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Dear Sir:

I have no luck with Mrs. Tate's ancestors. The records of Montenac before 1735 have been lost. And the notarial minutes were not returned to the archives. During the last vacation, I was not able to make as much progress in establishing her genealogy, as I would have liked. It will certainly take a very long time to prepare, because I shall have to go from one village to another to read the old registers, page after page.

If you want to entrust this research to a genealogist, I shall refer you to one who is accustomed to doing "Louisiana" research. And I shall be able to help him, if he succeeds in relating your Béchades to the ones I know who are older, and are certainly their ancestors.

Here is a summary of what I have found.

1) The house in Place Nationale (National Square) - Royale - Dauphine - Gambette.

It is still there.

The post-card shows but a little of it, but the houses are all alike.

François Jamard lived in that house, since 1820, at least, until 1822 (date of the last census still at the Municipal Archives.)

(IN MARGIN: He lived on Place Nationale from 1801 to 1822 --- first at No. 12, then at No. 13; unless the house changed numbers.)

He must have gone to America in 1829. In any case, he left Bordeaux. I did not find his passport, between 1829 and 1832.

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The only passports missing in the series are those of the year 1829. That is why I believe that is the year he left Bordeaux.

The research was allowed me to come to two conclusions which seem very important. (But I must say that I do not know the history of the people who settled in Louisiana.) -- The first is the rather large number of persons from the same neighborhood as the Jamards, and also the same socio-progression group, who left in that period for New Orleans. In 1832, two entire families left the present Gambetta Square. It would be interesting to know what became of them. The second is the rather large increase in the numbers who left, beginning in 1831. Is the change in régimes in France involved ?

Perhaps these things are already known by you and you can send me some bibliographical references.

Meanwhile, I found the passports of the various members of one of the Acadian families.-- (the Thiacs) that I had studied and this is quoted in the book by Mr. Bona Arsenault. I think that, when I have the time, I shall use this information which you will have allowed me to find out.

The marriage of François Jamard and Michelle Béchade, who is often called Marie, but it is the same person, with no error possible, was performed more than two years after the birth of their first child, Alexandre. However, the birth certificate of Alexandre and that of the first Frenchman (for there were indeed two) indicate that their

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parents are (were) married. I believe ^{that} we must suppose they were married by a priest before that, and that marriage was not recognized by law, and that they regularized their marriage later, when the situation became more stable. There are many other examples. The problem of marriages during the French Revolution often presents insoluble problems to genealogists. But there are other hypotheses.

6) Information on (the period) between 1800 and 1828.

François Jamard Marie-Michelle Béchade
Born around 1759 at Thoirny Born 13 March 1869 at Frontenac;
(Manche Dept), son of Jean (Jamard) baptized on the 14th, child of
and Magdelaine Lelieux (or Hélieux); ^{22/} Jean, wine grape farmer, and
no living children in 1800. ^{22/} Françoise Taillefer, daughter of

No file on this at Bordeaux, Jean (Taillefer), tailor.
during the Revolution. At the time of her marriage,

In 1848, he is a grocer at 61 she lived at No. 66 of the
rue Plus de Rois (No more Kings St.) Street which No Lonfer has a Name.
In 1800 he is living at No. 12 Place Nationale.

The two get married on 30 Brumaire year VIII)
when Alexander and the first son, François were already born.

Marie Michelle wrote her name like this:

Bé ch a d e f e m m e J a m a r d

One wonders if it is this signature which led the Louisiana

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civil servant into error -- ~~W~~ithout bringing the pharmacist into the matter.

Of the four sons, I found information only on Alexandre, born March 13, 1798, a hat-maker. He lived with his parents at Place Dauphine (Dauphine Square) until his marriage, on 8 August 1820, with Jeanne Goujon, 20, from Bordeaux, daughter of a wine barrel maker.

He moved often:

1821 - 6 Rue de la Trésorerie (6 Treasury Street)

1824 - 66 Rue Croix de Veguey

1828 @ 5 Rue Voltaire

By then, he is listed as a merchant, no longer as a hat maker.

The couple had three children:

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M-127
(E)Pétronique, birth registered, August 7, 1821 (1st section).

(E)Etienne -- February 5, 1824, (1st Section) Birth registered February 7,

(E)Mathieu Ernest -- May 26, 1828. Registered on May 21, (1st section).

After this date, I was not able to find any trace of the family at Bordeaux.

I found nothing more, except that which I found in the census records which were saved from a fire. There are two mentions of that family.

In 1820, François Janard, Michelle Échade and four sons lived on the ground floor at 13 Place Dauphine (Dauphine Square.)

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In 1822, Francois Jambard is called a seller of second-hand merchandise. He lives at the same address; he has to pay 300 francs in taxes.

The Béchades and Taillefers of Frontenac.

The only registers that I was able to examine are for 1678 and 1679, and 1739 to 1746.

Jean Taillefer, tailor at Frontenac, an ^{(K) 227} Madeline Mares.

Francoise Baptismal Record
not found.

28 October 1759 ? Jean's Baptismal
Record not found,
circa 1735.

Michel 3 March 1737

Jean 19 Jan 1758

Anne 10 March 1739

Madelaine 30 March 1741;

Pierre 13 Dec 1741

died 25 October 1759

Anne (baptism) 8 August 1745

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Jean Béchade married Francoise Taillefer on 28 Oct. 1759.

(Their children)

Jean (K) 224

Elus (?) (K) 229

Anne (K) 230

Michelle #112

born. 20 April 1762

15 Feb 1765

25 Feb 1767

13 March 1769

Other persons in the same family:

Etienne Béchade, born 1689; died 31 July 1766, husband of

Marie Couronneau.

Jean Taillefer, born 1700; died 1 Jan. 1768. (Is he the

father of Francoise (?))

Pierre Taillefer, husband of Michelle Desverges. They had a

child, Francoise, born 6 Nov 1768. He is probably the

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brother of François; consequently (he is) Michelle's uncle.

From the two registers I explored, dating from the 17th century, it seems that the oldest families originating in Frontenac are the Marés and the Courorneau.

The Échade family comes from the Cornée region and the Taillefer from the Sauveterre region, two villages not very far from Frontenac.

Anything that I find during my research, which concerns your family, I will note and send it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Matto (?) (Illegible)

(Page 7, Map)

The Benauges region is between the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers. It played an important role in ancient wars. At the end of the Hundred Years War (1453), after the English had left, the country was devastated and it had to be repopulated. The Échades must go back to that period. I believe that the large families of the 17th and 18th centuries have a common origin. (Illegible) XVI, there was more trouble . . . Among the works devoted to the older settlers is Louisiana, ~~1713~~ one can find traces of:

L. Pierre Comnégères, merchant, husband of François Frelon (?), then of Félicité Carrière Monbrun who bore him:

Michel, born in New Orleans, 15 Sept 17__

Francoise Adelaide in New Orleans, 8 Sept 1798

Michel in New Orleans 5 Oct 1806.

All three married as (illegible) XIX (century)

2. What became of:

Jean Thiac, blacksmith, who left to go to New Orleans before 1826 and who was joined (later) by his children:

Jean Baptiste, called Emple, in 1827

Marie-Clemence in 1828

Aglae in 1830

3. Can you find an Alexis-Bertrend Charriere, (who) left Bordeaux for New Orleans, around 1890 ?

(POST CARD)

Francis Jemard's house is the last one on the right, which has a sign FEXIKLES. The family lived on the second floor, just above the sign.

The tree hides the window. In August 1820, the family (father, mother, sons) lived on the first floor.

The pharmacist Testas, his wife and son live in the house next door at No. 14. Today, it is a jewelry shop.