

Vermont Civil War Veterans buried in Chittenden County Cemeteries

Steady Family - actually Tranquille and Giboin from Quebec

by John Richard Fisher - February 2014

The **Steady** Family of Hinesburg, Vermont provided seven soldiers for the Civil War and 6 of them served in the 9th Vermont Infantry. They all descend from Jacques Giboin, a French Soldier who defended Quebec during the French & Indian War.

Louis Giboin dit Tranquille and his spouse Charlotte Fily dit Lavigne were married on 10 Feb 1817 at Vercheres, Quebec. Charlotte gave birth to 6 children in Quebec. Louis in Vercheres 1819; Henriette in Vercheres in 1820; Marie Angele in St Antoine de Richelieu 1822; Jeremie in St Jean Baptiste de Rouville in 1826; and also Eusebe born in Hinesburg Vermont on 26 Feb 1831 and Marie Desanges born on 5 May 1829 in Hinesburg who were baptized in Marieville, Quebec on 23 Nov 1831. The family migrated to Hinesburg, VT and Lewis Steady shows up first in the 1830 Census of Hinesburg. She gave birth to several more children in Vermont. Augustin Gibou dit Tranquille, son of Bazile & Charlotte Filie dit La Vigne, was baptized on 28 Jun 1834 at St Mary's church by Rev. Amable Petithomme at about 2 years of age according to the St Joseph, Burlington records. Louisa was baptized on 16 Jul 1837 as a Tranquille and Henry on 21 Apr 1840 as a Steady; both at the Cathedral.

When in Vermont, they show up immediately as Steady vs Tranquille in the civil records. I wonder how that happened. In the Cathedral and St Joseph records in Burlington I have seen Gibbois and Gibou a couple times but mostly Tranquille and Steady in the 1900's. Naturally the French church would get the name correctly even though the family has used Steady in civil cases.

The 1st Bigoin in Quebec was a soldier named Jacques Giboin who fought in the French and Indian War, serving Lt Louis Herbin in the Montreal area. Lt Herbin was the last Commandant of Fort Frederic at Crown Point, NY (1757 to 1759) so it is possible that Jacques Giboin was also at that fort; almost across from Hinesburg, VT. In 1760 the Giboin surname took on the additional dit name of Tranquille which means 'calm' or 'steady' in English. In Hinesburg, VT they used the surname Steady. Other names used for this surname are Biggois, Gibou, Jibou, Stady, Still, Tranque, Trank.

SEVEN Civil War Soldiers in the Steady Family in Hinesburg, VT



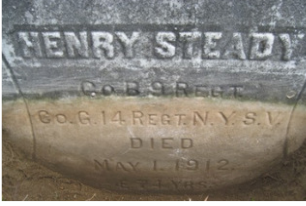
4 Children and 3 Grandchildren of Louis Steady / Giboin dit Tranquille & Charlotte Lavigne

Henry Steady was wounded but all 7 soldiers survived the Civil War

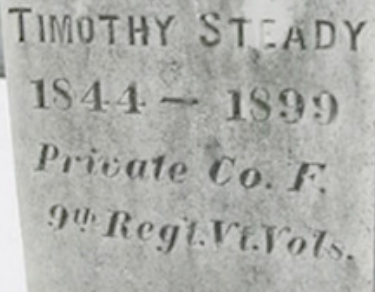
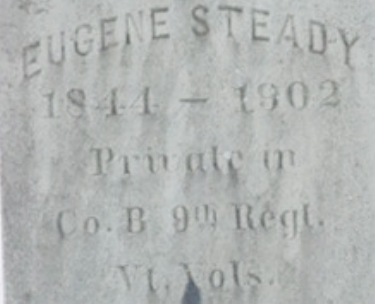

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| 1. Born 1818 Lewis M. Steady & Rosella Johnson | G2. Born 1845 Eugene Steady & Abby Holdridge |
| | G3. Born 1848 Lewis Miles Steady jr & |
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| 2. Born 1828 Timothy Muty Steady & Olive Strong | G1. Born 1844 Timothy Steady |
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| 3. Born 1832 Augustus Steady & Sarah Backum (Backus?) | |
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| 4. Born 1839 Henry Steady & Flavia Browe | |

Four of their children served in the Civil War

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| 1 |  | <p>Name: Lewis M. Steady son of Louis Basile Giboin & Charlotte Fily dit Lavigne</p> <p>Born: 19 Jan 1819 at Vercheres, Quebec</p> <p>Enlisted: 17 Aug 1864 age 44 credited to Bristol, VT</p> <p>Mustered In: 17 Aug 1864, PVT, Co. F, 9th VT INF</p> <p>Mustered Out: 13 Jun 1865 ; deafness left ear / rheumatism and ague</p> <p>Married: Louisa Rosella Johnson on 22 Nov 1841 Montpelier, VT</p> <p>Died: 4 Dec 1879 Buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT</p> |
| 2 |  | <p>Name: Timothee Muty (Modeste) Steady son of Basile Giboin Tranquil & Charlotte Brodeur dit Lavigne</p> <p>Born: 8 Jun 1824 St Jean Baptiste de Rouville, Quebec, Canada</p> <p>Enlisted: 17 Aug 1864 at age 40 credited to Hinesburg, VT</p> <p>Mustered In: 17 Aug 1864, PVT, Co. F, 9th VT INF</p> <p>Mustered Out: 13 Jun 1865</p> <p>Married: Olive Strong (Dufort)</p> <p>Died: 5 May 1902 at age 77 Buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Essex, VT</p> |
| 3 | No stone photo | <p>Name: Augustus, son of Lewis & Charlotte Lavigne</p> <p>Born: 1832 Hinesburg, VT (Bap 28 Jun 1834 St Joseph, Burl., VT)</p> <p>Enlisted: 1 Jun 1861 at age 28 credited to Johnson, VT</p> <p>Mustered In: 16 Jul 1861 PVT, Co. E, 3rd VT INF</p> <p>Transferred: 30 Oct 1862 to 5th US CAV</p> <p>Mustered Out: 12 Feb 1867</p> <p>Married: Sarah Backus</p> <p>Died: 27 Jun 1876 Buried at Maple Street Cemetery at Waterbury, VT</p> |
| 4 |  | <p>Name: Henry Steady son of Lewis & Charlotte Lavigne</p> <p>Born: about 1839 Hinesburg, VT (Baptized 21 Apr 1840 at Cathedral)</p> <p>Enlisted: 8 Sep 1862 at age 23 credited to Hinesburg, VT</p> <p>Mustered In: 21 Oct 1862 PVT, Co. G, 14th VT INF</p> <p>Mustered Out: 30 Jul 1863 2nd time 1 Dec 1865</p> <p>Enlisted: 12 Dec 1863 MI: 23 Dec 1863 PVT, Co. F, 9th VT INF; 6 Jul 1864 Prtd Corp.</p> <p>Wounded 29 Sep 1864 at Chapin's Farm, VA; 26 Jun 1865 prtd Sgt; 13 Jun 1865 to Co. B</p> <p>Married: 25 Nov 1857 to Flavia R. Browe at Hinesburg, VT at age 18</p> <p>Died: 1 May 1912 Saint Mary's Cemetery, Ballston Spa, NY</p> |

Three of their Grandchildren Served in the Civil War

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| G1 |  | <p>Name: Timothy Steady, son of Timothy Muty Steady Born: 1844 (8 Aug 1847 bap at Cathedral, Burl., VT) Enlisted: 10 Jun 1862 at age 17 credited to Hinesburg, VT Mustered In: 9 Jul 1862 PVT, Co. F 9th VT INF Deserted: n. d. Returned: 15 Jan 1863 Mustered Out: 13 Jun 1865 Married: 1st Mary Jane Stebbins on 31 Aug 1867 Hinesburg, VT by minister; age 21 2nd Mary (Murphy) Welch 16 Oct 1880 Burlington, VT by minister; age 34 Died: 11 Nov 1899 Buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT</p> |
| G2 |  | <p>Name: Eugene Steady son of Lewis & Rosella Johnson Born: 22 Mar 1845 Hinesburg, VT Enlisted: 29 Dec 1863 at age 19 credited to Monkton, VT Mustered In: 31 Dec 1863, PVT, Co. F 9th VT INF Transferred: 13 Jun 1865 Co. B Mustered Out: 1 Dec 1865 Married: 4 Jul 1872 Abby Holdridge at Stowe, VT Occ: Candy maker Died: 28 May 1902 Buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT</p> |
| G3 |  | <p>Name: Lewis Steady Jr son of Lewis & Rosella Johnson Born: 15 Aug 1848 at Hinesburg, VT Enlisted: 4 Dec 1863 age 18 credited to Bristol, VT Mustered In: 31 Dec 1863 Pvt, Co. F, 9th VT INF Transferred: 13 Jun 1865 to Co. B Mustered Out: 15 Nov 1865 Married: 17 May 1871 Alma St Antoine at Burlington, VT by minister Died: 20 Aug 1924 Buried at Southview Cemetery, North Adams, MA</p> |

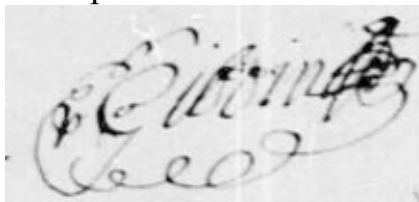
Ancestry of Steady alias Giboin dit Tranquille

Pierre Giboin & Marie Devaire
France

Jacques Giboin from St Romain de Valette, diocese of Perigeux, Dordogne, France
Soldier of officer Lt Herbin during the French & Indian War
& Elisabeth Lemay

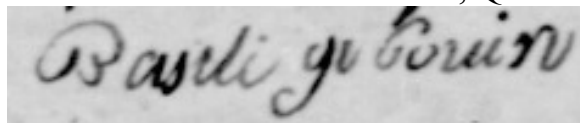
Wed 7 Jan 1754 at Sault-aux-Recollect, Quebec

All 12 of their children were baptized at Notre Dame church, Montreal, Quebec



His signature in the 1760 baptism

Basile Giboin & Marie Anne Guyon / Dion
Wed 15 Jul 1793 at Vercheres, Quebec



His signature at his wedding in 1793

Louis Basile Steady / Tranquille / Giboin & Charlotte Fily dit Lavigne

Wed 10 Feb 1817 at Vercheres, Quebec

In 1830 Hinesburg, VT Census

Basile Giboin son of Basile Giboin and Marie Anne Yon / Dion / Guyon
Louis Basile born 13 Apr 1794 and bap 14th at Pointe Olivier, St Mathias, Quebec
Died after 1872 in VT when he was about 80 years old.

Charlotte Fily (indexed as Fosly) daughter of Francois & Marie Louise Novion
Born Varennes, Quebec on 8 Mar 1795; Baptized on 9th.
Died 1 Aug 1872 at Essex, VT age 78

9th Regiment Infantry

The 9th Regiment was organized at Brattleboro and there mustered into the U. S. service, July 9, 1862, for three years. It was ordered at once to Washington, left camp on July 15, and four days later was attached to Gen. Sturgis' division at Cloud's Mills. On the 24th the command moved to Winchester, where it was employed in the construction of fortifications, and other duties for several months. Early in September it was withdrawn to Harper's Ferry on the approach of Stonewall Jackson's forces and with the other troops there posted was surrendered and sent on parole to Chicago. On Jan. 10, 1863, the prisoners were exchanged and the regiment was placed on guard duty over prisoners captured at Murfreesboro and Arkansas Post until April 1, when it returned to City Point, Va.

It was at Suffolk during the siege in April and May, 1863 ; was next sent to Yorktown and occupied West Point during the Gettysburg campaign, when a futile attempt was made upon Richmond. July, August and September were spent at Yorktown, where the health of the men suffered from the climate and malaria was common. For this reason the command was transferred in October to Newport barracks, between Morehead City and New Berne, N. C. Early in Feb., 1864, at the time of the attack upon New Berne, a detachment was sent by the Confederate leader, Gen. Pickett, to capture Newport barracks and in the battle which resulted 3 men of the 9th won medals for gallantry. The regiment was finally obliged to withdraw to Morehead City, after a brave stand in defense of the post, and finally to Beaufort. Three days later the old position at Newport barracks was re-occupied by the 9th Vt. and the 21st Conn, and held for some months without any break in the routine except several excursions into the surrounding country. During the summer various details near New Berne employed several detachments of the regiment, and in September, the entire command was ordered to Petersburg, Va., where it became a part of the 2nd brigade, 2nd division, 18th corps, Army of the James, with which it remained during the existence of the corps. A detachment of the regiment was posted at an earthwork known as Redoubt Dutton, sometimes called Butler's slaughter-pen, which exposed position it held and defended with honor, protecting the artillery, and the remainder of the regiment was stationed at Chaffin's farm [**Henry Steady wounded here**], where it was joined by the detail from Redoubt Dutton. The regiment formed part of the force that engaged the enemy at Fort Harrison on Sep. 29 and carried Battery Morris. On Oct. 27 it participated in the conflict at Fair Oaks, after which it was ordered to New York to guard against possible rioting during the presidential election. With the 3d division, 24th corps, it was again stationed before Petersburg and took part in the final assault on the city April 2, 1865. On June 13, the members of the regiment whose term would expire before Oct. 1, 1865, were mustered out and the remainder consolidated into a battalion of four companies, which remained in service until Dec. 1, 1865. The total strength of the 9th was 1,878 members, of whom 23 were killed or died of wounds, 232 from disease, 36 from imprisonment and 7 from other causes.

Source: The Union Army: A History of Military Affairs in the Loyal States 1861-65, (Federal Publishing Company, Madison, WI, 1908), i:114-115.