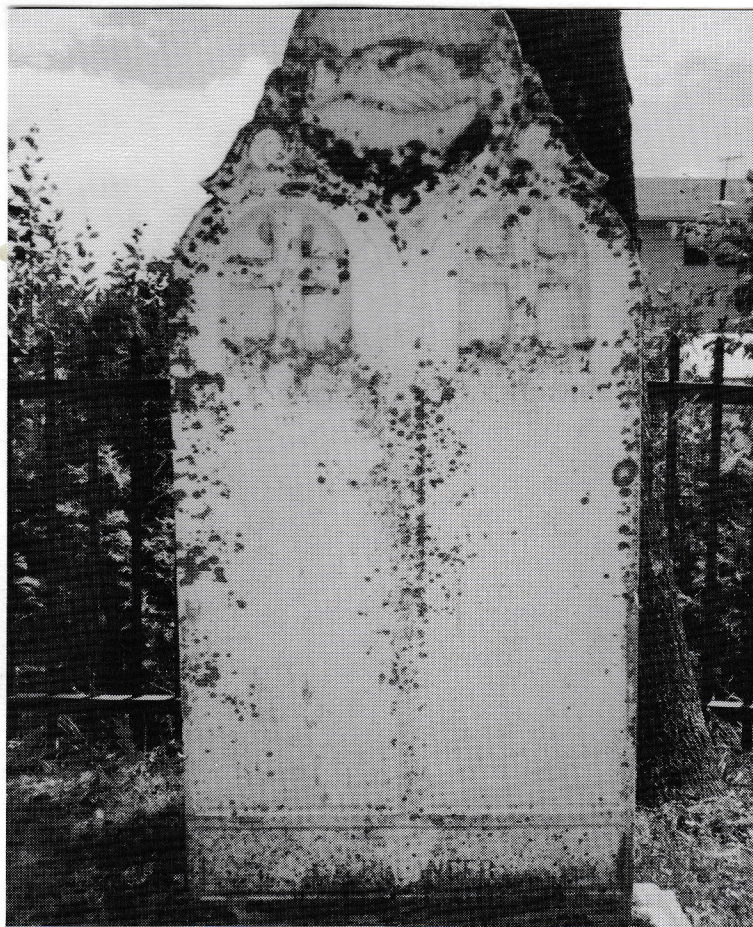

CHAPTER SIX¹

NICOLAS BÉLANGER 2ND

1672 - 1742

NICOLAS BÉLANGER II, the 8th child of Nicolas I is our ancestor. On 2 November 1699 he married Marie Magnan who was born on 2 March 1681 in Bourg-Royal². Her father was Jacques Magnan and her mother was Ambroise Doigt. She died in Beauport on 11 March 1758.



¹ Much credit must be given to research material obtained from "Rassemblement des Bélanger" (1980) souvenir album published by la Societe de Conservation du Patrimoine Culturel des Bélanger Ltée.

² Bourg Royal was a concentration of dwellings outside Quebec which was established as a fortification against attack in times of war. The Intendant (Talon) wanted to establish three such concentrations of dwellings, one outside each larger town (Quebec, Charlesbourg and one other) but he only succeeded in establishing one which he called Bourg Royal since it has been ordered by the King. Bourg Royal went to the nearest larger town for services and was often called Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg or Bourg Royal at Quebec, etc.

NICOLAS II

By 1672, Quebec colony's population was about seven thousand, more than double that in 1666. Its farms stretched for miles in an unbroken line along the St Lawrence and the Richelieu rivers. Although Acadia's settlements were firmly rooted, by this time, they numbered not more than five hundred people in settlements on Cape Breton Island and along the mainland coast.

The burial place of Nicolas has not been found. When churches were built, after the 1600s, the graves were often dug up and the parishioners buried in the foundations. This custom evolved from the earlier custom of being buried under the church pew you had sponsored and owned.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Our Nicolas was the 8th child of the 12 children born to Nicolas and Marie Rainville. Jean, the first, was born on 31 December 1660, almost one year after his parents' marriage on 11 January 1660. Jean was baptized on the first of January 1661 but died soon after on 22 January 1661. Nicolas was 22 and Marie Rainville was 15 when Jean was born. Marie's young age might have been an important factor in the health of Jean at his birth.

1. Marthe was born on 23 November 1661 and grew up to marry Etienne Souet, son of Jacques Souet and Marie Brisson at Beauport on 7 April 1682. Their marriage contract was recorded by the Notary Vachon on 19 March 1682. Etienne's father, Jacques Souet, was deceased and his mother Marie was a widow when Jacques married Marthe. Marthe and Etienne lived in Beauport until about 1690 when they apparently moved to Quebec.

Marthe and Etienne Souet had six children:

- 1➤ Jean was born on 2 September 1683 at Beauport and had died by 1716.
- 2➤ Charles was born on 1 August 1685 at Beauport and married Anne Maurice in 1723.
- 3➤ Marie Marthe was born on 9 January 1687 at Beauport and married Jean Baptiste Amiot in 1707.
- 4➤ Charlotte Elisabeth was born 20 May 1690 at Quebec and died sometime after the census of 1716.
- 5➤ Jeanne was born 23 July 1693 at Quebec and died there on 16 August 1698.
- 6➤ Charlotte was born 13 September 1695 and died there on 15 April 1703.

Of the six children, only Charles and Marie Marthe lived to adulthood. Marthe's husband, Etienne Souet, was born in France and died some time before 25 August 1700 in Quebec.

On 26 August 1700 Marthe, a widow, married again to Simon Soupiran, son of Antoine Soupiran & Catherine Laborde. Their marriage contract was recorded by the Notary Chambalon on the 25th of the same month. Simon, like Marthe's first husband, was also from France. Simon was appointed Master Surgeon of the King about 28 September 1699. This simply meant that he was a recognized surgeon with official sanction from the government. Simon's occupation certainly provided for Marthe as well as any husband could have.

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Marthe and Simon Soupiran had five children.

- 1> Marie Louise was born on 9 September 1701 at Quebec and married Charles Courtois in 1727.
- 2> Francoise Petronille was born 22 October 1702 at Quebec and married Pierre Maufiles in 1728.
- 3> Simon was born 5 February 1704 at Quebec and married Marie Ange Gauthier in 1727.
- 4> Louis Francois was born 25 January 1706 at Quebec and became a priest on 23 September 1730.
- 5> Charles was born 15 September 1708 at Quebec.

All the children lived to adulthood and Louis Francois became a priest. Marthe died and was buried at Chateau Richer on 18 March 1741 at the age of 79. It was odd, in the period, to have all children live to adulthood in any family. This good fortune may have been a result of Simon's occupation as a doctor.

2. Bertrand Pierre was born on 13 September 1663 in Beauport and on 23 February 1694 he married Marie Gignard, daughter of Pierre Gignard & Catherine de Lahaye. Their marriage contract was recorded by the Notary Jean Robert Duprac on the second day of February 1694. Marie Gignard was born on the Isle of Orleans at the Ste. Famille parish on 13 October 1674. Her parents were from France and had moved to the Isle of Orleans where her father was a farmer. Marie had one older brother, Pierre born 9 March 1673 at Isle of Orleans. Marie's father died soon after her birth, as noted on an official marriage annulment dated 22 November 1676. Issuing a marriage annulment for the surviving partner was a common practice as this gave official permission to remarry.

In any case, Catherine (de LaHaye) Gignard was a widow and Pierre was listed as deceased at the time of the annulment. Catherine remarried on 25 June 1685 to Etienne Rageat dit LeLyonnais who was the widower of Marie Roy. Etienne Rageat died of drowning on 19 November 1688 at Quebec and Marie's mother again remarried to Pierre Cordier on 7 February 1689 in Quebec. As can be seen, by the time Marie Gignard and Bertrand Pierre Bellanger were married, Marie's family life already had quite a history. Although she had two step-fathers, Marie had no half brothers or sisters from her mother's subsequent marriages.

Marie Catherine Gignard was born on 13 October 1674 in St Famille on the Isle of Orleans and was christened there the next day. She married Bertrand Pierre on 23 February 1694 in Beauport, Quebec. She died and was buried on 12 March 1703 in Quebec.

Bertrand Pierre and Marie Catherine Gignard had three children.

- 1> Pierre was born on 25 April 1697 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 24 July 1697 in Quebec.
- 2> Marie Catherine was born on 7 June 1699 in Quebec. She married Jean Touchette on 17 January 1729 in Quebec. Marie Catherine Belanger and Jean Touchette had no known children.

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- 3➤ Joseph Francois was born on 20 December 1701 in Quebec. He married Angelique Sureau Dit Blondin on 5 March 1729 in Montreal. Angelique Sureau Dit Blondin was born and christened on 12 April 1705. She died and was buried on 14 October 1791 in TerreBonne.

Marie Gignard's death on 12 March 1703 left Bertrand Pierre a widower and with two young children. His first born, Pierre, had died at age three months. Perhaps due to the young age of his children, Bertrand Pierre did not wait long to remarry. He married Marie Rene Madeleine Chevaudier, daughter of Jean Chevaudier and Marie Mercier, in Quebec on 13 August 1703. This marriage contract is recorded by the Notary Genaple on 12 August 1703. Marie Rene Madeleine Chevaudier was born and christened on 20 February 1680 in Nicolet, Trois Rivieres, Quebec. She died on 4 December 1750 in Quebec.

Pierre Bertrand and Marie Madeleine Chevaudier had thirteen children.

- 1➤ Jean Baptiste married Marie Louise Giroux on 12 January 1750 in Quebec.
- 2➤ Charles Louis was born and christened on 12 October 1704 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 6 January 1755 in St. Vincent de Paul. He married Elisabeth Paquet on 15 November 1735 in Quebec. Elisabeth Paquet was born and christened on 1 April 1714.
- 3➤ Marie Joseph was born on 3 April 1706 in Quebec. She died and was buried on 24 July 1738 in Beauport. She married Andre Huppe-Lagroix on 4 March 1737 in Quebec.
- 4➤ Helene Marie was born on 30 October 1707 in Quebec. She married Francois Mathieu (Mathurine?) Chaille on 17 January 1729 in Quebec. Helene Marie and Francois Mathieu (Mathurine?) Chaille had no known children.
- 5➤ Marie Madeleine was born on 14 September 1709 in Quebec. She died on 13 November 1709 in Beauport.
- 6➤ Michel was born on 16 November 1710 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 18 June 1711 in Quebec.
- 7➤ Pierre Belanger II was born on 29 June 1712 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 19 May 1783 in St. Charles de LaChenaye. He married Marie Therese Rodrigue on 31 July 1741 in Beauport. Marie Therese Rodrigue was born on 9 May 1711. She died and was buried on 8 December 1741 in Quebec. Pierre Belanger 2nd and Marie Therese Rodrigue had no known children. He later married Marie Jeannes on 5 November 1742 in Quebec. Marie Jeannes was born and christened on 20 February 1716. She died and was buried on 18 February 1785 in St. Charles de LaChenaye.
- 8➤ Charles was born on 6 April 1714 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 17 March 1768. He married Marie Anne Cloutier on 28 January 1739 in L'Islet. Marie Anne Cloutier was born in 1718. She died and was buried on 17 June 1775 in L'Islet.
- 9➤ Louis Jean Baptiste was born on 23 February 1716 in Quebec.
- 10➤ Francois was born on 2 February 1718 in Quebec. He died and was buried on 16 September 1781 in St. Charles de LaChenaye. He married Marie Anne Delage dit Laviguer on 7 January 1754 in Beauport. Marie Anne Delage dit Laviguer was born and christened on 11 August 1733. She died before 1781.
- 11➤ Simon was born on 5 December 1719 in Quebec. He married Jeanne Galarneau on 14 May 1753 in St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec. Jeanne Galarneau was born on 30 July 1728 in St Francois de Sales, Ile Jesus, Quebec.
- 12➤ Francoise was born on 16 May 1722 in Quebec. She died and was buried on 6 March 1790 in Quebec. She married Jean Baptiste Paquet on 4

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November 1749 in Quebec. Francoise Belanger and Jean Baptiste Paquet had no known children.

13➤ Etienne was born on 31 October 1724 in Quebec.

When Etienne was born on 31 October 1724, Pierre Bertrand was 61 and his wife was 44. Marie Madeleine and Pierre Bertrand were married when she was 23 and he was 39. Pierre Bertrand died at age 72 on 19 April 1736 in Quebec and Marie Madeleine was a widow for another 14 years until her death on 4 December 1750, also in Quebec.

3. Suzanne was born on 1 March 1665 in Quebec. This was not inconsistent since Beauport and Quebec were adjoining communities. Suzanne stayed in Beauport at least until her marriage to Jean Giroux on 12 February 1686. This marriage contract was recorded by the Notary Vachon on 9 February 1686. Jean had been previously married to Marie Dauphin on 19 February 1685 in Beauport. Marie, had drowned in Quebec on 29 September 1685, seven months after their wedding. Jean Giroux was the son of Toussaint Giroux and Marie Godard who were from France but were married in Beauport on 29 September 1654. Jean was the seventh of twelve children although, he had a half sister. On 29 October 1686 (8 months after Jean and Suzanne's wedding) Jean's father remarried to Therese Leblanc and they had a daughter, Marie Angelique.

Suzanne and Jean had 12 children prior to Suzanne's death when Jean married for a third time to Marie Charlotte Garnier. This meant that Jean was 20 at his first marriage, 21 when he married Suzanne and 42 at his last wedding. Jean had no children from his first marriage so Suzanne raised only her own. He did have two boys from his third marriage, however, and they were brought up with his and Suzanne's younger children. His children, from his third marriage, were born two and four years after Suzanne's last (Madeleine born 3 June 1706).

Suzanne and Jean Giroux had 12 children.

- 1➤ Jean Baptiste was born 18 December 1686 at Beauport and died at age 2 on 18 April 1688
- 2➤ Pierre was born 10 March 1689 and died on the 28th of the same month
- 3➤ Marie Therese was born 29 July 1690 at Beauport and married Nicolas Vezina in 1708
- 4➤ Ursule was born 8 October 1692 at Beauport and married Noel Maheu in 1712
- 5➤ Suzanne was born 9 October 1694 at Beauport and married Pierre Maheu³ in 1715
- 6➤ Marie Louise was born 27 January 1697 at Beauport and married Pierre Maheu⁴ in 1715
- 7➤ Marie Catherine was born 12 September 1698 and married Charles Garnier in 1720
- 8➤ Marie Josephe was born 29 January 1700 at Beauport and married Rene Robert in 1723
- 9➤ Jean Baptiste Ange was born 20 November 1701 at Beauport
- 10➤ Denis Joseph was born 12 December 1703 at Beauport and died on the 14th of the same month

³ Pierre Maheu, son of Pierre Maheu and Louise Garnier, married Suzanne 11 February 1715 at Beauport

⁴ Pierre Maheu, son of Charles Maheu and Marie Charlotte Garnier, married Marie Louise 11 February 1715 at Beauport

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- 11> Joseph Marie was born 22 April 1705 at Beauport and died on the 24th of the same month
 - 12> Madeleine was born 3 June 1706 at Beauport and married Joseph Landry in 1728

It is interesting that, in Suzanne's family, her daughter Suzanne married a Pierre Maheu, son of Pierre and Louise Garnier. Suzanne's other daughter Marie Louise also married a Pierre Maheu, son of Charles and Marie Charlotte Garnier. Their sister, Ursule, married Noel Maheu, the brother of Pierre Maheu and son of Charles and Marie Charlotte Garnier. Ursule and Marie Louise married brothers while Suzanne married their cousin. In any case, Suzanne died at age 41 in Beauport and was buried there on 28 February 1707.

After Suzanne's death, Jean married Marie Charlotte Garnier on 22 August 1707 at Beauport. She was the widow of Charles Maheu and was the mother in law of Jean's daughter, Marie Louise. Holidays around that family must have been interesting!

Jean and Marie Charlotte Garnier had 2 children.

- 1> Michel was born 25 July 1708 at Beauport.
- 2> Joseph was born 19 November 1710 at Beauport.

- 4. Martin was the next brother of our ancestor and he was born 24 November 1666. We have no history of Martin except to say that he was listed as a child living in the household at the census of 1667 but was listed as deceased at the census of 1681.
- 5. Marie was born 19 October 1668 and baptized October 21, 1668 at Notre Dame de Quebec by Father Charles de Lauzon, 4 years before our ancestor Nicolas was born. At age 17 Marie married 19 year old Ignace Choret on 26 November 1685 at Beauport. This marriage was recorded by the Notary Vachon on 25 November 1685 and lists Marie de Rainville and Nicolas Catherine Bellanger as residents of Beauport and her parents. Witnesses were Rene Dubois and Jeanne Langlois. Ignace Choret was the son of Mathieu Choret and Sebastienne Veillon who were from France but had settled in Quebec. Ignace had a twin brother named Pierre who was born 17 January 1655. Ignace was 5th of seven children, if you assume Pierre was born first. All of Ignace's brothers and sisters lived to become adults.

Marie and Ignace Choret had seven children.

- 1> Ignace was born 28 September 1686 at Beauport and married Marie Madeleine Ferre in 1724.
- 2> Marie was born 13 August 1689 at Beauport and died on the 10th of the same month.
- 3> Marie Louise was born 19 January 1692 at Beauport and married Jean Laurent in 1716.
- 4> Nicolas was born 4 September 1693 at Beauport.
- 5> Jacques was born 30 July 1696 at Beauport, died and was buried in Montreal on 2 March 1723.
- 6> Pierre was born 10 February 1698 at Beauport and married Marie Françoise Baugis in 1723.
- 7> Marie Josephe was born on 25 April 1701 at Beauport, died and was buried there on 19 June 1701.

Ignace died at the Hospital in Beauport at age 35 on 6 October 1701. Marie did not remain a widow for long, however. When Ignace died, Marie was left with three children under 7 years of age

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and her oldest was still only 14. Since Beauport was not very populated, Marie must have known Jacques Parent and Louise Chevalier. Jacques and Louise had married on 1 February 1677, about 8 years before Marie and Ignace married. This marriage contract is recorded by the Notary Chambalon on 2 November 1705. Jacques and Louise had 13 children with some of the youngest being about the same age as Marie's. Jacques Parent lost his wife, Louise Chevalier, on 29 September 1703. Jacques and Marie must have had a lot in common, raising young children alone, and on 9 November 1705 they were joined in marriage and combined the two families. Jacques' youngest, Marie Benjamin, died two months after her birth but he still had five at home under 16 years of age. So, at age 37 Marie married Jacques Parent who was 47.

Marie and Jacques Parent had five children.

- 1➤ Simon Pierre was born 23 October 1706 at Beauport and married Jeanne Bedard in 1729.
- 2➤ Jacques Joseph was born 2 November 1707 at Beauport.
- 3➤ Marie Josephe was born 23 November 1708 at Beauport and married Prisque Lessard in 1727.
- 4➤ A child was born 3 March 1710 at Beauport and died within two days whose sex was never recorded.
- 5➤ Genevieve was born on 23 May 1711 at Beauport and married Joseph Bussiere in 1730.

When Marie died on 7 January 1719, Jacques Parent was again left with small children. On 17 August 1719, 7 months after Marie passed away, Jacques married for the third time to Marie Madeleine Huppe, the widow of Louis Bedard. Jacques and his third wife had no children.

- 6. Pierre Etienne was born on 12 March 1670 in Beauport. He was the seventh child born within 9 years to Nicolas and Marie de Rainville. On 8 February 1700, just before his 30th birthday, he married Marguerite Delaunay, daughter of Henri Delaunay and Francoise Crete who lived in the upper village of Quebec. Their marriage contract was recorded by the Notary Jean Robert Duprac on 5 February 1700.

Marguerite Delaunay was the third of 15 children in her family, born in 1672, and was 28 when she married Pierre on 8 February 1700. The size of her family and the fact that her parents were still having children when Marguerite married must have played an important role in keeping her from marrying young. Marguerite's grandfather, Pierre Delaunay came from France in 1635 and lived at Three Rivers as a clerk for the Company of 100 Associates from 1636 to about 1640. He was killed by the Iroquois Indians on 28 November 1654 in Quebec. Marguerite's grandmother remarried the next year.

Pierre and Marguerite Delaunay had two children.

- 1➤ Marie Madeleine was born between 1 and 9 December 1700 at Beauport and died there on the 22nd of the same month.
- 2➤ Marguerite Madeleine was born 20 November 1701 at Beauport and married Francois Marcoux in 1720.

Pierre was a carpenter and master grave digger. He probably built coffins as well. Pierre and Marguerite died two days apart. Pierre died at age 32 on 2 March 1703 and Marguerite died at age 31 on 4 March 1703, both in Beauport. There is no information as to the cause of their death except that many diseases (especially small pox) often caused the death of both parents in those days.

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Marguerite Madeleine was only a year and a half old when her parents died and it is not known who took her in. In 1716, at age 15 years, she is found at the home of Jean Amiot and Marthe Souet as a servant. It is not known if she had been there since her parents passed away.

7. Nicolas was the next child and will be covered later.
8. Paul was born two years after Nicolas, on 24 March 1674 at Beauport. At age 30, on 7 April 1704 in Beauport, he married Jeanne Maheu (often spelled Meheu). Their marriage contract is recorded by Notary Chambalon on 29 March 1704. Jeanne, the daughter of Pierre Meheu and Jeanne Drouin, was a widow. She had previously married to Joseph Garnier on 21 November 1695 at L'Ange Gardien, a town to the East of Beauport but on the same side of the river. Jeanne's husband, Joseph Garnier, died in 1703 after they had three children; Charles born 1697, Joseph born 1699 and Francois born 1701 and died 1703. Jeanne Meheu, therefore, had two small boys when she married our ancestor's brother Paul in 1704.

Paul and Jeanne Maheu had six children.

- 1➤ Marie Jeanne was born 8 March 1705 at Beauport and married Noel Vachon in 1719.
- 2➤ Paul was born 4 May 1707 at Beauport.
- 3➤ Jean Baptiste was born 24 June 1709 at Beauport.
- 4➤ Pierre Ange was born 26 July 1711 at Beauport and died there on the 28th of the same month.
- 5➤ Ange was born 26 August 1712 at Beauport.
- 6➤ Marie Therese was born 17 April 1716 at Beauport.

Paul died on 1 May 1717 in Beauport at age 43 after just 13 years of marriage. A record of what happened to the children and to Jeanne Maheu has not been found except that we know Marie Jeanne, the oldest child, married Noel Vachon.

9. Marie Therese was born about 1676, according to genealogical references by Rene Jette⁵. Marie Bellanger was born October 19, 1668 and baptized October 21, 1668 at Notre Dame de Quebec by Father Charles deLauzon. Marie de Rainville and Nicolas Catherine Bellanger were residents of Beauport and listed as her parents. Witnesses to the baptism were Rene Dubois and Jeanne Langlois. She was listed in the census of 1681 as being 5 years old. Marie Therese followed Paul by two years. At age 33 she married Jean Premont on 28 June 1709 in Beauport and recorded by the Notary Chambalon on 27 June 1709.

Jean Premont, the son of Jean Premont and Marie Aubert, was previously married to Marie Gerbert on 28 November 1703 and had been a widower since her death on 13 December 1704 at Ste Famille, Isle Orleans. Jean Premont had a son named Jean Baptiste on 25 November 1704 and it is suspected that his first wife died as a result of complications in childbirth. His parents were both from France but met and married at Chateau Richer in December 1663.

⁵ Rene Jette is the author of a widely known and respected genealogical works which recorded births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of all the early Canadian settlers from the beginning to 1730.

Jean Premont didn't have much better luck with his second marriage to Marie Therese Belanger as she died at the Hotel Dieu (Hospital) in Quebec on 12 June 1710. She gave birth to Marie Therese on 5 May 1710 at Ste Famille, Isle of Orleans and died a month and six days later in the Hospital at Quebec. Her daughter, Marie Therese, only lived until 17 June 1719 when she died, at age 9, at Chateau Richer. Jean was again left as a widower, this time at age 37.

Jean stayed a widower for almost six years before he married for the third time to Marie Anne Bolduc, the widow of Jean Marsolet, on 19 February 1716. The marriage took place at the General Hospital of Quebec. Jean and Marie Anne never had any children, which is a surprise since Jean was only 44 years old at his third marriage. Jean and his new wife Marie Anne Bolduc raised Marie Therese's children. Jean was involved in the legal system which is shown when, in 1728 he was appointed a judge and bailiff at the Isle of Orleans.

10. Marie was born in 1678 at Beauport. She grew up and married Joseph Parent in February 1696 in Beauport as recorded by the Notary Jean Robert Duprac on 11 February 1696. The contract indicated the marriage took place prior to the 27th of February.

Marie and Joseph Parent had ten children.

- 1➤ Marie Therese was born 17 December 1696 at Beauport and married Joseph Lefebvre in 1720.
- 2➤ Marie Josephe was born 19 January 1699 at Beauport and married Jacques Lefebvre in 1724.
- 3➤ Marie Francoise was born 3 December 1701 at Beauport and married Charles Turgeon in 1727.
- 4➤ Joseph was born 23 January 1704 at Beauport and married Marie Elisabeth Lefebvre in 1727.
- 5➤ Louis Charles was born 13 March 1706 at Beauport and died there 6 February 1726.
- 6➤ Jean Baptiste was born 24 May 1709 at Beauport and died there 25 December 1730.
- 7➤ Noel was born 28 September 1712 at Beauport.
- 8➤ Jacques was born 6 September 1714 at Beauport.
- 9➤ Marie Louise was born 7 April 1717 at Beauport.
- 10➤ Marie Genevieve was born 2 March 1720 at Beauport.

Marie's sister Marie (who married Ignace Choret) later married Jacques Parent. Jacques Parent was the brother of Joseph Parent who married this Marie Belanger. If that is not confusing enough, the next child born after this Marie was named Marie Francoise and she married Jean Parent who was also the brother of Joseph and Jacques. There were three sisters, all named Marie, who married three brothers. The story doesn't end there, however, Jean, Joseph and another brother Etienne were triplets.

Joseph Parent died on 2 February 1727, at age 53, at the hospital in Quebec. He, and his two brothers, were the sons of Pierre Parent and Jeanne Badeau. Pierre and Jeanne had 18 children so, it

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is no surprise that three of their sons married into the family of Nicolas and Marie de Rainville. Joseph's father was a butcher by trade and did not farm, as did most inhabitants of the day.

11. Marie Francoise was the last of Nicolas' children. She was born on 13 October 1680 when Nicolas was 42 and Marie de Rainville was 35. As explained earlier, in the short history of Marie, Marie Francoise's sister, Marie Francoise married Jean Parent. The marriage took place before 27 February 1696 at Beauport. The marriage contract was recorded by Notary Jean Robert Duprac on 11 February 1696.

Marie Francoise and Jean Parent had 14 children.

- 1➤ Jean was born 8 December 1696 at Beauport and died there on 2 January 1697.
- 2➤ Joseph was born 2 February 1698 at Beauport and died there 13 December 1708.
- 3➤ Marie Therese was born 25 September 1699 at Beauport and married Claude Lefebvre in 1720.
- 4➤ Simon was born 18 December 1701 at Beauport and died there 16 February 1703.
- 5➤ Marie Madeleine was born 16 June 1704 at Beauport and married Vincent Vachon in 1723.
- 6➤ Genevieve was born 18 November 1706 at Beauport and married Pierre Brousseau in 1727.
- 7➤ Marie Louise was born 21 March 1708 at Beauport and married Rene Paquet in 1729.
- 8➤ Marie Josephe was born 6 January 1710 at Beauport.
- 9➤ Marie Catherine was born 28 February 1712 at Beauport.
- 10➤ Marie Francoise was born 26 June 1713 at Beauport and died there 2 October 1714.
- 11➤ Jean Francois was born 21 October 1714 at Beauport and died there 30 March 1717.
- 12➤ Jacques was born 17 October 1716 at Beauport.
- 13➤ Claire Felicite was born 19 August 1718 at Beauport.
- 14➤ Barbe was born 7 December 1721 at Beauport.

Their first was born in December 1696 and the last in December 1721, a span of 25 years. The history of Jean, Marie Francoise's husband, was discussed briefly in the prior marriage of his brother and needs no more coverage here.

NICOLAS BELANGER II

Our direct ancestor, Nicolas the second, was born in Beauport on 12 January and baptized on 17 January 1672. Genealogical references by Rene Jette lists the baptism as having taken place on 13 January. In the PRDH⁶ records of Baptisms for Notre Dame de Quebec, we find the baptismal record of Nicolas. This document lists Nicolas as the son of Nicolas and Marie Rainville, born on 12 January 1672 and baptized on 17 January 1672. Present as witnesses, at the baptism, were Charles Rainville, Elisabeth DeLagueripiere and Jean Rainville. The ceremony was performed by Father Charles Amador Martin. It is not certain who Charles Rainville was since his relationship and age

⁶ PRDH: Programme de Recherche en Demographie Historique de l'Universite de Montreal

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are not listed, but he was probably the brother of Marie Rainville. Marie's other brother, Jean Rainville, had a son named Charles. This Charles would probably have been too young to be a witness at the baptism, however, since he was born on 18 November 1668 and baptized on 21 November 1668 at Beauport. This would have made him just over three years old at the baptism of Nicolas. Marie's brother was born in 1652 and he would have been 20 years of age at the baptism so that is more likely. The census of 1681 is exact in listing him as the son⁷ of Nicolas and Marie Rainville at the age of 9.

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Nicolas grew up on the farm with his father, mother and siblings and was exposed to the many business ventures of his father. This gave him a wide range of experience. When Nicolas was about 17 years of age (in 1689), war broke out between England and France. In 1686 an expedition was sent out from New France into the Ottawa-Abitibi region to attack the posts of the Hudson's Bay Company, an English stronghold. Every man in the party needed to be an experienced voyageur because they had to set out during the winter and in three months, by snow shoe and canoe, cover six hundred miles. Catching the inhabitants of Hudson's Bay by surprise, they captured an English vessel and sailed her back to Quebec, loaded with a rich cargo of furs. Many such raids and the capturing of land back and forth led to the breakout of war between France and England in 1689. This war was fought along the St Lawrence seaway, in Acadia and the territory between what is now New Brunswick and Maine.

The fighting was not limited to the French and English, however, as the Indians continued to be a menace and the Quebecois lived in fear of attack. The French were much better prepared to cope with this threat as they were more experienced woodsmen than the English.

1690 - 1699

When Nicolas was 19, William Phips attempted to land troops on the shores of Beauport. Phips had won a victory over Acadian battles and was put in charge of all the New England and New York forces with the mission to take Quebec. With 32 ships carrying 2,000 soldiers, Phips left Boston about mid August 1690. He arrived off Quebec on Monday the 16th of October and was met with a volley of cannon fire from the fort. Phips quickly looked for a safer spot to offload his troops. In the afternoon of 18 October he entered into a battle with 1,300 of his troops on the shores of Beauport. We are not certain what part Nicholas played in this battle but he certainly must have been a part of it. 150 of Phips' men lost their lives on the shores of Beauport that day while only about a dozen of the French were killed and about fifty wounded. After four days of battle, a truce was drawn with an exchange of prisoners and William Phips returned to Boston in defeat.

This is the environment in which Nicolas grew up. There is no evidence that Nicolas took part in any of these skirmishes. The danger and turmoil of the area most certainly must have been a tremendous influence on Nicolas and probably played a big part in his decision to leave the farm in his later teenage years.

Nicolas met and married Marie Magnan, the daughter of Jacques Magnan and Ambroise Doigt, on 2 November 1699 in Charlesbourg. Marie and her family were from Charlesbourg, next to Beauport, the family home of the Belangers. The marriage contract is recorded by the Notary Jean Robert Duprac on 11 February 1699.

⁷ Fifth son and eighth child of Nicolas and Marie

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MARIE MAGNAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Marie Magnan was the 7th child of Jacques and Ambroise (Doigt) Magnan of Charlesbourg. The parents of Marie were from the Poitou region of France and had settled in Quebec but moved East to Charlesbourg about 1671 or 1672. Jacques and Ambroise had two children (Marguerite in 1670 and Jacques in 1671) in Quebec and Beauport while their other children (Anne 1672, Germain 1674, Marie Madeleine 1676, Anne 1679, Marie 1681 and Jacques 1684) were all born in Charlesbourg.

12. Marguerite was born at Quebec on 20 July 1670 and died there 31 July 1670.
13. Jacques was born on 1 May 1671 at Beauport and was deceased sometime before 1681.
14. Anne was born on 14 March 1672 in Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg and married Pierre Chalifou on 17 October 1689. Pierre's parents were Paul and Jacquette Archambault. Pierre was born on 12 December 1668 at Beauport and was the 11th of 14 children. Pierre was born of his father's second marriage and had a step sister who never left France. The Chalifou family was from Perigny France and were Calvinists. Anne and Pierre had 14 children between 1690 and 1714 with the first born in Quebec and all the others in Charlesbourg.
15. Germain was born on 25 June 1674 in Bourg Royal at Quebec and married Marie Dery on 9 January 1702. Marie Dery's parents were Maurice and Madeleine Philippeau. Germain and Marie had 12 children and they were all born in Charlesbourg.
16. Marie Madeleine was born 17 November 1676 in Bourg Royal at Quebec City and married Jean Baptiste Marcoux on 19 April 1694 at Charlesbourg. Jean Baptiste's parents were Pierre Marcoux and Marthe de Rainville. If his mother's name sounds familiar it is because her parents were Paul de Rainville and Rolline Poete, the sister of Marie de Rainville, wife of Nicolas Belanger.
17. Anne was born 25 May 1679 in Bourg Royal at Quebec and died at age 8 on 8 December 1687 at Charlesbourg. Her cause of death has not been ascertained.
18. Jacques was born 4 January 1684 at Charlesbourg and died there 22 November 1684.

MARIE MAGNAN

Marie was born on 2 March 1681 at Bourg Royal, Charlesbourg and was buried at age 77 on 11 March 1758 at Beauport, Quebec. She married Nicolas at age 18 and was living with her family at the time.

Marie's father, Jacques Magnan, was born in March 1636 in France at St. Pierre de Coulonges les Royaux (which is now called Coulonges sur l'Autize). This was in the diocese of Niort, archdiocese of Maillezais in the Poitou region. It is not known exactly when Jacques came to New France but he died in December 1713 in Charlesbourg and the census of 1667 confirms that he lived in

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Charlesbourg at that time. Marie's mother, Ambroise Doigt, was from St Sulpice in the diocese of Paris and she was born about 1641. Jacques Magnan and Ambroise Doigt married in Quebec on 14 October 1669 as recorded in a pre-nuptial contract before the notary Duquet on 21 September 1669.

It is not unusual for a marriage to take place in the town of the bride. Nicolas married Marie Magnan in Charlesbourg but they settled in Beauport and lived there until about 1704. His first two children were baptized in Beauport and then the others, from 1704 on, were baptized in Charlesbourg. Nicolas, therefore, was living in Beauport during the attack described above.

FRENCH PRIVATEERS

The French privateers were using Port Royal (Acadia) as a base from which to attack English fishing vessels. In one year, the French destroyed no less than thirty five New England boats. By 1710 the New Englanders had had enough. A fleet was sent out, from England and Boston, and Port Royal soon fell to the English for the fifth and last time. Port Royal was renamed Annapolis Royal.

The war ended in 1713 with the Treaty of Utrecht. This treaty gave Acadia to the English and gave up French claims to Hudson Bay and Newfoundland. New France kept fishing rights in the St. Lawrence and kept possession of Prince Edward Island⁸ and Cape Breton.

It was during these times that Nicolas grew up, married and raised a family. The first two children of Nicolas and Marie, Marie and Jean, were baptized in Beauport in 1700 and 1702 respectively. Nicolas must have started out in Beauport and later moved to Charlesbourg. We know Nicolas lived in Charlesbourg for a long time, as can be seen from the baptisms of his children; from Nicolas in 1704, Marie Anne (Jeanne), Louise (Ambroise), Genevieve, Pierre, Helene, Germain, Jean Marie, Pierre, Jacques and finally Ignace in 1723. He later moved back to Beauport where he was buried on 12 April 1742. The inventory of his possessions was done on 23 April 1743 and is recorded in the records of the scribe Noel Duprac. His wife, Marie, was also buried in Beauport on 11 March 1758.

⁸ Then known as Ile St. Jean

DESCENDANTS

Nicolas II & Marie Magnan had 14 children.

- 1➤ Marie was born 1 August 1700 and married Jean Falardeau on 23 November 1722 at Charlesbourg.
- 2➤ Jean was born 16 February 1702, died 30 October 1757 at age 55 years.
- 3➤ Nicolas III was born 4 May 1704 and married Marie Angelique Parant on 13 September 1745 in Beauport and married Agnes Cartier on 12 June 1734 at St Joachim, Montmorency, Quebec.
- 4➤ Marie Anne (Jeanne) was born 13 June 1706 and married Pierre Parant on 15 April 1733 in Beauport.
- 5➤ Louise Ambroise was born 30 January 1708 and married Florent Paradis on 8 February 1751 in Beauport.
- 6➤ Genevieve was born 16 May 1709 and married Charles Menard on 5 November 1736 in Beauport.
- 7➤ Pierre (1710-1711) was born in 1710, died and was buried in Charlesbourg at age 4 months.
- 8➤ Helene was born 26 April 1712 and married Vincent Giroux on 29 October 1742 at St. Valier.
- 9➤ Germain was born 12 May 1714 and married Suzanne Proteau on 9 November 1744 in Charlesbourg.
- 10➤ Jean Marie was born 7 December 1716 and married Marie Louise Trudelle on 5 August 1763 at Beauport. He married a second time to Marie Genevieve Toupin on 9 February 1750 in Beauport and a third time to Marie Louise Trudelle on 5 August 1763 in Beauport.
- 11➤ Pierre was born on 1 June 1719, died and was buried in Montreal on 8 January 1743.
- 12➤ Jacques was born 3 August 1721 and married Marie Jeanne Proteau on 1 September 1749 in Charlesbourg.
- 13➤ IGNACE was born 8 February 1723 and married Marie Genevieve Gagne on 14 November 1746 in St. Valier.
- 14➤ Angelique (?-?), married Joseph Baudet in 1748.

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Husband Nicolas Belanger		
Birth	12 Jan 1672	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Chr	17 Jan 1672	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Death	12 Apr 1742	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Burial	12 Apr 1742	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Marriage	2 Nov 1699	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Father	Nicolas Belanger (b abt 1638)	
Mother	Marie Rainville (de) (b abt 1645)	
Wife Marie Magnan dit Mignier		
Birth	2 Mar 1681	Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg, Que
Burial	11 Mar 1758	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Death	abt 11 Mar 1758	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Father	Jacques Magnan (b abt 31 Mar 1636)	
Mother	Ambroise Doigt (b abt 1644)	
Children		
F	Marie Belanger	
Birth	1 Aug 1700	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Chr	2 Aug 1700	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Burial	25 Jan 1762	L'Ancienne Lorette, Quebec Co, Que
Death	abt 25 Jan 1762	L'Ancienne Lorette, Quebec Co, Que
Spouse	Jean Falardeau (m 23 Nov 1722)	
M	Jean Belanger	
Birth	16 Feb 1702	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Chr	16 Feb 1702	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Burial	30 Oct 1757	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Death	abt 30 Oct 1757	Beauport, Quebec, Que
M	Nicolas Belanger	
Birth	4 May 1704	Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg, Que
Chr	4 May 1704	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Burial	16 Sep 1769	St Joachim, Que
Death	abt 16 Sep 1769	St Joachim, Que
Spouse	Agnes Cartier dit Quartin (m 12 Jun 1734)	
Spouse	M Angelique Parent (m 13 Sep 1745)	
F	M Anne (Jeanne) Belanger	
Birth	13 Jun 1706	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Chr	14 Jun 1706	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Spouse	Pierre Alexis Parant (m 15 Apr 1733)	
F	Louise Ambroise Belanger	
Birth	30 Jan 1708	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Chr	30 Jan 1708	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Spouse	Florent Paradis (m 8 Feb 1751)	
F	Genevieve Belanger	
Birth	16 May 1709	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Chr	16 May 1709	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Burial	27 Oct 1782	Quebec
Death	abt 27 Oct 1782	Quebec
Spouse	Charles Menard (m 5 Nov 1736)	
M	Pierre Belanger	
Birth	29 Dec 1710	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Chr	30 Dec 1710	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Burial	29 Apr 1711	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Death	abt 29 Apr 1711	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
F	Helene Belanger	
Birth	26 Apr 1712	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Chr	28 Apr 1712	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Spouse	Vincent Giroux (m 29 Oct 1742)	
M	Germain Belanger	
Birth	12 May 1714	Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg, Que
Chr	13 May 1714	Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que
Burial	28 Feb 1757	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Death	abt 28 Feb 1757	Beauport, Quebec, Que
Spouse	M Suzanne Proteau (m 9 Nov 1744)	

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Husband **Nicolas Belanger**

Wife **Marie Magnan dit Mignier**

Children

10 M **Jean Marie Belanger**

Birth 7 Dec 1716 Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg, Que

Chr 7 Dec 1716 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Spouse M Genevieve Toupin (m 9 Feb 1750)

Spouse M Louise Trudelle (m 5 Aug 1763)

11 M **Pierre Belanger**

Birth 1 Jun 1719 Bourg Royal at Charlesbourg, Que

Chr 2 Jun 1719 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Burial 8 Jan 1743 Montreal, Que

Death abt 8 Jan 1743 Montreal, Que

12 M **Jacques Belanger**

Birth 3 Aug 1721 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Chr 3 Aug 1721 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Spouse M Jeanne Proteau (m 1 Sep 1749)

13 M **Ignace Belanger**

Birth 8 Feb 1723 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Chr 9 Feb 1723 Charlesbourg, Quebec, Que

Death 21 Jan 1797 St Pierre de la Riviere du Sud, Montmagny, Que

Spouse M Genevieve Gagne (m 14 Nov 1746)

14 F **Angelique Belanger**

Spouse Joseph Beaudet (m 8 Oct 1747)

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