

Bisson, Gervais, signed "Bisson", older brother of Fleurant or Florant Bisson, who was from Contres, Maine, born between 1601 (1666 Census in Sulte, Histoire, IV, 57a) and 1607 (Confirmation Register). He married about 1640 Marie Lereau, born in 1622 (Census of 1667) or 1623 (Census of 1666), probably the daughter of Regne Lereau and Marguerite Guilin. They lived first at St-Cosme-de-Vair (Sarthe) and one comes across the baptism of their daughter, Simone-Barbe, at Quebec, Canada, 30 December 1654. On 10 August 1659, he received at Quebec the sacrament of Confirmation (Confirmation register). He had at least three pieces of land. The first was at St. Francois of the Cote-St-Jean where he lived during his lifetime. This land was conceded to him by Jean Bourdon 1 March 1655. This parcel of land which was 1 arpent in width and 8 in depth lay opposite that of the carpenter Jean Foidras and all of the plots of the heirs of the defunct Gaston Gue in 1682. On 7 May 1682 (Duquet) Marie Lereau, now a widow, leased this land with her garden and house to Jeanne Prevost, widow of Gaston Gue, "for eight minots of wheat of the first crop". And on 10 February 1689 (Rageot's registers) it was ceded to Gervais "Buisson", her son, through his co-inheritors for the sum of 200 livres. The second piece of land owned by Gervais Bisson had an area of 50 arpents and was situated in the Cote-St-Genvieve, neighboring Jean Leclerc dit Le Boteleux and Pierre Pinguet. This parcel was sold to Romain Duval 8 July 1663 (Audouarts registers; Cf. Scott, Notre Dame de St. Foy, p. 456.) The third piece of land held by Gervais Bisson was obtained from the Reverend Father Lallemand, S.J., and was two arpents wide by thirty deep. This land was also acquired by Gervais Bisson, the son, from his co-heirs for the consideration of 600 livres on 10 February 1689. This land was neighbored by the said Gervais Bisson to the northeast, Mathurin Moreau to the southwest, and the Jesuits at each end. In the census of 1667, (Sulte, Histoire, IV, 59a), Gervais Bisson had four animals and 12 arpents under cultivation. On the 3rd of November he took as a farmhand Manuel Rodrigue. Our colonist died around seventy years of age and was buried at Quebec the 1st of August, 1674. His widow survived him 13 years. She died the 13th of September, 1687, and was buried the next day at Quebec. Bisson Gervais, Sr., and Marie Lereau had six children: Gervais, Jr., Antoine (which see below), Jean, Simone, Marie, and Jean Francois, priest.

Bisson, Antoine, signed: "Antoen buisson" (Genève, 26 February 1690). — was the younger son of Gervais Bisson, I, and was born in 1646 (Census of 1666; ed. by Roy, v. 95) or 1647 (1667 Census, Sulte, Hist. IV, 66a); he married in 1671 (contracts of Duquet, May 24) Ursule Trude. He was the owner of two concessions in the seigneurie of Dombourg: the first was two arpents by forty, between Etienne Papillon and Jacques Largillier, and was purchased from Leonard de Bord, on 3 July 1670 at the cost of 260 livres (Duquet's records); the second piece of land was also two arpents by forty, purchased from Jean-Francois Bourdon, 30 May 1672. (Rageot's records). Our man did not tarry, however, here, but betook himself to Lauson where he obtained from Claude Bermen a concession of land 4 arpents by forty arpents next to Pierre Boucher by a note dated 24 November 1673. (The title will be found in Maugue, 20 Oct. 1675). It is there that the census of 1681 finds him, possessed of four horned beasts and seven arpents under cultivation (Sulte, Hist., V, 75c). His last stop was to be St.-Antoine-de-Tilly where he was living about 1689, for an act of this year (Rageot's records) speaks of him as "living in the seigneurie of Lachesnaye". The Map of Catalogne (1709) places his property in the fief of Maranda (Originally, the fief Lachesnaye-Duquet), between Louis and Vincent Croteau. A verification of the boundaries of this land had been drawn up in a verbal agreement by LaRiviere, 9 October 1704. A master carpenter, Antoine Bisson made building contracts with Etienne Blanchon (Bacquet, 16 November 1672), Nicolas Marion (Duquet, 25 November 1677), etc. On 2 December 1670, in company with Gervais, his brother, to cut down 4000 feet of cedar timber for making "grooved enclosures" at 22 deniers per foot (Bacquet's records). With his