

The Simard Family

This family was established at Puymoyen (Puymoyen, Charente, a suburb and canton of Angouleme, France); present population is 705; population in the XVIIIth Century was 243; it is situated about four kilometers from the city of Angouleme. Angoulmois has existed since the XVIth Century (Dictionnaire de Sougrain). A list for poll-taxes of Puymoyen (Philippine Gibaut, notary, the minutes of notaries of Angoulmois, conserved in the departmental archives of Charente at Angouleme, Series E) mentions on 21 November 1654:

Pierre Simard, escardeur, living in the village, 53 sols; Antoine Simard, 36 sols; Marsault Simard, 4 sols; what Nicolas Neband gets from Colas Symard: 3 livres, 11 sols; Colotte Cymard, on his own behalf and that of Jehanne Cymard, 25 sols a Lion; Antoine Simard, 37 sols and for the property he possesses at the villafe of Puymoyen, 3 livres, 3 sols.

This article goes on to mention five Simards who are married, the continues as follows:

Relationships among the Simards:

I. Antoine Simard, laiving at Puymoyen, ceases to exist by 1588. He married the first time Marguerite Soulot; and in a second marriage to Francoise Berthon. Children of the first bed:

1. Pierre, who shares in a division of property with his brothers and sisters on 22 February 1588 (Mousnier, notary)

Of the second marriage:

2. Marsault, who follows
3. Vincent
4. Raymond
5. Jeanne
6. Marguerite

II. Marsault Simard I, son of the preceeding, married before 1588, Leonarde Berthoulme, who had, probably, Marsault II, who follows:

III. Marsault Simard II, (also Marsaud or Martial), probably the son of the preceding couple, married Ozanne Souillet (Jouillet or Coulet), who was remarried to Gautier Leurauld in 1625, a merchant living in the village of Puymoyen. She was no more in 1631.

Children:

1. Marsaut Simard III, who follows in the original article, but is omitted here)
2. Pierre Simard, who follows
3. Antoinette Simard (Contract of marriage was passed in the presence of Pierre Cymard, brother of the bride, among others.)
4. Marguerite

IV. Pierre Simard, born in 1602 or 1603 if one believes the censuses of 1666 and 1667. (Sulte, Histoire, IV, p. 55; p. 75) The census of 1681, in giving his