103</sup> William Faulkner Rushton. *The Cajuns: From Acadia to Louisiana* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1979), p. 78.

<sup>104</sup> Ibid.

<sup>105</sup> Budro/Trahan marriage, 20 November 1792, St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church Records, volume 4, no. 62, Saint Martinville, Louisiana, microfilm publication *St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church Records 1756-1810*, roll no. 01, unpaginated, arranged by date, Clayton Library, Houston, Texas.

<sup>106</sup> Rieder, Milton P. and Norma G. *The Acadians in France*, Vol. II, Belle Isle en Mer Registers, La Rochette papers (Metairie, LA: [s.n.], 1972), p. 69.

Martinville in St. Martin de Tours Catholic church, founded in 1765 and considered to be the mother church of the Acadians in Louisiana. Over the next fifteen years, Joseph and Isabelle became the parents of eight children, all of whom were baptized in the church where their parents married.

The Acadians adapted well to their new environment in Louisiana, different as it was from both maritime Canada and France. They managed to quickly acquire the new skills they needed to survive. Much of their farming experience from Canada and France was useless in the hot, humid environment of Louisiana. They had to learn to grow new crops, cope with new weather patterns, diseases, and insects, prepare different types of foods, and devise new types of houses and clothing suitable to subtropical conditions. They learned from the highly advanced Attakapas Indians and from earlier Acadian arrivals the crops that would thrive locally, and they found available to them almost all the elements necessary for a self-sustaining economy.<sup>107</sup>

The major subsistence crops were corn and rice rather than the wheat, oats, rye and barley of Acadia. Cotton was their most important cash crop and it also substituted for Acadian flax and wool for spinning, weaving, and quilting. The resulting *cotonnade* fabric was fashioned into clothing for the entire family and replaced the heavy wool used for clothing and stockings in Acadia.<sup>108</sup> Indigo and sugar cane also were grown, although not on the huge, labor-intensive scale of their Anglo-American neighbors on the wealthy plantations.<sup>109</sup> The woodlands provided ample lumber for their houses, barns, fences, and canoes, as well as firewood for heat and cooking, wild game for meat and fur, and forage for cattle and hogs. The bayous and rivers provided fish and shellfish and a ready source of transportation. Palmetto was used for making baskets and hats and Spanish moss was gathered from the trees for stuffing mattresses and making the mud-moss mixture called *bousillage* used for building.<sup>110</sup>

The different flora and fauna found in Louisiana necessitated changes in the types of foods used for cooking. For example, when the settlers found that apple trees were not suited to the Louisiana soil, their national drink became beer rather than the hard cider of Acadia, and figs, peaches and apricots replaced apples in their diets.<sup>111</sup> New vegetables, such as okra, red beans, sweet potatoes, squash, and pumpkins were introduced to their gardens to replace the turnips and cabbage staples of Acadia.<sup>112</sup> Although meals were prepared largely by boiling foods in a kettle, as they had been in Acadia, the local ingredients and seasonings made for piquant new dishes, such as gumbos, roux-based stews, and jambalayas, that are still favorites in the region today.<sup>113</sup>

Despite setbacks from floods, famines, diseases, and the relentless pressure of the land-hungry sugar plantations,<sup>114</sup> by the second generation the patterns of settlement were

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<sup>107</sup> Rushton, p. 80.

<sup>108</sup> Brasseaux, *The Founding of New Acadia*, p. 129.

<sup>109</sup> Malcolm Comeaux. "Louisiana's Acadians: the Environmental Impact," In: *The Cajuns: Essays on Their History and Culture*, Glenn R. Conrad, ed. (Lafayette, Louisiana: Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1984), p. 113.

<sup>110</sup> Rushton, p. 80.

<sup>111</sup> Brasseaux, *The Founding of New Acadia*, p. 136.

<sup>112</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 128.

<sup>113</sup> Brasseaux, *Acadian to Cajun*, p. 23.

<sup>114</sup> Voohries, p. 88.

well established, the adaptation process was complete, and the colony thrived.<sup>115</sup> Within ten years, the standard of living for most Acadians was equal to or better than that they had enjoyed in Acadia.<sup>116</sup>

The Acadians lived a simple, close-knit, traditional existence shaped by hard work and the joyous events of rural family life: weddings, christenings, Catholic holidays, and the Saturday night *bals de maison* celebrations of music and dance.<sup>117</sup> Although the traditions they followed were still fundamentally Acadian, they were beginning to be transformed in the cultural stew of subtropical Louisiana into a brand new tradition that would come to be called “Cajun.” The new flora and fauna, the warm climate, and the influences of their Indian, Creole, African, German, and Scotch-Irish neighbors would add seasoning and spice to the old recipes and traditions. A culture known for its self-sufficiency, isolation, and group cohesiveness would become equally known for its *joie de vivre*, exuberant hospitality, and love of music.<sup>118</sup>

After the 1803 purchase of Louisiana by the United States, those citizens with French, Spanish, or British land grants were required to appear before a board of commissioners with their proof of ownership. If approved by the board, the evidence was then forwarded on to Washington and certificates were issued.<sup>119</sup> Joseph’s land was part of a claim submitted in conjunction with Jean Baptiste Trahan and Jean Monts in Township 11S, Range 4E.<sup>120</sup> It was based on purchase from the Indians and settlement of the original settler, Michel Meaux, and was surveyed on 15 November 1810 by Maxfield Ludlow. Of the total 15 arpents by 40 arpents tract, Joseph’s portion was a parcel 5.5 arpents by 40 arpents on the east bank of the Vermilion River. This area on the lower Vermilion, which forms the boundary between Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes, is today the town of Milton. It was largely settled by French Acadian families, many from the Pisiguit area. In the early days of settlement, a ferry made the area a trade center for the farms and cattle ranches that lined both sides of the river.<sup>121</sup> In later years, during the steamboat era, Darnas Broussard’s store served as one of the boat stops on the Vermilion River.<sup>122</sup>

The 1810 census of Attakapas County<sup>123</sup> in Orleans Territory shows Joseph with 11 other unnamed individuals, in the correct age categories to be wife Elizabeth, sons

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<sup>115</sup> Rushton, p. 80.

<sup>116</sup> Brasseaux, *The Founding of New Acadia*, p. 121.

<sup>117</sup> Brasseaux, *Acadian to Cajun*, p. 28.

<sup>118</sup> Voorhies, p. 89.

<sup>119</sup> Alice Eicholz, ed. *Ancestry’s Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*, (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2004), p. 260.

<sup>120</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, I:192.

<sup>121</sup> Jim Bradshaw, “Milton Named for son of Prominent Early Citizen,” *Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser*, January 27, 1998.

<sup>122</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>123</sup> In colonial Louisiana, which was officially Roman Catholic under both France and Spain, civil government was centered on the ecclesiastical governing unit. After the Louisiana Purchase, Territorial Governor William C. C. Claiborne and his Legislative Council in 1805 divided Orleans Territory into twelve *counties*. Their boundaries were somewhat indefinite, but they generally coincided with the old church parishes, and kept the same names. In 1807, the territorial legislature passed an act dividing the territory into nineteen *parishes* — but without abolishing the earlier twelve counties. For several years following this, both terms were used pretty much interchangeably. When a constitutional convention met in 1811 to prepare for Louisiana’s admission as a state, they organized the state into seven judicial districts — as groups of *parishes*. The first official map of the state, in 1816, continued the use of the term, as did the revised Constitution of 1845. Louisiana’s primary civil divisions have been officially known as *parishes*

Joseph, Philemon “Emon,” and François, daughters Scholastique, Pelagie, Aspasia Adelaide, one male slave, and a man and a woman over 45 who are likely Joseph’s half-brother and half-sister, François and Ceçile.<sup>124</sup> (Neither of the latter two were married at the time and do not appear to be listed elsewhere in the 1810 census.)

Four of Joseph and Elizabeth’s children married children of Jean Baptiste Simon and Marie-Magdeleine Aucoin. Elizabeth and Marie-Magdeleine were first cousins, born in the short-lived colony at Belle-Isle-en-Mer in France.<sup>125</sup>

Along with many Acadian men, Joseph’s two oldest sons, Joseph, Jr. and Philemon, and two sons-in-law, Cyrille Landry and Beloni Simon, took part in protecting their new homeland when again threatened by the British during the War of 1812.<sup>126</sup> They served in DeClouet’s Regiment as part of Capt. Marin Martin’s militia, assigned in 1814 to defend New Orleans and its critical position at the mouth of the Mississippi River.<sup>127</sup> Although the Acadians were not naturally inclined towards warfare and perhaps would have preferred to be left out of the conflict, they had become convinced by the authorities of the absolute necessity of retaining control of the Mississippi, which was the lifeline of the largely watercourse-dependent economy west of the Mississippi River.<sup>128</sup>

In the 1820 census, Joseph was again listed on his farm on the lower Vermilion,<sup>129</sup> now part of St. Martin Parish, which was formed in 1807 as one of the original Louisiana parishes. Although other members of the household are unnamed, the ages would indicate that they are his wife, Elizabeth, and his unmarried daughter and son, Adelaide and François, along with two male slaves. Listed nearby in their own households are his other sons and sons-in-laws: Joseph, Emon, Cyrille Landry, husband of daughter Scholastique (who had died the year before<sup>130</sup>), Beloni Simon, husband of Pelagie, and Eloi Simon, husband of Aspasia.

By the time Joseph and Isabelle were enumerated in the federal census of 1830 living alone on their property along the Vermilion River, now part of Lafayette Parish (formed in 1824 from St. Martin), all of their surviving children were married and living in their own *habitants* near their parents.<sup>131</sup> By the time of Joseph’s death on 1 December

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ever since. St. Martin Parish One of the original 19 parishes formed in 1807. Lafayette Parish formed in 1823 from part of St. Martin Parish. Vermilion Parish formed in 1844 from part of Lafayette Parish. Source: “List of Parishes in Louisiana”, Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_parishes\\_of\\_Louisiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_parishes_of_Louisiana) [Accessed Thu Sep 23 20:03:11 US/Central 2004].

<sup>124</sup> 1810 U.S. Census (population), Orleans Territory, Attakapas County, National Archives Microfilm Publication, M252, roll 10, p. 59.

<sup>125</sup> Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>126</sup> Pierson, Marion John Bennett, comp. *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, 1963), p. 14, 69, 109.

<sup>127</sup> Casey A. Powell. *Louisiana in the War of 1812*. Baton Rouge: privately published, 1963), pp. 15-18.

<sup>128</sup> Ibid.

<sup>129</sup> 1820 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, St. Martin Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M33, roll 31, p. 169, 172.

<sup>130</sup> Scholastique Boudreaux burial entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#1255 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>131</sup> 1830 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M19, roll 44, p. 168.

1838,<sup>132</sup> there were over 50 grandchildren in the next generation to mourn his passing. In the fifty-three years since his arrival in Louisiana from France as an orphan of the Acadian exile, Joseph had helped to establish not only a new homeland for his exiled family and his people, but a brand new nation founded as a place of freedom and opportunity for the “homeless and tempest-tossed” such as himself.

The children of Joseph Boudrot and Isabelle Trahan are:

- + 8            i. SCHOLASTIQUE<sup>6</sup> BOUDREAUX, born Jul 1794 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>133</sup> died 06 Jun 1819 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>134</sup>
- + 9            ii. JOSEPH BOUDREAUX, born 12 Feb 1796 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>135</sup> died 03 Apr 1834 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>136</sup>
- + 10          iii. PHILEMON BOUDREAUX, born 30 Apr 1798 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>137</sup> died 12 Feb 1853 in Vermilionville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>138</sup>
- 11            iv. MARIE PHILONESE BOUDREAUX, born 30 Apr 1798 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>139</sup> died 08 Sep 1800 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>140</sup>

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<sup>132</sup> Joseph Boudreaux burial entry, Register of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette Parish, Lafayette, Louisiana, 3:131 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>133</sup> Scholastique Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#671 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>134</sup> Scholastique Boudreaux burial entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#1255 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>135</sup> Joseph Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#784 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>136</sup> Joseph Boudreaux burial entry, St. John the Evangelist Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:51 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>137</sup> Philemon Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#70 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>138</sup> Philemon Boudreaux burial entry, St. John the Evangelist Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:33 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>139</sup> Marie Philonese Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#71 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>140</sup> Marie Philonese Boudreaux burial entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#212 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).



- + 12 v. PELAGIE BOUDREAU, born 15 Mar 1800 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>141</sup> died about 1857 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>142</sup>
- + 13 vi. ANNA ADELAIDE BOUDREAU, born 23 Apr 1802 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>143</sup> died 6 October 1883 in Youngsville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>144</sup>
- + 14 vii. ASPASIE BOUDREAU, born 28 Oct 1803 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>145</sup> died Abt. 1846 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>146</sup>
- + 15 viii. FRANCOIS BOUDREAU, born 11 Oct 1807 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;<sup>147</sup> died 21 Nov 1853 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>148</sup>

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**7. Marie Rose<sup>3</sup> Richard** (Cecile<sup>2</sup> Boudrot, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 15 Mar 1771 in St. Servan, Dept. of Ille-et-Vilaine, St. Malo, France.<sup>149</sup> Marie Rose was fourteen years old when she made the trip from France to Louisiana on the ship La Bergère in 1785 with her widowed mother, Cécile, and uncle, Joseph, to begin their new lives.<sup>150</sup> She must have remained close to her uncle, who lived nearby, because she agreed to be godmother to his son, Philemon, when he was baptized in 1798.<sup>151</sup>

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<sup>141</sup> Pelagie Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#274 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>142</sup> Pelagie Boudreaux succession, # 821, 17 August 1857, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>143</sup> Anna Adelaide Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#489 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>144</sup> Anna Adelaide Boudreaux burial entry, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:11 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>145</sup> Aspasia (Anasatasie) Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#147 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>146</sup> Succession of Aspasia (Anastasia) Boudreaux #536, 14 September 1846, Lafayette Parish Court House, Louisiana.

<sup>147</sup> Francois Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#487 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>148</sup> Francois Boudreaux succession, #724, 21 Nov 1853, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>149</sup> Marie Rose Richard birth entry, 15 March 1771, St. Servan Parish Records, Ille-et-Vilaine, Saint Malo, France.

<sup>150</sup> Milton P. and Norma G. Rieder. *The Crew and Passenger Registration Lists of the Seven Acadian Expeditions of 1785* (Metairie, Louisiana: privately published, 1965), p. 19.

<sup>151</sup> Philemon Boudreau Baptismal Record, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 5, #70 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated). "BOUDREAU, Philemon a twin (Joseph BOUDRAUD - of St. Servan, diocese of St. Malo, France & Isabelle TRAHAN - of Bell Isle en Mer, France) b. 30 April 1798, bt. 29 July 1798. Pats: Charles Dionisius [Denis] BOUDRAUD & Magdeleine BOURGEOIS - of Acadie; Mats:

Marie Rose married **Joseph Nunez**,<sup>152</sup> a Creole from Galicia, Spain,<sup>153</sup> around 1802, judging from the birth date of their first child. She inherited the bulk of her uncle Francois' considerable estate when Cécile made an *inter vivos* donation of it to her in exchange for support in old age.<sup>154</sup> Her husband managed the ranch well and by the time of Marie Rose's death in January of 1833, the estate had increased in value.<sup>155</sup> Judging from the appraisal, the quantity, nature, and value of the items listed indicate a level of wealth and comfort above the norm. Her house was valued at \$675, whereas the typical Acadian dwelling in the area was usually assessed at only \$100 or \$200 dollars (i.e., the dwelling house of her uncle, Joseph Boudreau, who lived nearby and died the following year, was appraised at \$200). Separate entries were made for the smoke house (\$15) and the kitchen (\$25). A total of fourteen slaves were divided up among the heirs, and luxuries such as cut glass pitchers, a white counterpane and feather bed, a looking glass, and china dishes give the impression of upper middle class comfort. When Marie Rose died, her children agreed that although much of her property was owned by her separately from the community property of the marriage, their father was entitled to the usual spouse's half of the estate because of his "faithful and good care" of the property. The heirs reached an equitable settlement, with Joseph Senior retaining half, including the house and related buildings and six of the fourteen slaves, and the four children dividing the other half among them.<sup>156</sup> Marie Rose was buried in the Baudoin family cemetery near Perry's Bridge.<sup>157</sup>

Children of Marie Richard and Joseph Nunez are:

- 16        i. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> NUNEZ, born 09 Sep 1803 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 28 April 1805 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>158</sup>
- 17        ii. CELESTIN NUNEZ, born 20 May 1806 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 17 May 1807 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>159</sup>

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Fr. Michel Bernard BARRIERE "

<sup>152</sup> Succession of Marie Rose Richard m. Joseph Nunez Sr., # 283, d. Jan 1833, succ. 13 Aug 1834, Lafayette Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>153</sup> Joseph Nunez's origin is stated in the record of his second marriage to Magdeleine Hebert, 27 Jan 1834, St. John the Evangelist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana, 2:148.

<sup>154</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, II:1:280.

<sup>155</sup> Succession of Marie Rose Richard m. Joseph Nunez Sr., # 283, d. Jan 1833, succ. 13 Aug 1834, Lafayette Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>156</sup> Ibid.

<sup>157</sup> Marie Rose Richard burial entry, January 1833, St. John the Evangelist, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, 3:33 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>158</sup> Joseph Nunez baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 6, #259 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>159</sup> Celestin Nunez baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 6, #398 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

- 18      iii. CLAIRE SCHOLASTIQUE NUNEZ, born 20 Jan 1810 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 8 April 1810 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>160</sup>
- 19      iv. SEBASTIEN NUNEZ, born 12 Jul 1811 in Lower Bayou Vermillion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 29 march 1812 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>161</sup>

**8. Scholastique<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born in July 1794 and baptized 24 May 1795 at the age of 10 months at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>162</sup> Her sponsors at baptism were her uncle François Boudreaux and Isabelle Duhon. She married **Cyrille Landry** 8 May 1815 in St. Martin Parish,<sup>163</sup> son of Joseph Landry and Marie-Anne Melancon.<sup>164</sup> He was born 7 February 1787 and baptized at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church 15 July 1787.<sup>165</sup> Cyrille's family, like Scholastique's, were from Pisiquid in Acadia.<sup>166</sup> They had been deported to Maryland during the expulsion.<sup>167</sup> Cyrille fought in Marin Martin's Company in DeClouet's Louisiana Regiment in the War of 1812 along with many men from his community.<sup>168</sup> Scholastique died at a young age, 25 years, on 6 June 1819,<sup>169</sup> leaving three young children. Her husband remarried in 1821 to Adelaide Trahan.<sup>170</sup>

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<sup>160</sup> Claire Scholastique Nunez baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 6, #881 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>161</sup> Sebastien Nunez baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 6, #1308 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>162</sup> Scholastique Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 4, #671 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>163</sup> Landry/Boudreaux Marriage Record, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, volume 5, #358 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>164</sup> Cyrille Landry baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana Volume 4, #267 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>165</sup> Ibid.

<sup>166</sup> Acadian Historic Atlas. "Surnames of People in the Pisiquid region." <http://www.cdene.ns.ca/neo-ecossaise/en/region/PisiquidNoms.cfm?alpha=b> [Accessed Tues Sep 21 19:11:32 US/Central 2004].

<sup>167</sup> Gregory A. Wood. *A Guide to Acadians in Maryland*. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1995), pp. 152-153.

<sup>168</sup> Pierson, *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, p. 69.

<sup>169</sup> Scholastique Boudreaux burial entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana 4: #1255 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>170</sup> Landry/Trahan Marriage Record, St. Martin Court House, OA-34-4567, St. Martinville, Louisiana IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

Cyrille died 21 August 1839 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana at the age of 52.<sup>171</sup>

Scholastique Boudreaux and Cyrille Landry had the following three children:

- 20 i. MARIE PHELOINISE<sup>4</sup> LANDRY, born 13 March 1816 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 2 June 1816 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>172</sup>
- 21 ii. MARIE CYDALISE LANDRY, born 28 March 1817 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 14 September 1817 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>173</sup>
- 22 iii. PHILEMON LANDRY, born 13 April 1818 in Lower Bayou Vermilion, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and baptized 7 June 1818 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church.<sup>174</sup>

**9. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 12 February 1796 and baptized on 4 May 1796 at St. Martin de Tours (Attakapas) Church in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>175</sup> He married **Marie Isemene Labauve** 4 May 1815 in St. Martinville, Louisiana, daughter of Francois Labauve and Marguerite Hebert.<sup>176</sup> She was born 31 October 1797 in Opelousas, Louisiana,<sup>177</sup> and died 28 Mar 1880 in Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.<sup>178</sup>

Along with his brother and brother-in-laws, Joseph fought in Captain Marin Martin's Company in DeClouet's Louisiana Regiment during the War of 1812<sup>179</sup> and his widow

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<sup>171</sup> Cyrille Landry burial entry, Register St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:137 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>172</sup> Marie Phelonise Landry baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#2044 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>173</sup> Marie Cydalise Landry baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#208 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>174</sup> Philemon Landry baptismal record, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#364 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>175</sup> Joseph Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 4:#784. IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>176</sup> Boudreaux/Labauve marriage record St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#359 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>177</sup> Marie Ismene (Lisemene) Labauve baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#51 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>178</sup> Burial record of Marie Ismene (Lisemene) Labauve, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, 2:79 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>179</sup> Pierson, *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, p 14.

eventually received a pension based on his service.<sup>180</sup> As a young man, he worked on his uncle François Boudreau's cattle ranch<sup>181</sup> and ultimately bought part of it shortly before François's death in 1818.<sup>182</sup> This tract of land was on the east side of Bayou Vermilion and consisted of 5 arpents of river front extending 40 arpents in depth and bounded by the lands of his father on one side and the concession of François Broussard on the other. Like his kin and neighbors surrounding him, Joseph made a modest living by farming and raising cattle. His death came on the 3rd April 1834, at the relatively young age of 38 and probably caused great hardship for his widow, who had ten children to raise alone and who never remarried.<sup>183</sup> Her financial situation was poor by the time she applied for a widow's pension in 1878.<sup>184</sup>

Children of Joseph Boudreaux and Marie Isemene Labauve are:

- 23        i.    JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> BOUDREAU, born 2 March 1816 and baptized 14 April 1816 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>185</sup>
- 24        ii.    MARIE CELANIE BOUDREAU, born 4 October 1817 and baptized 14 December 1817 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>186</sup>
- 25        iii.    FRANCOIS ROSEMOND BOUDREAU, born 21 July 1819 and baptized 31 October 1819 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>187</sup>
- 26        iv.    JEAN CLAIRVILLE BOUDREAU, born 12 August 1821 and baptized 18 November 1821 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>188</sup>

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<sup>180</sup> Ismene Labauve's Widow's Application for War of 1812 Pension, file #9004, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.

<sup>181</sup> Succession of François Boudreau, No. 247 dated September 16, 1816, St. Martin Parish Courthouse, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

<sup>182</sup> Conrad, *Land Records of the Attakapas District*, p. 230, "Land Sale. May 2, 1816. François Boudreau sold to Joseph Boudreau, Jr., a tract of land located on the west bank of Bayou Vermilion, measuring 5 X 40 arpents, bounded above by the lands of Jacob Ryan and below by the lands of the vendor. He also sold one third of the land in woods on the left side of the Vermilion directly opposite from that mentioned above. Price: \$70."

<sup>183</sup> Joseph Boudreaux succession, #302, dated 13 July 1835, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>184</sup> Ismene Labauve's Widow's Application for War of 1812 Pension, file #9004, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.

<sup>185</sup> Joseph Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#2006 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>186</sup> Marie Celanie Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#255 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>187</sup> François Rosemond Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#737 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>188</sup> Jean Clairville Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#1122 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

- 27 v. ELOISE BOUDREAU, born 26 September 1823 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>189</sup>
- 28 vi. EMILE BOUDREAU, born September 1825 and baptized on August 27, 1826 at the age of 11 months in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>190</sup>
- 29 vii. MARIE LISEMAINE BOUDREAU, born 6 Dec 1827 and baptized on 4 May 1828 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>191</sup>
- 30 viii. SEVILLE BOUDREAU, born 27 October 1829 and baptized 4 April 1830 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>192</sup>
- 31 ix. JOSEPHINE BOUDREAU, born 14 December 1831 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>193</sup>
- 32 x. THEODULE BOUDREAU, born about November 1833 and baptized on August 9, 1834 at the age of 9 months in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>194</sup>

## 10. Philemon<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux<sup>195</sup> (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 30

<sup>189</sup> Eloise Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:loose page IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>190</sup> Emile Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 2:#247 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>191</sup> Marie Lisemene baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:44 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>192</sup> Seville Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:136 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>193</sup> Josephine Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana 3:145 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>194</sup> Theodule Boudreaux baptism entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana 4:101 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>195</sup> As was common with Acadian names, Philemon's name is spelled in various ways in different records. Because the Acadians often could not write, the person creating the record spelled the names phonetically and nicknames were sometimes recorded rather than formal given names. Philemon's given name appears as **Philemon**, **Aimon**, **Emon**, **Edmon**, **Edmond** etc. For example, (1) In his baptism record it is recorded as **Philemon** [Philemon Boudreau baptism (1798), St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church Records, volume 5, no. 70, Saint Martinville, Louisiana, microfilm publication *St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church Records 1756-1810*, roll no. 01, unpaginated, arranged by date, Clayton Library, Houston, Texas]; (2) In his father's succession record, which contains different documents recorded by different individuals, it is rendered five different ways: **Aimond**, **Aimon**, **Edmon**, **Emon**, and **Emond** [Joseph Boudreaux succession (1838) Lafayette Parish succ. file 358, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana]. (3) In the 1850 U.S. Federal Census the name is anglicized as **Edmond** [Edmond Boudreau household, 1850 U.S. census, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, page 243, line 20; Ancestry.com. *1850 United States Federal Census* [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: United States. *1850 United States Federal Census*. M432\_1009 rolls. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C. Similarly, his

April 1798 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana<sup>196</sup> and died 12 February 1853 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>197</sup> He married **Elizabeth Simon** 14 January 1821 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Jean Baptiste Simon and Marie-Magdeleine Aucoin.<sup>198</sup> She was born 18 July 1804 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana<sup>199</sup> and died in 1886 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>200</sup>

Like his older brother, Joseph, and his two brother-in-laws, Philemon fought in the War of 1812 in Marin Martin's Company in DeClouet's Louisiana Regiment as a young man.<sup>201</sup>

Not wealthy enough to be considered a member of the planter class and yet far more prosperous than a subsistence farmer, Philemon, like many of his generation, had become a solid member of the Acadian yeomanry. By the time of his death in 1853, at the age of 54, his estate was valued at \$6,600 and included two *vacheries* (cattle ranches), one in Texas on Taylor Bayou and one in Calcasieu Parish.<sup>202</sup> He owned over 120 head of cattle, 10 oxen, and 12 horses. Heading the list of items appraised were three slaves, two young men and a woman, valued at a total of \$2,700. After his death, his estate was appraised, sold, and the proceeds divided equally among the heirs, as required by the forced heirship provisions of the Louisiana inheritance laws of the time. Elizabeth, his wife, was named natural tutrix of their minor children with François Boudreaux the under tutor.<sup>203</sup> A family meeting was held at the widow's home attended by two paternal uncles and two maternal uncles to advise and deliberate concerning the best interest of the minor children. It was decided that because she had the responsibility of raising four minor children, the widow should be permitted to take whatever property she chose at the

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wife's name was recorded as *Isabelle* or *Elizabeth* at different times, depending on the language and/or spelling preferences of the creator of the document. Women's maiden names were often recorded rather than their married names and sometimes, especially in the case of widows, their husband's full names were substituted for their own.

<sup>196</sup> Philemon Boudreaux Baptismal Record, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#70 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>197</sup> Philemon "Emon" Boudreaux burial entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:33 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>198</sup> Boudreaux/Simon marriage entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#226 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>199</sup> Isabelle "Elizabeth" Simon baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#150 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>200</sup> Elizabeth Simon succession, #1781, 24 November 1886, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>201</sup> Pierson, *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, p. 14

<sup>202</sup> Aimond Boudreaux succession, #708, 28 February 1853, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>203</sup> Bryan A. Garner, ed. *Black's Law Dictionary*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing, 2000, p. 1232 defines *tutor* as "in civil law a tutor or tutrix was the guardian of a minor; a person appointed to have the care of the minor's person and estate."

price of estimation. She chose the house with its 800 “pannels” or sections of fencing and the Negro slave, Edouard. It was also decided that because the older children had been given a gift valued at \$20 by their father, the younger children should be allowed to choose an item of equivalent value from the estate. The rest of the estate was auctioned off and the proceeds divided among the heirs, with one-half going to the widow.

Elizabeth lived another 34 years after the death of her husband. At her death in 1886, her modest estate of \$276.00 was duly divided among the 37 heirs.<sup>204</sup>

The children of Philemon Boudreaux and Isabelle Simon are:

- 33 i. ASPASIE<sup>4</sup> BOUDREAUX, born 24 January 1822 and baptised 11 March 1822 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>205</sup>
- 34 ii. BELONIE BOUDREAUX, born 20 March 1824 and baptized 3 May 1824 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana; died June 1866 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>206</sup>
- 35 iii. CARMELITE BOUDREAUX, born 22 October 1828 and baptised in 1829 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>207</sup>
- 36 iv. CICALISE BOUDREAUX, born 25 December 1830 and baptised 24 April 1831 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>208</sup>
- 37 v. ELIZABETH BOUDREAUX, born 28 October 1833 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>209</sup>
- 38 vi. OLIVA BOUDREAUX, born about January 1836 and was baptised 21 March 1837 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>210</sup>
- 39 vii. EDMOND BOUDREAUX, born December 1837 and baptized 24 June 1838, at the age of 6 months in

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<sup>204</sup> Elizabeth Simon succession, #1781, 24 November 1886, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana .

<sup>205</sup> Aspasie Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 7:#1161 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>206</sup> Belonie Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:29 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>207</sup> Carmelite Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:107 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>208</sup> Cidelise Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:196 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>209</sup> Elizabeth Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:107 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>210</sup> Oliva Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:107 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.



Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>211</sup>

- 40 viii. CELIMA (SELIMA, SELINA) BOUDREAUX, born 9 December 1840 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>212</sup>
- 41 ix. SEVENNE BOUDREAUX, born 13 May 1843 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>213</sup>
- 42 x. MARIE NATALIA BOUDREAUX, born 27 November 1846 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>214</sup>
- 43 xi. SOSTHENE BOUDREAUX, born 4 July 1849 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>215</sup>

**12. Pelagie<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 15 March and baptized on 12 June 1800 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>216</sup> and died in 1857 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>217</sup> She married **Beloni Simon** 8 July 1817 in St. Martin Parish, son of Jean Baptiste Simon and Marie-Magdeleine Aucoin.<sup>218</sup> He was born 13 October 1797 in St. Martin Parish,<sup>219</sup> and died 25 April 1836 in Lafayette Parish.<sup>220</sup> Beloni fought in the War of 1812 in DeClouet's

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<sup>211</sup> Edmond Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:90 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>212</sup> Celima Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:219 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>213</sup> Sevenne Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:288 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>214</sup> Marie Natalia Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 6:7 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>215</sup> Sosthene Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 6:44 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>216</sup> Pelagie Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#274. IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>217</sup> Pelagie Boudreaux succession, # 821, 17 August 1857, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>218</sup> Simon/Boudreaux marriage entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#47 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>219</sup> Beloni Simon baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#46 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>220</sup> Beloni Simon burial entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:93 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

Louisiana Regiment along with the other males in his extended family group.<sup>221</sup> He died at the age of 38, leaving Pelagie with four young children.<sup>222</sup> The estate was a modest one, with no slaves, and a house valued at only \$125. Pelagie was chosen as natural tutrix of her children and her brother-in-law Eloi Simon appointed as the undertutor. It was decided by family meeting that she would retain the community land and property, half for herself and half on behalf of her children's interest. Her land consisted of two tracts on the Vermilion River, one on the east bank, 1 arpent by 40 arpents in size, between the tracts belonging to her brother, Edmond, and her sister, Aspasia and another tract on the west bank, 5 by 40 arpents, situated between her two brother-in-laws, Jean and Eloi Simon (married to her sister Ana Adelaide). In the 1850 census she is enumerated with her youngest daughter, Zulma, and a young child of two years, Eloi Simon, probably a grandchild.<sup>223</sup> By the time of her death in 1857 at the age of 57, her estate consisted of a modest estate of only moveable property.<sup>224</sup>

Children of Pelagie Boudreaux and Beloni Simon are:

- 44 i. BELONI<sup>7</sup> SIMON, born 17 January 1819 and baptized 4 April 1819 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>225</sup>
- 45 ii. ALEXANDRE SIMON, born 2 June 1822 and baptized 29 September 1822 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>226</sup>
- 46 iii. AZEMA SIMON, born 6 December 1826 and baptized 24 June 1827 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>227</sup>
- 47 iv. CLEMINE SIMON, born 8 February 1828 and baptized 4 May 1828 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>228</sup>
- 48 v. SIMON SIMON, born February 1830 and baptized 11 July 1830 at 5 months in Lafayette Parish.<sup>229</sup>

<sup>221</sup> Pierson, *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, p. 109.

<sup>222</sup> Belonie Simon succession, #357, 21 November 1838, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>223</sup> 1850 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, roll 232, p. 242.

<sup>224</sup> Pelagie Boudreaux succession, # 821, 17 August 1857, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>225</sup> Beloni Simon baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana 7:#620 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>226</sup> Alexandre Simon baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana 1:9 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>227</sup> Azema Simon baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:6:#17 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>228</sup> Clemine Simon baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:44:#131 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

**13. Anna Adelaide<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 23 April 1802 and baptized on 17 June 1802 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church in in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.<sup>231</sup> She married **Eloi Simon** on 15 January 1821 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, son of Jean Baptiste Simon and Marie-Magdeleine Aucoin.<sup>232</sup> They had nine children together. The 1840 census of Lafayette Parish records a farming family of nine, plus one male slave over the age of 55 living among their extended family members on both sides of the Vermilion River.<sup>233</sup> The 1850 Lafayette Parish census shows Eloi Simon, 49, Adelaide Boudreau, 48, son Jean, 19, Oliva, 14, and Melazire, 11.<sup>234</sup> By 1880, Eloi and Adelaide, both listed as age 78, are shown as farmers with one grandchild, Grigoire, 14, living with them.<sup>235</sup> Adelaide was the only one of her siblings to live into old age. She died 6 October 1883 at the age of 81 and her death was recorded in the parish register of St. Anne's Church in Youngsville.<sup>236</sup>

Eloi was born 01 Mar 1802 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana<sup>237</sup> and died sometime between 18 July 1886 and 6 May 1887. His death was also recorded in the parish register at St. Anne's in Youngsville.<sup>238</sup>

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<sup>229</sup> Simon Simon baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:258:#360 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>230</sup> Zulma Simon baptismal entry, Simon baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:72 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>231</sup> Anna Adelaide Boudreaux burial entry, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:11 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>232</sup> Simon/Boudreaux marriage entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana 6:#47 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>233</sup> 1840 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M637, roll 127, p. 13.

<sup>234</sup> 1850 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, roll 232, p. 243.

<sup>235</sup> 1880 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Vermilion Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication T9, roll 473, E. D. 24, p. 491B.

<sup>236</sup> Anna Adelaide Boudreaux burial entry, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:11 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>237</sup> Eloi Simon baptism entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 5:#440 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>238</sup> Eloi Simon burial entry, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:21.

Children of Anna Boudreaux and Eloi Simon are:

- 50 i. MARIE ADELE "OVITA"<sup>4</sup> SIMON, born 02 Sep 1822 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 51 ii. JOSEPH SIMON, born 30 October 1824 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 52 iii. ELOY SIMON, born 25 July 1826 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 53 iv. ESTELLE SIMON, born 20 April 1828 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 54 v. EDMOND SIMON, born 24 September 1829 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 55 vi. JEAN SIMON, born 4 December 1831 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 56 vii. Marie Simon, born 10 Nov 1833 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 57 viii. OLIVA SIMON, born 6 July 1836 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.
- 58 ix. MELAZIRE SIMON, born 1 May 1839 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

**14. Anastasie “Aspasie”<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** ((Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 28 October 1803 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>239</sup> and died about 1846 (succession dated 14 August 1846) in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>240</sup> She married **Louis (Willing) Sellers** about 1820 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana,<sup>241</sup> son of Mathieu Sellers, from South Carolina, and Marie Aucoin, an Acadian.<sup>242</sup> He was born 03 January 1802 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>243</sup> and died 12 April 1858 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>244</sup>

Like their siblings and cousins, Louis and Aspasie were “petit habitants” or farmers who owned a narrow tract of farmland and one of woodland on the east bank of Bayou Vermilion and three slaves, a man, a woman, and a boy.<sup>245</sup> Aspasie’s death at the age of 43 must have been difficult for her husband, with young children still in the household, the smallest only six years old. Her succession records tell the story of the family meeting that was held to choose a tutor and an undertutor for the motherless children. In attendance were three of Louis’s brothers and two of Aspasie’s brothers. Louis was chosen as his children’s primary tutor and his brother, Alexandre, as undertutor. Judging from the 1850 census, in which his real estate was valued at \$6,000, Alexandre

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<sup>239</sup> Aspasie (Anasatasie) Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#147 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>240</sup> Succession of Aspasie (Anastasie) Boudreaux #536, 14 September 1846, Lafayette Parish Court House, Louisiana.

<sup>241</sup> Ibid.

<sup>242</sup> Louis Sellers baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6:#19 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated.

<sup>243</sup> Ibid.

<sup>244</sup> Louis Sellers succession, #846, 15 April 1858, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>245</sup> Succession of Aspasie (Anasatasie) Boudreaux #536.

was a relatively prosperous farmer among the Acadians of Lafayette Parish and a sensible choice for a guardian.<sup>246</sup>

As was the law, the community property of Aspasia and Louis was appraised and sold at auction, first on 14 September 1846, at which time Louis bought back most of his own property, including the house and the two adult slaves, at 8 percent interest.<sup>247</sup> Louis owed debts exceeding his assets, however, and judging from the second sale held on October 8, 1848, circumstances prevented his continuing to farm successfully and pay his debts. This time everything was sold, including the dwelling house, which was bought by the school district. By the time of the 1850 census, at the age of 50, his profession is listed as carpenter and the only two people in his household, a French blacksmith named Dominique Broussier, 56, and a woman named Josephine Chemin, age 39, do not appear to be members of his family.<sup>248</sup> At least two of the children of Aspasia and Louis, Oleva and Jean Clemille, moved to Texas not long after their father's death and helped to build the community of north Harris County.<sup>249</sup>

Children of Aspasia Boudreaux and Louis Sellers are:

- 59 i. LOUIS JR.<sup>4</sup> SELLERS, born 13 March 1823 and baptized 6 July 1823 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>250</sup>
- 60 ii. CELASIE SELLERS, born 18 March 1825 and baptized 30 October 1825 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>251</sup>
- 61 iii. OLEVA SELLERS, born 28 March 1827 and baptised 15 July 1827 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>252</sup>
- 62 iv. EUCLIDE SELLERS, a twin born 1830 and baptised 24 October 1830, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana at age 2 1/2 months.<sup>253</sup>
- 63 v. ASPASIE SELLERS, born 23 April 1832 and baptized 29 July 1832 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>254</sup>

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<sup>246</sup> 1850 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, roll 232, p. 229.

<sup>247</sup> Louis Sellers succession, #846.

<sup>248</sup> 1850 U.S. Census (population), Louisiana, Lafayette Parish, p. 234.

<sup>249</sup> 1860 U.S. Census (population), Texas, Harris County, National Archives Microfilm Publication M653, roll 1296, p. 383.

<sup>250</sup> Louis Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:26 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>251</sup> Celasia Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 2:#136 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>252</sup> Oleva Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:8:#24 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>253</sup> Euclide Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:726 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>254</sup> Aspasia Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:#52 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*,

- 64 vi. CICALISE SELLERS, born about June 1835 and baptized 6 August 1835, in Lafayette Parish, Lafayette, Louisiana at 1 1/2 months.<sup>255</sup>
- 65 vii. EMELINE SELLERS, born about 14 May 1838 and baptized 24 June 1838 in Lafayette Parish, Lafayette, Louisiana at age 40 days.<sup>256</sup>
- 66 viii. JEAN CLEMILE SELLERS, born 30 November 1840 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>257</sup>

**15. Francois<sup>3</sup> Boudreaux** (Joseph<sup>2</sup> Boudreau, Charles<sup>1</sup> Boudrot) was born 11 October 1807 and baptized on 17 April 1808 at St. Martin of Tours (Attakapas) Church in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>258</sup> and died at the age of 46 on 21 November 1853 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana,<sup>259</sup> probably in the yellow fever epidemic of that year.<sup>260</sup> He married **Marguerite Simon** 13 December 1824 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Jean Baptiste Simon and Marie-Magdeleine Aucoin.<sup>261</sup> She was born 7 May 1807 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana,<sup>262</sup> and died 22 Aug 1859 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>263</sup>

After the death of her husband, Marguerite was appointed administratrix of his estate and natural tutrix of her children. Ferdinand Trahan was chosen as under tutor.<sup>264</sup> The estate was a moderate one of \$4,269.50, consisting of, among other items, two tracts of land along Bayou Vermilion, one on the west side, 2 ½ arpents by 40 arpents, bounded by the land of Edmond Boudreaux's widow and by the heirs of Jean Broussard appraised at \$250 and one on the east side, 1 arpent by 40, bounded by the land of Eloi Simon above

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37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>255</sup> Cicalise Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:#506 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>256</sup> Emeline Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:90 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>257</sup> Jean Clemile Sellers baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:218 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>258</sup> Francois Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana 6:#487 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>259</sup> Francois Boudreaux succession, #724, 21 November 1853, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>260</sup> Jo Ann Carrigan, *The Saffron Scourge: A History of Yellow Fever in Louisiana, 1796-1905* (Lafayette, La.: Center for Louisiana Studies at University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1994), 302.

<sup>261</sup> Boudreaux/Simon marriage entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 1:#1.

<sup>262</sup> Marguerite Simon baptismal entry, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, Louisiana, 6-A:#31 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>263</sup> Marguerite Simon succession, #880, 22 August 1859, Lafayette Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

<sup>264</sup> Francois Boudreaux succession, #724, 21 November 1853, Lafayette Parish Court House, Lafayette, Louisiana.

and Emile Hebert below valued at \$100, six slaves valued at \$1700, and a dwelling house valued at \$150.<sup>265</sup> Marguerite did not survive her husband long. Two years after his death, she too died and her eldest son Syphroyen, of Calcasieu Parish, became administrator of both his parents' estates. A family meeting was held to choose tutors for the four minor children, Syphroy, Adrian, Joseph, and Robert, the youngest not quite ten years of age. Belony Boudreaux was chose as Syphroy's tutor, Syphroyen Boudreaux as Adrian's tutor, Felix Broussard as Joseph's tutor, and Evarist Baudoin as Robert's tutor. The estate was then auctioned off for a total of \$6,934.95. After debts were paid, the amount of the estate came to \$5559.28, which was divided among the heirs.

Francois Boudreaux and Marguerite Simon had the following children:

- 67 i. MARCELIENNE BOUDREAUX, born 8 August 1825 and baptized 30 October 1825 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>266</sup>
- 68 ii. SYPHROYEN BOUDREAUX, born 29 May 1827 and baptized 18 October 1827 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>267</sup>
- 69 iii. AZEMA BOUDREAUX, born 2 September 1828 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>268</sup>
- 70 iv. OLIVA BOUDREAUX, born 15 Oct 1832 and baptized 5 May 1833 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>269</sup>
- 71 vi. MARCELITE BOUDREAUX, born 13 August 1829 and baptized 16 May 1830 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>270</sup>
- 72 vi. MARGUERITE BOUDREAUX, born 16 November 1834 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>271</sup>
- 73 vii. CELIMA BOUDREAUX, born Oct 1836 and baptized 29 December 1936 in Lafayette Parish,

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<sup>265</sup> Ibid.

<sup>266</sup> Marcilienne Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 2:#135 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>267</sup> Syphroyen Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:21:#60 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>268</sup> Azema Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:#208 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>269</sup> Oliva Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:#54 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>270</sup> Marcelite Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 3:146:#325 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>271</sup> Marguerite Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 4:205 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

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- 74 viii. SYPHROY BOUDREAU, born 30 Oct 1839 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>273</sup>
- 75 ix. ADRIEN BOUDREAU, born 17 Aug 1842 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>274</sup>
- 76 x. JOSEPH BOUDREAU, born 17 Feb 1844 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>275</sup>
- 77 xi. ROBERT BAUBE BOUDREAU, born 27 Oct 1849 in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.<sup>276</sup>

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<sup>272</sup> Celima Boudreaux baptismal entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:25 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>273</sup> Syphroy Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:146 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>274</sup> Adrien Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:266 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>275</sup> Joseph Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 5:313 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).

<sup>276</sup> Robert Baube Boudreaux birth entry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, 6:49 IN Hébert, Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records: Records: Church and Civil Records of Settlers*, 37 volumes (Eunice, LA: Hébert Publications, 1974), CD-ROM (Rayne, Louisiana: Hebert Publications, 2000, unpaginated).