

“Poissant Families of Marennes”

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Charente-Maritime, France

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NOTE: 11 Nov 2012 Update: I added BMD from St Pierre de Sales Catholic records after completing scanning the 1584 to 1709 records, over 6000 pages, many for Abraham's family.

NOTE: 29 Sep 2012 Update: I added BMD from St Pierre de Sales Catholic records; mostly for Samuel Poissant's family.

NOTE: 18 Mar 2011 Update: I noticed that on this document I had used Poissan and Poissant. In my document containing the actual 63 records I had correctly used Poissant everywhere. If you look closely you will see that every name is Poissant, with a very small 't' which caused the initial confusion. John

NOTE: Updated on 21 Feb 2017 after finding 1638 bap for Samuel

The Poissant's of Quebec descend from Jacques Poissant, a soldier of the Franche Marine Company of De Noyan who arrived in New France at Quebec City on 12 November 1684. His abjuration or renouncement of the Huguenot faith took place on Palm Sunday, 15 April 1685 at Pointe-aux-Tremble, Montreal, Quebec. His parents were Jacques Poissant and Elizabeth Magord from Marennes.

On the 26th, 27th and 28th of September 2005, while visiting my daughter Elizabeth in Salt Lake City, Utah; I researched the Poissants at the Family History Library of the Latter Day Saints, or Mormons. On previous visits I had copied the marriage acts of my ancestors in my four major lineages, cleaned them up and put them online at my website. Most of these three research days were spent on microfilms 1733699 and 1733700, the Birth, Marriage and Death records of the Reformed Church (Calvinist Temple) of Marennes. First, I would like to thank the Mormon individuals who so painstakingly microfilmed these records and made my research possible. The records began in 1629, which had only one page, but begin in earnest in 1631 and ended in 1683. Note that the next microfilm began in 1757, which leaves a large gap in the records. It was very difficult to read and many of the French words were very old French, which is not in use today. I believe that my previous experience in entering and proof-reading the baptism and marriages of many Vermont churches this past year was a tremendous help in understanding these records from Marennes.

After seeing the results of the research of Christian Siguret and Bougrier at Fichier-Origine, an online website; my goal was to find the following;

- Jacques Poissant's baptism and birth act in 1661
- The marriage act of his father Jacques and Suzanne Guichard in 1653
- The marriage act of his father Jacques and 2nd wife, Elizabeth Magord
- The death act of Jacques mother Elizabeth Magord

I had also thought that I might find his father's birth act and to find his father's parents, but this was "a long shot"; and I did not. I found 3 of my goals but did not find the marriage act of Jacques and his second wife, Elizabeth Magord. **But, I found 63 Poissant records!** This is an amazing number. It is altogether possible that I missed some records, in fact, I am sure that I did. Most of the records I found were baptism records, a few marriage records that only list the husband & wife, and no parents; and several death records which turned out to be very valuable, contrary to what I find here in the United States where death record information is very brief and sometimes incorrect.

As it turns out, the 3 days in the library was only the beginning. I spent the next 3 days transcribing the records onto index cards, and I made at least 5 passes thru the 63 records to re-examine all the information, look up the strange French words such as Filiastre or Filhastre which means step-son, "present mois presente" and "derniere presente", "aieul", which means "grandparents", vefve, the old word for widow or widower, the various occupations especially saulnier or saunier which is a salt-seller or salt-workman, and many others. After this I began to assemble the families, 3 main families in the 1630's of Samuel, Pierre and Jacques; and then many more in the 1650's and 1660's and on. Because there were few marriage records, and because the earlier marriages never listed the parents, there was no way to link the families together, what a tragedy! However, by examining the baptisms, which gave the godparents and their relationships, and later examining the death records which named who assisted at the interments, and their relationship; I was able to link most of the families together. However, this is not absolute proof. I will explain these linkages later in the records below.

Two key surprises were; (1) the death record of Elizabeth Magord noted her step-son Raimond, who was born of Jacques and Suzanne Guichard; and (2) the death record of Raymond which listed his "cousins germain" or 1st cousins Samuel and Pierre which tied Jacques to the other 2 early families. Many other smaller relationships of godparents gave added confirmation that these families were all related.

My first Poissant ancestor in New France was Jacques Poissant who married Marguerite / Jacqueline Besset about 1698, possibly at Fort St Louis in Chambly. I was surprised again to learn that Jacques, a Franche Marine soldier, had 4 stepbrothers and 1 stepsister. I have no idea where his father Jacques went or where he died. I have not found his death or burial record. The younger Jacques had 5 stepsiblings, but I haven't found any of them as the head of a family. Maybe they moved elsewhere. There were 3 sons who were named Jacques; did the first 2 die young? I did not find any of their death records.

Layout of the Poissant Families

Samuel, Pierre and Jacques assumed to be brothers		
Samuel & Jeanne Bremand	Pierre & Suzanne Periquand	Jacques & (1) Suzanne Guichard (2) Elizabeth Magord
Samuel & Marie Courtois	Pierre & Anne Archambaud Abraham & Jeanne Chaigneau	Jacques (2) & Marg.Besset In New France / Quebec

NOTE 1: The above family linkages have not been proven by means of marriage records; but I made the assumptions based on information in the baptism & death records.

NOTE 2: The information in [] square brackets is my comments that show inter-family relationships.

NOTE 3: When I could not clearly understand the record, I substituted a ??.

NOTE 4: I am certain to have made some errors in reading or understanding the 63 records, and also in making so many assumptions. Please forgive me for these.

Marenes Poissant Chart Inter-Family Linkages

Jacques, Samuel and Pierre Poissant are assumed to be brothers based on the linkages presented below					
JS	Jacques Poissant Suzanne Guichard	SJ	Samuel Poissant Jeanne Bremand	PS	Pierre Poissant Suzanne Periquad
JS1	Raymond 1638-39	SJ1	Elizabeth 1632	PS1	Abraham (AJ)
JS2	Jacques 1640	SJ2	Pierre 1633	PS2	Pierre 1632 (PA)
JS3	Suzanne 1645	SJ3	Jean 1636	PS3	Jeanne 1635
JS4	Jaques 1649	SJ4	Sarra 1642	PS4	Elizabeth 1637
JS5	Abraham 1652	SJ5	Samuel 1638 (SM)	PS5	Marie 1640
JE	Jacques Poissant Elizabeth Magord				
JE1	Jacques 1661 (JM) Marg. Besset, Quebec				
JM	Jacques Poissant Marguerite Besset In Quebec	SM	Samuel Poissant Marie Courtois	AJ	Abraham Poissant Jeanne Chaigneau
JM1	Jean Baptiste 1700	SM1	Elizabeth 1666	AJ1	Abraham 1655
JM2	Jacques 1702	SM2	Samuel 1668	AJ2	Jeanne 1656
JM3	Francois 1704	SM3	Anne 1673	AJ3	Abraham 1657
JM4	Pierre c1707	SM4	Jeanne 1673	AJ4	Marie 1660
JM5	Claude 1709	SM5	Marie 1675	AJ5	Jean 1661
JM6	Marguerite c1711	SM6	Charles 1677	AJ6	Esther 1664
JM7	Jean Francois 1716	SM7	Jean 1681	AJ7	Judith 1672
JM8	Felicite Marie 1720	SM8	Jacques ~1684		
JM9	Marie Agathe 1720				
				PA	Pierre Poissant Anne Archambaud
				PA1	Pierre
				PA2	Elizabeth 1660
				PA3	Abraham 1661
				PA4	Helie 1663
				PA5	Marie 1665
				PA6	Marguerite 1672
				PA7	Jeanne 1674
				PA8	Claude 1676

Legend – the two letter ID is based on the couples first initials + a number for each child
GP = Godparent [] – My additional notes and ramblings
Type **I** = Intra family link that proves the family composition
Type **X** = Inter Family Links that ties families together

ID	Type	Description
JE	I	Elizabeth Magord – Raymond Poissant her stepson JS1 (no Bap or Marr. records)
JS1	X	At Raymond's death in 1679, at the interment were 1 st cousins PS2 & SJ5. This is a major link that ties all 3 brothers together; Jacques, Samuel & Pierre.
JS2	X?	GP is Jacques Mestivier
SJ2	X	GP is Pierre (PS) [uncle]
SJ4	I	Sarra married Abraham Brun; GP of their child “Jaes” is grandfather Samuel (SJ)
PS	I	Suzanne Perriquad died 1675, assisting were her children Abraham (PS1) & Pierre (PS2)
PS2	X	Pierre's GP was Jeanne Bremand (SJ) [aunt]
AJ1	I X?	Abraham's GP was Pierre (PS),(PS2) or (SJ2) – [1 st child - probably grandfather Pierre] [Could the Mestivier GP be a link to (JS) Jacques Family? (JS2) GP was Mestivier also]
AJ2	I?	Pierre's GP was Pierre (PS),(PS2) or (SJ2) – [probably uncle Pierre] [maybe cousin?]
AJ4	X?	[Could the Mestivier GP be a link to (JS) Jacques Family? (JS2) GP was Mestivier also]
AJ7	X?	[Could the Mestivier GP be a link to (JS) Jacques Family? (JS2) GP was Mestivier also]
PA2	I? X?	GP is maybe aunt Elizabeth (PS4) or cousin Elizabeth (SJ1)
PA3	I	GP is Abraham Poissant, probably grandfather, probably (AJ) or (AJ3), but could also be (PS1) or (JS5)
PA4	X	GP Jeanne Chaigneau links Pierre (PA) and Abraham (AJ) as brothers
PA7	I	GP are Pierre (PA1) and Elizabeth (PA2) [siblings]
PA8	X	At death, assisted by Abraham, uncle (AJ) and Samuel (SJ5)
SM1	X	GP is Samuel grandfather (SJ)
SM2	I	GP is Elizabeth I-(SJ1) or X-(PS4) [probably her aunt (SJ1)]
SM3	X	At death was grandfather Samuel (SJ) and Abraham 2 nd cousin (AJ3) or (PA3)
SM5	? X	GP is Jean Gabiou, could this link to Jean Poissant the sailor? (very weak link) Assisting at Death was Samuel, father and Abraham, cousin, master glove maker (AJ)
SM6	X	GP Bremand is probably her grandmothers (SJ) brother. Assisting at Death was the father and Abraham, cousin, master glove maker (AJ)

NOTE: Jean Poissant (SJ3) & Elizabeth Gabiou appears to be a first marriage; and Jean Poissant & Marie Robert appears to be a second marriage. In both marriages, Jean is listed as a sailor and there are many common godparents in both families. Children in 1st family were born in 1655, 1657, 1659, 1662 and 1665; and in the second family they are born in 1673 and 1675. His age of 44 years at the time of his second marriage is a few years off from his baptism date. I would need to find several more Links to the other Poissant families to be more convinced.

Family Sheets

	Jacques Poissant & Suzanne Guichard
	Married on the last Sunday of January 1638 [Calculated to be the 31 st] [Jacques was alive in 1661 for the baptism of his son Jacques, but deceased in 1670 when his 2 nd wife, Elizabeth Magord died. I did not find a death record for him, maybe he died elsewhere] [Jacques occupation was Sergeant Royal (A person who was charged to apply the decisions of court. He was equipped with a mace and preceded the personalities at the time of any court processions)]
1	Raimond / Raymond Poissant
B	[Late 1638 or early 1639 based on his death record. Did I miss this record, or was he born & baptized elsewhere? Being the first child in the family, the godparents would have been Jacques parents, or at least one of the godparents.]
D	Thursday 16 Feb 1679 is deceased, Raymond Poissant - clothing tailor – age 41 - assisting at his interment was Pierre Poissant, master shoemaker, and Samuel Poissant, master clothing tailor, his first cousins, all from Marennes. [probably the children of Samuel & Pierre Poissant]. [Pierre and Samuel signed]
2	Jacques Poissant
B	Bap. 7 April 1641; born 11 September 1640 GP: Mr. Jacques Mestivier/Mestinier and Elizabeth Gabio the ??? of April 1641 [I will use the Mestivier surname from now on] [after the godmothers name, its unusual to see more info but here we see a date; did the baby die soon after?]
3	Suzanne Poissant
B	Bap. Thursday, 6 Feb 1645, born 6 October GP: Jacques Geay? & Suzanne Delaruze
4	Jaques Poissant
B	Thursday, 28 Nov 1649, born 6 Sep GP: Jacques Lini & Elizabeth Testefolle
5	Abraham Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday 28 April 1652, born 7 Sep GP: Abraham Poissant & Anne Savie [GP Abraham was probably Pierre & Suzanne's first child]
	Jacques Poissant & Elizabeth Magord
	[Contract 23 July 1653 Srce = Christian Siguret, Bougrier (NOTARY Me Aubin)] [Married 25 March 1654 at Reformed Church in La Tremblade, France]
1	Jacques Poissant
B	Bap. Thursday, 4 August 1661, born 12 July 1661 GP: Jacques Poissant his father & Jeanne Magord, his aunt
M	[In New France about 1698 – 1699]
D	[In New France 1734]
	Death of Elizabeth Magord
	Died 16 June 1670, widow of Mr Jacques Poissant, Sergeant Royal; she was age 51, assisting at her Interment was Raimond Poissant, clothing tailor, her step-son, and Jean Rouslier, salt worker, her brother-in-law, all from Marennes.

Samuel Poissant & Jeanne Bremand

Samuel was a master tailor of clothing according to grand-daughter Anne's death record, the daughter of Samuel & Anne Courtois

1	Elizabeth Poissant
B	Bap. 11 July 1632, born on the 8 th GP: Samuel Bremand & Elizabeth Goller? – Ayeulx – [grandparents] [Is Elizabeth Goller the wife of Samuel Bremand or grandmother Poissant? Traditionally they used one grandparent from each family]
D	Burial 15 Jun 1701 at St Pierre age 68 assisted by husband Guillaume Virou
2	Pierre Poissant
B	Bap. 30 Oct 1633, born the 23 rd [assumed shoemaker per Raymond's death record] GP: Pierre Poissant & Suzanne Bremand
M	Assume Anne Archambaud
D	
3	Jean Poissant
B	Bap. 6 Feb 1636, born on 30 Jan 1636 GP: Jeanne Bremand & Francoise Channeau
M	
4	Sarra Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday, 5 Jan 1642, born the 29 th GP: Isadore Villenoufve & Sarra Sironneau
M	Married Abraham Brun Their daughter Jaes was baptized on the morning of 13 July 1664, born the 1 st GP: Samuel Poissant, her "aieul" - grandfather & Jeanne Chaillaud
D	
5	Samuel Poissant [assumed due to godparent = Bremand] clothing tailor
B	Bap. 8 Jan 1638 GP Samuel Voge? and Maoi Tambory?
M	Marie Courtois



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Pierre Poissant & Suzanne Periquaud/Periquan

Master Shoemaker

Suzanne Perricaud died 14 Feb 1675 at age 71, widow of Pierre Poissant, master shoemaker, assisted at the interment by Abraham Poissant, master glove maker & Pierre Poissant, master shoemaker, her children, all from Marennnes.

1	Abraham – assumed due to godparents of his children Master glove maker at time of his mothers death
B	
M	Jeanne Chaigneau
D	
2	Pierre Poissant
B	Bap. Mar? 1632, born the second GP: Pierre Sironneau & Jeanne Bremand Master shoemaker at time of his mothers death
D	
3	Jeanne Poissant
B	Bap. 26 Oct 1635, born 21 st GP: Pierre Chaigneau & Jeanne Yonbard?
D	
4	Elizabeth
B	Bap. 25 Jul 1637, born 11 th GP: Pierre Testefolle & Elizabeth Periquand
D	
5	Marie Poissant
B	Bap. 18 March 1640, born the 16 th GP: Isadore Villenoufve & Marie Prou?
D	

NOTE: An Abraham and Pierre appear in London England as French Huguenot refugees in the 1680's and 1690's after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 when many Huguenots preferred to leave France so that they could freely practice their religion. See the page on English Huguenots. Could also be the sons of Pierre Poissant and Anne Archambaud that went to London.

Abraham Poissant & Jeanne Chaigneau

Master glove maker or glover

[Assumed the son of Pierre]

Jeanne Chaigneau burial at **St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church** on 3 Aug 1687 at age 54. Assisted by husband Abraham and her brother Jean Chaigneau. Signed by Abraham & Pierre Poissant.

1	Abraham Poissant
B	Bap. Last Sunday of Jan 1655, born 30 th of present month GP: Pierre Poissant & Esther Mestivier
M	
D	
2	Jeanne Poissant
B	Bap. Tuesday, 25? April 1656, born on the 24 th of present month Pierre Poissant & Marie Yon
M	
D	
3	Abraham Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday, 30 September 1657, born 25 th GP: Estienne Bonnin & Elizabeth ??
M	9 Oct 1696 age 35 at St Pierre to Esther Tijou age 20 signed by Anne, Jeanne and Abraham (his sisters) 18 Nov 1699 bap at St Pierre of son Pierre 29 Mar 1701 bap at St Pierre of son Abraham 11 Apr 1702 bap at St Pierre of dau Anne 10 Aug 1705 bap at St Pierre of dau Marie
D	
4	Marie Poissant
B	Bap. Tuesday, 20 January 1660, born the 15 th GP: Helie Drouillard & Marie Mestivier
M	19 Nov 1704 at St Pierre to Poli--ve Poignet, signed by Marie & Esther
D	
5	Jean Poissant
B	Bap. Tuesday, 29 September 1661, born on the 17 th Jean Chaigneau & Marie Chaigneau
D	
6	Esther Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 13 July 1664, born on 26 June GP: Pierre Chaigneau & Esther Peyraud
M	18 Oct 1694 at St Pierre to Helie Tantin; Esther age 26 Helie of LaTremblade age 22 ships carpenter. Signed by Esther, Anne & Abraham Poissant 26 Oct 1697 dau Mariette bap at St Pierre
7	Judith Poissant
B	Sunday morning, 27 November 1672, born on the 24 th GP: Jean Bargeau & Judith Mestivier
M	

Pierre Poissant & Anne Archambaud

Married Sunday evening, 8 July 1658 – [assumed son of Pierre]
 Master shoemaker

1	Pierre Poissant – [a brother, per his sister Jeanne’s baptism in 1674]
B	
2	Elizabeth Poissant
B	Bap. Thursday, 14 October 1660, born on the 10 th GP: Estienne Archambaud & Elizabeth Poissant [daughter of Samuel or Pierre]
D	
3	Abraham Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday, 18 September 1661, born on the 14 th GP: Abraham Poissant & Marie Coive [Abraham – probably Pierre & Suzannes first child]
D	
4	Helie Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening 22 July 1663, born on the 18 th GP: Helie Grenzan? & Jeanne Chaigneau [Link to Abraham & Jeanne Chaigneau’s family]
D	
5	Marie Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday, 8 February 1665, born on the 2nd GP: Nicollas Guibert & Marie Puyaud
D	
6	Marguerite Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 17 January 1672, born the 17 th GP: Jean Auniou, sailor & Marguerite Chasseau
M	
D	
7	Jeanne Poissant
B	Bap. Sometime before the 4 th of September 1674, born 20 th of August GP: Pierre Poissant, shoemaker, brother & Elizabeth Poissant, sister
M	
D	
8	Claude Poissant
B	Bap. Thursday, 25 June 1676, born on 30 May GP: Claude Guibert, master pewter pot maker & Jeanne Milon
M	
D	Deceased on 29 September 1676, age 4 months, assisted at interment by Abraham Poissant, master glove maker, his uncle; Samuel Poissant, master clothing tailor, his 1 st cousin. All from Marennes [Proves that Abraham & Pierre are brothers; and Samuel, son of Samuel & Jeanne Bremand]

Samuel Poissant & Marie Courtois	
Married Sunday evening, 16 August 1665 Clothing tailor – [Assumed son of-Samuel Poissant and Jeanne Bremand]	
1	Elizabeth Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 25 July 1666, born the 23 rd GP: Samuel Poissant & Marie Bodin grand father & grand mother [of each family][this links Samuel & Samuel]
M	St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church 6 May 1691 age 26 wed to Pierre Mesnager, sailor age 26 in presence of Samuel Poissant, father. At St Pierre son Francois bap 5 Feb 1692 Godmother was Elizabeth Poissant. (probably cousin Pierre's daughter)
D	St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church 20 Aug 1692 age 25 assisted by her father Samuel and husband Pierre Mesnager.
2	Samuel Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 29 January 1668, born the 23 rd GP: Samuel Guilbert & Elizabeth Poissant [daughter of Samuel or Pierre]
3	Anne Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening 10 January 1673, born the 1 st GP: Jacques Courtois, sailor & Anne Audet
D	Deceased Sunday, 10 July 1679, age 7, assisting in the interment were Samuel Poissant, master clothing tailor and her grandfather, and Abraham Poissant, master glovemaker, her second cousin; all from Marennes [links to Pierre or Jacques]
4	Jeanne Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 26 November 1673, born the 10 th GP: Andre Chevallier & Jeanne Chevallier All from this church and from town of La Tremblade
M	St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church 18 Aug 1692 age 19 wed to Elie Tantin age 25
5	Marie Poissant
B	Bap. November or December 1675, born the 16 th GP: Jean Gabiou, merchant & Jeanne Bouteou?
D	8 March 1681, age 5 years; assisting at interment was Samuel Poissant, father & Abraham Poissant, cousin & master glove maker [another link]
6	Charles Poissant
B	Bap. 1 November 1677, born 20 October GP: Charles Bremand, merchant & Judith Courtois [Bremand link to Samuel]
D	Charles Poissant, 21 March 1682, age 4 and a half; assisting at interment was Poissant, father & Abraham Poissant, his second cousin and master glove maker [Abraham – link to Pierre or Jacques]
7	Jean Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday evening, 9 February 1681, born the 2 nd GP: Jean Boisseau, master surgeon & Suzanne Boisseau
D	St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church 18 Dec 1685 age 5 Assisted by father Samuel and Jean Poissant, uncle (SJ3). Signed by Samuel.
8	Jacques Poissant
B	About 1684
D	St Pierre de Sales Catholic Church 27 Feb 1690 age 6 Assisted by his father Samuel and Jean Daniet, uncle.

Jean Poissant & Elizabeth Gabiou

Sailor – [Possibly a son of Samuel – but no actual linkages found and they are sailors]

1	Marie Poissant
B	About 1655
M	Wed to Jacques Gibou, sailor, age 21, before 21 November 1675 Of Jacques Gibou, sailor, and deceased Jeanne Durrier from the consent of said Gibou, his father; and Marie Poissant, age 20, daughter of Jean Poissant, sailor, & Elizabeth Gabiou also with the consent of said Poissant, her father; assisted by Pierre Moreau, sailor, uncle of said Gibou, and Samuel Robert, master shop carpenter, first cousin, Pierre Durrier, sailor and first cousin of said Poissant, and Pierre Tijou, master shoemaker and 3 rd cousin, all from Marennes.
M	[Could this be a 2 nd marriage for Marie?, the age is correct and her father is Jean, another sailor, and the mother is not named in the record] Married on Sunday, 23 November 1681 to Malachie Debre, sailor, age 22, son of Malachie Debre & Marie Robert; and Marie Poissant, age 26, assisted by Pierre Debre, sailor, and Samuel Robert, uncles of the said Debre; Jean Poissant, sailor and father of the said Poissant, and Jean Orion, sailor, her brother-in-law; all of the village of Chappaix. Their daughter Marie baptized on 23 August 1682, born the 19 th . GP: Pierre Debre, sailor, and Elizabeth Poissant; from village of Chappaix.
2	Nohemy Poissant (note she is Poissant with a 't')
B	Bap. Sunday, 5 August 1657, born the 29 th of July GP: Jacques Channeau & Nohemy Godez
M	1675 to Jean Orion, sailor, age 22 of Jean Orion, ploughman, and Anne Masse; & Nohemy Poissant, age 19, of Jean Poissant, sailor, and Elizabeth Gabiou, with the consent of said Poissant, her father; assisted by Girard Aurion, merchant; Francois Videau, sailor and 1 st cousin of said Orion, Pierre Espinet, sailor and 1 st cousin of said Poissant, and Jean Jaubert, sailor and 2 nd cousin, all from this church.
D	
3	Jean Poissant
B	Sunday morning 9 November 1659, born 26 October GP: Jean Jaubert & Marie Regrenier
M	
D	
4	Guy Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday 10 September 1662, born the 3 rd GP: Jean Espinet & Anne Euvet
D	
5	Elizabeth Poissant
B	Bap. Monday, 6 April 1665, born on 8 February GP: Jean Jaubert & Suzanne Gource
D	

Jean Poissant & Marie Robert

Sailor – [No parents listed in marriage record]
 Married Thursday, 25 August 1672, he age 44 and she age 38
 Assisted by Jean Espinet, merchant sailor, first cousin of the said Poissant, Jean Gennaud, merchant, second cousin by alliance; Jozue Perroy, merchant sailor, brother-in-law of said Robert and Pierre Debre, sailor, also her brother-in-law by alliance.

1	Marie Poissant
B	Bap. 1 st or 2 nd ? November 1673, born 3 rd GP: Malachie Debre, sailor & Marie Poissant [Malachie is a link to the previous Jean Poissant family] [Previous record was October 30 and next record was 12 November 1673]
M	
D	
2	Nohemy Poissant
B	Bap. Sunday morning 24 March 1675, born the 22 th GP: Guy Espinet, sailor & Nohemy Poissant
M	
D	

Jozue Poissant & Marguerite Gibou

1	Jacques Poissant [Another Jacques....]
B	Bap. Thursday 25 April 1658, born 23 rd GP: Jacques Goutin & Marie Marchay
M	
D	

Other records which contain Poissant references

Jacques Courtois and Anne Audet

Married Sunday evening, 10 December 1673
 Jacques Courtois, sailor, age 26, son of Jacques Courtois, also sailor & Marie Bodin, and Anne Audet, age 21, of Estienne Audet, master shoemaker, and Marie Merlor from Consanteniene of the said Audet, her father; which marriage was assisted by **Samuel Poissant, master clothing tailor, brother-in-law of the said Courtois**; Jean & Andre Chevalliers, sailors and 1st cousins; Nicolas Audet, shoemaker, brother of the said Audet; and Jean Beauregard, master shoemaker, her brother-in-law; all of this church or the town of La Tremblade

Decease of Jacques Archambaud

8 July 1674 decease of Jacques Archambaud, master clothing tailor, age 56, assisted by Pierre Dislo, master miller, his brother-in-law, and **Pierre Poissant, master shoemaker, his nieien???**, all from Marennes

Decease of Pierre Chasseau

The 28th of November 1674 the deceased Pierre Chasseau, age 10 and son of Pierre Chasseau, sailor, and of Marie Archambaud, assisted at his interment by **Pierre Poissant, master shoemaker, his 1st cousin**, and Jacques Galaise, salt worker, his 2nd cousin; all from Marennnes

Baptism of Abraham Chaigneau

Baptism of Abraham Chaigneau on Sunday morning, 27 January 1675, born on the 14th GP: **Abraham Poissant, master glove maker** & Marie Guillet, all from Marennnes.
[Abraham could be any of three]

Decease of Jeanne Courtois

On 24 April 1675 deceased Jeanne Courtois, age 8 months, of Jacques Courtois, sailor & and Marie Audet; assisted in the Interment by Estienne Audet, master shoemaker and grandfather, and **Samuel Poissant, master clothing tailor, her uncle**. All from Marennnes.

Decease of Lydie Chaigneau

On 19 March 1680 at age 3, of Jean Chaigneau, master sailor in charge of stowing goods, and Esther Peyrard; assisting at the interment were the said Chaigneau, her father, and **Abraham Poissant, master glove maker and her uncle**; all from Marennnes.

NOTE 1: In almost every baptism, the child was named for the godparent of the same gender.

NOTE 2: Signatures begin to appear in the records in 1670, and Raimond signs as “Poissant” with an excellent signature. In 1672, Pierre signs as “Poissant” with an equally excellent signature, and Jean Poissant signs as “Poissant”. All Poissant signatures are very good, indicating that they had a good education in Marennnes. By 1676, most signatures are “Poissant” with a “t”.

NOTE 3: Naturally, the sobriquet of LaSaline never shows up in Marennnes, since it was a nickname that was given to Jacques when he joined the military. The records that I searched ended in 1683 and Jacques was not referenced in these later years.

Some of the Acts

1st Marriage of Jacques Poissant to Suzanne Guichard on Sunday, 31 Jan 1638

A photograph of a handwritten document in French, likely a church record. The text is written in a cursive script and reads: "Du dimanche au soir dernier de Janvier 1638 de Mons. Quandelin court a este tenu le mariage de Jacques Poissant & Suzanne Guichard du dimanche au soir...". There is a large 'X' mark at the beginning of the line containing the names.

Baptism of Jacques Poissant on 4 August 1661

Du Jeudi 4. Aoust 1670 par m^r Crespin,
 Jacques fils de m^r Jacques Poissant & de Elizabeth magord y^e m^r
 Le dom. dms de Genille dernier possesseur au baptême par Jacques
 Poissant ch^z p^r Jeanne magord. A. Tanc.

Burial of Elizabeth Magord 16 June 1670 at age 51, signed by her stepson Raymond Poissant

Le Samedi 11^e Jour de July 1670 est d^e d^e Elizabeth
 magord v. f^r d^e m^r Jacques Poissant Sieur Royal Aage
 & cinquante un an & son assist^z a soy Eubrem^e Raimon
 Poissant tailleur. Elle habite soy fillette de J^ray Roulier
 au lieu soy beaux frs tous d^e ce lieu de marais, d^e Roulier
 a dict ne sans sign^e de ce Enqu^r & J^ray Roulier

Du Jeudi 11^e de July 1670 au presche fait
 par monsieur Loqueur pasteur

Baptism of Elizabeth on 11 Jul 1632, born the 8th.

Du mesme Jour a l'action du soir
 par M^r Dumezay a este baptizee
 Elizabeth fille de Samuel ydoudan & de Jeanne Videmand
 nee le vint^e j^r par Samuel Videmand & Elizabeth
 s^rolla son ayeule

Du dimanche xxiii^e Juillet 1632
 par M^r Aridus ont este baptizee

Baptism of Jacques 7 Apr 1641, born on 11 Sep 1640

Jacques fils de M^r Jacques Poissant & de Jeanne Videmand ne le xij^e de 1640
 par M^r Jacques Meunier & Elizabeth videmand s^rolla son ayeule

Pierre fils de M^r Jacques Poissant & de Marie Videmand ne le xij^e de 1640
 par M^r Jacques Meunier & Elizabeth videmand s^rolla son ayeule

Burial of Suzanne Perricaud on 14 Feb 1675 at age 71, widow of Pierre Poissant; signed by Pierre and Abraham Poissant

Le quatorzième jour du mois de Février 1675. Et de. D. D. D.
 Suzanne Perricaud âgée de soixante un ans veuve de Pierre
 Poissant m. Cordonnier, de un assistée a son Enterrement
 Abraham Poissant m. Cordonnier et Pierre Poissant m. Cordonnier
 ses enfans tous de ce lieu de naissance
 Poissant
 Poissant
 le 14. Février 1675 au preschoeur

Marriage of Jacques Gibou, sailor, age 21, before 21 November 1675 to Marie Poissant age 20

Le bon mariage de Jacques Gibou marinier âgé de vingt
 un an fils de Jacques Gibou aussy marinier et de Marie Jeanne dernier du
 Constantine dudit Gibou son pere et de Marie Poissant âgée de vingt
 ans fille de Pierre Poissant marinier et de Elizabeth gabion aussy de
 Constantine dudit Poissant son pere, lequel mariage ont assisté
 Pierre Moriau marinier oncle dudit Gibou Samuel Robert m. Charpentier
 de Navire son Cousin germain Pierre dernier marinier cousin germain
 de dudit Poissant et Pierre Cijou m. Cordonnier son Cousin au
 troisième degre tous de ce lieu Eglise
 François Poissant Jacques Gibou
 Pierre dernier Marie Poissant Pierre Moriau
 Pierre Cijou Samuel Robert
 le 21. de Novembre 1675 au preschoeur de ce lieu de naissance

**The Marriage Act of
Jacques Poissant and Elizabeth Magort
Reformed Church in La Tremblade, France
25 March 1654**

*Jaque poissant et Elizabeth
magort d'eglise de Marennes
Espouse le vingt-cinquieme
mara mil six cent cinquante quatre*

Jaque Poissant et Elizabeth Magort d'eglise de Marennes
espouse le vingt-cinquieme jour mara, mil six cent cinquante
quatre.

Jaque Poissant and Elizabeth Magort of the church of Marennes
married the twenty fifth day March, 1654