

URBAIN JETTE'

In the jargon of France, a "get" or "jet" means a bul-rush; and "jete" a small clump of bushes. This mocking patronymic probably refers to a person of slender size. A single Jette' ancestor carried this familiar name to the St.Lawrence Valley - "Urbain".

3/30/1653: Urbain Jette', a long-sawyer and mason, was hired to work at Montreal for five years.(At 90 livres a year plus food and housing during the voyage and in service) He was asked to go to the "city of Nantes to the lodgings of Charles Lecoq on the last day of the following April."

He lived in the faubourg of St.Jacques, city of LaFleche. His Father was Mathuring Jette' of St.Germain-d'Arce-Anjou and his Mother was Barbe Hulin. Urbain was Born in 1637 and an orphan when he left for Montreal.

In the Spring of 1653 103 persons left from Nantes, Brittany on June 20,1653. The ship took on water and returned to La Rochelle. Another ship (ST.Marguerite) left on July 20,1653 with these same settlers. 8 died at sea and on Sept.22,1653 they docked at Quebec after 2 months at sea.

Urbain reached Montreal on November 16, 1653, then called Ville Marie. After his 5 yr. contract he decided to stay in Canada. He received his concession of land on May 12, 1659 and in Sept. 7,1659 he acquired a house.

Urbain's wife (Catherine Charles) was born in 1637-38 at Charenton-le-Pont. Her father was Samuel Charles and her Mother was Francoise Cochet. When she came to Canada she also was an orphan. She might have been related to Etienne Charles dit La Jeunesse (?). They were married October 26, 1659 in Notre Dame Church in Montreal. Jette' was confirmed Sept.21, 1660.

CENSUS 1667: Shows Urbain Jette' was 40 yrs. old and Catherine was 30 yrs. old and they lived in Montreal. They had 5 children and 2 head of cattle and 8 arpents of cultivated land.

November 3, 1669: Urbain bought another 61 arpents.
Aug.5, 1673: He got a lot of 30ft.frontage on Rue Saint-Paul, in the heart of the city.
November 24,1669: He leased his farm to Laurent Archambault and bought land of Beausoliel on Dec.2,1669.

CENSUS 1681: Urbain had 20 arpents, 1 gun, 4 head of cattle and his son-in-law Andre' Demers^{JR} was his neighbor.

Between Mar.10,1661 and Mar.28,1680 he had the following children: Catherine, Marie Barbe, Nicolas , Jean, Urbain,Jr. Elis. Pierre-Nicolas, Anne, Paul, Madeline, Louis-Charles, Pierre, Françoise

ANDRE' DEMERS FILE (*copy original D. Can. settler*)
BASE FILE FOR JETTE LINE (URBAIN JETTE)

#10 Detail Jette

Urbain Jetté, son of Mathurin Jetté

B: 1627-28 Barbe Hulin or Heulin
of: St. Germain-d'Arce-St. Germain-le-Val
Arr: LaFleche-St. Pierre de Verron 11-16-1653
Arr: la Fleche (eng) fabourg St..Jacques, Angers, Anjou
(Sarthe)

D: 5/13/1684 Montreal (Mason-Builder of Sawmills) so

M: 10/26/1659 Montreal (Notre Dame)

TO: Catherine Charles, dau. of Samuel Charles
Francoise Cochet

of: Charenton-le-Ponty near St. Maurice, Paris

B: 167-38 (1633) D: 12/2/1691

Arr: 9/29/1659 in Montreal

CHILDREN:

1. Catherine B: 3/10/1661 Mont. M: (1) Guillaume Gourney dit
11/12/1674 (13) Latour
(2) Charles Demers 1707
2. Marie-Barbe B: 5/10/1662 Mont. M: 1679 Nicolas Demers
3. Nicolas B: 10/12/1663 Mont. M: 11/20/1690 Cath. Giard *Claude*
(Detail #3) (Quest 7/31/1688 (F. Nichols M: Prat
4. Jean B: 1/28/1665 Mont. D: 1681?
5. Urbain II B: 4/11/1666 Mont. M: 1692 Mar. Franc. Chevalier
dit Durivage (Detail #5) dit Durivage
6. Elis. B: 9/20/1667 Mont. M: 11/29/1685 Michel Demers
7. Pierre B: 8/20/1669 Mont. D: 7/24/1692 (Killed by Iroquois)
8. Anne B: 2/25/1670 Mont. M: 9/2/1686 Andre' Demers, Jr.
9. Paul B: 6/10/1672 Mont. M: 11/16/1697 Martine Demers (Detail #4)
(This is René Jetté line beginning) *Quest 3/26/1692 (20 yrs old for the list)*
10. Madeleine B: 10/12/1673 Mont. M: 4/26/1694 Robert Demers
(This is our Demers line beginning)
11. Louis-Chas. B: 4/13/1675 M: 2/10/1698 Elis. Handgrøve
(Detail #11) F: Champenois Pierre Handgrøve
M: Marie Guertin
12. Pierre B: 9/25/1677 Mont. D: Hotel Dieu 9/13/1714
13. Francoise B: 3/28/1680 Mont. D: in infancy.

* Note: Urbain was given his concession of land 5/12/1659 and
was a neighbor of Andre' Demers.

When Urbain Jetté died Andre' Demers was appointed guardian
of Mrs. Jetté and minor children 7/8/1688)

Quote from Page 93 of "Our French-Canadian Ancestors" Book 20

* "It is rather rare to find two families united by so many
ties as Demers and Jetté". *