

Joseph¹ Chamberland of Monroe Co., Michigan
First Generation

No. 17636

NAME: Joseph¹ Chamberland

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1770, probably Canada

Died: After 1830, St. Antoine River Basin, Monroe Co., MI

Buried:

Married: About 1794, Detroit (later part of Wayne County), MI

Other Marriages:

No. 17637

SPOUSE: Josephine Larose

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1770, perhaps Canada

Died: 12 Jan 1829, St. Antoine, Monroe Co., MI

Buried: 14 Jan 1829, St. Antoine's Cemetery, later St. Joseph's Cemetery, Monroe Co., MI

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

M 17638 Louis² Chamberland, b. About 1795, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Married Eve Diver, 5 Oct 1824, Monroe Co., MI. Died 7 July 1846, Monroe Co., MI. +

F 17639 Catherine² Chamberland, b. About 1798, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Married Claude Couture, 25 Sep 1814, Assumption Church, Windsor (or Malden?), Ontario, Canada.

F 17640 Julia² Chamberland, b. 30 Mar 1799, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

F 17641 Mary Louisa² Chamberland, b. 16 Apr 1801, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Married Andrew Murray, 28 May 1828, Monroe Co., MI.

M 17642 Peter² Chamberland, b. 13 May 1803, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Probably married Vermique —?—. Died 15 Dec 1878, aged 85 years (?). Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Monroe Co., MI. The Monroe County, Michigan, Death Records however, give his date of death as Nov 1878, aged 78 years, occurring at LaSalle, Widower.

M 17643 Joseph² Chamberland, b. 1 Apr 1805, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

F 17644 Elizabeth Ann² Chamberland, b. 6 Oct 1807, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. Died about 16 Apr 1814, probably Detroit, MI.

M 17645 Francis² Chamberland, b. 19 Oct 1809, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

F 17646 Elizabeth² Chamberland, b. 5 Nov 1811, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI.

BIOGRAPHICAL

This record was initially created using as its main authority, the referenced source *Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region, Revision, 1701-1936*. However, the transcribed *Marriage Records, Ste. Anne Church, Detroit, MI, 1701-1850*, throw great doubt upon the statement in Denissen's which states that Joseph Chamberland married Josephine Larose, 19 Feb 1798. The following is an excerpt from the marriage records of Ste. Anne's church:

"Researchers should be aware that there are a number of discrepancies to be found between the church registers and Father Christian Denissen's *Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Region, Revision, 1701-1936*.....Care should be taken to compare both sources when constructing family genealogies. Further research may be required to resolve these discrepancies."

The marriage records of Ste. Anne's church state:

"Joseph Chamberlan, m. Josephine Secnix, 19 Feb 1798. Both of this parish. He was the widower of Josephine Monette. (Notation in entry signifies there is other text associated with both bride and groom, but which is undecipherable.)" [P. 47]

"Monique Chamberland, minor, dau of Joseph and Josephte Surneur, minor, m. Major Isaac Robert, 16 Sep 1817. Bride and groom natives of this parish and residents of the parish of Sainte Antoine, Rivière aux Raisins." [P. 81]

The Joseph mentioned in the foregoing marriage records are most likely the same person, though there are obvious differences in the name of his wife. However, the time frame for the marriage of Monique Chamberland does match up with a marriage taking place in 1798.

The preceding information definitely suggests that there were two men, perhaps three, bearing the name of Joseph Chamberland (Chamberlain), living in the Detroit area during the 1790s and perhaps early 1800s. This is probably the reason for the obvious inconsistencies regarding the births of the children in this record, as given in the Denissen book, mainly that of the son Louis, who was definitely born in the 1795-96 time frame, several years before his parent's supposed marriage date of 1798. A study of the children's births from the daughter Catherine on down to Elizabeth appear to be very regular and consistent, leaving virtually no span of years within the period from 1798 through 1811 to accommodate the births of other children.

The Joseph who married Josephine Secnix in 1798, and stated to be a widower of Josephine Monette, is undoubtedly the older man; perhaps even the father of the Joseph of this record, who married Josephine Larose. The Denissen book states that Joseph was born about 1747, which does not fit the evidence pertaining to the Joseph of this record. The 1820 census merely reports he was at least 45 years old. In 1830, he was aged 60-70 years, hence born between 1760 and 1770. This age grouping is consistent with Joseph's family structure as shown in this record.

In any case, it seems clear from the information thus far examined, that the Joseph of this record was only married once, to Josephine Larose.

In 1820, Joseph Chamberland was living in Monroe Co., MI, heading a family of 020011-11001 (2 males between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female under the age of 10 years, 1 female between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards). Two persons engaged in Agriculture, one Foreigner not naturalized.

In 1830, Joseph Chamberlin was again living in Monroe Co., MI, heading a family of 000020001-0001 (2 males between the ages of 20 and 30 years, 1 male between the ages of 60 and 70 years, 1 female between the ages of 15 and 20 years).

Note that Wayne County was not organized until 1815 as part of the Michigan Territory. However, it is shown as the higher jurisdictional entity associated with Detroit for the sake of clarity. The city of Detroit was extant long before Michigan was established as a Territory of the United States in 1796, having been established in 1701 by the French Explorer, Cadillac.

Josephine's mother is believed to have been an Indian woman.

The Monroe County, Michigan, Cemetery Records (see reference) state:

St. Antoine's, later St. Joseph Cemetery, Monroe Michigan, P. 436

Situated on the north side of River Raison about 2 miles west on Elm Avenue. The first Catholic cemetery in Monroe County.

Josett Chamberland, d. 12 Jan 1829, aged 59 years, husband Joseph. [This has to be the Josephine Larose of this record.]

On P. 481 of the same source:

St. Mary's Cemetery, Monroe Michigan,

Joseph Chamberlan, d. 15 Sep 1832, aged 85 years [hence born 1747]

The most significant observation to be made from the source is that Josett Chamberland and Joseph Chamberlan are buried in two different cemeteries. This supports the theory that the Joseph Chamberland who was born in 1747 is the same Joseph that married Josephine Larose.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

This record was prepared by the late David C. Chamberlin Sr., using data obtained from various sources as listed. Comments and additional information are welcome and should be sent to the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society. < www.chamberlain-society.org >

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