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Le Perche...

JEAN GUYON-DION (or Dion-Guyon)... was a master mason and a surveyor. He was recruited in Mortagne, Normandy, March 4, 1634 by Robert Giffard and set sail soon after from Dieppe with his 16-year old son, Jean. It was May 1634 and they were destined for Canada where they arrived in Québec on June 4, 1634. On that same voyage were Zacharie Cloutier and the Boucher brothers, Gaspard and Marin and over thirty other contract workers. This would be Robert Giffard's first successful group of settlers from the Perche region of Normandy.

In 1636, Jean Guyon's wife Mathurine Robin and their children, Simon, Marie, Claude, Denis and Michel (who was born days before his father signed the three-year contract to work for Giffard in New France) departed Mortagne for Canada. Their oldest daughter Barbe emigrated from Mortagne in 1652 with her husband Pierre Paradis and their 5 children.

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Jean Guyon was baptized in St. Aubin church in the village of Tourouvre in September 1592. He spent his childhood there where his parents had a house. Jean's father, Jacques Guyon, was listed among the notables of the town in a document dated November 21, 1604. It is said that young, Jean received a good education for those of his social status (artisans, tradesmen), he wrote well and could understand the calculations necessary to work as a surveyor.

In 1615, he constructed a thirty-step, stone staircase leading to the bell tower of the church where he had been christened. Remarkably, that staircase is still intact to this day.

After his marriage in June of 1615, Jean Guyon settled in Mortagne where there was a lot of restoration work required after the devastation of the Religious Wars (1562-1598). Soon he became a well-respected mason. In July of 1625, he was given the job of working on the fortification of the town of Mortagne. It was there that Jean's skills as a stone-cutter brought him to the attention of Robert Giffard who was then in the process of establishing a **seigneurie** at Beauport, Quebec.

At the end of the work contract with Robert Giffard, Jean Guyon was to receive 1000 arpents (approx. acres) of land, which was given to him in March 1637, a fief that was to be name Dubuisson. The contract equally mentioned Zacharie Cloutier who was to receive 1000 arpents as well.

During the initial years of the contract, Jean and his son would receive a portion of the cleared land and they would be fed and accomodated as would be the rest of the family (wife and five children) who would join them later. Robert Giffard further contracted to give them two cows and have a house built for the family. They were even given the right to partake in dealings concerning the fur trade with the native people.

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In all, 15 members of Jean Guyon's family emigrated to New France. They were his wife Mathurine Robin and their seven children, his son-in-law Pierre Paradis, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jean Guyon died in Québec in May 1663. His wife, Mathurine Robin had died the year before, in April 1662.

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Eldest daughter, Barbe Guyon married to Pierre Paradis is part of the Camirand (Dargie) line. The other children belonging in this line are Marie Guyon-Dion married to François Bélanger and Claude Guyon-Dion married to Catherine Collin. Another son, Simon Guyon-Dion married to Louise Racine is found in the Lizotte (Sénéchal) line.

Jean Guyon-Dion's grand-daughter, Marie-Thérèse, the child of his son, Denis Guyon-Dion was married to Antoine deLamothe dit

Cadillac, the founder of Detroit, or as it was then known, Fort Pontchartrain.

His youngest son, François Guyon-Dion, was a friend of Lamothe Cadillac and was guardian of his brother Denis's children at his death in 1685. Marie-Thérèse Guyon-Dion would have been 14 years old at the time.



A note: The surname Dion got attached to the Guyon name at some point in Canada. A spelling error? After all, Dion and Guyon (occasionally spelled Guion) are pronounced nearly alike in French. In France, all the documents pertaining to Jean Guyon and his family use the name/spelling *Guyon*.

A side note, 16-year old Jean Guyon who arrived in Canada in 1634 with his father would become the direct ancestor of singer, Céline Dion. Also, through another son of young Jean Guyon, he becomes the direct ancestor of Camilla (Shand) Parker-Bowles, wife of Prince Charles of Great Britain.

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Much of the information for this narrative was gathered from: Programme de Recherche sur l'Emigration des Français en Nouvelle France (PREFEN), website : www.unicaen.fr

The genealogy of it all... this is a complicated one because my ancestors involve four of Jean Guyon and Mathurin Robin's children, and three of Barbe Guyon and Pierre Paradis' children. Six family lines.

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Each indentation indicates another generation, ie: Barbe Guyon is the daughter of Jean Guyon and Mathurine Robin; Jacques Paradis is the son of Barbe Guyon and Pierre Paradis, and so on.

A carat (>) indicates there is at least another sibling who is an ancestor, ie: Barbe Guyon has three siblings, Simon, Marie and Claude Guyon who are also ancestors.

A double carat (>>) indicates there is at least another sibling who is an ancestor at the next

generational level, ie: Jacques Paradis (son of Barbe Guyon and Pierre Paradis) has two sisters, Marie and Marie-Madeleine Paradis who are also ancestors.



JEAN GUYON and **MATHURINE ROBIN** m. 6-2-1615 in
Mortagne, Normandy, France

>Barbe GUYON and Pierre PARADIS m. 2-11-1632 in Mortagne,
Normandy, France

>>Jacques PARADIS and Jeanne-Françoise MILLOUER m. 10-28-
1668 in Québec

Marie PARADIS and Jean MARANDA m. 2-29-1688 at St. Pierre,
Ile d'Orleans, PQ

Jean-Baptiste MARANDA and M.-Marguerite GILBAUT m. 11-8-
1717 in Charlesbourg, PQ

Marie-Louise MARANDA and Jacques-François St. HUBERT
m. 11-25-1737 in Québec

Louise St. HUBERT and Jean-Baptiste NORMAND m. 6-18-
1764 in Québec

Angélique NORMAND and Jean-Baptiste PANNETON m. 8-
16-1791 in Louisville, PQ

Madeleine PANNETON and Pierre CAMIRAND m. 2-6-1815
in Trois Rivières, PQ

Charles CAMIRAND and Marie-Zélie POTHIER m. 2-9-
1847 in Trois Rivières, PQ

Ernest CAMIRAND and Mathilde FOURNIER m. 11-24-
1885 in Attleboro, MA

Wilfred CAMERON and Delia DARGIE m. 10-11-1910 in
Attleboro, MA

Rhea CAMERON and Edward LIZOTTE m. 6-20-1936
in Attleboro, MA

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>Barbe GUYON and Pierre PARADIS m. 2-11-1632 in Mortagne,
Normandy, France

>>Marie PARADIS and Guillaume MORENCY m. 10-16-1656 in
Québec

Joseph MORENCY and Marthe LEMIEUX m.11-5-1698 in Cap St.
Ignace, PQ

Brigitte MORENCY and Joseph DION m. 4-18-1730 at St.
Francis, Ile d'Orleans, PQ

Guillaume DION and Genevieve CARRIER m. 1-21-1765 at St.
Michel, PQ

Marguerite DION and Louis FOURNIER m. 1-24-1803 at St.
Michel, PQ

Marguerite FOURNIER and Étienne CAMPAGNA m. 1-9-1826
at Bellechasse, PQ

Caroline CAMPAGNA and Zoël TURCOTTE m. 6-22-1852 at
St. Norbert, PQ

Léonise TURCOTTE and Napoléon DARGIE m. 10-15-1883
in Lewiston, ME

Delia DARGIE and Wilfred CAMERON m. 10-11-1910 in
Attleboro, MA

Rhea CAMERON and Edward LIZOTTE m. 6-20-1936 in
Attleboro, MA

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>Barbe GUYON and Pierre PARADIS m. 2-11-1632 in Mortagne,
Normandy, France

>>Marie-Madeleine PARADIS and Robert CHORET m. 4-22-1674
on Ile d'Orleans, PQ

Marie CHORET and Joseph NORMAND m. 10-29-1693 in Québec

Charles NORMAND and Marie-Anne JORIAN m. 8-1-1725 in
Québec

Jean-Baptiste NORMAND and Louise St. HUBERT m. 6-18-1764
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>Simon GUYON and Louise RACINE m. 11-10-1653 in Québec

Marie GUYON and Guillaume THIBAUT m. 11-10-1681 in Chateau
Richer, PQ

Pierre THIBAUT and Agnès GRAVEL m. 10-27-1709 in Chateau
Richer, PQ

Angélique THIBAUT and Joseph BÉRUBÉ m. 1-24-1746 at

Rivière Ouelle, PQ

Pierre BÉRUBÉ and Catherine HUDON m. 8-2-1779 at Rivière Ouelle, PQ

Louis BÉRUBÉ and Félicité BOUCHER m. 8-3-1807 at Rivière Ouelle, PQ

Bibiane BÉRUBÉ and Jean-Raphaël OUELLETTE m. 10-25-1843 at Rimouski, PQ

M.-Desanges OUELLETTE and Marcel SÉNÉCHAL m. 9-10-1866 at Baie des Sables, PQ

Célina SÉNÉCHAL and Sévère (Henri) LIZOTTE m. 2-25-1900 in Fall River, MA

Edward LIZOTTE and Rhea CAMERON m. 6-20-1936 in Attleboro, MA

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JEAN GUYON and **MATHURINE ROBIN** m. 6-2-1615 in Mortagne, Normandy, France

>Marie GUYON and François BÉLANGER m. 7-12-1637 in Québec

Louis BÉLANGER and Marguerite LeFRANÇOIS m. 11-3-1682 in Chateau Richer, PQ

Elisabeth BÉLANGER and Alexis LEMIEUX m. 10-10-1710 in Islet, PQ

Marguerite LEMIEUX and Jean-Baptiste MICHON m. 1-14-1737 in Montmagny, PQ

Marguerite MICHON and Jacques CAMPAGNA m. 11-5-1754 in Montmagny, PQ

Jean-Baptiste CAMPAGNA and Rosalie PATOINE m. 4-28-1799 in Bellechasse, PQ

Étienne CAMPAGNA and Marguerite FOURNIER m. 1-9-1826

in Bellechasse, PQ

Caroline CAMPAGNA and Zoël TURCOTTE m. 6-22-1852 at
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>Claude GUYON and Catherine COLLIN m. 2-7-1655 in Beauport,
PQ

Claude GUYON-DION and Catherine BLOUIN m. 1-13-1700 at St.
Jean, Ile d'Orleans, PQ

Joseph DION and Brigitte MORENCY m. 4-18-1730 at St.
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