

GENERATION 0

DENIS CLOUTIER and RENÉE BRIÈRE

THE COUPLE AND THE FAMILY^{1 and 2}

We know very little about Denis Cloutier who is at the top of our Cloutier line. He lived in Mortagne in the Perche region (nowadays the Orne department). He first married Renée Brière with whom he had at least nine children including our ancestor Zacharie. Renée Brière was buried at the Saint-Jean parish in Mortagne on May the 1st 1608. It is also there that Denis married again to Jeanne Rahir Gauthier on November 3rd 1608. They had at least four children: Léonard born in 1609, Denis born in 1612, Pierre and Michelle twins born in 1613. It is also in Mortagne that many of the Cloutier children later married. Denis Cloutier had a brother named Raoullin, married to Martine Lagneau. Denis Cloutier was buried in Mortagne on December 11th 1634.

THE CHILDREN OF DENIS CLOUTIER AND RENÉE BRIÈRE³:

- **Zacharie I:** born around 1590. See the details about him in the text “ Generation 1”.
- **Jacques:** born in 1601, he married Marie Guillé at the Saint-Jean parish in Mortagne, on January 23rd 1633. They had six children. Then, he married Anne Pinguet at the same place. This second marriage produced one child. Then, he married for the third time, to Marie Cornu, on January 15th 1646, still at the same place. They had two children.
- **Claude:** daughter born in 1605, she died in 1608.
- **Louise:** born in 1608, she died the same year.
- **Catherine:** she married François Noé.
- **Louis:** married Madeleine Truchet. They had six children.
- **Michel:** married Jeanne Commeauche. They had five children.
- **Nicolas:** married Catherine Boassel. They had three children.
- **René-Richard:** married Claude Noé. They had six children.

¹ I chose to arbitrarily number the generations of our line by starting with number 1 for the first family arrived here in New France, that is Zacharie Cloutier and Sainte Dupont. The previous generation, that of Denis Cloutier and Renée Brière is therefore numbered generation “0”.

² The average length of a generation of our family line is 32.4 years over thirteen generations.

³ SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉALOGIQUE CANADIENNE-FRANÇAISE, *Mémoires de la*, volume XXIV, 1973, page 108.

