

ANTOINE CULLERIER DIT BEAUBIEN

Antoine Buillerier dit Beaubien was a great-great-grea-grandfather of Moses LaVoy and a great-great-great-great-grandfather of Mary Trombley Jarvis, wife of Ralph Jarvis. The following excerpt is taken from Francis Parkman's classic work, The Conspiracy of Pontiac, University Press, pp 264-5, vol 1.

"He (Pontiac) nexte visited in turn the families of the Canadians, and, inspecting the proerty belonging to them, he assigned to each the share of provisions which it must furnish for the support of the Indians. The contributions thus levied were all collected at the hous of (Pierre) Melochè, near Farent's Creek, whence they were regularly issued, as the exigence required, to the savages of the different camps. As the character and habits of the Indian but ill qualify him to act the part of commissary, Pontiac in this matter availed himself of French assistance.

"On the river bank, not far from the house of Melochè, lived an old Canadian, named Quierriez (sic. This man is Antoine Cuillerier using modern orthography), a man of exceeding vanity and self-conceit, and noted in the settlement for the gayety of his attire. He wore moccasons (sic) of the most elaborate pattern, and a sash plentifully garnished with beads and wamrum. He was continually intermeddling in the affairs of the Indians, being anxious to be regarded as the leader or director among them. Of this man Pontiac evidently made a tool, employin: him, together with several others, to discharge beneath his eye, the duties of his ndvel commissariat." (The character of Antoine Cuillerier dit Beaubien was supplied by tradition related to Parkman by Francois Baby, son of Pontiac's friend.