

~ The French and American History of Michel Antoine Garoutte ~



– Biographical Introduction –



18th Century French Ship Replica, Hermione



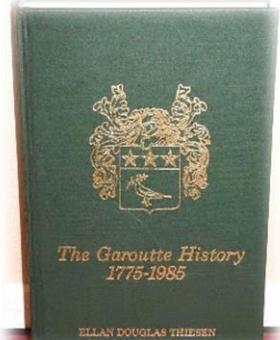
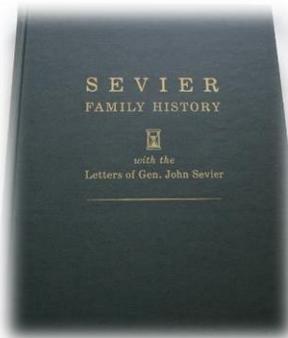
The (Lieutenant) Michel (Anglicized as: **Michael**) **Antoine Garoutte** (Masculine French Pronunciation: **Mee-kale, Gee-Uh-Root** - Feminine French Pronunciation: **Mee-Shell, Guh-Roo** - Masculine American-English Pronunciation: **My-Kull, Gee-Uh-Root**) the ghost of [Historic Pleasant Mills, New Jersey](#). His ghost can sometimes be seen in twilight and night time on the old **Pleasant Mills Trail in Historic Pleasant Mills, New Jersey** by the Old Paper Mill [\[1\]](#) which is where his Tavern: **The La Fayette** was once located.

Garoutte was a highly intelligent and highly educated [French noble](#).

He was described as a 6 foot tall Frenchman of remarkable strength [\[2\]](#) and [swordsmanship](#).

Digital Likeness Sketch of
Michel Antoine Garoutte

La Fayette Tavern and Inn



Digital Photograph of The Sevier Family History Book

Digital Photograph of The Garoutte History Book



Mediterranean Coast Near Southern France

Born April the 12th year 1750 in the Château (Castle) **Garoutte** in Marseille, Kingdom of France. [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) **Garoutte** was a French noble who fought in the [American Revolutionary War](#) and was also involved in the [First French Revolution](#).



Knight's Hand In Provence, Kingdom of France



Cathedral de la Major In Marseille, Kingdom of France

Location of Family Records



Cathedral de la Major In Marseille, Kingdom of France

Location of Family Records

He and his 16 years older **sister** The (Lady) **Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour** [5] were the only surviving **children** of The (Admiral) **Antoine Garoutte** and his **wife** The (Lady) **Marie Anne Félicité de Lascour** or **d'Lascours** abbreviated where *de* means: '**from**' or '**of**' in the French tongue and in the original context means: '**from a location**' and '**descended of a person**' and '**from a noble or royal house**' in a specific area.



Cathedral de la Major In Marseille, Kingdom of France – Hallway Interior View



Cathedral de la Major In Marseille, Kingdom of France – Altar

He immigrated to the **New Jersey Colony** where he aided the cause for **American Independence**. His **sister's family** were among the first supporters of **Napoléon Buonaparte**. They were the first noble French **family** to reform the French Government in **The French Revolution** and The (Lady) **Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour's son** **Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte** ascended to the rank of (**General**) in **The French Revolution** where he was twice elected a (**Deputy**) of the **Department of Var** in Reformed France and a (**Representative**) in the **Lower House Legislature** of the **First Republic of France**.



Digitized Lithograph of Joseph Buonaparte, Brother of Napoléon

Napoléon Buonaparte's older **brother** The **Corsican** (**King**) of Spain and Indies for a short time **Joseph Buonaparte** built a large mansion just less than 15 miles from **Michel Antoine Garoutte's** estate in **South New Jersey** in about 1815. The **Buonaparte** mansion served as the central hub for French **Expatriates** in **New Jersey** and in **Pennsylvania**. This mansion was burned to the ground by angered **European-American** settlers a few years after its completed construction.



Digitized Sketch of The (Marquis) of La Fayette - Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier

The (**Marquis**) of **La Fayette**, **Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier** was **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour's** childhood friend and school fellow in the **Kingdom of France** and he was twice his guest in 1824 in **New Jersey, United States of America**. **Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier's** great **grand-father** was The (**Baron**) of **Vissac**, **Kingdom of France**.

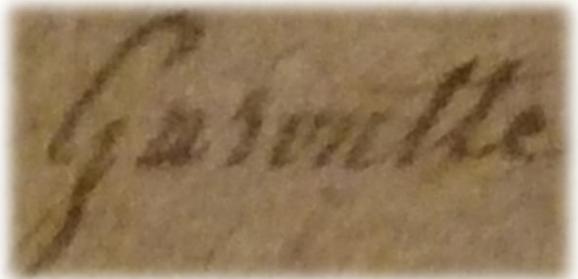
– The Garoutte Family –



Digitized Painting of Lavender and Château (Castle)

Provence, Kingdom of France

Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour belonged to an old [Provençal family](#) of the Southern [French nobility](#). His **father** Antoine Garoutte was an (**Admiral**) of the **Royal French Navy**, a wealthy **lieutenant** (**Capitaine**) of French Military ships and Merchant ships, a [Knight \(Chevalier \) of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France](#) and later The ([Attorney General](#)) of the Southern Division of the Kingdom of France for a short time (Called, Written: [Provence](#) and Pronounced: **Pro-Vawn-S**) and owner of a small fleet of merchant ships.



Digitized Handwritten Signature of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour



Digital Photograph of a Waterfall In Côte d'Azur In Provence, France

Some of The (**Admiral**) **Antoine Garoutte's** and the **Espinassy's** merchant shipping deals were a joint partnership of **M.M. Rigaud, Vernet & Company Shipping** out of **Marseille, Kingdom of France**.

This profitable merchant shipping business dealt in sugars and tobaccos and possibly cotton from **Saint Dominique Colony**. They also used their merchant and privateer vessels to ship arms and materials to **French Colonies** in **Saint Dominique** and **Canada**. The **Espinassy-Venel Family** also had a merchant branch to fund their estates in the **Kingdom of France**. Both **Garoutte** and **Espinassy Families** were exempted from tax by the Kings of France and Anjou.



Digital Photograph of a Waterfall In Provence, France

Antoine's father Henri Garoutte was also The (**Attorney General**) of the **Southern Division** of the **Kingdom of France** before him. **Michel Antoine Garoutte's mother** was The (**Lady**) **Anne de La Scour (d'Lascour)** whose real name was The (**Lady**) **Marie Anne Félicité d'Lascour** of the **French nobility** whose **grand-father** was the **uncle** and **cousin** of the **King of France**.

The **Garoutte Family** were also connected to the [Landed Gentry](#) of the **Kingdom of France** which was called the **nobility of the Land** and the **Garoutte's** were also **nobility of the Sword and of the Cloth**.

Some of them (**brothers, sisters, nephews, etcetera of Antoine Garoutte**) were **untitled nobles** of the [Landed Gentry](#). The [Noblesse Uterine](#) which is the **nobility** of the **female bloodline** still exists and is recognized in the **female bloodline** from the **eldest daughter** of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** and his **wife Sophia**.^[6]

- The Admiral Antoine Garoutte's Warship: The Great Saint Simon -



Digitized Map of Carte de la Partie Francoise, Saint Domingue

Antoine's brother Jean-Joseph Garoutte was appointed to (Captain) of the Royal French Coast Guard by the Navy Minister The (King) Louis XV of France on the same day Antoine Garoutte was ordered to set sail for San Domingue. [19]



Digital Aerial Photograph of Hispaniola, Present-Day Haiti



Antoine Garoutte commanded the French Naval ship **The Great Saint Simon** in this exact departure [10] [11] and Antoine Garoutte died about 1760 supposedly never returning to the Kingdom of France. The name of the ship **Great Saint Simon** is probably named after [Saint Simon the Zealot](#) who was one of the original [12 Apostles of Jesus Christ](#).

There is an inlet and town in **Canada** by **Quebec** now presently named [Saint Simon](#) and there are two books which describe how this place came to be named **Saint Simon**. According to their history a 20 Gun Top Deck Sloop French [Corvette War Ship](#) by the name of **Saint Simon** came through the inlet in an attempt to escape the pursuing **British Fleet** about 1759 - 1760 and a battle took place there on land and water. The town was later named after this French Corvette. [12] [13]



Digital Photograph of a Pirate Skull and Spanish Gold



Digital Photograph of the Ruins of San Sauci In San Domingue – Present-Day Southern Haiti



Digital Photograph of the Fort des Oliviers In San Domingue – Present-Day Haiti



Digital Photograph of a Chest Full of Spanish Gold



Digitized Engraving of Memento Mori and Skull – The Motto of Knights (Chevaliers)

– Lords of Lascour and Lords of Boisson, Kingdom of France –



The (Lady) Marie Anne Félicité d'Lascour's father was The (Baron) of La Scour who was The (Lord) [Henri d'Lascour](#) and his name is listed in the **Dictionary of the Nobles of the Kingdom of France**.

Registered Shield For
Henry de Lascour

Through Michel's mother The (Lady) Marie Anne Félicité d'Lascour's maternal ancestors there are **Lords of Boisson, Kingdom of France** which connects them to the [Ancient Regime](#) of the **Kingdom of France** and earlier 13th century French and English **nobility** known simply as the **Ancient Nobility**. Through this **bloodline** The (Lady) Anne's great grand-mother on her father's bloodline was The (Lady) [Anne de Boisson](#) (who was born: 1599) and her father was – The Lord (Seigneur) [Louis de Boisson](#) (who was born: 1570), The Chevalier (Knight) and Lord of Boisson. They lived in the Château (Castle) de Boisson. The name of the uncle of The (Baron) Henri d'Lascour was **Henry de Lascour** and he was the personal **Catholic Priest** to the **King of France** and his court which is a [Conseiller du Roi](#) meaning a member of – The (Royal Council) to The (King) of France. Henry de Lascour is noted as being the **blood cousin** and **uncle** of The – (King) of France, Louis XIV.

The Boisson counseled The (Counts) and were allied with Bionneau to Castellane to Piolenc. Their military duties were to keep all enemy military forces from entering France.



The (Lady) Anne's grand-father on her father's line was The Lord (Seigneur) [Louis d'Lascour](#) (who was born: 1617) and he was **The Mayor of Marseille, Kingdom of France**. [\[14\]](#)

Boisson Town Shield



Registered Shield of
The Capetian
Dynasty

Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour directly descends ([Direct-Lineally](#)) from the uncle of **Louis Capet** The King of France through The (Baron) **Henri d'Lascour**. His direct ancestor like all descendants from the union of The (Count) of France, **Claude Joseph Ernest** and his wife The (Lady) **Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell** was The King of France, **Louis IX**. The (Lady) **Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell** was a **great grand-niece** of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour through his sister **Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour**.



Digitized Painting of Louis IX
of the Kingdom of France

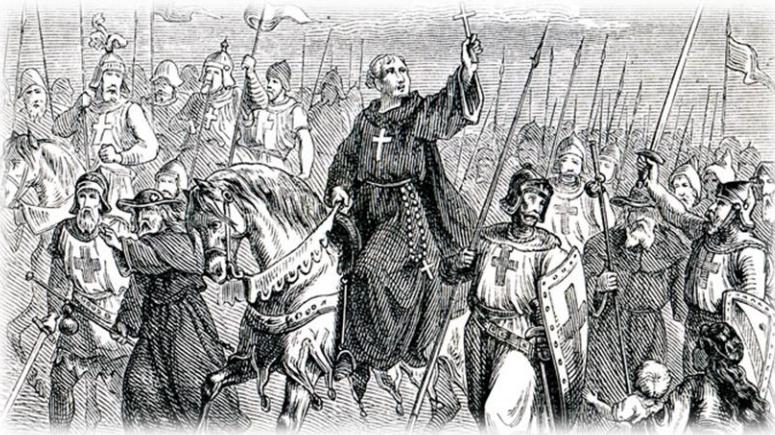


Digitized Painting of Louis XIV
of the Kingdom of France



Digitized Painting of Louis XV
of the Kingdom of France

- Crusader Ancestry -



Digitized Engraving of a Scene From: The Crusades

Michel Antoine Garoutte's paternal **grand-father**'s name was **Henri Garoutte** and his **wife's** name was **The (Lady) Angelique de Pistre**. **Henri Garoutte's father** was **Honore Garoutte** and his **wife's** name was **The (Lady) Anne Marguerite Guinoard-Mascaron** who is descended from **The (Lord) Mascaron** and **The (Lady) Anne de Mascaron**.

All **Garoutte's** in this line are Direct and Direct-Lineal **descendants** of **French Feudal Lords and Ladies** with lines to the Ancient **French Nobility** ^[15] and thus are more than likely proveable **descendants** of **The (Emperor) of the Holy Roman Empire** and **The (King) of the Franks**.

The **d'Lascour** line can be traced back to about 1345 to a (**Knight**) and Fisherman of the name of [Jacques d'Lascour](#) of what Order is not known yet, but "**Chevalier**" is mentioned.

The **d'Lascour family** were quite possibly in the [Crusades](#) as all of them starting with **The (Lady) Marie Anne Félicité d'Lascour** and before her were French **nobility** or upper class which means this **family** were probably close to 8 - 16 [Quarterings of Nobility](#).



Digital Photograph of Krak des Chevaliers (Castle) In Present-Day Syria



Digitized Engraving of a Scene From
Der Schenk von Limpurg's Works of a
Lady Armoring a Knight

Note: The **French Nobility** of **Southern France** worked very differently than the **nobility** of other countries and the organization and arrangement of towns there was very different before **The French Revolution**. Also important to note is that the **Southern French Nobility** was also very different than the **Northern French Nobility**.

– Ancient Garoutte Family and a History of Navy Service –



Digital Photograph of a (Castle) In Constantinople – Present-Day Istanbul, Turkey

The direct ancestor of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** who is another **Garoutte** by the name of **Antoine Garoutte** is referred to as: "The Master Captain Garoutte" and "Le Capitaine" and "Le Garoutte" and "Maister d'Hostel" and "Seigneur de la Maison de Garoutte" by The ([Baron](#)) of Salignac in an earlier book. The passage in this book describes **Antoine Garoutte** as having given advice to – The ([Baron](#)) of Salignac on how to sail back to [Constantinople](#) on a faster route. [\[16\]](#)

The Garoutte's had a long history of Navy Service. (Sir) Antoine was an (Admiral) of the Royal French Navy and he was referred to as a Le (Capitaine) of Vessels. Jean-Joseph Garoutte was a (Captain) of the Royal French Coast Guard and became an (Admiral) of the Royal French Navy.

Michel Antoine Garoutte ascended to the rank of (Lieutenant) in the First American Continental Navy after his Privateering activities.



Digital Photograph of Saint Hilarion Castle In Northern Cyprus



Digital Photograph of Larnaca Castle In Northern Cyprus

– Garoutte Family Coat of Arms, Crest and Insignia –



*Registered Coat of Arms For
The Garoutte Family*

The **Garoutte Coat of Arms** features on **Azure Background**: **Three Golden Military Stars** with a **Silver Dove** and a **Golden Bough** in its Beak. [\[17\]](#) [\[18\]](#) [\[19\]](#)



Aeneas in Virgil's Poem: The Golden Bough

Description of the Garoutte Coat of Arms in the French Tongue:



*Silver Dove With a
Golden Bough In Its
Beak*

D'azur, à une colombe d'argent, becque et membree de gueule, portant en son bec un rameau d'or; au chef cousu de gueules charge de trois étoiles d'or.

The Three Golden Stars symbolize a military authority and the Silver Dove with the Golden Bough in its Beak is probably an allusion to the events in [Virgil's Poem: The Golden Bough](#) where Aeneas was assisted by two doves in finding a Golden Bough which was required in order for him to board a ship to the underworld and see his dead **father** in Elysium. Upon Aeneas plucking the Golden Bough from the tree another one immediately sprung up in its place. This could also be a symbolism for a money dove meaning wealth and peace. Note also that the depiction of the earlier Garoutte **Family** dove is different from the next one depicted in the Registered Shield and the Registered Coat of Arms for the Garoutte **Family**.



*Registered Shield of The
Garoutte Family*

Note: Notice that the description says it is a **Golden Bough** and not an **Olive Tree Branch**.
Also important to note is the fact that only **nobility** could hold rank in the [Feudal Military](#) of the [Kingdom of France](#).



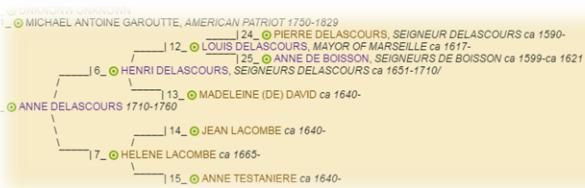
Sketch of The Registered Coat of Arms For The Garoutte Family

Many of Michel's ancestors were [Chevaliers](#) (**Knights of the Realm who were dubbed on the head and shoulders during knighthood ceremonial rites in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, One in Trinity**) as well as Lords and Ladies. [\[20\]](#)



*Registered Coat of Arms For The
Garoutte Family*

– The Espinassy-Garoutte Family –



Digital Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour Ancestral Chart

The (Lady) Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour (Michel's 16 years older sister) married the nobleman and Baron of Signes, Kingdom of France The (General) César-Antoine Joseph d'Espinassy de Venel otherwise known as Espinassy-Venel [21] [22] whose name and genealogy is listed in the [Dictionary of the Nobles](#)

of the Kingdom of France with Illustration. [23] Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour met her husband after leaving a Catholic [Tridentine Mass](#) for a forest in Signes, Kingdom of France.



The (General) César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel is related to a member of the cadet branch [family of Lazarin Espinassy](#) who is mentioned with and was involved with Italian noblewoman [Catherine de' Médicis](#) who became The ([Queen Consort](#)) of the Kingdom of France in the 16th century. [24]

Digitized Painted Portrait of Catherine de Médici



Registered Coat of Arms For The Espinassy-Venel Family

The (General) César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel is also a descendant of the super wealthy (Baron) of Provence, Kingdom of France [Fortune d'Espinassy](#) and earlier The (Senator) [Honorat d'Espinassy](#) whose nobility was unquestionable and indisputable as he and his bloodline were exempted from any tax by [The \(King \) of France, Henri II](#). [25]



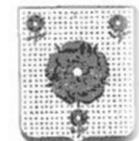
Digital Photograph of The Château (Castle) de Chenonceau

Note: *It seems that the naming of the members of these Noble Houses would depend upon the joining surnames of their parents.*

This seems to be the case with [César-Antoine Joseph d'Espinassy de Venel](#) and [Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour's marriage](#) where their [children](#) were named [d'Espinassy Garoutte or Espinassy-Garoutte](#).

Registered Shield of The Espinassy Family

The reason for this is due to these [noble](#) and [royal](#) houses belonging to long standing Feudal Fiefs with titles of nobility such as is the case with [Antoine Joseph Marie d'Espinassy](#) and his [marriage](#) to – The (Lady) [Marie Guillaume de Tholomé de Fontanelle](#). She was the only [daughter](#) and [child](#) of her [father](#) – The (Marquis) of [Fontanelle](#) and thus the title of nobility (Marquis) and the [Marquisate of Fontanelle](#) itself was inherited by her [husband](#) [Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte](#). This is why their [children](#) are named [d'Espinassy de Fontanelle](#) in publications and the title of (Marquis) of [Fontanelle](#) was passed to their [eldest son](#). [25]



The Feudal Baronial Fief and Château (Castle) attached to [Antoine Garoutte](#) was inherited by [Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour](#) by the laws of [French primogeniture](#), although he seems to have allowed his [sister](#) to manage it after he left for the American Colonies.

Note: Our present-day [cousins](#) are [Espinassy's](#) such as the [descendants](#) of The (Countess) of [Narcillac du Chastel-Andelot d'Espinassy de Fontanelle](#) in the current Republic of France and The (Earls) of Essex in present-day England who have inherited a [Royal Peerage](#) of England as well as other [titles of nobility](#) in the current Republic of France. [Click Here](#)

Registered Royal Shield of The Espinassy Family



Registered Shield of The Espinassy Family

The d'Espinassy de Venel family are also possibly somehow related to The (King) of Naples, [Charles d'Anjou](#) as he picked out the stone for the d'Espinassy de Venel Arms design for Pierre d'Espinassy, [26] which is a Noble Gesture that indicates a close **blood** relation.



Digitized Depiction of Gentry
In Classical Antiquity

Note: **Noble Gestures** were gestures used by [Gentry](#). Some good examples of **Noble Gestures** would be if a nobleman (Gentleman) were engaged to a noblewoman (Lady) and he decided not to **marry** the (Lady) then he was required to buy her a pair of white gloves every **Friday** for a calendar month.

The (General) César-Antoine Joseph d'Espinassy de Venel was a **Chevalier** meaning **Knight** of the [Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of the Kingdom of France](#), (Captain) of a French War Vessel of the King of France – (Roi) and was very wealthy owning immense property in Marseille, Kingdom of France as were the **Garoutte-Lascour Family**. [27]



Digital Photograph of The Cross of The Knights of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France



Digitized Title Conferring Knighthood of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France

The Espinassy bloodline from the marriage of The (Countess), [Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe d'Espinassy de Fontanelle](#) (Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte's grand-daughter) and The (Count) of Narcillac du Chastil de Andelot, Claude Joseph Ernest are irrefutable Direct and Direct-Lineal descendants of The (King) [of France, Saint Louis IX](#). [28]



Digitized Painting of Saint Louis IX of the Kingdom of France



Digital Photograph of a Venetian Masqueradess

D. Louise-Françoise de Belhomme de Venuville, épouse de Pierre-François d'Espinassy , Seigneur de Marignole , &c. Colonel de Dragoons, accoucha le 8 Mars d'un Fils , qui fut nommé Charles Louis par Louis Robert, Chevalier de la Marck, et par D. Marie-Eleonor de Maillé, fille de Domitien de Maillé , Marquis de Carmaux . &c.
D. Magdelaine - Catherine - Therese Carrel, épouse de Charles, Marquis de Houdetot, Brigadier des Armées du Roy, Colonel du Régiment d'Artois, accoucha le 14 Mars d'une fille , qui fut nommée Charlotte-Louis-Magdelaine , par Louis de Bec-de-Liévre, Marquis de Cany, et par D. Charlotte-Marie de Houdetot, fille de feu Louis-Pierre de Houdetot , Colonel du Régiment d'Artois.

Josachim de Zuniga, Comte de Bets-leszaz, &c. fils de Don Jean Manuel Diego Lopez de Zuniga Soto Mayor Menendez i et Gusman , Duke de Lujars , de Plovizance , &c. Marquis de Gibralcon , Escondido , &c. hereditaire des Royaumes de Castille et de Leon , &c. Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Toison d'or, Grand-Maître de la Maison du Prince



Digital Photograph of The Front Cover The Book Mercure de France (1771)

Pierre Espinassy's Name In Digitization of The Mercure Français, Volume: 94 (1733)

– Family Castles –



Digital Photograph of Château (Castle) de Lascour



Digital Photograph of the Front Door of the Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière

Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour and her **husband Cèsar-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel** stayed behind in the Kingdom of France and ran their estates living in Château (Castle) **Garoutte** in Marseille, Kingdom of France as well as in Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière in Signes, Kingdom of France and other French Castles.

There is a Château (Castle) **Garoutte** that is a stone mansion with acres of rolling land, is iron fenced and is described as habitable by the gods. The Château was located in Marseille, Kingdom of France close to Signes, Kingdom of France. [\[29\]](#) [\[30\]](#)

This **Castle** is now occupied by the **descendants** of **Elzeard Garoutte** (mid 20th century) who was a **great-great grand-nephew** of The (**Admiral**) of the Royal French Merchant Marines **Jean-Joseph Garoutte**.



Digital Photograph of the Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière -- Side View

The Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière is located in Signes, Fifth Republic of France (2022) and is a **Castle** that was built upon the ruins of an earlier **Castle** also owned and lived in by the Espinassy **Family**. [\[31\]](#) [\[32\]](#)

Part of the Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière now lies in ruins and only the foundation of it remains, but it can still be seen as of 2022 in Signes, Fifth Republic of France.

Note: *The address for the Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière is: 18 Rue Briançon In Signes, Fifth Republic of France. If viewing the ruined Castle from Google Earth Street View, turn to the right.*



Digital Photograph of the Ruined Part of The Château (Castle) de la Jaconnière



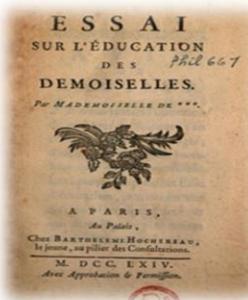
Digitized Portrait of The (Lady) Claire Charlotte Espinassy-Garoutte



Digital Photograph of the Château (Castle) Andelot-Morval -- Front View

Apparently the **descendants** of César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel **cousin** bought the Château de la Jaconnière after The (Lady) Claire Charlotte Espinassy-Garoutte died.

The (Lady) Claire Charlotte Espinassy-Garoutte was Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour's and César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel's **daughter**. She lived in the Château de la Jaconnière and other **castles** most of her adult life and she was highly respected in the community as she was known there as a great Lady. She died in ~1850.

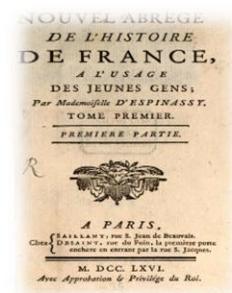


Digital Photograph of the Essay On The Education of Young Ladies

She wrote numerous notable books there such as **Advice for Young**

Ladies or Essay on the Education of Young Ladies (Year: 1764), **History of Europe** or **Histoire of Europe**, **History of France** or **Histoire of France** (Year: 1766) and **Nouvel Abrégé de l'Histoire de France à L'usage Des Jeunes Gens** (Year: 1766) as well as other books most likely under her pen name Adélaïde Espinassy.

The name **Adélaïde Espinassy** is also seen on reprints of those books with the year 1766. These works are still used by the **nobility** and taught in universities today.



Digital Photograph of the History of France, Volume: 1

The (Lady) Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell was the **great grand-niece** of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour and was the **grand-daughter** of Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte and his **wife** The (Lady) Marie Guillaume de Tholomé of the Marquisate of Fontanelle.

She was the **daughter** of Blaire Marius Espinassy and his **wife** The (Lady) Maria Capell.



Digital Photograph of the Château (Castle) Andelot-Morval – Distant View

Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell **married** The (Count) of Narcillac du Chastil de Andelot, Claude Joseph Ernest. They owned and lived in the Château (Castle) du Bourdonné. Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell died around 1901, maybe later.



Digitized Photograph Claude Joseph Ernest, The (Count) of Narcillac du Chastil-Andelot and His Family Espinassy-Capell

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Le Comte de NARCILLAC.
La M^e d'ESPINASSY de FONTANELLE, le V^e et la V^e de NARCILLAC.

La C^e TERRAY née BARBANTANE.

Mademoiselle d'ESPINASSY de FONTANELLE, le C^e S. COSTA de BEAUREGARD, Chef d'Escadron au 22^{es} Dragons, et la C^e S. COSTA de BEAUREGARD, le C^e du CHASTEL-ANDELLOT et la HOWADERIE, Officier d'Ordonnance de S. M. le Roi des Belges, le M^e de LABRIFFE, Conseiller Général de Seine-&Oise, la M^e de LABRIFFE, le C^e et C^e de LABRIFFE, la M^e de LANGLE, le M^e de MONSTIERS-MÉRINVILLE, Conseiller Général de la Haute-Vienne, le V^e et la V^e de FROIDEFOND et FLORIAN.

Messieurs BÉGOLD & RAOUX COSTA de BEAUREGARD, Mademoiselle CATHERINE COSTA de BEAUREGARD, Mademoiselles D'ENISSE et GÉNÉVÈVE de CHASTEL-ANDELLOT, HOWADERIE, Monsieur l'EERRE de LABRIFFE, Mademoiselle GÉNÉVÈVE et Monsieur l'EERRE de LABRIFFE, Mademoiselles MARIE et SOLANGE de LANGLE, le M^e de LANGLE, le C^e H. de LANGLE, Monsieur CLAUDE de LANGLE, M^e et M^e J. de LARGENTAYE, le M^e et la M^e de CHAMPAGNÉ, Mademoiselle MARIE de LANGLE, Monsieur LOUIS de MONSTIERS-MÉRINVILLE, M^e XAVIER de FROIDEFOND et FLORIAN, Mademoiselles CHARLOTTE et GABRIELLE de FROIDEFOND et FLORIAN, Mademoiselle MARIE de LARGENTAYE.

Le C^e de ROHAN-CHAUCOT et ses enfants, le C^e TERRAY, Conseiller Général des Bouches-du-Rhône, et la C^e TERRAY et leurs enfants, la V^e M^e, le CONREY et ses enfants, la C^e BERVON née BELBEUF, et ses enfants, la C^e et la M^e de MATIAN et leurs enfants, le M^e et la V^e de VOGUE de l'Académie Française et ses enfants, le G^e C^e de SESMAISONS, et la C^e de SESMAISONS et leurs enfants, le G^e C^e J. de SESMAISONS et la C^e J. de SESMAISONS et leurs enfants, le R^d P. II. de SESMAISONS de la C^e de JESUS.

The Earl and Countess of ESSEX, l'Hon^rable RAUDO PH de VIER CAITI, Lady MAUDIE de VERE CAPEL, l'Hon^rable Ernest HENRY DAWNAY, Lady EVLN DAWNAY, Lord AND Lady BASSEY, la M^e d'ESPINASSY de FONTANELLE,

Ost l'honneur de vous faire part de la perte qu'ils viennent d'éprouver en la personne de

**M^e Hélène d'ESPINASSY de FONTANELLE
Comtesse de NARCILLAC**

leur épouse, belle-sœur, nièce, tante, grande-tante, cousine germaine, et tante à la mode de Bretagne, décédée au Château de Bourdonné S^et-O, le 31 MM 1901, dans sa 7^e année numé des Sacraments de l'Eglise.

PRIEZ POUR ELLE!

Condé-sur-Vesgre (S.-d-O.)

*Digitized Photograph of the Death Notice of
Caroline Hélène Hortense Agathe Espinassy-Capell*



Digital Photograph of The Château (Castle) du Bourdonné

– The Garoutte Family, Espinassy Family and The French Revolution –



Digital Photograph of Bassin Bleu In Hispaniola, Present-Day Haiti

The (Lady) Marie Magdeleine Garoutte's son was [Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte](#) who married The (Lady) Marie Guillaume de Tholomé de Fontanelle, she was the only child and daughter of her father The (Marquis) of Fontanelle.

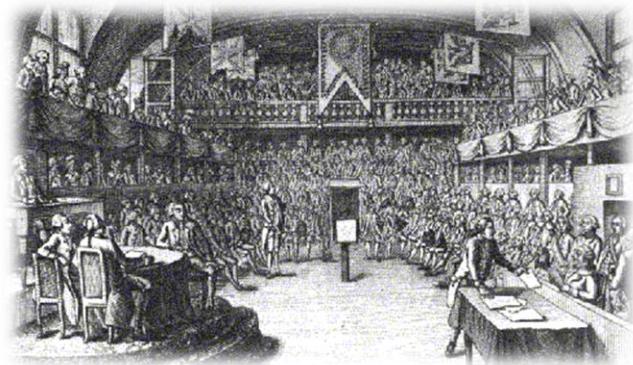
Antoine Joseph Marie d'Espinassy came into early service in the [French Colonial Army](#) as a **Captain** of the **Royal Artillery** and when he showed great enthusiasm for this task and after coming up with brilliant ideas he was then promoted to the rank of **Lieutenant** by [Orders of the King of France](#).

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d'Espinassy
Antoine Joseph Marie
Captain of Artillery in SDomingo
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d'Espinassy was stationed on **San Domingue** when he was promoted to the rank of **Lieutenant**. During the [French Revolution](#) he was elected to the [Legislative Assembly](#) on September 12th of 1791.

He was reelected to the [Convention](#) on September 5th of 1792. He was sent on a mission to **Perpignan** on September 22nd of 1792 with his colleagues **Aubry** and **Carnot The Elder** and on November 23rd of 1792 he announced to the Convention **Sospello's** decision and informed the Convention about the deprivation of the troops.



Digitized Engraving of a Scene of The Trial of The (King) Louis Capet of France

In the **Trial of The King of France, Louis XVI** in January of 1793 Espinassy-Garoutte voted for the death of the King dismissing the appeal to the people and the stay.

He was then sent on another mission to the **Army of the Alps** where he joined with **General Brunet** and went on a mission to **Barras, Freron, and Salicetti**. He was accused of having abandoned his post in Nice and was escorted to a Public Committee in **Paris** where they recognized his innocence.

Digitized Records and Orders of The King of France To Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte

He was one of the 73 Signers of the **Gironde Party Protest** on May 31st of 1793 and he withdrew to the south.

He was recalled to the Convention on December 8, 1794 and on this occasion he wrote to his colleagues the following letter:

Espinassy, Representative of the people to his colleagues:

*Fellow citizens, your virtues have never shone with more luster than when you were reminded of your unfortunate colleagues. Our innocence demands justice! I will join with you and continue our work, spend the rest of my days with you in the happiness of my country, and die if necessary to fulfill this sacred duty.
Hi and Fraternity,*

- Espinassy.



Digitized Painting Depicting Napoléon Bonaparte Surrounded by His Generals in The Council of Five Hundred

He was then appointed **Colonel of the Artillery Regiment** on May 21st of 1795. On May 30th of 1795 he was sent on a mission to [Toulon](#) and on June 12th of 1795 he was sent to [Lyon](#) to appease the religious passions that were aroused in [Gévaudan](#).



Digitized Painting of Napoléon Bonaparte

He was called back to the Convention on October 16th of 1795 and he resumed his place there on October 26th of 1795. On May 20th of 1797 he entered the [Council of Five Hundred](#) as **ex-Conventional**. He was promoted to rank of **General** on April 28th of 1797 and he retired by [Lyon](#) on April 1st of 1811.

When **Napoléon Bonaparte** was [Banished to the Island of Elba in 1814](#) and after the [Restoration of the House of Bourbon](#) to France under who became The (King) of France as [Louis XVIII](#), The (Lady) **Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour**, her **son Joseph** and his **wife The (Lady) Marie Guillaume de Tholomé** became [Enemies of the State](#) for their support of the **French Revolution** as they had been among the first to reform the French Government.



Digitized Painting of Louis XVIII

They fled to **Switzerland** and they took the name of Joseph's **wife** (de Fontanelle) while there to evade detection and capture by Royal Catholic [assassins](#).



Digitized Painting Depicting Napoléon Bonaparte Exiled to the Island of Elba



Digital Photograph of the Coast of The Island of Elba

Napoléon Bonaparte later escaped the **Island of Elba** with the assistance of some French **nobles** and he [Returned to France and Marched on Paris](#), at this point in time the supporters of Napoléon who were hidden in their noble families and suppressed by French House of Bourbon emerged and rejoined with **Napoléon Bonaparte**. He again rallied the Nation of France behind him later engaging in the [Waterloo Campaign](#) where he was defeated there by the Military Forces of [Arthur Wellesley](#) the English (Duke) of [Wellington](#).



Napoléon Bonaparte Escapes the Island of Elba, Marches on Paris and Rallies the Nation of France Behind Him



Digitized Painting of the Battle of Waterloo

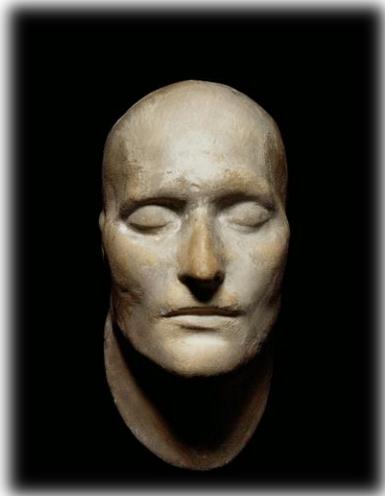
Napoléon Buonaparte and his **Military Forces** were defeated by [The \(Duke \) of Wellington](#) at the [Battle of Waterloo](#) and he was [Exiled Permanently to Saint Hélène Island](#) where he died there in May of 1821.



Digital Photograph of Fern In Diana's Peak On Saint Hélène Island

Napoléon Buonaparte wrote in his [Last Will and Testament](#):

I recommend to my son never to forget that he was born a French prince, and never to allow himself to become an instrument in the hands of the triumvirs who oppress the nations of Europe: he ought never to fight against France, or to injure her in any manner; he ought to adopt my motto: "Everything for the French people." I die prematurely, assassinated by the English oligarchy and its assassin. The English nation will not be slow in avenging me.



Digital Photograph of the Death Mask of Napoléon Buonaparte

Note: All three Buonaparte **Brothers**, Napoléon, Joseph and Lucien curiously died of stomach cancer and it has been proved without a reasonable doubt that two Buonaparte **Brothers** belonged to a [Masonic Lodge](#) during their lifetime. In addition to this they belonged to numerous Orders of Chivalry and acquired vast noble stature.



Postcard Illustrated by
Espinassy - Napoléon
Buonaparte on Saint Hélène
Island

After his return to the **Republic of France** as ex-Conventional, **Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte** was forced into Exile from France after the Restoration of the Bourbons. His Exile was effective on January 12th of 1816 due to the laws against [Regicide](#) and he died in Exile on May 27th of 1829 in [Lausanne, Switzerland](#) which is the same year his uncle **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** died. [\[33\]](#)



Postcard Illustrated by Espinassy –
Emperor Napoléon Buonaparte and
Empress Joséphine



Postcard Illustrated by Espinassy - Napoléon
Buonaparte le Passage du Monl



Postcard Illustrated by
Espinassy - Austerlitz



Postcard Illustrated by Espinassy - Le Tombeau



Digital Registered Shield of the Capell Family

Sons of The (General) Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte married a daughter and a sister of Arthur-Algeron Capell, The 6th (Earl) of Essex and Baron of Hadham, Kingdom of England after meeting them at a [Masquerade Ball](#) that took place in [Brussels](#) the night before the Battle of Waterloo. [\[34\]](#) [\[35\]](#)

His other children married (Counts) of France and other English Royalty.



Digitized Painted Portrait of Blaire Espinassy



Digitized Photograph of Arthur-Algeron Capell - The 6th (Earl) of Essex, Viscount and Baron of Hadham, England

All of the descendants of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour and his wife Sophia Garoutte are in line to numerous [Hereditary Titles of Nobility](#) in France by the rules of [Absolute Legitimate Primogeniture](#).

During the French Revolution some branches of this family were Reformists, others were [Royalists](#) and some were [Conventional](#)s. The (General) César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel was a Conventional and he was one of Napoléon's first supporters.

The (Lady) Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour was probably a [Royalist](#) as she was a [Lady-in-Waiting](#) to the Throne of France and in 1787 she wrote letters to her younger brother's wife Sophie Garoutte and sent her gifts from The (Queen) [Marie Antoinette of France](#).

Digitized Sketch of The (Lady) Maria Capell - The (Countess) of Essex, England



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Digitized Photograph of Alfred David Augustus Espinassy-Capell - The (Marquis) of Fontanelle



Sketch of the Registered Coat of Arms of Arthur-Algeron Capell - The Sixth (Earl) of Essex, Viscount and Baron of Hadham, England



Digital Photograph of The Earls of Essex Medal - Fidei et Fortitudine

– The Execution of The (King) of France, Louis XVI –

A newspaper named [Thermomètre du jour](#) that was operating in that time had one of their agents present at [The Execution of The \(King \) Louis Capet XVI of France](#) and he reported that the King's last words were: *HELP ME I AM LOST!*.^[36] Interestingly, **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** made a trip back to France from New Jersey arriving there in 1793.



Digitized Engraving of the Execution of The (King) Louis XVI of France by Hippolyte de la Charlerie

– Early Life of Michel Antoine Garoutte –



Digital Photograph of Église Notre Dame des Accoules Church In Marseille, Fourth Republic of France

Part of the Parish was burned in 1794 during the [French Revolution](#) for hosting political meetings, but it was rebuilt. The Baptism, Chrismation and other Records survived the partial destruction of this Church. [\[43\]](#)

See this YouTube video of the [Église Notre Dame des Accoules Church](#) where [Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour](#) was [Baptized](#). [Click Here](#).



Digitized Engraving of a Medieval Baptism

[Extrait de Registres des Actes de l'Etat Civil](#)

[Extrait de Bapteme](#)

Paroisse des accoules de l'anne 1750 du 12 avril, folio 42 verso Michel Antoine Garoutte, fils d' Antoine, Le Capitaine de vaisseau, absent et de Demoiselle Anne Delascour, ne aujourd' hui dans notre paroisse et a ete baptise, le parrain a ete Michel Roussin, negociant, la marraine Demoiselle Marie Bense signe avec nous Chaonoine, soussigne. [46]

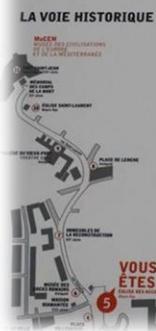
Marseille le 25 Mars 1927

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According to Historical Passages and Documentation, [\[37\]](#) [\[38\]](#) [\[39\]](#) [\[40\]](#) [\[41\]](#)

¹ **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** was born into [French Nobility](#) in the Château (Castle) Garoutte in Marseille, Kingdom of France and [Baptized](#) in [Notre Dame, Des Accoules Parish](#) in Marseille, Kingdom of France [\[42\]](#) and was conferred [Confirmation](#) there also which was once called [Chrismation](#) or [Christening](#).

France. Seul subsiste son clocher médiéval avec sa flèche pyramidale du XVII^e siècle.

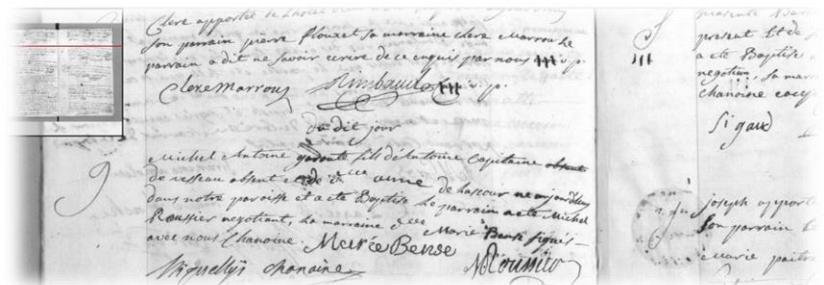


The Accoules church

This 11th century church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is the most significant parish building in Marseille dating from the Middle Ages. The Sauveterre tower, a later addition, housed the bells that sounded the alert for the town. The church was destroyed during the French Revolution. Only the medieval bell tower, with its pyramidal spire (18th century), remains.

Digital Photograph of a Historical Sign Detailing Église Notre Dame des Accoules Church

The birth of each **child** of **Antoine Garoutte** and his **wife** **Marie Anne Félicité d'Lascour** were recorded and these records are on file in the City Hall in Paris, Fifth Republic of France as well as in Marseille, Fifth Republic of France. The names are: **Marie Magdeleine, Rose, Mathein, Phillippe, Francois and Michel Antoine**. [\[44\]](#) [\[45\]](#)



Digitized Baptismal Record for Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour

Note: "Demoiselle" and Abbreviation "Dmille" in French (Noun) usually meant: a woman of noble birth. Demoiselle and Demoifelle are different words from Mademoiselle and Madamoiselle. In the English tongue: Damsel meant an unmarried noble Lady and Dame meant a married noble Lady. See the birth records of other nobles in these exact decades as well as earlier decades to verify this as authentic.

Also, the shown baptismal record for Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour in this digital article could be fraudulent as it was retrieved over the internet and because the church where he was baptized and confirmed in was burned and destroyed in the French Revolution. In the French Revolution and later on many documents were altered or destroyed to attack and destroy the French nobility and aristocracy. The irrefutable proof of nobility and royalty of the Garoutte-Lascour Family without verified, authentic documentation is the legally provable marriage between Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour's sister Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour and her husband César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel as well as the legally provable and documented marriages of their grand-children to members of the British Royal Family. Matching up the earlier records to legally prove the full-blooded brother and sister relationship between Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour and his sister Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour only requires comparing 3 verified and authenticated documents from this specific time. Earlier statements from the 1950s stated all of the records were destroyed in the French Revolution. Also, the church where Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour's parents were married is not the real location of the records because there was a previous church with the same name that was destroyed. The church was rebuilt. 'le' and 'la' are the nobility indicators in Baptismal and Confirmation records. Demoifelle means Lady of the nobility in the Kingdom of France. The authentic letter from his sister referred to Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour as being part of the first nobility of Southern France. The First nobility of Southern France is the Royalty of France. Also, it seems that each family have been fighting over the estates and titles since approximately 1860 and we also know that the French government destroyed and changed much of the nobilities' estates, records and properties during and after the French Revolution. Also take note that French nobles never married or mixed blood with anyone from the peasantry officially on record. This is yet another way we can always prove irrefutably the nobility and royalty of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour and his ancestors. The French nobles considered themselves the "nobles de race" meaning they considered themselves the "nobles of the human race" ultimately meaning the most refined and superior race above all others. One must simply research European Eugenics movements to verify this as authentic.

– Inheritance of His Father's Estates –

Born into [French Nobility](#) and by extension [French Royalty](#) and the [youngest son](#) of The ([Baron](#)) and ([Admiral](#)) Antoine Garoutte and every [child](#) of Antoine and Anne died young except for Michel and his older [sister](#) Marie Magdeleine as her name was sometimes erroneously spelled [Madeleine](#). [Marie Magdeleine](#) anglicized would be [Mary Magdalene](#). French Catholics have long used the names of the people who surrounded Christ to name their [children](#).

Michel and [Marie Magdeleine](#) inherited the [Garoutte](#) estates and offices, a [Baronial Fief](#) with a [Château](#) along with the merchant vessels and merchant business owned by his [father](#) [Antoine Garoutte](#) as well as the other properties they owned. Some of [Magdeleine](#)'s [children](#) took up the offices such as [Francois Espinassy-Garoutte](#) and his [brother](#). Some of [Michel Garoutte](#)'s ancestors were like Officers to the Kings of France and in many ancient and historical passages some of them are referred to as: "[Le Garoutte](#)" and "[Le Officier Royal](#)" where "Le" is the [nobility](#) indicator.

Some of them were [Prosecutors](#), [Procurators](#), Procureurs.

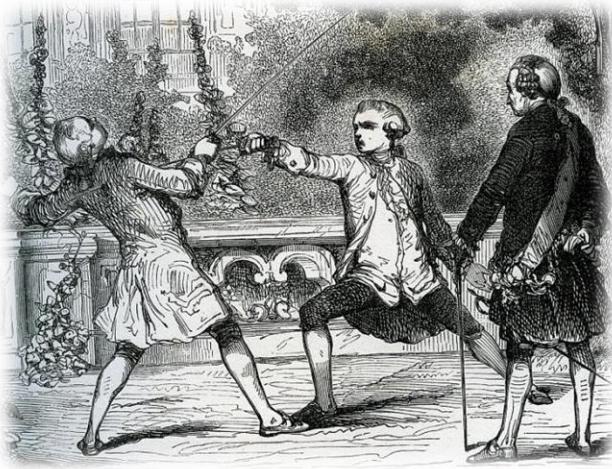
Born the [youngest son](#) he began education for the [Catholic Priesthood](#) at a very young age which is something a [youngest son](#) would do in the [nobility](#) if he had an older [brother](#) that would inherit the properties and titles of [nobility](#), but upon his older [brother](#)'s death Michel inherited the estates and offices of his [father](#) a ([Baron](#)) of [Provence](#), [Kingdom of France](#) due to the rules of [Primogeniture](#) his older [brother](#) had no [heirs](#) of his own so Michel exited the Priesthood Seminary and began running his [father](#)'s estates and businesses. [Michel's father](#) [Antoine Garoutte](#) died when Michel was 10 and Michel's older [brother](#) died in battle when Michel was 15.

Note: Another document indicates [Garoutte](#) spent some time with his older [brother](#)'s godfather an English Knight ([Sir](#)) [Louis Fort](#) after the death of his [brother](#).

– Military School –

Michel later attended the same military schools as [Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier](#), The (**Marquis**) de La Fayette [\[47\]](#) [\[48\]](#) [\[49\]](#) and he was before childhood friends with him. **Michel** was 4 years older than The (**Marquis**) de La Fayette.

– Caught Dueling –

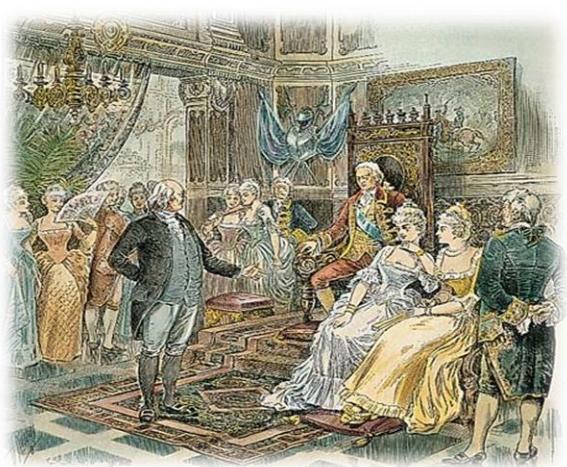


Digitized Engraving of Scene From Grisier's Les Armes et Le Duel

Michel was later caught dueling which was outlawed in the Kingdom of France at this time and was a crime with severe penalties (usually death) but when he was brought before The (**King**) Louis Court and the court seeing that it was Michel Antoine Garoutte, they quickly dropped the charges and they simply waived him away not to do it again. [\[50\]](#) [\[51\]](#)

Michel was described as a full blooded and high-nettled, but good-hearted Frenchman. [\[52\]](#)

– The American Revolutionary War –



Digitized Color Sketch of a Scene of Benjamin Franklin Approaching The (King) Louis XVI of France Court

The **American Continental Establishment** had a desperate need of funding for their effort of Independence from English economic oppression. In 1776 [Benjamin Franklin](#) was sent on a [Diplomatic Mission](#) to The (**King**) Louis Court in the Kingdom of France to ask for French assistance in the effort for **American Independence**. The French were looking to help the American Colonists for many reasons one of them namely for the [war they had previously lost to the British Empire](#).

The French were already allies of the American Rebels where even The (**King**) of France, Louis XV was actively involved – The (**King**) of France, Louis XVI himself sent money, arms and goods to his allies in the American Colonies to wage another proxy war with the **British Empire** and eventually he sent his (**General**) The (**Marquis**) de La Fayette, other French Military Officers as well as thousands of French soldiers to the American Colonies to assist the American Continental Establishment in the American Revolutionary War.

Of course, there were already countless French Soldiers already within the American Colonies engaging in battles with the British Empire during and long before the military engagements of – The (**King**) of France, Louis XVI



Digital Photograph of Present-Day Brigantine Beach In New Jersey

– Migration to America –

At the age of 25 in 1775, **Michel Antoine Garoutte** was inspired by the cause of the American Rebels seeking their Independence from France' greatest enemy: The English. Wanting revenge and seeking glory and high adventure he fastened 2 of his **father's** ships at his own expense and set sail for the American Colonies.

He secretly left his life of noble privilege and Fortune bringing with him French soldiers, money, guns and goods. Following **Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, The (Marquis) of La Fayette** and landed in the **New York Colony** before making way to the **New Jersey Colony**.

– Pirate and Privateer –



Digitized Painting of a Battle Scene of American Privateers and British Navy In Naval Fire Fight

He loaned the Continental Establishment 60,000 [Pounds Sterling](#) equivalent which was a bond requirement of servicemen on private vessels that were in service to the Continental Establishment. [\[53\]](#)

Shortly after he sold the **Continental Establishment** one of his private ships. [\[54\]](#) [\[55\]](#)

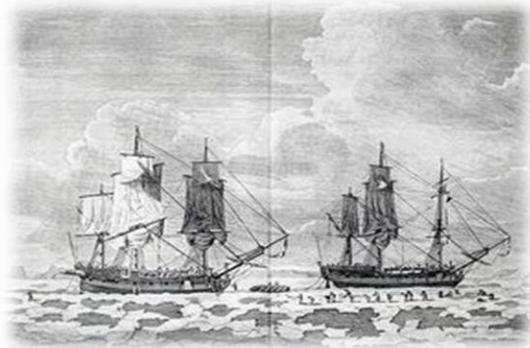


In the early years of the **American War for Independence** there was no official **Continental Navy** as their Navy was comprised almost entirely of Privateers in bond to the **Continental Establishment**.

He was later a Volunteer Naval Officer on board two different ships. [\[56\]](#)
[\[57\]](#) One was named the [H.M.S. RaceHorse](#) and was a [sloop-of-war](#) vessel where the other was named [Enterprise](#) also a sloop-of-war vessel.

Digitized Jolly Roger Authentic Pirate Flag

The **Enterprise** was a ship that was captured from the British by the [Continental Navy](#) under the Military Forces of supposedly – The (Colonel) [Benedict Arnold](#). The **Enterprise** was originally named [H.M.S. George](#) by the British. The H.M.S. [RaceHorse](#) was originally a fast 18 gun **French Privateer Fire Ship** named **The Marquis de Vadreuil** that was captured by the **Royal British Navy** off the coast of **San Domingue** in 1757 during the [Seven Years War](#) and in August of 1778 this ship was captured back by the French under the Military Forces of The (Comte) [d'Estaing](#) in allegiance to the American Continental Establishment.



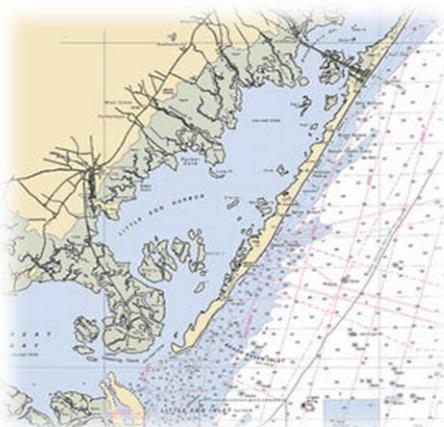
*Digitized Sketch of H.M.S. RaceHorse and H.M.S. Carcass
From: Voyage to the North Pole*

The ship was later renamed to HMS Thunder. Interestingly, **Hector The (Comte) d'Estaing** sailed from the same [French Department](#) in [Toulon](#), France as the **Garoutte-Lascour** and **Espinassy-Venel Family**. The Enterprise was later burned to prevent the British from capturing it again. Oral **Family** History places another one of **Garoutte's** ships being sunk in **Quebec**.



*Digital Photograph of a Case
Containing Two French Silver-Mounted Rifled Flintlock Pistols*

– The Battle of Chestnut Neck –



Digitized Nautical Chart of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Michel Garoutte was later in the [Battle of Chestnut Neck](#) about October 5th of 1778 where the British burned one of Michel's private ships in the [Mullica River](#) which was once called the [Little Egg Harbor River](#). Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey was a secret base used by Continental Privateers to anchor their vessels and sell off the property they seized from the British Empire.



Digitized Mural of the Battle of Chestnut Neck

The British military forces arrived at Chestnut Neck, New Jersey with a strength of 400 men looking to neutralize the menacing Continental Privateers and burned down half the settlement along with many of the continental privateer vessels. They murdered many men and women and looted the property. **Garoutte** was vastly outnumbered by the British and he and his men ran for cover into the [New Jersey Pine Barrens](#).

When the British received word that The (Count) [Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski](#) was on his way to meet them with his military forces the British quickly left on their ships. The British suffered huge losses a week later when confronted by The (Count) Kazimierz Pułaski.

A historical passage mentions that **Michel**'s ship that was sunk in the Mullica River could still be seen on a low tide near Sand Point all the way up to the 1920s, but now presently the ship is completely mush. Pieces of the ship were most likely parted out and passed down. [\[58\]](#)



Digital Photograph of a Sunset on Mullica River, Batsto Lake Road In New Jersey

Another wreck, which is named the [Bead Wreck Site](#) which had countless precious Native American beads on it is possibly connected to **Garoutte**'s activities due to this wreck being mentioned in **Garoutte**'s historical documentation.

One of **Michel**'s friends in the war **John** went missing after the Battle of Chestnut Neck and when **Michel** went searching for him he received word that John was in an Inn somewhere in [Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey](#) so he went to the Inn to see if he was there.

Upon **Michel**'s arrival he was ambushed by 7 [Hessian Troopers](#) where the troopers beat him, stabbed him in the side with a [Bayonet](#) and injured his head. He was then dragged down the road and left for dead for all to see. [\[59\]](#)

Laying dying on the side of the dirt road he was discovered to be awake and breathing by a Quakeress Girl and she went back to her **father** a [Quaker](#) and Inn Owner by the name of James Smith who was secretly aiding the American Rebels and they returned to **Garoutte**. Seeing signs of life they picked him up into his wagon, brought him home and nursed him back to health. [\[60\]](#) [\[61\]](#) [\[62\]](#)



Digital Photograph of a Jacket Worn In 18th Century France



Digital Photograph of a Revolutionary War Era French Flintlock Pistol - Model 1763 / 1766



Digital Photograph of a Revolutionary War Era French Navy Cutlass

– Marriage –

The Quaker's daughter **Sophia "Sophie" Smith** assisted her father in healing **Garoutte**.

Michel later married the [Quakeress](#) on October 25th of 1778. [63] [64] [65] **Garoutte** and his **Quakeress Bride** later ran a tavern and they built houses in Little Egg Harbor and Pleasant Mills, New Jersey. [66] [67] [68] [69]

Sophia Smith was born on September 8th of 1759. **Sophia Smith** was said to be a very beautiful **Quakeress**. [70]

Michel Garoutte was 28 years old and **Sophia Smith** was 19 years old when they were [married](#).



Digitized Photograph of Gertie Millar Posing as The Quaker Girl

Digitized Postcard of Miss Gertie Millar In: The Quaker Girl



Digital Photograph of a 13 Stars Flag of the United States

– Pension Issue –



Restored and Digitized Photograph of a Chest Full of Silver Cobs

Letters from the American Government to **Michel Antoine Garoutte** state a repayment to Michel from the American Government for his loan of 60,000 [Pounds Sterling](#) equivalent (a bond requirement of servicemen on private vessels) where the repayment was a chest full of [Continental Dollars](#), [71] which was completely worthless at the time and Michel's **children** were allowed to play with it. [72] Supposedly he received a chest full of silver cobs for his services later on.



Digital Photograph of a Continental Dollar and Coin of Pennsylvania

Note: It was standard for the newly established American Government to repay their investors with **Continental Dollars** and then after the war with goods, services and a pension. The **Continental Dollars** were highly inflated and they were only worth a fraction of the value of the precious metals in the other currencies in circulation of that time period. This is where the phrase "[It wasn't worth a Continental](#)" comes from.

Essentially before the **Continental Establishment** became an officially organized and united effort proponents of the efforts would encourage people to invest in the war.

War investors invested in the war with actual money that had silver and gold in it and the continental establishment would repay the men in service to them with that invested money. After the American Revolution War the newly established government repaid their investors with worthless stamp money crafted by the individual Colony Government and later the Congress called Continentals while keeping the real wealth to themselves. Many war investors were furious about this and the American Government continued doing this even after it was declared and enforced as the United States.



Digital Photograph of a Continental Dollar of New Jersey

Without the assistance of the French the American effort for Independence would have been lost. The French Monarchy paid for almost everything and gave them almost all of the guns, goods, uniforms and even thousands of French soldiers; there is also strong evidence that the French Monarchy and French nobles were shipping guns and giving material aid to the American Rebels as early as 1774 and before; they were abandoned in their time of need when the French Revolution sparked and Napoléon Buonaparte came into power and was supported by many noble French families. The U.S. at that point was heavily indebted to the French Monarchy.

Most colonists hated noblemen and they hated Catholics even more due to most colonists coming from a long history of Protestantism. They were uneducated and associated corruption with **nobility** especially the French and English **nobility**. Their deeply rooted hate for Catholics goes back to the Protestant Reformation in England as well as in other countries. **Michel Antoine Garoutte** was both Catholic and a member of the first **nobility** in the Kingdom of France. Privateers were also often cheated by the Continental Establishment, but the privateers acquired vast wealth by hijacking British Navy Ships and British Merchant Vessels usually taking the goods for themselves. It was more lucrative for men to be in service to the Continental Establishment through Privateering.

Michel applied for a pension during the [Pension Act of 1818](#) and after they would not allow his pension he requested another officer by the name of [Ebenezer Tucker](#) of [Tuckerton](#), New Jersey to request his pension for him.

Michel was 72 years old when the government began pensioning its servicemen with certain disabilities under this law. **Ebenezer Tucker** was an Officer that fought for The (**General**) [George Washington](#) in several military campaigns during the Revolutionary War and he was later in 1825 a Congressman and a Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives from Burlington County, New Jersey.

Tucker wrote to the Pension Office on behalf of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** in 1822 [\[73\]](#) and he represented him, but the pension request was still rejected because his service records were lost when the Records Department in the Court House burned during the Revolutionary War years earlier. Thus he was not able to prove his service.

The letters prove without a reasonable doubt that the established U.S. Government lied about the U.S. Navy ships **RaceHorse** and **Enterprise**. The letters also prove the U.S. Government lied about some of **Garoutte's** American Revolutionary War service.

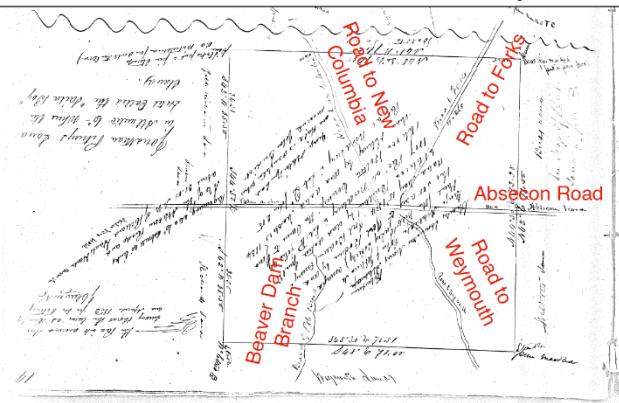
Town records in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey do reveal that **Michel** was indeed referred to as (**Lieutenant**) **Garoutte** and these records mention that on public occasions he would dress up in his Continental Navy Uniform. **Tucker** was able to get the Continental Government to acknowledge Michel's services later on however, but he never received the pension. Had **Garoutte** been pensioned he would have received \$5 per month from the U.S. Government.

Statements sent back by the **Commissioner of Pensions Department in Washington, D.C.** reveals that the **Continental Establishment** and the then later **U.S. Government** claimed the **Enterprise** and **RaceHorse** never belonged to the

Continental Establishment [74] and yet today the U.S. Navy Historical Department and the U.S. Government have openly wrote about the first U.S.S. Enterprise and RaceHorse as belonging to the **Continental Establishment**, [75] the first being a vessel that was captured by the **Continental Establishment** from the **British** and later carried 50 or more officers through **Quebec** and was ultimately burned to prevent it from falling into the hands of the **British Empire** again.

– After the American Revolution –

– James Smith' Inn and The La Fayette Tavern –



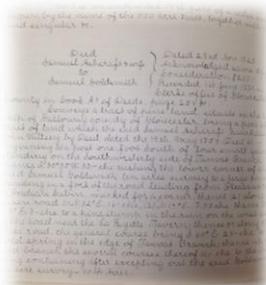
Map of Tavern in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey

Michel and Sophie inherited Sophie's father's Inn in [Pleasant Mills, New Jersey](#) and they renamed it to: **The La Fayette**. This tavern and inn was on the road from Pleasant Mills to Indian Cabin and interestingly the location of this tavern is listed on an earlier map as an Inn belonging to a **J. Smith**.

They also ran a stage line that ran from English's Hotel to Joseph English's Ferry, Camden to Leads Point, opposite Bearmore's Beach which is the most convenient place at all times to pass to Long Beach, Tucker's Beach or Brigantine making multiple stops and ending at the La Fayette Tavern and Inn in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey for overnight lodging.

The service ran at 7:00 A.M. every morning and the fare was \$2. [\[76\]](#) [\[77\]](#) [\[78\]](#)

Garoutte's clients would enter into his very fine stage coaches which were luxurious carriages and be driven on a very scenic route all the way back to his tavern in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey, and depending on where the client was picked up the travel distance would be anywhere from 10 - 18 miles.



Digital Photograph of a Land Deed Mentioning The La Fayette Tavern



Digital Photograph of a Painting of a Patron and Babe In Tavern: The English Coachman



Digital Photograph of Colonial Tavern and Coaches

The coaches would stop at the **La Fayette Tavern** where the client would exit and make his way to the tavern for overnight drinking, luxurious feasts and lodging and the client would be driven back to town by before noon the next day.



Digital Photograph of The Mansion of Pleasant Mills, New Jersey

See this YouTube video of Historic Pleasant Mills, New Jersey part of Batsto, New Jersey to get a good visualization of what it looked like in the 18th Century: [Historic Pleasant Mills, New Jersey](#) (Where **Michel Antoine Garoutte** lived and operated his Tavern: **The La Fayette**).

Note: *The Historic Pleasant Mills, New Jersey was a town that secretly manufactured and provided cannons, guns and materials for the American Revolutionary War.*



Masquerade Scene From: House of Pleasures

Michel additionally owned 50 acres of land and a cow and he paid taxes from 1796 to 1812 in [Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.](#) [\[79\]](#) [\[80\]](#) which was about 12 miles away from Pleasant Mills, New Jersey.

Another oral **family** history states that **Garoutte** gave vast amounts of money to the New England Colony States during his lifetime spent in the Americas.

Michel made 2 trips back to the **Kingdom of France**, arriving in 1787 and again in January of 1793, [\[81\]](#) and possibly made another trip later. [\[82\]](#)

– The (Marquis) de La Fayette Returns to America –



Digitized Painting of a Scene of The (Marquis) of La Fayette
Returning to America

Much later when **Michel's** children were grown The (**Marquis**) *de La Fayette* returned to the Americas two times in 1784 and again in 1824 and on each of his visits he visited with **Michel** and his **son**.

The last visit was after **Michel's** **wife** died and **Michel** was living in an inn so he could be cared for. [\[83\]](#) [\[84\]](#) [\[85\]](#) [\[86\]](#)

Michel continued receiving money from his **sister** and **family** estate in France up until 1820 [\[87\]](#) [\[88\]](#) [\[89\]](#) and he applied for a Pension in 1822 at the age of 72 under the Pensions Act of 1822 with the assistance of **Ebenezer Tucker**.



Digitized Early
Photograph of
James Garoutte-
Smith



Digitized Photograph of
John Garoutte-Smith



Digitized Photograph 24 Stars U.S. Flag Used After 1822

– Letters From The (Lady) Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Espinassy and Gifts From Royalty –
The (Lady) Marie Magdeleine Garoutte-Lascour sent Michel's wife Sophie some gifts from The (Queen) Marie Antoinette of France with a separate letter addressed to Sophie in February of 1787, just 2 years before the start of The French Revolution.

The gifts were to be handed down to Michel's eldest-daughter of the eldest-daughter (Noblesse Uterine) to present-day. The gifts were some French silks and velvets and a scissors pin with the inscription of "Her Royal Highness" which is still in the family today. [\[90\]](#) [\[91\]](#) [\[92\]](#)

One letter from Marie Magdeleine Garoutte addressed to Michel's wife Sophie dated February the 26th year 1787 from the Kingdom of France in Signes, and reads:

Dear Sister-in-law:

I have seen with the greatest satisfaction my brother, your husband, after an absence of twelve years, without ever having heard from him. I assure you his arrival has given us the greatest pleasure, particularly so, as he informs me he has established himself and is so happy as to possess a respectable wife. I cannot think after all my brother has said, although he sets no bounds to the praises he gives you, yet I cannot help thinking he is inwardly chagrined, particularly when he speaks of his children. Can it be that my brother is not happy? Alas! He deserves to be for the natural goodness of his heart. Since he conceals his troubles from me, I address myself to you, madam, for to beg you to form me and shall be most happy if it is the means of removing them.

*I will not conceal from you that your husband belongs to the first Nobility of Provence in France and, therefore, I beg you to be well persuaded of the sincere friendship with which I am for life, madam, dear Sister-in-law,
Your very humble servant,*

Magdeleine Garoutte D'Espinassy

P.S. Have the goodness to embrace for me and my husband, your dear children, in waiting until I have the pleasure of taking in my arms little Nancy, whom my brother has promised me and I agree to educate, conformable to the education of her father. My son, who is Captain of the Corps of Royal Artillery, now is Captain Francois, is ignorant that his uncle is with us but my daughter, who enjoys with me the pleasure of her uncle's company, embraces her little cousins, waiting with impatience to see little Nancy. [\[93\]](#) [\[94\]](#)

Michel had promised his sister Magdeleine that he would send his daughter Nancy to Magdeleine so she could be trained in the Royal Catholic Arts. Michel did not send Nancy however, she stayed with her family in New Jersey. [\[95\]](#) [\[96\]](#)

Another letter was sent from Claire Charlotte Espinassy-Garoutte from the Kingdom of France in Signes dated February the 26th, year 1787 and reads:

My dear Aunt:

I am going to assure you myself of the sincere friendship I have for you, after the praises given you by my uncle, your husband. We are enchanted with the connection which he has made. It is for this I beg you to be persuaded of the profound respect with which I am,

Your very humble servant,

Charlotte D'Espinassy

One good kiss for me to your little children and above all to the little Nancy, whom I wait for with open arms, my uncle has promised to me. [\[97\]](#) [\[98\]](#)

Claire Charlotte Espinassy-Garoutte was Marie Magdeleine's daughter and Michel's niece.

– Michel's Travels and His Descendants –

Michel's wife Sophie died on the 26th of December in 1817, [\[199\]](#) and after she died Michel traveled and stayed with each of his grown children and their families and he wrote about these travels and visits in his Bible Notes.



Digitized Painting of
John Sevier

Every child of Michel married into notable families. For instance Sophia Garoutte who was Michel's daughter married The (Major) John Sevier Junior who was the son of The (General) [John Sevier](#) Senior the first (Governor) of the U.S. State of [Tennessee](#) and its Founding Father (3rd Marriage, 10 Children). [\[1\]](#) [\[100\]](#) [\[101\]](#)



Bethia Garoutte married a super wealthy Blacksmith and Land Owner Archebel MacAfee and their daughter Elizabeth Garoutte-MacAfee married a wealthy Plantation Owner by the name of James Jennings.



Digital Photograph of a Water Stream In The Cherokee National Forest

The Jennings, MacAfees and Seviers were all related by marriage by each of their marriages to daughters and grand-daughters of Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour and his wife Sophia Garoutte. They all lived near each other and Jennings was granted ~400,000 acres of land by The (Governor) John Sevier and the U.S. Government. The land bordered the present-day [Cherokee National Forest](#).

Digital Photograph of Marble Springs Sevier House In Tennessee

The MacAfees and Jennings later donated many acres of land to the Mount Tabor Methodist Church in Greene County, Tennessee, United States of America. The Church still stands and operates today. Archebel MacAfee and his wife Bethia Garoutte are buried there.

Michel had traveled to the Sevier and MacAfee Estates just before he traveled to the Earling Estate and the Seviers and MacAfees had apparently stole money from him.

Garoutte had written in his Bible Notes:

I left the house of the blacksmith and the Seviers, after they had served me with the greatest villainy in the world, and I am determined after my death to make them know their evil conduct, and on October 23rd I arrived at the home of my daughter Mary Earling, after 4 days of walking, because I had left without having a penny in my pocket. [\[102\]](#)

A week later Garoutte mentions:

I intend to gather my gold (money) and return to France. [\[103\]](#)

Garoutte had written in his Journal that he felt like John Sevier stole his daughter Sophia Garoutte away from him and that he had lost hope of ever seeing her again.

Digital Photograph of The Original Michel Antoine Garoutte Family Bible

Michel referred to Archebel MacAfee as *The Blacksmith* in the Garoutte Bible Notes and he mentions that he did not like the Seviers or the MacAfees after what they did to him. [\[104\]](#)

Some of Garoutte's children became [Methodists](#).

– Death –

Michel died on April the 29th of the year 1829 at the age of 79 on the road in Pemberton, Burlington County in New Jersey, United States of America after having left the Earling Estate determined to make his way back to France, [105] and he was buried in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in [Batsto-Pleasant Mills](#), New Jersey. [106] No one has ever been able to conclude definitively how Garoutte died, but based on his Bible Notes it appears he died of a broken heart after being mistreated in his old age by his ungrateful **children**.

– Burial –

Nearly all of the headstones in the [Batsto-Pleasant Mills Cemetery](#) are worn down. We are working on locating the exact location and headstone by going through the burial records. According to the **Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots** he is buried in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey, United States of America. According to the **Twenty Eighth Report of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Michel Antoine Garoutte** is buried in an unmarked grave in Pleasant Mills, New Jersey, United States of America.



Digital Photograph of Batsto-Pleasant Mills Cemetery



Digital Photograph of The Ruins of a Ghost Town In The Pine Barrens of New Jersey

– Official and Unofficial Titles and Styles –

- * Knight (Chevalier) of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France - Present Grand-Master: [Louis Alfonse Anjou](#), Rightful Present-Day King of Spain and France (2022)
- * Barons and Lords of Marseille and Signes, Kingdom of France
- * Lord and Master of the House of Garoutte
- * French and American Naval Officer
- * Michel of La Fayette (Tavern)
- * [Hyacinthe](#) Garoutte

– Hereditary Titles of Nobility and Royalty In The Male and Female Bloodlines –

– Knighthoods –

France

- * Knight (Chevalier) of the Legion of Honor, Kingdom of France
- * Knight (Chevalier) of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France

– Marquises –

France

- * Marquise of Fontanelle, Kingdom of France
- * Marquis and Marquess of Fontanelle, Kingdom of France

*Some sources say that the **noble title** of Marquis and Marquess of Fontanelle was actually inherited by Espinassy-Venel's first **wife** who later died **childless** and then inherited by Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte. The origins of the Marquise of Fontanelle are currently unknown.*

– Counthoods –

France

- * Count and Countess of Chastil du Andelot-Morval, Kingdom of France

– Viscounthoods –

England

- * Viscount and Viscountess Malden of Essex, Kingdom of England

– Baronies –

France

- * Baron and Baroness of Marseilles, Kingdom of France
- * Baron and Baroness of Signes, Kingdom of France
- * Baron and Baroness of Boisson, Kingdom of France
- * Baron and Baroness of Lascour, Kingdom of France

England

- * Baron and Baroness of Hadham, Kingdom of England

– Earldoms –

England

- * Earldom of Essex, Kingdom of England

Noblesse Uterine or Matrilineal

- * Noblesse Uterine conferred by Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette of France to the **eldest daughter** of Michel Antoine Garoutte and his **wife**.

– Rights of Nobility of U.S. Nationals –

Michel Antoine Garoutte's older sister's marriage to **César-Antoine Joseph Espinassy-Venel** gives a right to the direct inheritance of the Earldom of Essex of England as well as the other inherited titles of **nobility** in France to the eldest surviving first born **child** of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** due to English and French laws of **nobility** and primogeniture.

English law states that an inherited **Peerage** would automatically pass to the earliest provable **marriage** and only to the oldest male **bloodline**. The law clearly states that they would rather take the **uncle's bloodline** over a **younger son** and that a **Peerage** would automatically pass to the earliest provable eldest male heir of the earliest **marriage**.

Any direct and direct-lineal senior male descendant heir of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** and his **wife Sophia Garoutte** who wants to claim it by **blood right** and who has the money to do so can apply for the **British Peerage**, Earldom and Barony of England through the present-day **Lord Chancellor of England**. Any descendant heir can publicly disclaim the **British Peerage** by a series of steps. Any direct and direct-lineal senior male descendant heir of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** and his **wife Sophia Garoutte** can approach the Roman Catholic Church for assistance in claiming by **blood right** the other titles of **nobility** in present-day France.

If anyone applies they will need to prove the finest parent-to-parent details from the claimant to **Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte** and his **son's wives Ladies Capell**. There may also be another senior mode of descent from this Earldom through **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour**.

Note: The senior male descendant heir of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** could inherit the Earldom of Essex and title of Baron of Hadham in England today by filing a claim with either the **Lord Chancellor of England** due to the **marriage** of our direct ancestor **Espinassy-Capell** and then by challenging any current claimant by submitting these proofs-of-parentage.

Frederick Paul de Vere Capell, The current Earl of Essex is 78 years old and **childless** at the time of this writing. The most senior male heir of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** now has senior descent from the Earls of Essex and Barons of Hadham, Kingdom of England through the **marriage** of **Espinassy-Capell** and would most likely inherit the **British Peerage** if a claim were filed and challenged with our distant **cousin William Jennings-Capell**. The most senior male descendant heir of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** also has senior descent from the Barons of Signes, Kingdom of France as well other Baronies and **Peerages of France**. Our distant **cousin William Jennings-Capell** is now today the heir-presumptive of the Earldom of Essex and Baron of Hadham, England.

All male **Garoutte descendants** will always have a legitimate claim to the Earldom of Essex in England due to English Laws governing **nobility**. Please see this Wikipedia Article: [The Hereditary Peerage of England](#)

U.S. Amendment Nobility Clause

As of year 1810 the [amendment](#) of the constitution of the United States concerning **nobility** is not ratified therefore stripping away of U.S. citizenship from a claimant to a title of **nobility** would not happen if a U.S. citizen national descendant of **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** made a claim. Multiple citizenship would be conferred, namely: French and British.

– Differences In Heirdom –

Claimant

In English and French laws of nobility the term **Claimant** is a claimant applicant to a title of nobility or estate based on primogeniture.

Heir-Presumptive

In English and French laws of nobility an Heir-Presumptive is the person entitled to inherit a throne, peerage, or other hereditary honor, but whose position can be displaced by the birth of an Heir-Apparent or of a new Heir-Presumptive with a better claim to the position in question.

Heir-Apparent

In English and French laws of nobility the term Heir-Apparent means that it is apparent but can be disputed that the noble title, position or estate should go to a person or descendant in a bloodline because there are other records of superior birth.

Indisputable

In English and French laws of nobility the term **Indisputable** means that it is completely **indisputable** and without contestation that the noble title should go to a person or descendant in a bloodline because all claims and bloodlines have been investigated and no other senior descendant exists.

– Proving Descent –

Legal Documented Proof

If Michel Antoine Garoutte is your direct ancestor you can easily prove descent in the legal context by obtaining certified copies of each birth certificate; census records; land records; will, probate and tax records; and bible records from parent to parent back to Michel Antoine Garoutte.

Black Nobility

It is highly recommended to stay away from anyone belonging to the Black Nobility in this current situation except for the nobility of present-day Southern France. The **Black Nobility** is not a friend even of many Catholics and especially the Anglican Church Communities.

– Legally and Irrefutably Disproving The U.S. Pension Office Statements –

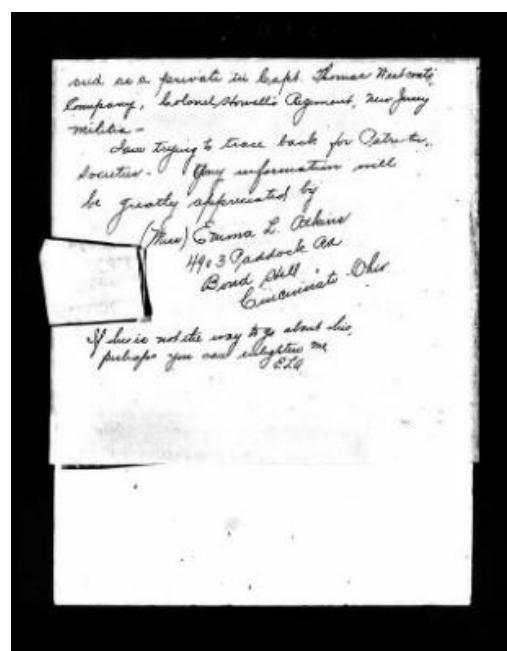
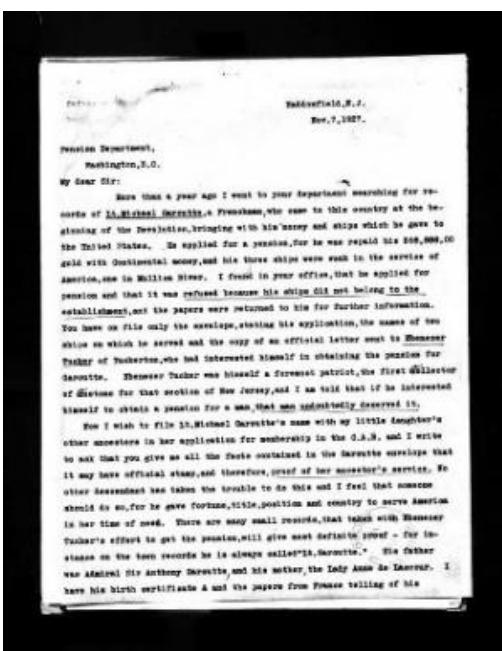
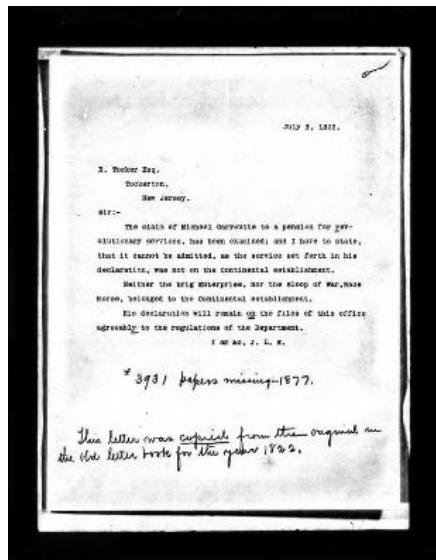
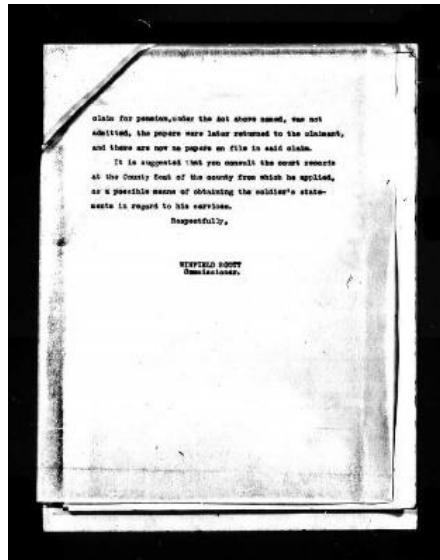
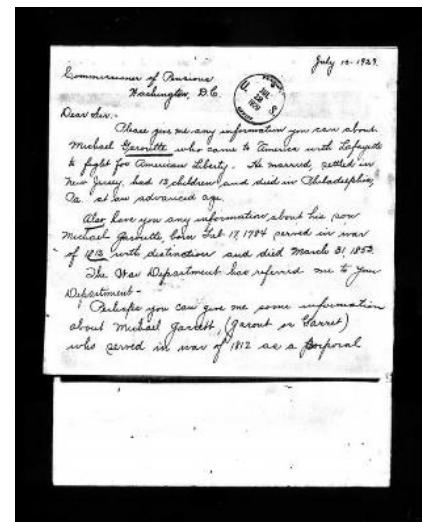
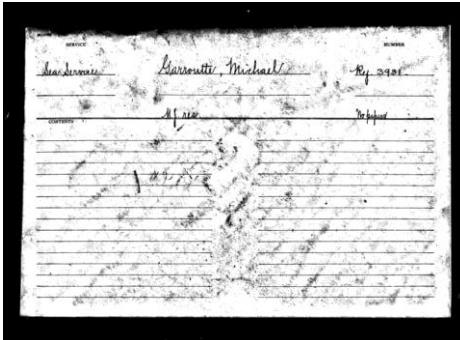
There are several letters from the years 1818 to 1877 retrievable from the [U.S. National Archives Microfilm Publications](#) concerning **Michael Antoine Garoutte**. In the original letters Garoutte is denied a pension claim by the newly established American [Military Pensions Office](#). Some valid points need to be made here. For one, nearly all of the authentic American Revolutionary War Military Service Records were destroyed by the British Military Forces in [Guerrilla Warfare](#) tactics in the [War of 1812](#) - 1814. In the War of 1812 – 1814 the British [burned down nearly everything in the area that became known as Washington, D.C.](#) therefore absolutely no authentic American Revolutionary War records or any records of any kind from this location survived into today. Most court houses that stored authentic records for American Revolutionary War Soldiers were burned and destroyed by the British during and after the war. The exact statements made by Pension Department Official **Earl D. Church** in 1929 and earlier Officials in response to a pension claim by **Garoutte** was that "**The Enterprise and RaceHorse never belonged to the Continental Establishment**". The same statement was made in response to the original request for a pension by Garoutte supposedly.

If indeed it is true that the **Enterprise** and **RaceHorse** never belonged to the Continental Establishment then why is the [U.S. Navy](#) still using the name **Enterprise** on their most prestigious line of present-day aircraft carriers and other ships [where they claim a direct succession of the original Enterprise](#) used in the American Revolutionary War. Why has the U.S. Navy and the American Government openly claimed in present-day the original **Enterprise** used in the American Revolutionary War as being part of the Continental Establishment ?

Now that these recorded statements from the U.S. Military Pensions Officials can be shown to conflict with the actual events of the American Revolutionary War the U.S. Government needs to explain all of their lies. They should explain how Garoutte knew about the ships if supposedly the ships didn't belong to the Continental Establishment, why he even applied for a pension to begin with if it were supposedly widely known that the ships did not belong to the Continental Establishment and why the U.S. Military Pension Officials concluded that the ships were not part of the Continental Establishment when Ebenezer Tucker himself supposedly helped Garoutte apply for the pension. Important to note also is the fact that most U.S. Military Pension Officials of the American Pensions Office have absolutely no ancestors who fought in the American Revolutionary War and this can be verified with simple research into their ancestry.

The statements in the letters are easily disproved by the overwhelming volume of documentation and sources today proving that the **Enterprise** and **RaceHorse** indeed were part of the Continental Establishment. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a society that aims to rebuild and recover authentic records and authentic information about the American Revolutionary War, but not all of it is accurate information because much of the original documentation about the war was destroyed in the war. Also important to note is the fact that there are "Selected" and "Non-Selected" pension records in this collection. In this collection there are 14 pages.

In other words: The Pensions Officials lied and they all got caught in their lies. The lies of the Pension Officials can be proven easily by looking at the documentation, but the real question is: why did they lie ?



– Modes of Descent –

Direct Descent

Direct Descent, Line of Succession is a term meaning the oldest of the oldest descended in a male bloodline of the person in focus who carries the name of the person in focus.

Direct-Lineal Descent

Direct-Lineal Descent is a term meaning the direct-lineal descendant in any bloodline whether it be through any of the **children** of the person in focus. As in, a **grand-child** of the person in focus or further down the bloodline of the person in focus who is without carrying the name of the person in focus.

Descended From The Uncle

Descended From The Uncle is a term meaning the oldest of the oldest descended in the male bloodline from the **blood uncle** of the person in focus. In this case it would be The (**King**) of France, Louis XIV as well as Antoine Joseph Marie Espinassy-Garoutte.

*If there are no heirs from the eldest of the eldest male in a bloodline then it would pass to a younger **brother**, a **sister's bloodline** or the **uncle's bloodline** depending on the laws of the specific **nobility** of the country or order. Most **nobilities** in Western-Europe and England would rather take the **Uncle's** bloodline over a younger son.*

● **Secrétariat ANF** <secretariat@anf.asso.fr>

Sep 28 at 7:36 AM

To

Monsieur

Votre mail du 16 juillet trouvé dans nos instances à notre retour de septembre a retenu toute notre attention.

Le titre de Maistre d'Hostel était réservé aux nobles de race (édit de Henri III du mois de mai 1579)

Par ailleurs nous n'avons pu trouver aucun membre de la famille ESPINASSY de VENEL. Cette famille est peut être éteinte de nos jours.

cordialement

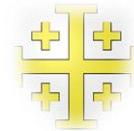
Guy de Richemont

Président de la commission des Preuves

— The Association of Noble French —



Every [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal](#) descendant of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** has a thimble full of **Noble French blood** and can be educated about our **Noble French heritage** and the **French Nobility** by the [Association of Noble French](#) (ANF).



— Jerusalem —

- * Latin Rite Catholic [Order of Saint Lazarus](#)
- * Latin Rite Catholic [Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem](#)
- * Latin Rite Catholic [Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta](#)



— France —

- * Latin Rite Catholic [Royal and Military Order of Saint Louis IX of The Kingdom of France](#)
- * Latin Rite Catholic [Order of the Holy Spirit](#)

— England —

- * Hereditary' awarded and conferred to the [Earls of Essex and Barons of Hadham, Kingdom of England](#) (Protestant-Anglican)

— International —

- * Latin Rite Catholic Knights of Columbus
- * International Catholic Orders of Knighthood
- * Historic and Present-Day Catholic, Masonic and Protestant Orders of Knighthood and Chivalry

– American-Based Hereditary Societies and Dignities (Gentleman) –

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The [National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution](#) have registered **Michel Antoine Garoutte-Lascour** as an American Patriot, with NSSAR Patriot #P-164321 which can be found on the SAR Patriot Index, Edition: III, CD: PP2210.



The General Society of the War of 1812 - 1814

All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal](#) descendants of **John Sheridan Garoutte** are eligible for membership in The General Society of the War of 1812.



The Society of the Cincinnati

Michel and his [sons](#) were eligible for membership in the [Society of the Cincinnati](#) which is a society that was co-founded by [George Washington](#). The Society of the Cincinnati Charter allows only one Direct-Lineal descendant of Officers that were in the American Revolutionary War, at a time, to represent their ancestor in the Society. The Charter allows for both Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers. Since **Michel Antoine Garoutte** ascended to the rank of (Lieutenant) in the Continental Navy which is an Officer this means he can be represented in this society.



The Order of Founders and Patriots of America

All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal](#) descendants are also eligible for membership in the [Order of the Founders and Patriots of America](#) due to Sophie's [father](#) meeting the first requirement of the Order and Michel fulfilling the rest of the requirements.



The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry

All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal](#) descendants are eligible for Membership in [The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry](#) since **Michel Antoine Garoutte** was a Member of the First Nobility of Provence in The Kingdom of France and his [family](#) had a Coat of Arms registered in the Kingdom of France, and **Michel Garoutte** having settled in the New Jersey Colony prior to July, 4, 1776 and later aiding the cause for American Independence.



The Order of Washington



All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal descendants](#) are eligible (by invitation only) for membership in [The Order of Washington](#) since **Michel Antoine Garoutte** served during the lifetime of The (General) and later (President) **George Washington**.

The Military Order of The Crusades



Since **Michel Antoine Garoutte** has Ancestors who fought in the Crusades it should be possible for each [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal](#) descendant to gain membership in [The Military Order of The Crusades](#) once some more documentation and proofs-of-parentage can be verified.

The Order of The Crown of Charlemagne



All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal descendants](#) are also eligible for membership in the [Order of the Crown of Charlemagne](#), since we know **Michel Antoine Garoutte** was born into [French Nobility](#) and it has always been a fact that all [French Nobility](#) with a direct Bloodline to the [Ancient French Nobility](#) can trace their Bloodline back to Charlemagne, who was The (King) of the Franks and was crowned (Emperor) of the [Holy Roman Empire](#), Coronated by [Pope Leo](#) The III of the Catholic Church.

The Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers



All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal descendants](#) are eligible to join [The Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers](#) since **Michel Antoine Garoutte** was first a Privateer in service to the American Continental Establishment and was later a Volunteer Naval Officer.

The Flagon and Trencher: The Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers



All [Direct](#) and [Direct-Lineal descendants](#) of **Michel Antoine Garoutte** are eligible to join [The Flagon and Trencher: The Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers](#) since **Michel's wife Sophie** and her **father James** owned and operated an Inn in New Jersey prior to July, 4, 1776, the Inn which was later inherited by **Michel** and his **wife Sophie** and turned into an Inn and Tavern and renamed to La Fayette Tavern.

– American-Based Hereditary Societies and Dignities (Ladies) –

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

The [National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution](#) have registered **Michel Antoine Garoutte** as an American Patriot with NSDAR Patriot [#A-044121](#).



The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

It should be possible for Ladies who are directly-lineally descended from **Michel Antoine Garoutte** to gain membership in the [National Society of the Colonial Dames of America](#) due to **Michel Antoine Garoutte's** father-in-law meeting the requirements of this hereditary society.



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- * [The Society of the Cincinnati of North America](#)
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- * [The Order of Descendants of Pirates and Privateers](#)
- * [Flagon and Trencher: The Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers](#)



French-Based Hereditary Societies

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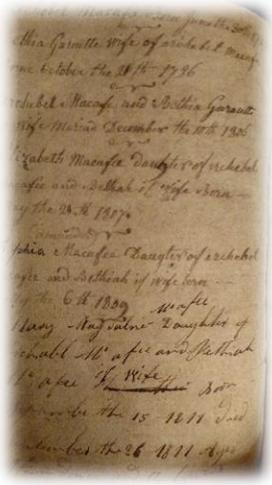
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Town:	Washington Township
Residence Year:	1810
Household Remarks:	Improved acres 50; unimproved acres 0; house/lot 10 acres and under 0; householder 0; fishery 0; saw mill 0; grist mills 0; furnace 0; forges 0; "Rolling & Sliting Mills" 0; single men 0; <i>chairs/wagon</i>

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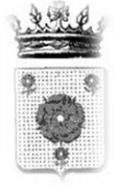


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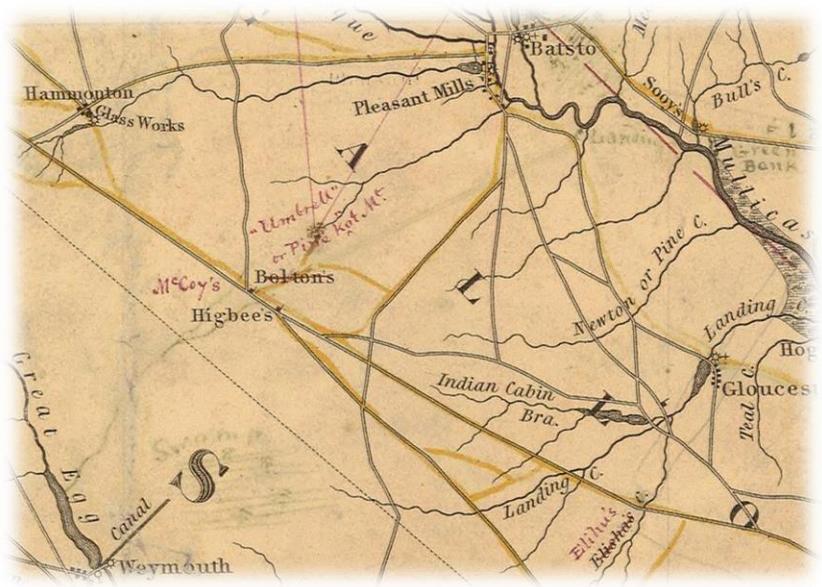
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No. 8 is an undivided 50th part of a cedar survey and singular &c.
known by the name of the 500 acre tract, together with all
mill and
and singular &c.

Deed
Samuel Ashcraft & wife
to
Samuel Goldsmith } Dated 23rd Nov. 1828
} Acknowledged same day
} Consideration £250-
Recorded 1st June 1830 in the
Clerks office of Gloucester
County in book A3 of Deeds, page 204 &c.
Conveys a tract of pine land, situate in the town
ship of Galloway county of Gloucester, being a part of a
tract of land which the said Samuel Ashcraft purchased of
John Willey by Deed dated the 19th. May 1804. (Deed 6) -
Beginning at a post one foot south of four small guns
standing on the Southwesterly side of Tanval Branch,
thence S. 80° 30' W. 88 - che tucking the lower corner of the
said Samuel Goldsmith ten acres survey to a large pine
standing in a fork of the road leading from Pleasant Mill
to Indian cabin, marked for a corner; thence (2) along the
main road N. 42° E. 16 - che, (2) N. 14° E. 7.50 chs. thence N.
1.8° E. 8 - che to a pine stump in the run on the west side
of the road near the La Fayette Tavern; thence (1) along the
fork road, the general course being S. 60° E. 25 - che to the
old branch the several courses thereof 11 - che to the begin-
ning containing after excepting out the said Goldsmith
ten acre survey - 40.72 acres.



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The quiet country church of Kilton, near Athlone, county Roscommon, was the scene of a most interesting event on Wednesday, the 27th of April. The whole neighbourhood had been kept in suspense, as the population was bent on keeping holiday in consequence of a widespread desire to witness the marriage of the Marquise D'Espinassy de Fontenelle, nephew of the Earl of Essex, and major in the late Imperial Guard of France, to Miss Lucy Stuart, sister to Mrs. Champion, of New Park.

The rank, warlike experience, and mixed nationality of the bridegroom, together with the deservedly universal popularity of Captain and Mrs. Percy Champion, whose charity to the poor and sympathy with the people of Ireland generally on the land question, were enough to secure amongst the people great interest and enthusiasm, especially as the noble marquis had won and won a beautiful daughter of Erin.

Triumphal arches, with suitable and pretty mottoes, were placed on the roads and within the churchyard, and as the bride passed under them from the carriage to the church door, on the arm of her father, Captain Stuart, R.N.—walking upon red baize, covered with pretty flowers by the children of the locality—the scene and effect were very pretty. The church windows were tastefully decorated, and the little building was filled by as many as could find entrance to witness the ceremony. The service was performed by the bride's uncle, the Rev. Wm. Stuart, assisted by the rector of the parish, the Rev. J. Mitchell. At the conclusion of the wedding party and guests drove to New Park, where several groups were photographed, and immediately after breakfast the marquis and marchioness took their departure, en route for Paris. In the evening a large and enthusiastic demonstration was made before New Park; tar barrels blazed, and Captain Champion and others addressed the people. Fireworks were supplied, and the evening spent in dancing and good-tempered merriment.

THE LATE MARQUIS D'ESPINASSY DE FONTANELLE.

The Marquis Alfred David Augustus d'Espinassy de Fontenelle, formerly a major in the Imperial Guard, whose recent death in Paris, terminated the illustrious family of the French nobility. He was the youngest son of the Marquis Marius d'Espinassy de Fontenelle by his marriage with the Lady Maria Capel, sister of the present Earl of Essex, with which lady his father became first acquainted by dancing with her at the historic ball which took place at Brussels on the night before the battle of Waterloo. The Marquis d'Espinassy, who volunteered the French army, and joined the foreign legion sent to the Crimea, in which campaign he took an active part, and attack to the extremity of his life was the result of the devotion of one of his men, who seeing a Russian about to deal a blow which must have proved fatal, bravely interposed, and saved his life. However, later in the fight the Marquis was so seriously wounded by a gun shot that his left arm had to be amputated. His conspicuous gallantry in the field gained him the rank of captain, as well as his decoration with the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

While recovering the effects of the combat he was captured, and sent on board of the ship Princess Royal, commanded by his cousin, Lord Clarence Paget, and this acquaintance with English officers gave him a knowledge of the ways of English life and manners, and an earnest study of our law and Constitution. On his return to France he was appointed Major in the Imperial Guard, and in that position went to the Italian campaign, receiving honourable mention for his distinguished behaviour at the battle of Magenta. At the end of the war in Italy, suffering from wounds and the fatigues of military life, he retired from the army and was appointed Sous-Prefet of Isere, where he was stationed during the war of Garonne invasion over the eastern provinces of France. Having defended the interests of this town with an inimitable energy he was promoted to the rank of colonel and in that position went to the Italian campaign, receiving honourable mention for his distinguished behaviour at the battle of Magenta. At the end of the war in Italy, suffering from wounds and the fatigues of military life, he retired from the army and was appointed Sous-Prefet of Isere, where he was stationed during the war of Garonne invasion over the eastern provinces of France.

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Elyrian's name evokes history

Michael was LaFayette's friend

BY EMBREE H. HOFFMAN

This is a story that started out to be a birthday present for Michael Greer, our bright-eyed, low-headed grandchild here to stay.

But when Michael arrived in this world five years ago, it was in the middle of winter. In that month we still wore down coats. So we tucked him in on the ground and found he was still alive.

So it seemed appropriate to name him after the Frenchman who fought for our country before it was a country.

THUS MICHAEL, is how came

by your name.

Some months before you were born, your mother, who is a very dear person, sat down with us and said if the new baby was a girl, we would name her Michael.

But it was a boy, she wanted to call you Michael.

Now, another mother knows that in our home we are very strong on family names. So she asked a bit anxiously,

"Is Michael a family name?"

"Oh, no," we told her.

And she went away happy.

She forgot to ask who the previous Michael was.

He was Michael Garoutte, born in Marseilles, France, the son of Admiral Sir Antoine Garoutte and his wife, the Lady Anne De Lascour.

When he came to this country with the Marquis De Lafayette, bringing with him three of his father's ships and \$10,000 in gold which his family contributed to the infant nation.

SOME TIME after he arrived, Michael was riding through southern New Jersey with a party of Continental officers. As luck would have it, they chanced on a black-out.

A horse fell and Michael was flung across the side of his head.

He fell from his horse and was left for

MARRIED.]—Dec. 31, at Morges, near Lausanne, the Marquis Marius d'Espinassy de Fontenelle, to Maria, second surviving daughter of the late Hon. John Thomas Capel, and Lady Caroline Capel.

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The little children in the family would be fascinated. They would sit upstairs, quietly push open the door and eavesdrop.

When Michael noticed them, he would stop his "conversation" and gently push them out of the room.

"I'm sorry," he would say, "but I was talking to Lafayette."

This is the story the old Catholic church tucked under the north side of the Philadelphia-Camden bridge, where records and read in the spicilegi.

IN TIME Michael's wife died, and he lived alone with his maid and their son, Michael. When he was ready to marry again, he would move to another.

Finally there came a time when he was miffed with all the relatives in New Jersey, so he set off and walked all the way to Tennessee to visit his daughter Sophie Garoutte, who had married Major John Sevier Jr.

Later he walked all the way back to New Jersey, again through hostile Indian territory and along roads infested with highwaymen and thieves.

If it seems that Michael, having been born to wealth and position, lived and died in poor circumstances in the New World, consider this:

We have no further record of the two sisters who were ladies-in-waiting to Mary Antoinette, the Queen of France. She was presented by the Queen's gift, but even more interesting were the stories this lady recalled her mother telling her.

IN THOSE FAR-OFF DAYS of the American Revolution, they did not have such things as bandages and dressings for wounds as they do now. All his life, this lady told me, Michael had recurring black-outs from his head injury.

What these spells hit him he would put on his old uniform, shut himself in

an upstairs room and "talk to Lafayette."

SO WHO WAS UNFORTUNATE?

Michael was the son of his father's

older brother, Michael for our five-year-old today, we would like it to be his gentle

concern: concern for a good cause, and willingness to offer his life if need be.

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*"God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.
But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."*

– Saint Paul The Apostle

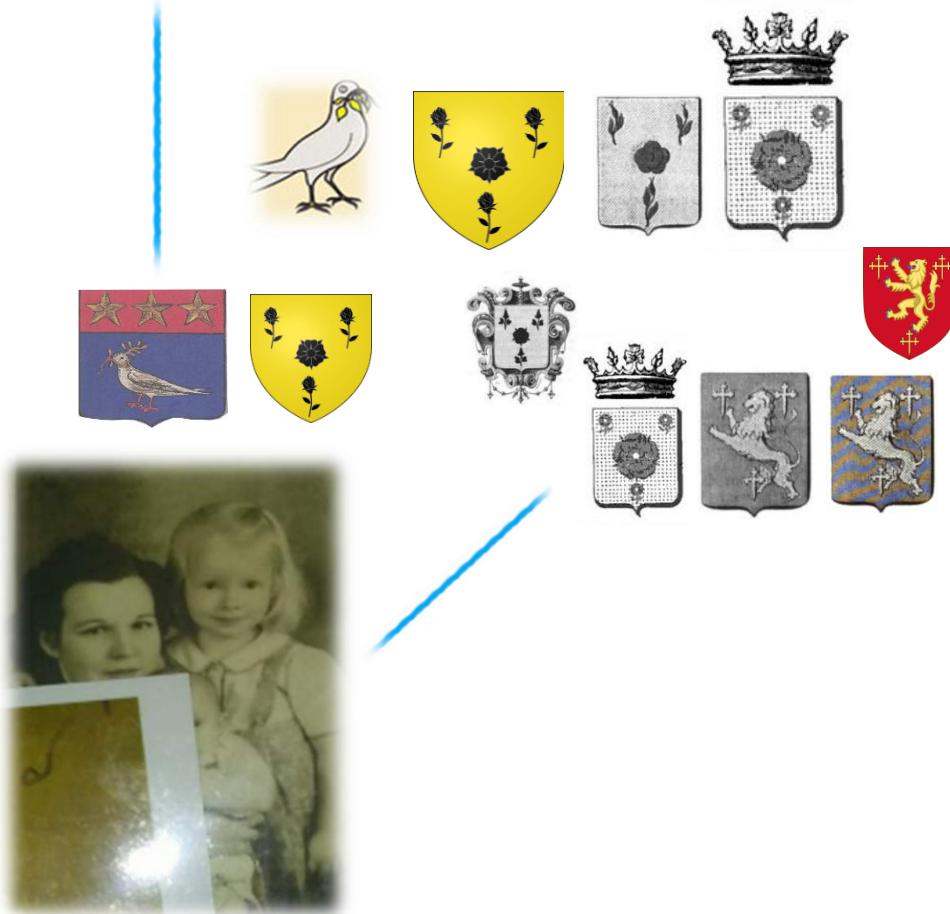
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– Saint Bartholomew The Apostle

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