

## Michel Houle husband of Marie Desrosiers dit Dargis

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A descendant of Michel Houle and Marie Desrosiers/Dargis sent his lineage. He writes that Michel Houle is the son of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Marie-Antoinette Baron.

I searched without success for evidence that Michel Houle is in fact the son of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Antoinette Baron. Michel Houle passed a marriage contract on July 26, 1833 at notary François-Louis Dumoulin's with Marie Desrosiers/Dargis. The bride's parents are well identified while for the future groom, the notary is satisfied by writing "man of age of the parish of Nicolet". The bride's witnesses are her parents while Michel's are François Thiffault and Jean-Baptiste (surname hidden) his friends.

At the church marriage of Michel Houle and Marie Desrosiers/Dargis, the priest also writes "Michel Houle man of age residing in this parish" while the parents of Marie Desrosiers/Dargis are well noted. In the marriage record, there is no legal impediment to be found. However, if Michel Houle is indeed the son of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Antoinette Baron, there should have been a note reading as follows: "consanguinity degree from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree". There is no such observation, while furthermore Marie Desrosiers/Dargis' mother is identified as Marie Houle. The groom's best man is "Clément Liévin, groom's friend". Let us admit that Michel Houle is the son of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Antoinette Baron. The record should have read "Clément Liévin, groom's cousin", as Clément Liévin's father is the first cousin of Jean-Baptiste Houde Antoinette Baron's husband.

On his second marriage with Marguerite Lacharité, Michel Houle's best man is "Clément Liévin, friend of the groom" and not "cousin of the groom". Same thing on his second marriage contract, one reads that the future groom's witness is "Clément Liévin, friend" and not "cousin".

Who is Clément Liévin? When Marie Houle, daughter of Michel Houle and Marie Desrosiers/Dargis, was baptized on March 22, 1840, the godfather was Clément Magloire Liévin and the godmother, Marie Foucault. Therefore, Clément Liévin, this friend appearing at the first marriage of Michel Houle as well as at his marriage contracts with his future wives as well as the godfather appearing at Marie Houle's baptism, are one and the same person. Clément Liévin (Magloire and Madeleine Lacharité) gets married on September 13, 1831 at Nicolet with Marie Foucault (Joseph and Louise St-Laurent) Jean Magloire Liévin (Clément and Catherine Houle) gets married on September 25, 1797 at Nicolat with Magdeleine Lacharité

(Michel and Magdeleine Pinard).

A priest may well forget to identify Michel Houle's parents, that would be acceptable but that he forgot to have him pay for a dispensation and that not one priest after that noticed it, well then I have some problem with it.

We have found 11 baptisms for the children of Michel Houle and Marie Desrosiers/Dargis. On those 11 baptism records, there is no reference to the family of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Antoinette Baron. For the second marriage of Michel Houle with Marguerite Lacharité we have five baptisms in the Louis Houde databank (BLH) and still no reference to the family of Jean-Baptiste Houde and Antoinette Baron.

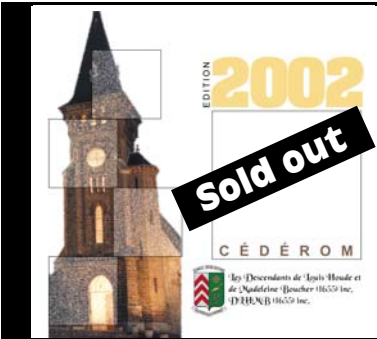
I also found Michel Houle's burial record. He passed away on June 10, 1887 and was buried on June 13, 1887

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at St-Léonard d'Aston. He is said to be 82 years old. It is a known fact that the age mentioned on burial notices is not always exact, I searched from 1802 to 1810 the Nicolet records for Michel Houle's birth but found nothing. Then I looked at the Bécancour records as well as the following baptism records: Gentilly, St-Pierre-les-Becquets, Trois-Rivières and Baie-du-Febvre and did not find any birth record for a Michel Houle, son of Jean-Baptiste Houle and Antoinette Baron.

While looking at the St-Jean-Baptiste de Nicolet parish records, I found a list of persons who were confirmed in 1824. Among these persons I found a Michel Houle aged 17. If the age is correct and if it is indeed the person we are concerned with in the article, Michel Houle would have been born in 1807. But there is no birth to be found for a Michel Houle in 1807, however, there is a baptism record which attracts my attention in the same parish.

“On the fifteenth of May one thousand eight hundred and seven, by us undersigned parish priest was baptized Michel born on this day of unknown parents. The godfather was Antoine Provencher dit Belleville and the godmother was Marie Bourg wife of Alexandre St-Germain who have declared not knowing how to sign.”

I then looked for the death of Jean-Baptiste Houle, Antoinette Baron's husband. Jean-Baptiste Houle passed away on January 24, 1854 and was buried on the 26<sup>th</sup> at St-Jean-Baptiste of Nicolet. I searched notary records of Eusèbe Beaubien, Luc-Michel Cresse and Georges David (all notaries at Nicolet for the years concerning Jean-Baptiste Houle's death) hoping to find an inventory of Jean-Baptiste Houle's estate and found nothing.

Is Michel Houle the son of Jean-Baptiste Houle and Antoinette or else an illegitimate child? This is the question I have in mind for which I would certainly hope to get an answer. Consequently, I would ask the person or persons who prepared this lineage to provide some evidence to the effect that Michel Houle is in fact the son of Jean-Baptiste Houle and Antoinette Baron. Without such evidence, and to my deepest regrets, Michel Houle shall still be considered an *orphan* in the Louis Houde databank (BLH).

## David Donnelly and Theresa Houle : a souvenir photo

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Pamela Donnelly (800)

On September 2, 1929, in Winooski, Vermont, David William Donnelly and Theresa Lumina Houle united their destiny. It was 75 years ago.

Pamela Frances Donnelly (800) sent us this souvenir photo and we thank her for that. David Donnelly passed away on February 6, 1971 at Redding CA, aged 62. Theresa Houle passed away on March 20, 1998 at Redding CA, aged 89.



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