

**Confirmation of the place of origin of our ancestor Jacques Ériché,  
research findings carried out by François and Jean-Claude Richer**

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Jacques Ériché is born around 1664 in Louvetot, France (insee code 76398) and he died on December 24, 1747, in St-Laurent, New France.

Jacques Ériché is the ancestor of all Richer dit Louveteau (Ériché, Héricher, etc. and their variants in USA : Richa, Lefto, Lifto, etc.). Also, by the marriage of his daughter Marie-Joséphé with Pierre Plouf, he is of interest for this branch of the Plouffe family.

At his marriage celebrated on April 7, 1698, in Notre-Dame church in Montreal, and also on his marriage contract<sup>1</sup>, we can read « that he is a soldier in the company of Mr Levasseur, captain of a marine detachment, son of late Jacques Éricher (Ériché ?) and Catherine Pin, his father and mother, native of Louvetot, Normandy, Archidiocese of Rouen... and that he is thirty-four years old », which suggests that he would be born in 1664. However, until now, no act was recovered to confirm these assertions.

Given the fact that the ancestor of the Leduc originated from the place known as Louvetot, in Normandy, Archidiocese of Rouen, which has been linked to Grigneuseville (insee code 76328) at the beginning of the XIX<sup>th</sup> century, it was suggested that Jacques Ériché could have come from this locality. An exhaustive search in the registers of this place, independently done by Louis Richer<sup>2 3</sup> and ourselves, did not identify any trace of a marriage of a Jacques Éricher or a Catherine Pin. Or a birth of a Jacques Éricher, even if a baptism of an Ériché was detected for the year 1621.

For the other Louvetot place (insee code 76398), registers for the years 1587 to 1668 are not available. At the suggestion of Daniel Héricher, Jonathan Picceu and Jean-Louis Chevaillier (GGHSM – 73 7732 Member of *Bolbec au fil de la mémoire*) that we thank for their collaboration and suggestions, we were able to examine the registers of this parish. The acts were photocopied from microfilms made available to researchers by the Departmental Archives of Seine-Maritime.

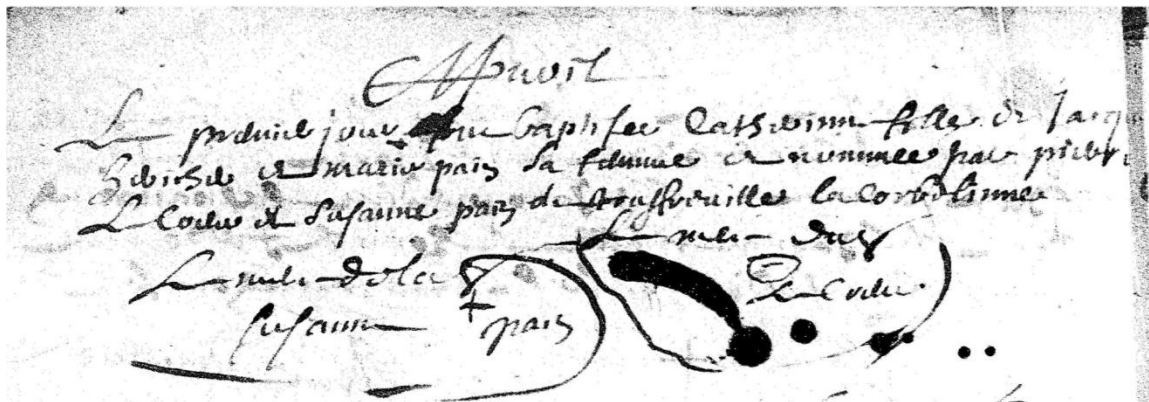
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<sup>1</sup> Marriage contract before the notary Adhémar, March 31, 1698, No 4.153

<sup>2</sup> Louis Richer, see <http://pages.infinit.net/igr/>

<sup>3</sup> Louis Richer, personal communication

We are pleased to report that we have found the birth certificate of Catherine Héricher, daughter of Jacques Héricher and Catherine Pain dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1671. Here is the photograph of this act and its transcript line by line, followed by its translation :



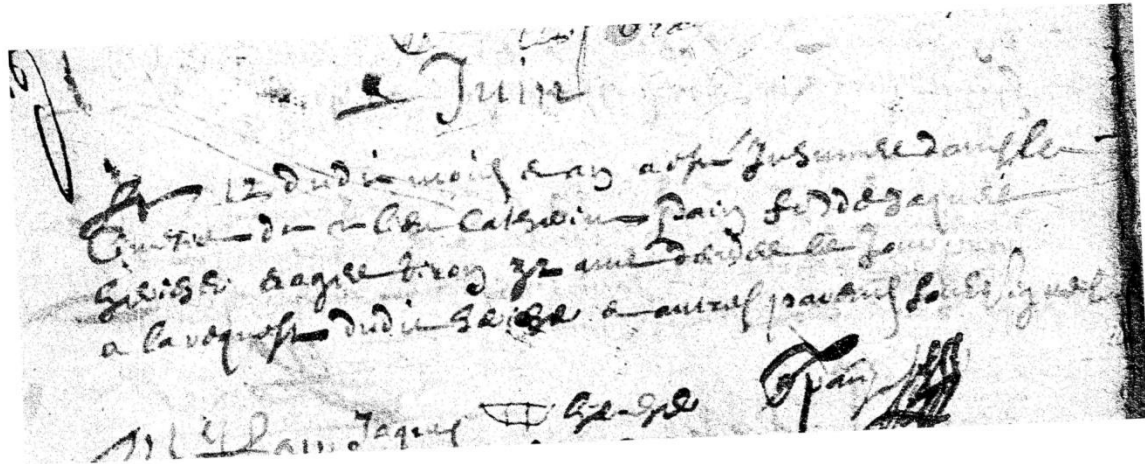
Avril

Le premier jour fus baptisee Catherine fille de Jacques  
Hericher & Marie Pain sa femme & nommee par Pierre  
Lecoer [**de cette paroisse (omission ?)**] & Suzanne Pain de Touffreville la Corbeline  
(La mere\* de Suzanne pain La mere\* de Pierre Lecoer)  
Signature et marque de Suzanne Pain Signature et marque de Pierre Lecoer)  
\*mere=marque

April

The first day was baptized Catherine daughter of Jacques  
Hericher & Marie Pain his wife & name given by Pierre  
Lecoer [**from this parish**] & Suzanne Pain de Touffreville la Corbeline  
Signature and mark of Suzanne Pain and Pierre Lecoer

In the same registers we also found the burial record of Catherine Pain, dated June 12, 1671, wife of Jacques Héricher, who died at the age of 32. Here again is the photograph of this act and its transcript line by line, followed by its translation :



Acte d'inhumation de Catherine Pain le 12 juin 1671 à Louvetot

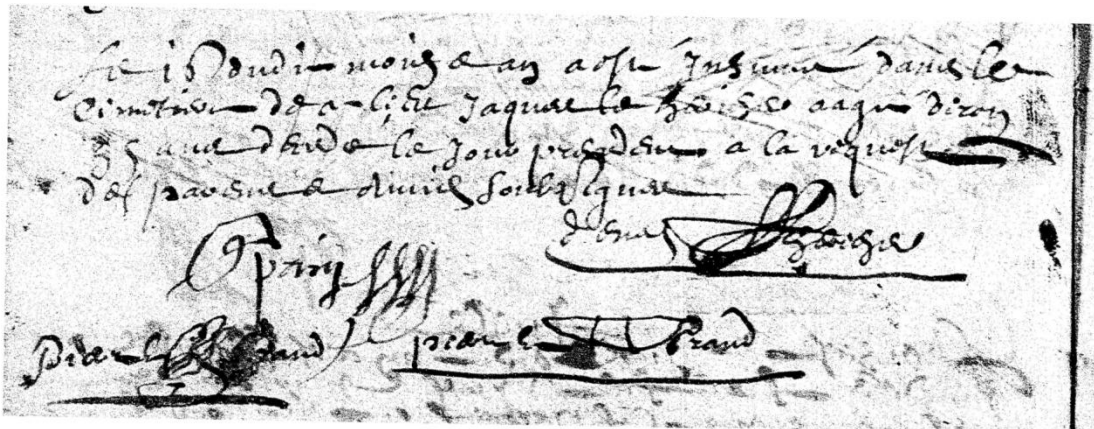
Juin

Le 12 dudit mois & an a esté Inhumée dans  
 le Cimetiere de ce lieu Catherine Pain fe(mme) de Jaques  
 Hericher Aagée Viron 32 ans decedee le Jour precedent  
 A la requeste dudit Hericher & autres parents Soubsignes  
 Signature and mark of M (arin) Pain, Jaques Hericher and G(uillaume) Pain

June

The 12<sup>th</sup> of this month & year has been buried in  
 the cemetery of this place Catherine Pain wife of Jaques  
 Hericher aged about 32 deceased the day before  
 At the request of this Hericher & other undersigned relatives  
 Marks and signatures of M. Pain, Jaques Hericher, G. Pain

Finally we found the burial record of Jacques Le Héricher at the given age of 35, which indicates that he was born in 1636. Here again is the photograph of this act and its transcript line by line, followed by its translation :



Acte d'inhumation de Jacques Le Héricher le 16 août 1671 à Louvetot

Le 16 dudit mois & an a esté Inhumé dans le  
Cimetiere de ce lieu Jaques le Hericher aage Viron  
35 ans decedé le Jour precedent a la requeste  
des parens & Amis Soubsignes  
G(uillaume) pain (sa marque) denis Lehericher  
Pierre legrand Pierre le (sa marque) Grand

The 16<sup>th</sup> of this month & year has been buried in the  
Cemetery of this place Jaques le Hericher aged about  
35 years who died the day before at the request  
of undersigned relatives & friends  
Signature and mark of G Pain, Denis Lehericher  
Pierre Legrand

Even it has not be possible until now to find the birth certificate of our ancestor, because of gaps in the records of Louvetot, it is now established that he had at least one sister, Catherine. Furthermore we can confirm that his parents' names, who died when he was a young child, were Jacques Héricher and Catherine Pain (even if the orthograph of these names may have varied) and that he was originating from Louvetot (insee code 76398), which is located not far from Allouville-Bellefosse, between Yvetot and Caudebec.

It was suggested that Jacques Ériché might have contracted a first marriage before his departure for New France. This possibility cannot be excluded, but no document relating to such a marriage could be found until now.

**Jacques Héricher (1636-1671)**

Our researches led us to the Protestant temple of Lintot. The baptism of a child named Héricher on August 24, 1636, corresponds to the likely date of birth of Jacques Héricher, father of Jacques Ériché, our ancestor who came to New France. His father and mother names are Jean Héricher and Magdallaine Desruxaux, from Gruchet, and the godparents are Jacques Héricher and Jeanne Postel, also from Gruchet. This locality is about 20 km from Louvetot.

Whitout being able to establish unambiguously that these persons are really the father and mother of our ancestor, the concordance in time and places lead us to believe that they are the parents of Jacques Ériché who came to New France. Further research in this direction is ongoing.