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GENEALOGY OF THE TREMBLAY FAMILY

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When I first started doing genealogical research, this was one of the early families I was trying to trace. We all know that to do research in genealogy we should start with ourselves and work backward, trying to collect as much data as possible on each ancestor. However, not all genealogies evolve smoothly and sometimes (? often?) we come to a standstill in our research. This happened to me when I was still a novice in researching, and since I didn't know where my Tremblay ancestors came from in Quebec I decided to investigate sources for that name in Quebec records to see if I could find my ancestors. I soon discovered the Drouin and Tanguay volumes. Here was a start, I thought; I would simply follow the Tremblay lines down in time to see where they settled. Then the marriage indexes published for the various parishes could be consulted to continue family lines where Tanguay and Drouin left off and soon (or so I thought) I would locate my ancestors.

Two years later, after having spent considerable time researching just this one family and transferring data onto family group sheets, I finally discovered my Tremblay line printed in the periodical, French Canadian and Acadian Genealogical Review. By then I had also discovered that the Tremblays were one of the largest single families in North America.

Because of the time invested in this--plus a good deal of correspondence with other researchers--I decided to continue to research this family completely and act as a clearing house for this family. (In the meantime I have discovered that I am descended from this family twice.)

The name is generally spelled Tremble or Tremblay, but other spellings occur, especially for those lines which moved to the United States. Some of the spellings I have found are: Trembley, Trembly, Tremblai(s), Tremblois, Tremblay, Tranblay, Trombl(e)(y), Tromley, Tromblay, Trumble, and Thrombley. The name is derived from the Latin "*trembleia*," a variety of poplar tree with shaking leaves. A Tremble family of Huguenot origin settled in New Jersey. Also, it is believed that the Trumbull family of England was descended from a Tremblay who came over with the Norman invasion.

The French-Canadian line begins in the late 1400s with Gervais du Tremblay who may have been descended from Gilles du Tremblay, living in the same region in 1389.

The Genealogy

(Small number following name indicates generation of person from progenitor.)

1. Gervais du Tremblay¹, blacksmith; built a forge on lands adjoining the Trappist monastery in Tourouvre, Perche, France. His descendants continued in this occupation in some lines for several generations. See Les Tremblay*, by Patrick Chevassu, for the

*Les Tremblay: Histoire d'un Peuple, by Patrick Chevassu (Editions Tremblay, Montreal, 1981), and La Tremblaye Millenaire, Vols. 1 and 2, by Paul Mederic (Editions Garneau, Quebec, 1975).

history of this area and family, with extracts of various documents. Gervais d c.1486/90. His wife's name unknown.

children:

- 2
 - i. Jean² (to follow).
 - ii. Andre², d before 1517, m _____, children:
Helen, who m Michel Aubin.
 - iii. Etienne², m _____, children: Charlotte, who m
Rene Chevalier; others.
- 3
 - iv. Jacques² (to follow).

2. Jean du Tremblay² *dit* Grignon, Sieur de Gaillon, d before 1549,
m Catherine de Champeaux, d 1586, dau of Michel de Champeaux
of Mortagne and Marie LePelletier.

children:

- 4
 - i. Louis³ (to follow).
 - ii. Catherine³, m Jacques Loche.
 - iii. Louise³, m Thomas Duteil, practitioner
at court.
 - iv. Francoise³, m Nicolas Marguerite.
 - v. Michel³, d before 1586.
 - vi. Thomas³, merchant, d before 1596.

3. Jacques du Tremblay² *dit* Baron, d 1554, m _____ (name unknown).

children:

- 5
 - i. Gallien/Gullien³ (to follow).

4. Louis Tremblay³, Sieur de Gaillon, master of heavy forges, d c.1585,
m Anne Fousteau (her will dated 13 Apr 1602).

children:

- 6
 - i. Nicolas⁴ (to follow).
 - ii. Etinnette/Antoinette⁴, m Thomas LeCombre/
Leconte, Sieur de Genettes.
 - iii. Anne⁴, d after 1612, 1/m Henri Thory, Sieur
de Bouteray, d c.1592/96, 2/m Aime Bouterais.
- 7
 - iv. Claude⁴ (to follow).

5. Gallien/Gullien Tremblay³, residing at Randonnai, Perche, in 1565,
m _____ (name unknown).

children:

- 8
 - i. Thomas⁴, laborer, residing at Bresolittes.
 - ii. Louis⁴ (to follow).

6. Nicolas du Tremblay⁴, Sieur de Gaillon, b c.1573, bur 3 Mar 1643,
Randonnai, Perche, France, m Catherine Bautru, b c.1583,
d 6 Nov 1653, Randonnai.

children:

- 9 i. Nicolas⁵ (to follow).
- 10 ii. Louis⁵ (to follow).
- iii. Louise⁵
- iv. Marguerite⁵, d 29 Mar 1677, Ste-Scolasse,
 m (contract) 1 Jul 1648, Essai, France,
 Rene de Glapion, Sieur de Glapion, d 1684,
 Ste-Scolasse, son of Charles de Glapion
 and Marguerite d'Erard.
7. Claude Tremblay⁴, Sieur d'Artoire, m Marguerite Flamant.
 children:
- i. Rodolphe⁵, bp 14 Apr 1612, Mortagne.
 Became a priest.
8. Louis/Loys Tremblay⁴, d 1639, resided at Normandel, m Nicole _____.
 children:
- i. Louis⁵, bp 9 Apr 1600, Normandel.
- 11 ii. Philibert⁵ (to follow).
- iii. Others, unknown. Philibert and his unnamed
 siblings were given over to their uncle
 Thomas at the death of their parents, as
 Thomas's wards. It would seem that the
 children of Louis⁴ were born late in his
 life, perhaps of a second marriage. It
 is not known if Nicole, above, was the
 only wife of Louis⁴.
9. Nicolas du Tremblay⁵, Sieur de Gaillon, b c.1599, d 6 Sept 1658,
 Randonnai, m (contract) 10 Feb 1641, Mortagne, Genevieve
 Crestot, d 18 Nov 1694, dau of Pierre Crestot, Sieur de
 de Cherfaix, and Catherine LeRoy. Genevieve 2/m 1660
 Pierre de la Voye.
- children:
- i. Francoise⁶, bur 23 Dec 1641, Randonnai.
- ii. Pierre⁶, bp 2 Oct 1642, Randonnai, bur
 16 Mar 1645.
- iii. Genevieve⁶, bp 3 Nov 1644, Randonnai, d young.
- iv. Jean⁶, bp 15 Feb 1646, Randonnai, bur
 29 Jul 1646, Randonnai.
- 12 v. Francois⁶ (to follow).
- vi. Catherine⁶, bp 28 Oct 1648, Randonnai, d
 c.1703/10; nun.
- 13 vii. Rene⁶ (to follow).
- viii. Marie⁶, b 19 Aug 1652, Randonnai, d before
 1711, m 16 Mar 1673, Tourouvre, to Georges
 d'Aureville, Sieur de Longpre, son of Robert
 d'Aureville and Charlotte de Bardouf.
- ix. Nicolas⁶, b 2 Jan 1654 Randonnai, d 20 Jul 1657
 Randonnai.

- 14 x. Pierre⁶ (to follow).
 xi. Renee-Genevieve⁶, b 23 Oct 1655 Randonnai,
 d 7 Aug 1659 Randonnai.
10. Louis du Tremblay⁵, Sieur de la Bonnerie, bur 11 Apr ____ Randonnai,
 m to Jeanne Geoffroy.
 children:
 i. Louise⁶, bp 17 Apr 1632 Randonnai.
 ii. Noel⁶, bp 15 Apr 1634 Randonnai
 iii. Madeleine⁶, bp 12 Aug 1636 Randonnai.
11. Philibert Tremblay⁵, bur 17 Nov 1642 Randonnai, m 3 Oct 1623
 St.-Firmin-de-Normendel, Orne, to Jeanne Cognet/Coignet/
 Congnet, dau of Jean Cognet *dit* le Breuil and Barbe _____.
 children: --
 15 i. Pierre⁶ (to follow)
 16 ii. Guillaume⁶ (to follow)
 iii. Marguerite⁶, bp 2 Sept 1641 Randonnai,
 bur 24 Nov 1643 Randonnai.
12. Francois du Tremblay⁶, Sieur de Gaillon, bp 11 Jul 1647 Randonnai,
 d 23 Mar 1682 Bellegarde, m 17 Dec 1670 Tremont to Jacqueline
 d'Erard, dau of Jacques d'Erard, Seigneur de Barville
 and Marie Paviot.
 children:
 i. Marguerite⁷, bp 18 Oct 1671 Randonnai,
 d young.
 ii. Marguerite-Angelique⁷, b 18 Apr 1673 Randonnai,
 became a nun at the convent of the Visitation
 at Alencon in 1699.
 iii. Francoise⁷, bp 21 Nov 1676 Randonnai, d young.
13. Rene du Tremblay⁶, Sieur de la Bonnerie, b 16 Aug 1651 Randonnai,
 d 26 Sept 1692 Randonnai, m 26 Nov 1675 Irai to Jeanne
 Bourgoin, b 10 Oct 1655 Randonnai, bur 14 Jan 1696
 Randonnai.
 children:
 i. Rene-Jean⁷, b 30 Aug 1676 Irai, d young.
 ii. Marie⁷, b 11 Oct 1677 Randonnai, d 27 Oct 1677
 Irai.
 iii. Nicolas⁷, Sieur de Gaillon, bp 9 Apr 1679 Irai,
 bur 25 Nov 1703 Randonnai. Single.
 iv. Henri⁷, b c.1681, bur 19 Jul 1686 Randonnai.
 v. Pierre-Rene⁷, Sieur de la Boulaie/la Bonnerie,
 b 18 Mar 1683 Randonnai, d 19 Feb 1744 Randonnai.
 Single.
 vi. Pierre⁷, bp 7 Apr 1684 Randonnai, bur 6 Ma6 1686
 Randonnai.
 vii. Jacques⁷, b c.1685, bur 21 Oct 1686 Randonnai.

- viii. Marie-Catherine⁷, b 30 Mar 1686 Randonnai, bur 4 May 1686 Randonnai.
- ix. Francoise⁷, dame of la Bonnerie, b 4 Oct 1687 Randonnai, d 8 Dec 1756 Randonnai.
- x. Anne⁷, bp 25 Oct 1688 Randonnai, bur 18 Nov 1693 Randonnai.

14. Pierre du Tremblay⁶, Sieur du Tremblay/de Gaillon, bp 16 Feb 1657 Randonnai, bur 10 Mar 1698 Randonnai, m 19 Nov 1680 to Anne de Moucheron, bp 16 Nov 1654 Trinite-sur-Avre, bur 8 Mar 1709 Randonnai, dau of Gilles de Moucheron, Sieur de la Roche, and Anne de Buisson.

children:

- i. Gilles⁷, b c.1681, bur 14 Jul 1684 la Trinite-sur-Avre.
- ii. Pierre⁷, Sieur du Tremblay/de Gaillon, bp 8 Apr 1683 la Trinite-sur-Avre, d 12 Feb 1740 Autheuil. Single.
- iii. Rene⁷, b 13 May 1684 la Trinite-sur-Avre, bur 22 May 1684 la Trinite-sur-Avre.
- iv. Jacques⁷, bp 19 May 1685 la Trinite-sur-Avre, d young.
- v. Charles⁷, cavalier, Seigneur de Bellegarde, etc., bp 11 Sept 1686 la Trinite-sur-Avre, d 18 Feb 1769 Autheuil, m 28 Apr 1756 Paris to Marie-Philberte de Turin, b 31 Dec 1727, d 26 Feb 1781 Verneuil, dau of Cyprien-Philbert de Turin, Marquis de Ceton, and Marie-Charlotte de Bonoust. No children.
- vi. Gedeon-Pierre⁷, b 5 Oct 1687 Randonnai, d 5 Nov 1746. Single.
- vii. Gilles⁷, b 13 Aug 1689 Randonnai, bur 4 Nov 1689 Randonnai.
- viii. Anne⁷, b 30 Nov 1690 Randonnai, bur 25 Sept 1692 Randonnai.
- ix. Pierre⁷, Abbe du Tremblay, bp 22 Mar 1692 Randonnai, d 2 May 1752 Autheuil.
- x. Anne⁷, b 7 Dec 1693 Randonnai.

15. Pierre Tremblay⁶, b c.1626 Randonnai, is the progenitor of the Canadian branch. In 1647 he makes an agreement to go to Quebec City in New France to work for Noel Juchereau. The ship he goes on is *LA MARGUERITE*, which sails from LaRochelle on June 6, 1647, and arrives in Quebec August 6, 1647. After working for Juchereau for two years Pierre moves to the Cote de Beupre, where he marries. The marriage contract is as follows.

"In the presence of Claude Aubert, notary and registrar in the coast and Seigneury of Beupre and undersigned witnesses here present in person, Pierre Tremblay, habitant of this country, son

and heir of Philibert Tremblay and Jeanne Coignet, his father and mother, of the parish of Randonnai, at Perche, bishopric of Chartres, on the one side; and Ozanne Achon, daughter of Jean Achon and Helene Regnaude, of the parish of Puyravault, bishopric of LaRochele, in Aunis, on the other side. Which parties assisted by their relatives and friends, it is to be known: said Tremblay, Sieur Martin Grouvel, habitant of the coast and seigneurie of Beaupre, Eloi Tavernier and Marguerite Gagnon, his wife, Masse Gravel, Mathurin, Jean and Pierre *dit* Gagnon, habitants of the coast and seigneurie of Beaupre, Marie Tavernier, widow of the late Gilles Bacon, in life habitant of Quebec, on the one side, and the said Achon, assisted as it is called, by relatives and friends, it is to be known: Monsieur Pierre Masse and Marie Piver his wife, Sieur Mathurin Giraud, Sieur Jean Rivereau and Sieur Mathurin Morier, merchants living at present in the lower city of Quebec, and Leonard Pillot, being at present at said Quebec, on the other side.

"Which parties, on the authorization of their said relatives and friends, are and at the present time promise to take each other by faith and law in marriage, who, to the pleasure of God, will be done and accomplished in the face of our mother the holy Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church, as soon as possible that it can do and as far as it will be deliberated among their said relatives and friends, if said holy church consents and agrees there; and the future couple will be having their property in common following the custom of the provost and viscount of Paris, by whom this country is ruled and the said future couple will not be obligated one for the other's debts incurred before the marriage, and the said future husband has endowed his said future wife, beyond her customary settlement, with the sum of 100 livres of Tours, which settlement will take over the most attractive and clearest property between the parties and in the event of the dissolution of the marriage between the said parties being from the present with community property, acquisitions will be permitted to the said future wife to renounce or accept said community property and in case of renunciation she will frankly and freely take back all that she will have brought to said marriage and all

which will happen and fallen to him by inheritance, gift or otherwise, and without clauses and conditions borne by this contract, the said marriage can not have been done and accomplished.

"This was made and signed at Quebec, Wednesday, September 19, 1657, in the presence of sieurs Jacques Masse, merchant, and Charles LeFrancois, witnesses, who are with the said sieur Giraud, Morier, Pillot, Marie Tavernier, with me, the undersigned notary, at the present and the said sieurs Grouvel, Gravel and the undersigned parties have said and declared that they did not know how to write or sign anything, and others, called upon following the order.

September 19, 1657."

Pierre marries at Notre-Dame de Quebec 2 Oct 1657 Ozanne/Osanne/Anne Achon, bp 18 Jul 1633 Chambon, France, bur 24 Dec 1707 Quebec, P.Q., dau of Jean Achon and Helene Renault/Regnauld. The death date of Pierre is not known. He probably died around 1688/89, as on 5 November 1689 Ozanne declared that she was a widow. In the fall of 1688 there was a severe epidemic which hit Forts Niagara and Cataragui and ultimately spread to the whole colony; it is possible that Pierre was a victim of that epidemic.

children:

- i. Marie-Madeleine⁷, b 9, bp 22 Jul 1658 Quebec, bur 10 Apr 1736 Ange-Gardien, m 25 Nov 1671 Ange-Gardien to Nicolas Roussin, bp 10 Mar 1635 Tourouvre, France, bur 7 Mar 1697 Ange-Gardien, son of Jean Roussin and Madeleine Giguere.
- ii. Son⁷, bp 17 Aug 1659 Quebec, bur 25 Aug 1659 Quebec.
- 17 iii. Pierre⁷ (to follow).
- 18 iv. Michel⁷ (to follow).
- 19 v. Jacques⁷ (to follow).
- vi. Marguerite⁷, bp 4 Oct 1665 Chateau-Richer, bur 30 Aug 1694 Charlesbourg, m 14 Apr 1687 Ange-Gardien to Jean Savard, b c.1658, bur 7 Mar 1735 Charlesbourg, son of Simon Savard and Marie Hurdouil/Ordouille.
- 20 vii. Louis⁷ (to follow).
- viii. Louise⁷, bp 21 Oct 1669 Chateau-Richer, 1/m 6 Nov 1689 Ange-Gardien to Ignace Gasnier/Gagne, b 12 Mar 1656 Quebec, d 20 Jul 1702 Quebec, son of Louis Gasnier and Marie Michel; 2/m 3 May 1716 Baie-St.-Paul to Antoine Buteau, b 23 Feb 1673 Quebec, bur 18 Apr 1736 St.-Joachim, son of Nicolas Buteau and Catherine Gichelin.

- ix. Jeanne⁷, b c.1672, m 15 Jan 1691 Ange-Gardien to Antoine Perron, bp 2 Dec 1664 Chateau-Richer, son of Francois-Daniel Perron and Louise Gargottin.
- x. Marie-Anne⁷, bp 19 Mar 1673 Ange-Gardien, m 10 Feb 1698 Ange-Gardien to Jean-Pierre Peymant/Payment *dit* LaForest, soldier, b St.-Fortune, bishopric of Tulle, France, d 22 Mar 1702 Baie-St.-Paul, son of Pierre Peymant and Antoinette Leclerc.
- xi. Jean⁷, bp 21 Apr 1675 Chateau-Richer, d 30 Jul 1684 Ste.-Anne-de-Beaupre.
- xii. Marie-Dorothee⁷, bp 27 Apr 1677 Ange-Gardien, m 30 Apr 1703 Ange-Gardien to Francois Pelletier, bur 15 Jul 1711 Quebec, son of Pierre Pelletier and Louise-Cardinaux.