

Blanchet Family News - Our French Origins



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We are from Montbéliard, France!



Logo courtesy of the Museum of Wurtemberg Castle

Exciting news! We can now trace our Blanchet ancestors as far back as 1385 in France!

This newsletter will attempt to interpret data that was collected by Alain Mathieu, a French man, on our family's behalf.

The first four newsletters that I wrote in 2012 focused on the Blanchet family in America and our French patriarch, Lovee Blanchet, along with what little we knew about his French grandparents. I was able to go back seven generations in America to our French immigrant ancestors in 1837. (See Vol 1 Is 1-4.)

Now we can expand our knowledge into France! Alain Mathieu was able to extend our family another eight generations all of whom lived in Montbéliard, France. See surnames list.

Bottom line: Lovee's father's side were reported to be perfume manufacturers, though we don't have proof yet. Lovee's mother's side were royal administrators, a vicar, traders, mayors, and weavers with proof inside.

Why did an unrelated French man research our French Origins?

Emails from Billie Francile Vardiman, February 2017

"John Kessler grew up in our, (Bill and Billie Vardiman's) church. He and Phillip and Johnene' (Bill & Billie's children) were all in school together in Marshall, MO. John Kessler met and married Melanie Mathieu from France." He met her in Columbia, MO at Missouri University (MU). She has her doctorate in plant science (soybeans, corn, wheat).

"When John was the chef here for our local Country Club, I helped him with his wedding dinner for his and Melanie's wedding."

We met "her parents then and had them out for a meal, discussed our French family history and then he (Alain) took it from there to research the Blanchets."

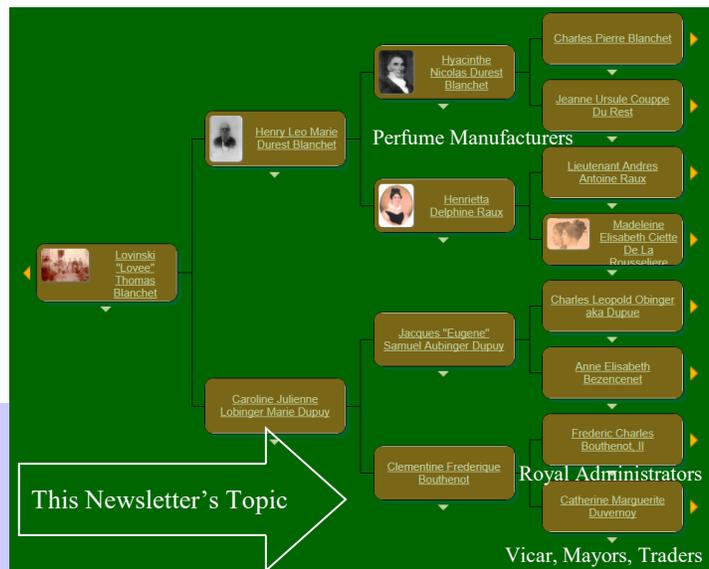
Melanie's father, Alain Mathieu, is a retired educator and researched our family for a year. "Alain does not read or speak English very well. His wife does better with the English."



"I WAS ABLE TO GO BACK SEVEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA. ALAIN METHIEU EXTENDED OUR FAMILY ANOTHER EIGHT GENERATIONS IN MONTBELIARD, FRANCE!"

Michelle Vardiman Fansler

French Surnames list: Bouthenot, Sahler, Verenet, Huguenot, Duvernoy, Goguel, Vuillamier, Potzkaur, Nardin, and DeScouefflee.



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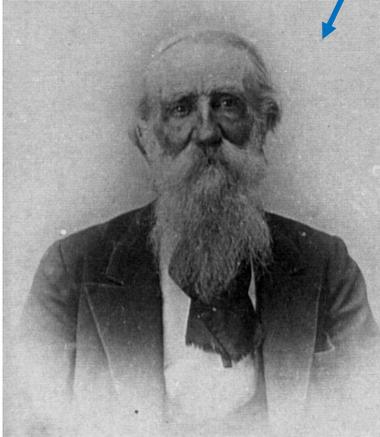
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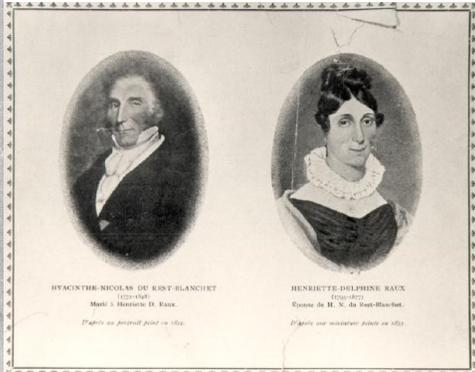
Lovee's Father and Paternal Grandparents

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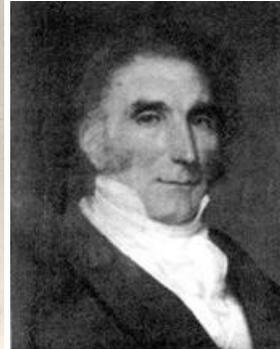
Lovee's Father: Henry Leo Marie Durest Blanchet
Lovee's Grandparents: Hyacinth and Henrietta Blanchet



Henry Leo Blanchet,
Lovee's Father



Hyacinth and Henrietta Blanchet,
Lovee's Paternal Grandparents above
and to the right.



Lovinsky "Lovee" Blanchet's Grandparents who emigrated from France. "According to Mom (Frances Louise Carter), these ancestors were **French perfume manufacturers** who left Paris due to the French Revolution and the fear of meeting the guillotine." David Vardiman

To learn more about this side of the family see **Volume 1 Issue 1.**

Found 9 August 2011:

Source: <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ky/county/grant/index/1899abstracts.html> (broken link due to lack of \$)

These abstracts are from the *Williamstown Courier*, Grant County Newspapers by Robert L. (Bob) Bickers.

June 13, 1895 *Williamstown Courier*: "Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. BLANCHETT, of near Mt. Zion, celebrated the 55th anniversary of their marriage June 10. [He] was born in Madison, New Jersey, in 1818, and [she] was Caroline DUPUE, who was born in Switzerland in 1814. They were married in 1840 in New Jersey and moved to Grant County, Ky. during the same year, where they have lived ever since."

November 3, 1898 *Williamstown Courier*:

"Miss Mamie DUCHAMP of Delia visited her grandmother, Mrs. H. L. BLANCHET."

April 20, 1899: *Delia News*:

"Mrs. and Mrs. H. L. BLANCHETT of Mt. Zion visited their daughter, Mrs. A. DUCHAMP."

November 30, 1899: *Dry Ridge News*:

"Mr. and Mrs. H. BLANCHET of near Mt. Zion, both near 80 years old, are critically ill."

December 14, 1899: *Dry Ridge News*:

"Mr. BLANCHET died at the home of Joe BELEW last Wednesday; was one of the oldest/best known citizens of Mt. Zion neighborhood; was buried at Williamstown.

"H. L. BLANCHET, 81, died December 7, 1899; wife survives; they would have been married 60 years next June; he, Henry, was born in Madison, New Jersey; his father, Durest N. BLANCHET, was a West Indies native; he owned a sugar plantation with 900 Negroes; his mother, Henrietta (nee ROE) was born in France and came to America in 1809; he leaves a brother, H. L. D. BLANCHET of this county and relatives in California, New York, New Jersey, and the West Indies; three sons, Durest, Amedee, and Lovee, and three daughters live in the U. S.; H. L.'s wife who survives was **Caroline J. Marie DUPUY, born in Lausanne, Switzerland and came to America in 1837; her father, Eugene DUPUY was a French native; her mother was Clementine Frederique (nee BOUTNOT) DUPUY, also a French native; was the first woman to ever ascend the top of Mt. Blanc;** grand-ma, Mrs. H. L. BLANCHET, spoke her native French but also spoke Italian, German, and English; verse follows to grandpa, by his granddaughter, Annie BLANCHET, 13. Buried in Williamstown Cemetery."

Source: *The Williamstown Cemetery - A History of its Inhabitants*

Published by the Grant County Ky Historical Society, 1987

"In Memoriam - The angel of death has visited our midst and claimed for its victim Henry L. Blanchet. He was born in Madison, New Jersey September 23, 1818, being at the time of his death 81 years, 2 months and 17 days old. he was married June 10, 1840 in New York City to Miss Caroline Duputy, a highly accomplished lady, whose home was in Switzerland. To this union nine children were born. The surviving ones are Mrs. Carrie Baker, D. M. Blanchet, A. H. Blanchet, L. T. Blanchet and Mrs. A. Buchamp?. His remains were deposited in the Williamstown Cemetery."

Lovee's Mother: Caroline Julienne Lobinger Marie Dupuy
Lovee's Grandparents: Eugene and Clementine Dupuy

Legacy - (E:\...Treespot_2017_Jan)

Michelle Vardiman Fansler's Legacy Database Screenshot

Legacy Home | Family | Pedigree | Descendant | Chronology | Index | Research Guidance

Hyacinthe Nicolas Durest Blanchet [5381] (1771-1848)+
Henrietta Delphine Raux [5382] (1793-1877)+
4th Great-Grandfather

Jacques "Eugene" Samuel Aubinger Dupue or Obinger [5386] (1785-1850)+
Clementine Frederique Bouthenot [5387] (1793-1851)+
4th Great-Grandmother

Husb: Henry Leo Marie Durest Blanchet [860]
Born: 23 Sep 1818, (Battle Hill) Madison, Morris County, New Jersey
Chr: [blank]
Died: 7 Dec 1899, Williamstown, Grant County, Kentucky
Buried: Williamstown Cemetery, Grant County, Kentucky
DthCau: [blank]

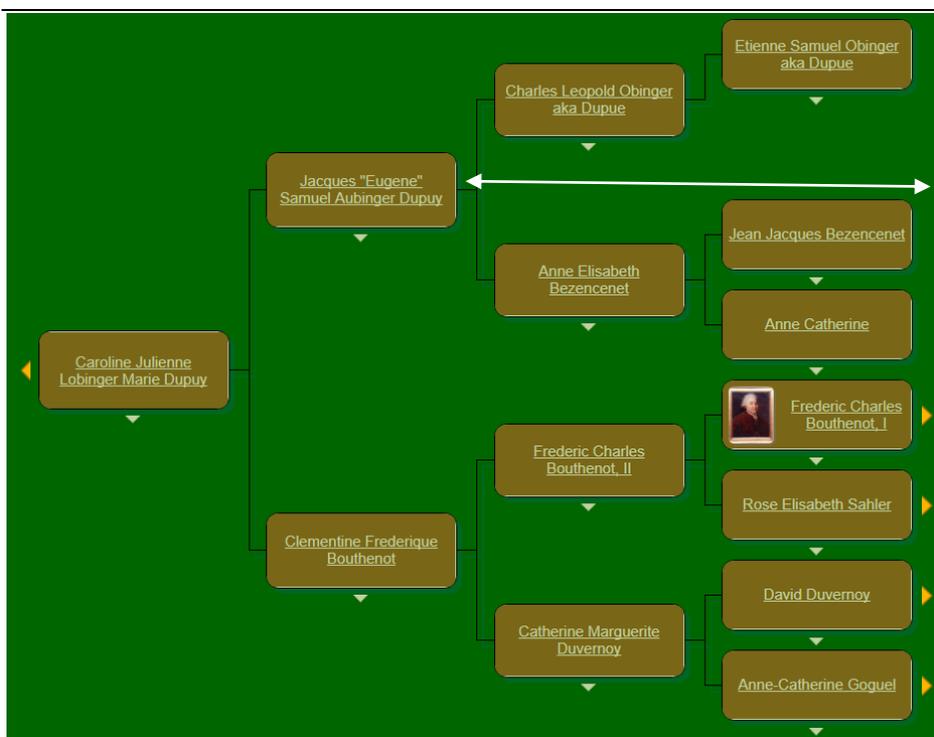
Wife: Caroline Julienne Lobinger Marie Dupuy [5385]
Born: 1814, Lausanne, Vaud, Switzerland
Chr: [blank]
Died: 30 Sep 1901, Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky
Buried: [blank]
DthCau: [blank]

10 Jun 1840 - Madison, Morris County, New Jersey

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Emmeline Clementine Blanchet [5401] (1841-1918)+ | 6 | Durest Marion Blanchet [5383] (1851-1931)+ |
| 2 | Adele Cecile Blanchet [5402] (1843-After 1900)§ | 7 | Amedee Henri Blanchet [5384] (1854-1931) |
| 3 | Caroline Cecilia Blanchet [5403] (1845-1926)+ | 8 | Lovinski "Lovee" Thomas Blanchet [839] (1856-1942)+ |
| 4 | Louis Paubel Blanchet [5422] (1846-1849) | 9 | Octavie Fleurie Pearl Blanchet [5405] (1858-1945)+ |
| 5 | Marie Lise Blanchet [5404] (1850-1876)§ | | |

← Our Ancestor

On Lovee's mother's side, Caroline Julienne Lobinger Marie Dupuy (1814-1901), we can now go back through her maternal side to 1644 because of Alain Mathieu's research. Her family lived in Montbeliard, France for at least six generations before she and her parents moved to America in 1837 when she was twenty-three years old.



<http://www.treespot.net/Dynamic/> for Jacques "Eugene" Dupuy
Advanced Search Person ID: 5386

Royal Administrator

Vicar

Turn the page for Alain Mathieu's research which is on Caroline's maternal side.

Lovee's Mother's Side

Caroline Julienne Lobinger Marie Dupuy



Montbéliard

Is in eastern France just 11 miles (17 Km) from Switzerland.

Going back from Caroline through her mother, Clementine Fredrique Bouthenot, who married Eugene Dupuy in Montbéliard, France in 1811 we arrive at Caroline's French grandparents: **Frederic Charles Bouthenot II** (age 33) and **Catherine Marguerite Duvernoy** (age 15) who married in Montbéliard, France in 1778. This section will focus on Frederic Charles Bouthenot II's father also named **Frederic Charles Bouthenot I** (age 26) who married **Rose Elisabeth Sahler** (age 19) in Montbéliard, France in 1742. Alain Mathieu's research uncovered the prestigious position our ancestor fulfilled as his occupation is listed in French as: "Avocat - Notaire imperial - Conseiller" which means "Lawyer - **Notary imperial - Adviser.**" The royalty lived in the castle below and our ancestors, the Bouthenot family, lived in the upper middle class house in the bottom left. Montbéliard, France is located on the Eastern border of France, just a 25 minute drive from the Switzerland border. Our ancestors lived in **Montbéliard, Doubs, France** for at least six generations! See map to the left.



**Château de Montbéliard
AKA Castle of the Dukes
of Wurtemberg**

Overlooking the town of Montbéliard, France it has towers that date to the 15th & 16th centuries.

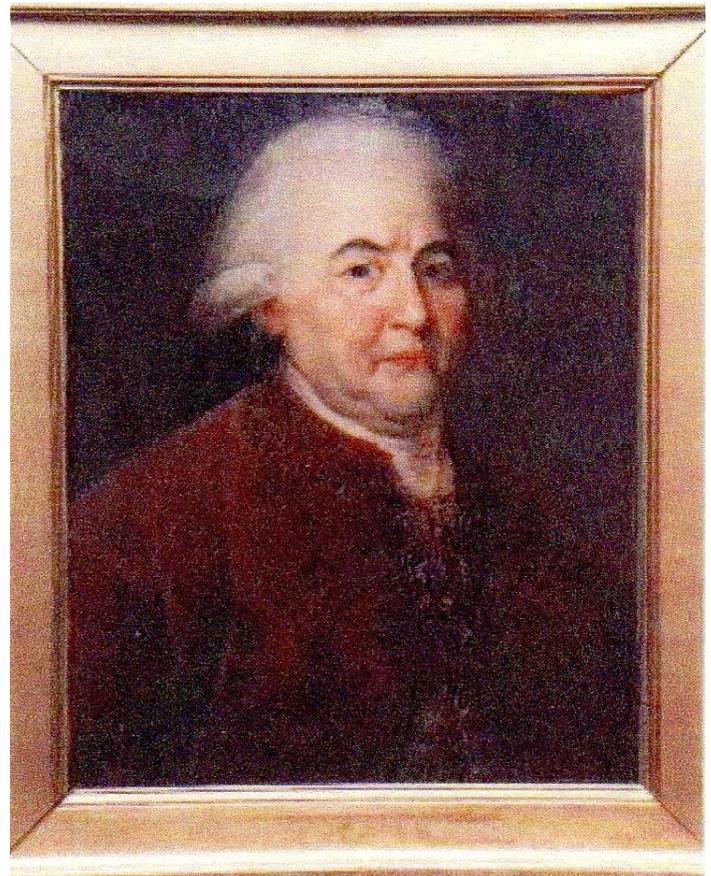
<https://www.britannica.com/place/Montbéliard>

Le Chateau

Photo bottom left "is in reality a big bourgeois (upper middle class) house with a ground floor and a second floor. It was built by Frederic-Charles Bouthenot, Councilor of Regency of Duke Charles-Eugene of Wurtemberg, and then of Frederic, his brother, the late prince-regnant of the Count de Montbéliard before the Revolution.

On the death of F. C. Bouthenot, the house passes to his son Charles Christophe. Then the latter returns to Georges-Samuel-Frederic Salher, his first cousin. Subsequently, the house became the presbytery. Finally, it lodges the teachers of the commune, then falls into disuse.

Thanks to its patrimonial interest, this building has undergone a complete renovation." article in French found by Alain Mathieu



Frederic Charles Bouthenot I (1716-1797)

"Counselor of Regency of Prince Charles-Eugene; Its extraordinary longevity guarantees this position for fifty years, making it a dominant personality of the eighteenth century in Montbéliard, France. He is even said to be a confidant of the prince who designates him as dean of the Council of Regency. He is married to Rose-Elisabeth Sahler; Another bourgeois family in the country and lives in a comfortable house on Granges Street in Montbéliard." Photo and write-up found by Alain Mathieu



Bouthenot Family (Clementine's Father and Grandfather)

The article, written in French, to the right was found by Alain Mathieu. I used Google Translate to translate it into English. See translation below:

Basically Frederic Charles Bouthenot's family worked in political and administrative duties. The article also talks about some charity work he took on for a neighboring village.



Frédéric-Charles Bouthenot devient Conseiller de Régence du prince Charles-Eugène ; son extraordinaire longévité lui garantit cette position pendant cinquante ans, ce qui en fait une personnalité dominante du XVIII^e siècle à Montbéliard. On le dit même confident du prince qui le désigne doyen du Conseil de Régence. Il est marié à Rose-Elisabeth Sahler, autre famille bourgeoise du pays et vit dans une confortable demeure de la rue des Granges à Montbéliard ; la fratrie exerce également des responsabilités politiques et administratives dans la cité, voire aussi à l'étranger car l'un d'eux (Georges-Louis) s'illustre au service de la France dans l'armée des Indes. Toujours est-il que Frédéric-Charles Bouthenot et son épouse résident, quand cela leur est loisible, dans le petit village de Bethoncourt, situé à une lieue de la ville ; sur la colline, le couple a fait construire une belle résidence de campagne. Leur attachement à ce village se manifeste dès 1751. Frédéric fait don à la paroisse de Bethoncourt-Vyans-le-Val de deux grands pichets à vin pour la Cène. De plus, les membres de la famille Bouthenot sont parrains et marraines d'au moins huit enfants du village.

Sans marque ostentatoire, il est évident que Bouthenot décide de prendre Bethoncourt sous sa bienveillante protection. Il s'intéresse à l'ancienne église du village qui est dans un bien triste état ; sous son impulsion, le Conseil de Régence décide l'édification d'un nouveau lieu de culte, et c'est Bouthenot lui-même qui en choisit l'emplacement au bord de la rivière qui coule paisiblement dans le village : la Lizaine. Le 1^{er} février 1778 constitue un événement pour les habitants de Bethoncourt avec la consécration du temple.

English Translation using translate.google.com: "Frederic-Charles Bouthenot becomes Counselor of Regence of Prince Charles-Eugene; Its extraordinary longevity guarantees this position for fifty years, making it a dominant personality of the eighteenth century in Montbeliard. He is even said to be a confidant of the prince who designates him as dean of the Council of Regency. He is married to Rose-Elisabeth Sahler; Another bourgeois (upper middle class) family in the country and lives in a comfortable house on Granges Street in Montbeliard.

The siblings also have political and administrative responsibilities in the city or even abroad because one of them (Georges-Louis) served in the service of France in the army of the Indies. The fact remains that Frederic-Charles Bouthenot and his wife reside, when it is open to them, in the little village of Bethoncourt, situated a league from the town. On the hill, the couple built a beautiful country residence. Their attachment to this village is manifested of 1751. Frederic donated two large pitchers to the parish of Bethoncourt-Vyans-le-Val. In addition, members of the family Bouthenot are sponsors and godmothers of at least eight, children of the village. Without ostentatious mark, it is evident that Bouthenot decides to take Bethoncourt under his benevolent protection. He is interested in the ancient village church which is in a very sad condition; Under his impulse, the Council of Regency decides to build a new place of worship, and it is Bouthenot himself who chooses the location on the bank of the river that flows peacefully in the village: the Lizaine, February 1, 1778, constitutes an event for the inhabitants of Bethoncourt with the consecration of the temple."

Duvernoy Family (Clementine's Mother's side)

Now let's turn our attention to Frederic Charles Bouthenot II's wife's family. Catherine Marguerite Duvernoy married Frederic Charles Bouthenot II in Montbeliard, France in 1778 as stated on the previous page. Her parents were **David Duvernoy** (age 38) and **Anne-Catherine Goguel** (age 26) when they married in Montbeliard, France in 1762. According to Alain Mathieu's research David Duvernoy's occupation was Pasteur - **Vicar of the Temple Saint-Georges** - Preceptor and co-rector of the Gymnase - Bourgeois de Montbéliard. Alain Mathieu's research ends with David Duvernoy's father with the same name, David Duvernoy.



Temple Saint-Georges
(Montbéliard) consecrated
in 1739

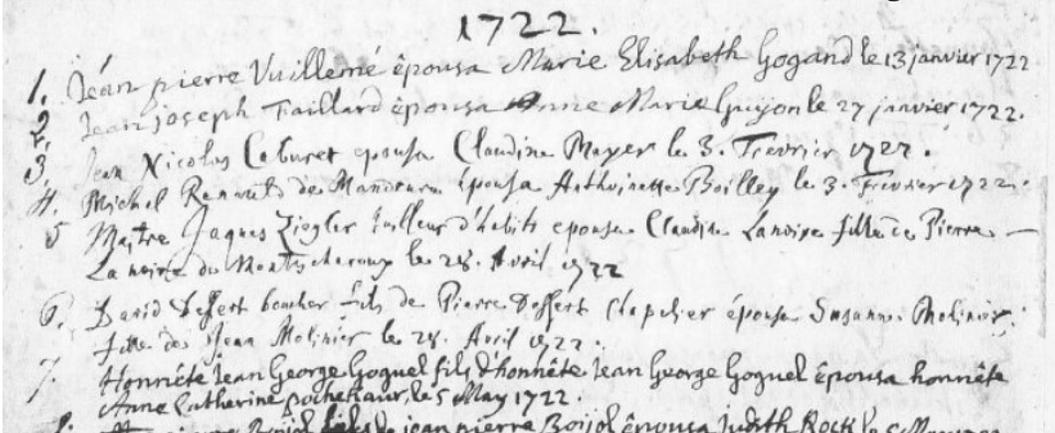
Photo courtesy of
[Wikipedia.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_Saint-Georges).

Alain Mathieu's research goes further back with Anne-Catherine Goguel's family. On the following two pages are documents and a family tree showing Anne-Catherine Goguel's lines going back to the 1500s. The main occupation of Anne-Catherine Goguel's ancestors were master traders and they were part of the bourgeois (upper middle class) of society.

Going 15 generations back to the mid 1500s

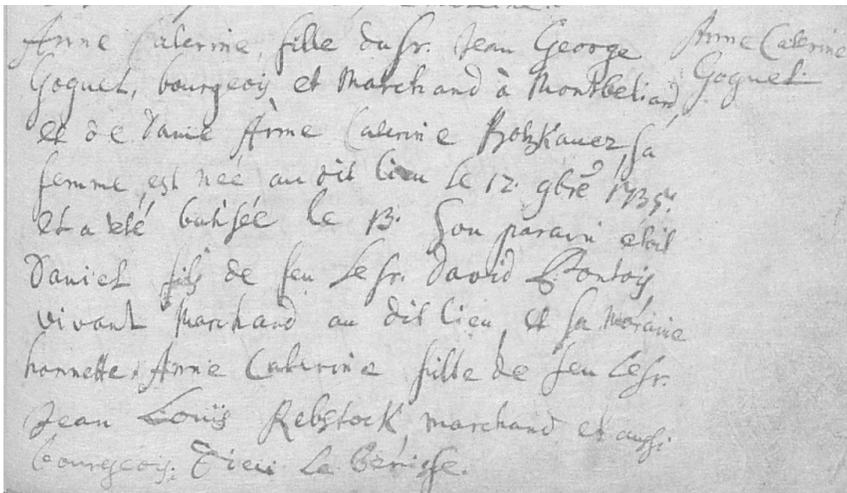
Sources written in French:

Anne-Catherine Goguel's Parents proof of marriage:



List of Marriages in 1722 #7 - shows Jean Georges Goguel and wife Anne Catherine Potzkaur on 5 May 1722.

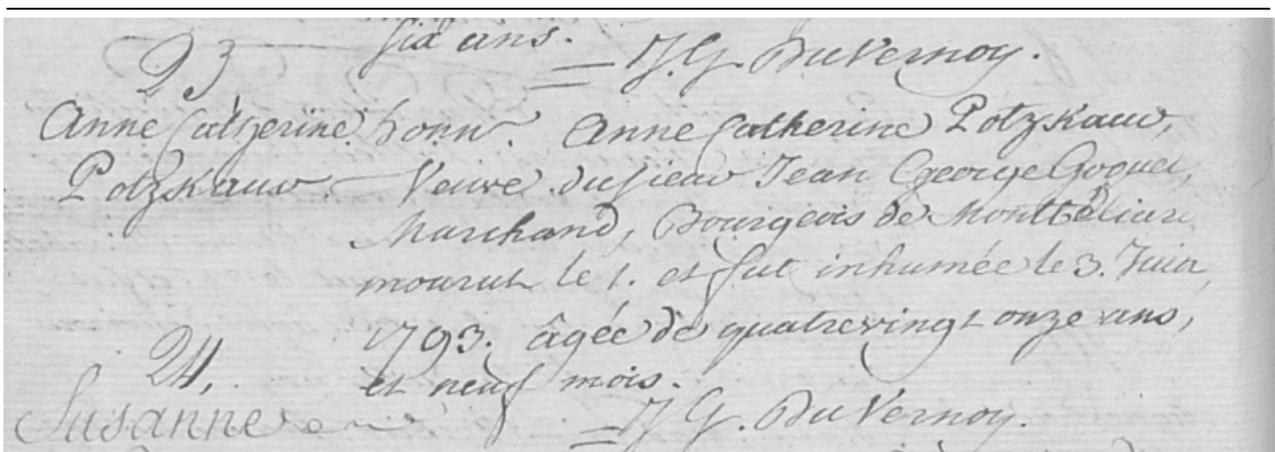
Birth Announcement of Anne-Catherine Goguel, 1735



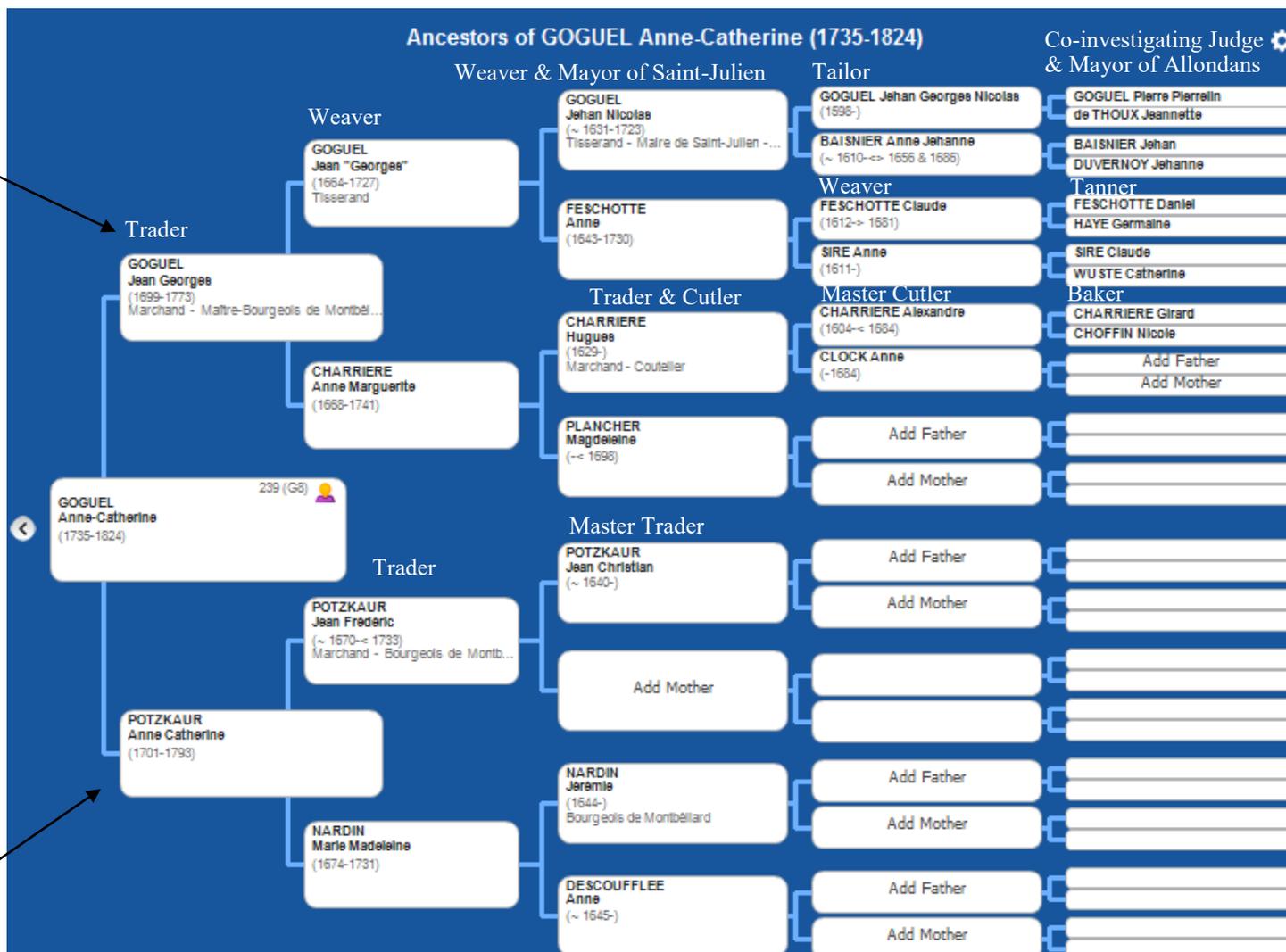
English Translation:

"Anne Catherine, daughter of Professor Jean George Goguel, upper middle class and trader in Montbeliard, and Lady Anne Catherine Potzkauer, his wife, was born in the same place on 12 Feb 1735 and was baptized on the 13th. Her godfather Eloil Daniel, son of Lieutenant David Duvernoy, living as a trader in the same place, and her honest godmother, Anne Catherine, daughter of Jean Louis Rebstock, trader and?"
Translated by Alexandra Oakley, a French native and friend of Michelle Vardiman Fansler 8 Feb 2017

Anne-Catherine Goguel's Mother's (Anne-Catherine Potzkaur Goguel) Obituary in 1793



Anne-Catherine Goguel's Ancestral Line:



Look above at the people on the far right. For Anne Catherine Goguel's **Paternal line** we can go back as far as the 1300s:

- Pierre Pierrelin Goguel's father was Claude Goguel, no dates
- Jeannette de Thoux's grandfather, Girard de Thoux, was Mayor of Sainte-Marie and her great-grandfather was Jeannot de Thoux, no dates
- Jehan Baisnier's grandfather, Richard Baisnier, no dates
- Johanne Duvernoy's 4x Great Grandfather, **Richard Duvernoy, was born about 1385** in Le Vernoy, Doubs, France and died before 1478.
- Daniel Feschotte's grandfather, Michel Feschotte, no dates
- Germaine Haye's grandfather, Pierre Noblot, born about 1525
- Claude Sire's grandfather, Guyot Jehansire, was Mayor of Audincourt and his great-grandfather, Pierre Jehansire, was born about 1486
- Catherine Wust, born in Montbeliard in 1588, married at age 18
- Girard Charriere, a baker in the 1500s
- Nicole Choffin and her father, Girard Choffin who was a shoemaker, no dates but would be in the 1500s

Going through Anne Catherine Goguel's **Maternal line** we get all the way back to the 1640s with three of her great grandparents:

- Jean Christian Potzkaur born about 1640.
- Jeremie Nardin born 1644 in Montbeliard, France
- Anne DeScouefflee born about 1645.

Alain Mathieu research in 2016.



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“This newsletter is dedicated to my children: Spencer and Carter Fansler and any future grandchildren as a way to pass on a legacy of family history that I’ve been compiling since I was 17 years old.”
Love,
Michelle
30 December 2017

The website is being created as a place for Vard_man family and other researchers to share common knowledge and original support documentation already compiled to date. To access the database go to www.treespot.net/Dynamic and sign in with your own username and password. An email will be sent to you confirming you have access. This is the only way to see living relatives for everyone’s protection. The older portion of the website is also protected from 1950+ for all living relatives bios. To access the older portion of the website:

username: tr33spot

password: Family

Please keep this newsletter in a safe place.

**We’re on the web:
www.treespot.net**

In Conclusion

I did my best to translate from French to English, analyze Alain Mathieu’s database, pull out the most interesting information I found and communicate it to you in this newsletter. Please let me know through email at michelle@fansler.us if you find any mistakes or discover more information to add to our family tree!

Our French ancestors were part of the upper middle class in Montbeliard, France for at least six generations.

We can go back all the way to 1385 from Lovee Blanchet through the Dupuy family, the Bouthenot family, the Duvernoy family, the Goguel family, the Baisner family and finally back to the Duvernoy family with Richard Duvernoy, that’s 18 generations!

Occupations ranged from four Mayors, three traders, two Royal Administrators, two weavers, two cutlers, one Vicar, one co-investigating judge, one tailor, one tanner, one baker, and one shoe-maker.

