

BERUBE

Berube, Damien, was baptised at Rocquefort, Seine-Inferieur, (department subdivision of Yvetot), diocese of Rouen, France, 2 February 1647. His god-father was Jean-Baptiste Deschamps de Boishebert. His parents' names were Robert Berrube and Catherine Ferrecoq (registers of Rocquefort). Damien Berube was one of the two masons that M. de Boishebert, son of his god-father, brought with him on the ship St. Jean-Baptiste when he founded his domain of La Boutellerie (Riviere Ouelle, Canada).* On 22 August 1679[†] Berube espoused (registers of L'Islet) Jeanne Savonnet, widow of Jean Souccy dit Lavigne. At the time he was living at La Boutellerie where he had received a concession of land from M. de Boishebert on the 27th of September 1676 (cf. Phileas Gagnon). The census of 1681 places him between Jacques Thiboutot and Pierre Hudon: he had six horned beasts and 10 arpents of improved land (one arpent equals 1.5 acres) (Cf. Suite, Hist., V, 78a). This ancestral land of the Berubes passed to the youngest son of the family, Mathurin Berube, then from father to son all the way to Louis Berube, the owner of 1909 (literally "the medal-holder of 1909") (Le livre d'or... p.68). Damien Berube succumbed to the forces of old age, at 41 years, and was buried ** at Riviere Ouelle 7 March 1688. Jeanne Savonnet, twice widowed, married a third time to Francois Miville at Riviere Ouelle 7 November 1692. On 15 November 1708 a division of property was made between "the good wife of Miville" and her children: ~~by her marriage with Damien Berube~~ (cf. records of Jauneau). On the 24th of February 1719, the children of her marriage with Damien Berube delivered up to her a quit-claim for their part of their father's estate. She was at length buried at Riviere Ouelle, 12 March 1721. We close this article with mention of the sale of her chattels on the 16th of October of the same year (1721) (Cf. Jauneau). The children of Damien Berube and Jeanne Savonnet were:

1. Jeanne-Marguerite: bapt. Islet(I) 15 Dec. 1680; m. Riviere Ouelle (RO) 26 Aug. 1697 (cf. ssp 24 Aug. in the records of Jauneau) to Rene Flourde; buried: RO 26 Feb. 1709
2. Pierre Berube: date of birth unknown; married RO 8 January 17 06 to Genvieve Dancosse; buried RO 5 October 1736.
3. Ignace: born....; M. RO 16 August 1707 (c. ssp. 14 August, in records of Jauneau) to Angelique Marguerite Ouellet; buried RO 9 March 1709; division of property among his heirs 25 June 1710 (Jauneau's records).
4. Marie: born....buried RO 8 March 1688, 5 years old.**
5. Marie-Joseph: bapt. RO 6 Jan. 1685; buried...
6. Therese: born.... buried RO 8 March 1688, 2 years old.**
7. Mathurin: posthumous, bapt. RO 21 Nov. 1688; m. RO 6 April 1712 (c. Jauneau, 2 April) to M-Angelique Miville; item sold to his brother, Pierre Berube, 14 June 1727 (Jauneau's records); buried RO 20 November 1741; His widow deeds property to her 11 children 25 January 1749 (Dianne's records).

Variants: Berrube (reg. of Rocquefort); Berruby (census of 1681); Beryhey (Jauneau's records for 24 August 1697); present spelling Berube.

* Cf. Asseline, Antiquites et chroniques dela ville de Diepre, 1671, cited by Casgrain in "Une paroisse canadienne au XVIIe siecle" in Oeuvres Completes, Vol. 1, p. 476.

** The dates of burial for Damien Berube and his two young daughters, Marie and Therese, within one day of each other, lead one to suspect an epidemic at this period.

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