

Salutations!

We take this opportunity to give to all of our members, and to those whose subscription has ended, some good news from your Association. Indeed, we are announcing you that we are presently working on the preparation of a biannual review. We wish to distribute it, via mail, to every member, as per 2017.

2016 Reunion

This sending contains :

Your invitation to become member or to renew your subscription of the Matte Association of America;

Capsule #1 : Nicolas Matte's history, on our website for the members (6 pages);

Be a future correspondent of our 2017 review !

Identification Matte river



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The Matte Association of America offers the possibility to be proud of its name, to know its origins and its history so that cause meetings of brotherhood with the Matte from accross America.



ASSOCIATION DES MATTE D'AMÉRIQUE
MATTE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The Association's objectives:

- To pay tribute to our ancestors**
- Perform an annual gathering**
- Publish the genealogy of the Matte**

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Nicolas *Matte* History

- Name : Nicolas *Matte* (2.1.-1)
- Sex : M
- Birth : 8 Dec. 1636 in Ste-Geneviève en Bray,
Ar. Dieppe, Rouen, Seine Maritime,
- Sponsor : Nicolas *Matte* (3.1) (brother of Charles (1.-1))
- Sponsor : Louise Gressent
- Baptism : Confirmation may 26, 1681 in Québec
- Death : 20 July. 1704 in Pointe aux Trembles,
Seigneurie de Dombourg (Neuville), Portneuf Count, Québec
- Burial: July 1704 Neuville, Portneuf, Québec



Father : Charles *Matte* (1.-1) b: 1610 à Fontaine-En-Bray, Rouen, Seine Maritime, France. Married 1630, Death 28 june 1680 à Bessault, Rouen Seine, Maritime, France.

Mother : Barbe Harache b: 1612 born Sainte Saire, Rouen, Normandy, France, Death ??, Haute-Normandie, France

Marriage : Marie Madeleine Auvray (1.1.-1) b: 1652 à Saint-Vivien, Rouen, Normandy, France

Married : 12 Oct. 1671, the witnesses were Antoine Gentil, Etienne Léveillé, Jacques Fournel de Rouen. Fr. Henri Debernieres, the parish priest, officiated.

Nine other couples were married at the same time.

The surname Matte is rooted in that of Mathieu, as Matteau and Matton.

Nicolas *Matte* signed Math. It is also known under the name of Nicolas Meyer and Nicholas May.

Nicolas *Matte* (2.1.-1) was the son of Charles (1.-1) *Matte* and Barbe Harache, the canton of Saint-Saën, Sainte-Geneviève-en-Bray, a small village not far from Rouen, in Normandy, in the current Department of Seine-Maritime. He was baptized on 8 December, 1636. He learned to read and write.

Crosses the ocean possibly to 1665 (?), probably as « Trent-six months » (a volunteer worker engaged for 3 years).

It is inscribed in the census in 1666(see capsule 0-D) as a being living in Bachelor's degree seignoir of Notre-Dame-of-Angels, Charlesbourg modern. It was listed as a simple 'living' - no particular trade was mentioned.

On 5 September 1670, Nicolas has signed a three-year lease usufruct Notary Romain Becquet with Pierre Lafine, meaner lounge in Neuville. Auger summarizes their contract: LaFine rented *Matte* a piece of property, including a year and a half hectare of land cleared and a cabin hand. Nicolas was sowing, weeding, weeding, harvesting, beat and winnow the harvest. It must also build a Grainary or a barn forth grain and vegetables, and erase one-third hectare per year. LaFine was to pay him 40 pounds for each newly cleared third hectare and Nicolas was to give him half of the cereals.

Nicolas was still unmarried at the time the lease was ratified. In June of the following year, the Saint-Jean-Baptiste vessel lifted anchor, with a hundred men, one hundred twenty young women, fifty sheep, ten asses, fabric, rugs, and all kinds of useful things to New-France. Among the 120 "King's Girls" (the women given a dowry of 50 pounds by the King, and recruited specifically to marry settlers of the colony), was Madeleine Auvray, daughter of Antoine Auvray, deceased, and Marie Lenormand, native of Saint-Vivien, of Rouen. " Madeleine aged almost 21 years, on Saturday, October 10, 1671, ratifies with Nicolas a marital agreement drawn up by Notary Romain Becquet, in the home of Anne Gasnier, widow of Jean Bourdon the owner of the fief (Seigneurie) of Dombourg (today Neuville). Madeleine has 300 pounds worth of goods as well as the Royal dowry for the marriage.

The marriage took place two days later, in the Church of Notre-Dame de Québec, 12 October 1671, as well as with nine other couples, including Jacques Lussier and René Dumas, said Meeting as well as that of Pierre Coquin said the company of Captain Grandfontaine Latournelle. The couple settled at Neuville and their eleven children were all born there.

More than anything else, Nicolas Matte was a farmer. Probably because he wanted to work the land of Siena, it cancelled the agreement with Pierre Lafine in may 1672. On 31 May of the same year, the Lord of Dombourg granted a concession on his part, next to the estate. He was two-thirds of a hectare of wide along the river St. Lawrence by thirteen hectares of depth.

Nicolas leases land to a neighbor to a year of grain harvest. October 9, 1672, he was sentenced to pay 60 books Jean Hamel. Nicolas rent, on March 3, 1673, for one year the lands of Leonard Faucher, a neighbor to a year of grain harvest for 40 pounds. According to Roland-J. Article Auger, Nicolas also decided to shoot down, erase and burn a third of a hectare of wood and prepare it for sowing, for the sum of forty pounds. October 25, 1675, he was sentenced to pay twenty-two bushels of wheat over 12 books and for mowing an acre of hay in Denis Gentil.

The Census of 1681, Nicolas had a farm with three head of cattle. Fifteen acres of land were cultivated. His dispute with Denis Gentil continue since June 14, 1689, he claimed successfully the minot of wheat. When the marriage of his daughter Marie (2.1.0) contract, january 14 1695, it is absent because of the difficulty of the roads. July 6, 1702, his wife ceded to Jean Masson all the land from the River to Matte, where he had built a House. Nicolas is away in June and was buried in the cemetery of Neuville July 20, 1704.

His widow, Madeleine, died almost 30 years after her husband. May 7, 1734, she was buried in Neuville.

The descendants of Nicolas Matte and Madeleine Auvray eventually spread to North America. There is also Cajun Louisiana Mattes that are descendants, the Indians of the Valley of the Bitter Root of Montana, some of the first pioneers of the Northwest as Oregon, Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Colombia are also among his descendants.

Signature on several documents



The *Matte* descendants are closely related by women with surnames Pelletier, Grenon, Létourneau, Petit, Mongrain, Mercure, Gariépy, Sylvestre, and Charpentier

Children of Nicolas *Matte* and Madeleine Auvray

- ¹ Léonard *MATTE* (1.2.1.-1) was born 18 Nov, baptised the 1672 in Dombourg, Canada, two hypotheses exist, including one that he died be that he died 1 may 1700 in Biloxi, USA. (See capsule 2.1)
- ² Marie ou Marie Françoise *MATTE* (2.2.1.-1) was born Jan 29, 1674 to Dombourg, Quebec, Canada. (See capsule 2.2)
- ³ Laurent *MATTE* (3.2.1.-1) was born 19 Jun 1677 Dombourg, Québec, Canada, and died 19 Feb 1712 in Cap- Santé, Seigneurie of Auteuil, Portneuf County, Quebec, Canada (See capsule 2.3).
- ⁴ Marie Jeanne *MATTE* (4.2.1.-1) was born 19 Dec 1679 Dombourg, Québec, Canada, and died Jan 29, 1703 at St-Antoine De Tilly, Seigneurie of Villieu, Québec (See capsule 2.4).
- ⁵ Nicolas *MATTE* (5.2.1.-1) was born 22 Sep 1682 in Neuville, Quebec, Canada, is baptized 22 Sep 1682 in Neuville, Portneuf, Quebec, died 12 Mar 1760 in the parish of Saint-François de Sales, Pointe aux Trembles, Seigneurie de Dombourg (Neuville) Québec. (See capsule 2.5)
- ⁶ Madeleine ou Marie Madeleine *MATTE* (6.2.1.-1) was born 9 Feb. 1685 in Neuville, Quebec, Canada, and died 14 Nov 1747. The sixth child in the family. On August 13, 1703, at Neuville, she became the wife at the age of eighteen, Noël Pelletier, son of Pierre Pelletier and by Françoise Trochet, widower of Marie Grenier, father of two children. A dozen children born to the couple Matte and Pelletier (See Capsule 2.6).

7. Marie Anne MATTE (7.2.1.-1) was born 18 may 1687 at the Seigneurie de Dombourg, Québec, Canada, and died in 1731. She was married to Roman Dubuc 7 Oct 1709 in Neuville, Portneuf, Quebec, son of Jean Dubuc and Françoise Larchevêque. He was born March 24, 1671 in Quebec City, province of Quebec, and died 20 Oct 1711 in Neuville, Quebec, Canada. She (Marie-Anne) married to Stephen Magnan 27 Feb. 1713 in Neuville, Portneuf County, Province of Quebec, son of Pierre Magnan and Marie Dufour. He was born about 1647 in St. Barthelemy de La Rochelle, Aunis, Charente Maritime, France, baptised Christian in 1660. (See capsule 2.7)
8. Marie MATTE (8.2.1.-1) was born 3 Nov 1688 Dombourg, Québec, Canada, died 11 Nov 1688 in Dombourg, Québec, Canada. (See Capsule 2.8).
9. Alexis MATTE (9.2.1.-1) was born 14 Feb. 1692 in Neuville, Quebec, Canada, and died in the parish of Squirrels Portneuf County (between Donnacona and Neuville), Quebec, Canada. (See Capsule 2.9).
10. Marie Louise MATTE (10.2.1.-1) was born July 20, 1694 in Neuville, Quebec, Canada (See Capsule 2.10).
11. Marie Angelique MATTE(11.2.1.-1) was born 22 Jun 1697 in the Seigneurie de Dombourg, parish of Neuville, Quebec, Canada, and died 1 Avril 1775 at St Antoine De Tilly (See Capsule 2.11).



An anecdote found recently, dating from 1689.

In searching for the beatification of the nun.

Two miracles have been recorded recently in the annals of the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec and reproduced by Abbe Casgrain in the history of this institution. Two miracles have been recorded recently in the annals of the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec and reproduced by Abbe Casgrain in the history of this institution. The first took place in Caen in Normandy, the other at the Pointe-aux-Trembles, near Quebec City.

The second fact concerns Nicolas Matte, established colon in the seigneurie de Dombourg, today Pointe-aux-Trembles, now Neuville. He had a child who was suffering since birth of a convulsive earthquake that doctors had declared incurable. The devotion which had then in our country for the mother of Saint - Augustin and wonders which was operated by his intercession him suggest to use its power from God to his son. He began with his family a Novena in honor of the mother of St Augustine. Barely had she ended that the child kept more no trace of his infirmity. The father at the peak of joy, hastened to give glory to God by proclaiming highly the sanctity of the mother of St. Augustine and giving his blood to sign the attestation of this miracle.

Source: Life of the mother Marie-Catherine de Saint-Augustin, none of the Hotel-Dieu of Precious Blood of Quebec, 1632-1668 by Hudon, I., Begin, Louis-Nazaire.

Relying on the date it is either Lawrence or Nicolas. Who can tell us ?

N.B : On the familymatte.org site more complete photos in this capsule.

Identification River to *Matte*

The Matte River, located in Neuville, has been physically identified at two locations along route 138 and Highway 40.



Thanks to the combined efforts of the Association and MP Michel Matte, Portneuf County, we can now see these posters which corroborates that the River to Matte crossed the town of Neuville in many places.

Along route 138 East. A similar moved westward



On the edge of the Highway 40 East and West



If other places that appear in the capsule 00 Matte sites have not been identified, it would be nice that people close make representations so that identifiers panels are affixed.

News of the Association of the *Matte*

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The 2016 Reunion for the Association of the *Matte* family will mark the arrival of the "Filles du Roy" in Nouvelle France. Madeleine Auvray, wife of Nicolas *Matte*, left France around 1671 to settle in Quebec. Upon her arrival, she was supported as a "Fille du Roy" by the congregation of the Ursuline. In the months that followed, she married Nicolas *Matte*. They settled in Neuville (Lordship of Dombourg) and, from this union were born 11 children. Thus the *Matte* took root in America.

The "Filles du Roy", who were they, why did they left France in order to live this great adventure, what were their links with the Ursuline's, how was made the choice of their husband ? Come and discover with us the fascinating story of the "Filles du Roy" and the Quebec Ursuline... not to be missed !

A project of publishing a review concerning the *Matte* is about to emerge in 2017. Our survey, held earlier this year among many of our members, confirms the great interest for it, especially for those who are less familiar with our "www.mattefamily.org" website. This biannual review will give information on the life and history of the *Matte* families.

You will agree that this is a bold project. Without the participation of our members, it will be an impossible mission. This is why we ask for the participation of our members. You may contribute in sharing a story, telling a fact or topics concerning the lives of your families, your ancestors, which is of interest for our members.

You are invited to do so and send your articles and photos to this following address: info@mattefamily.org

Registration form Annual

Gathering - Matte Family - 2016

(Matte Association of America)

Date : **Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 13:00**

Meeting point at : Musée des Ursulines

12, rue Donnacona, Quebec City, Canada



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Program : Saturday, August 13, 2016

12h30 - 13h15	Welcome - Musée des Ursulines (12, rue Donnacona, Quebec City)
13h30 - 15h30	Visit with guide (2 hours) - Musée des Ursulines and of the Chapel
16h00	Recreation Center Saint-Roch (230, rue du Pont, Quebec City)
16h30- 17h00	Annual general meeting (members)
18h00	Cold Buffet (bring your own wine!)
19h00	Conference - Les Filles du Roy
21h00	End of our gathering

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On going research: Nicolas belongs to none of this families who have a coat of arms. Who are they?



On which boat arrived Nicolas ?

Lawrence, 3rd child of Nicholas, born in 1677 and the first to give offspring, married in 1702 to Marie Françoise Sylvestre and died in 1712. They had 6 children. On what ground he raised these children?

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