



Our Levasseur ancestors: Pierre Levasseur dit Lespérance

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Pierre, his brother Jean and their sister Jeanne came to New France and settled in Québec in the mid 17th century. They were the children of Noël Levasseur and Genevieve Gaugé. Their father was a master carpenter. Pierre was baptized in 1629 in the Saint-Leu-et-Saint-Gilles Parish in Paris.

Pierre's name is first noted on August 13, 1654 in the Québec Parish's registers for the christening of his nephew Pierre Drolet, his sister Jeanne's son. Pierre was the child's godfather. Like his father, Pierre is a master carpenter. He married Jeanne Chanverlange in Québec at the Notre-Dame Church on October 23, 1655. Jeanne was Antoine Chanverlange and Marthe Guérin's daughter. She was originally from Saint-Ursin, Bishopric of Bourges.

Land was granted to Pierre Levasseur on March 4, 1657 in the Seigneurie of Argentenay on l'Île d'Orléans. He cultivated this land but never obtained the title for that property. He sold it for 140 pounds to Vincent Chrétien for the work he had done on it on August 26, 1663.

On June 27, 1659, Governor d'Argenson granted to our ancestor Pierre a piece of land to build in the Upper Town of Québec between the Grande Allée and the Chemin du Fort. This land is located in proximity of the Fort and the Château Saint-Louis. Pierre had a home built there and spent most of his life with his family.

The Jesuit Fathers granted him on August 26, 1663 land on the Seigneurie of Sillery. He kept this land until his death and it was given to his heirs. François, his youngest son, settled there.

During his life time, Pierre worked as a carpenter. He did a variety of jobs for different individuals and worked for the Québec Fort. In 1674, he also worked on the construction of the Beauport Church.

Pierre Levasseur and Jeanne Chanverlange had seven children, four girls and three boys. At his first son's christening in 1658, Pierre, who is the ancestor, is known as Pierre Levasseur dit L'Espérance. Among his sons, Pierre is the only one who had descendants. The ancestor Pierre died on March 12, 1694 at l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, at the age of 67. His wife, Jeanne de Chanverlange died prior to him, probably between the years 1679 to 1681.

2nd generation. Pierre Levasseur, Son

Pierre Levasseur, son, was born on April 30, 1661, in Québec. Master carpenter like his father, he first married Madeleine Chapeau, in the Notre-Dame Church in Québec on November 28, 1686. They had three children, one of which is Pierre-Noël (1690-1770) who became a «master sculptor».

His second marriage was with Anne Mesnage, on March 18, 1696, in the Notre-Dame Church in Québec. Sixteen children were born from this union, ten boys and six girls. Among them:

François Levasseur dit Chaverlange is a master carpenter in Québec.

Pierre-Jacques Levasseur dit Carmel is a carpenter and merchant and eventually establishes himself in Boucherville. His descendants adopted the name "Carmel". François-Louis-Borgia Levasseur lived in Québec. He was a carter. His descendants used the name Levasseur dit Borgia but eventually retained only the name Borgia.

François-Ignace Levasseur became a priest. He was the parish priest in Champlain and in L'Ancienne-Lorette. Denis-Joseph, carpenter, settled in Trois-Rivières and had many descendants who settled in the Mauricie and Bois-Francs regions.

Signature of Pierre Levasseur, our ancestor ¹



⁽¹⁾ Michel LANGLOIS, Dictionnaire biographique des ancêtres québécois (1608-1700) Sillery, Maison des ancêtres québécois, 2000, tome 3, p. 327

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- To join together and unite a large number of Levasseur and other descendants who have adopted the patronymic Borgia, Carmel, Carmell, Vasseur, Vassor, Vasser.
- To promote, develop and diffuse historical genealogical knowledge about the Levasseur families with Internet, an electronic Newsletter published three times per year also the publication of genealogical dictionaries.
- To maintain and update, on an ongoing basis, the genealogical data base available to members at all times on the Internet.
- To make available to members a family photo album and the Newsletters that the Association has published since 1988.
- To honor the memory of our forefathers and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events that are chronicle the Levasseur family.
- To gather all documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage of our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

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