

Marriage contract for Francois Bourassa and Genevieve Patenaude

7 September 1812 by the Notary Louis Decoigne of Montreal

Passing before the Notary Public of the Province of Lower Canada, District of Montreal, resident there undersigned.

Was present, the Monsieur Francois Bourassa, of majority age, resident of the parish of Ste Marguerite de Blairfindie, coming from the marriage of the deceased Albert Bourassa and Marie Lachapelle, his father and mother, stipulating for himself, of one part;

And Genevieve Patenaude, daughter of majority age, resident of the parish mentioned above, coming from the marriage of the deceased Etienne Patenaude and Marie-Anne Provost, her father and mother, stipulating also for herself, of the other part;

The above mentioned parties in the presence of, and the consentment of their parents and friends, Know: of the part of the said future groom, of Charles Goudreau, Marie Bouvette, Genevieve Bourassa, Marguerite Breaux, Louis (brother-in-law) and Joseph Surprenant, friend.

And of the part of the said future bride, Albert Patenaude, Francois Brouillet, Toussaint Provost, Elizabeth Patenaude, Antoine Patenaude, Celeste Patenaude, brother and sister, and brother-in-law Julien Girard, and Louis Bouchard, friend.

Genevieve had a dowry of 100 Livres.

NOTE: These marriage contracts were similar to our pre-nuptials today, where all parties are defined, all assets they bring into the marriage are defined, and what happens to these assets and any new assets acquired during the marriage, in case of the death of either party. Its all written in a very legal language and is not of much concern to us now. JRF