

PFO REPORT PIEDMONT FAMILIES ORGANIZATION

REQUEST TO INDEX THE DIGITIZED MICROFILM PIEDMONT FAMILY WORKING ROUGH DRAFT FAMILY GROUP SHEETS OF THE WALDENSIAN FAMILIES

By Boyd L. Cardon

The digitized microfilm collection is more complete than the collection in the Church Records Archives or at the Ogden Branch Genealogical Library. This is because it includes numerous family group records which have not yet been processed for temple work. These are primarily records of modern families to whom no near relationship was determined and records with incomplete information. The processed family group records are represented in this file with the letters “E” and “C” written by the names of the children.”(Images 5/986 and 7/986 in the file Caabanis-Cesan 472239) **I have inquired about indexing the digitized microfilm collection. If permission is granted to index them, we will need a dedicate group to help. Will the living descendants of the Waldesian familes assist to take on this project?**

I have written to Rod DeGiulio, coordinator, and Laura Giometta, program manager of the Italian Genealogical Records to inquire about indexing the digitized Rough Draft Piedmont Project Family Group Sheets.

With the ongoing construction of the Rome, Italy Temple and with my Italian Waldensian ancestry, I am very interested in having the digitized Rough Draft Piedmont Project Family Group Sheets indexed. There are many of the believing blood of the House of Israel on these group sheets that are not my direct ancestors that need the ordinances. I have had repeated impressions to ask that these people receive the blessings and ordinances of the gospel.

Laura Giometta wrote back:

“I am looking into this for you. We have a couple options we could pursue but I would like to vet them before getting your hopes up. That said, any kind of indexing project we decided to engage in would likely need to be completed (or heavily completed) by your Family Association. Family Group Sheets are notoriously difficult to index, especially for our indexers who are not connected to the Waldensian families. Thus, if we felt we could set up the project, we would likely do so with the intent that your group would be working on it by yourselves. Do you think you would all be up for that?”

How can you help? PLEASE DONATE to the PFO to continue the research. Volunteer to help with the ordinance work or indexing. May we have the attitude: If I could, I would help.

The notary records continue to provide names of our ancestors

How many descendants are there now of Philippe Cardon and his wife Martha Marie Tourn?

By Carl Goodman

It started with the 1986 Cardons! the book compiled by Genevieve Porter Johnson and Edna Cardon Taylor and that we make available at the reunions. Charles and Earl Cardon did a hardback update in 1995 and changed the format to modified registry. I picked up from there and did an update in 2007 from info collected for a couple of years via email and mail based on the contacts that we had. I’ve added to it for the last 10 years as folks have sent me their information and as I’ve been able to extract information from obituaries. The web version is found on the family pages of our website, www.CardonFamilies.Org under the Descendants link. The web version has 341 less people in it than my database. The name index on the website is hyperlinked by the way, said hyperlink showing each individual as a spouse, child or parent. The name index is found at www.cardonfamilies.org/philippedescendants to check the Descendants of Philippe and Marthe.

The Cardon Families Organization has info on 9,365 direct descendants of Philippe and Marthe Marie Cardon. It is obviously not complete. Number 9365 is Addison, daughter of Angela Jenkins. Addison is part of the 9th generation. Also of note is that living descendants span from the 3rd to the 9th generations, Larry Porter being one of the 3rd generation still living.

Anne Cardon the eldest daughter of Philippe and Marthe, stayed behind in Italy, her husband was very much against the Mormons. We have info on 6 of her generations, 38 direct line descendants.

Jean aka John Cardon was the next child. He did join the church and came to Utah in 1854. He stayed in the Ogden area his entire life. Of his descendants we know of 761 direct line individuals in 7 generations. John married Anna Regula Furrer.

Barthelemi Cardon died in 1831 as a child and had no posterity.

Catherine Cardon came to Utah in 1854 with the family, married Moses Byrne and ended up in Piedmont Wyoming. We know of 964 descendants of Catherine down to her 8th generation (9th from Philippe and Marthe). Of note is that Moses also married Anne Beus another Waldensian, but we are not tracking her descendants, but we do have info on 14 of them.

Next came **Louis Philip Cardon**, Boyd and I both are in his direct line. From Utah, he went to Arizona then on to the colonies down in Mexico. He had two wives, his first bore him no children, so all his posterity comes from his second wife, Susette Stale, also from Waldensian ancestry. We have the most info on his descendants. We know of 3932 direct line descendants down to his 8th generation. His Waldensian wife, Susette had two sisters and a brother who all came to Utah. We've not been tracking the posterity of these siblings, however we do run into a few at our reunions and some have even traveled with us back to Italy. We know of 98 individuals through the Stale siblings lines most of those being individuals that married into the Cardon lines so they are doubly Waldensian.

Following Louis Philip there was **Marie Madeline Cardon** who married Charles Guild. She also settled in Wyoming and the Guild ranch is still active including a trophy trout fishing lake near Piedmont WY. Of her eight generations, we know of 853 direct line descendants.

There was a daughter **Louise**, who also died as a child and left no posterity.

After Louise there was **Jean Paul Cardon**. He went from the Ogden area to Logan and was prominent there. He went by Paul. From his eight generations, we know of 2355 descendants, Addison, mentioned above, being the last. Paul had 2 wives. Card Walker (1916-2005), a grandson of Paul Cardon became a Walt Disney executive and brought us Epcot and Tokyo Disneyland. He also founded the Disney Channel.

The last son of Philippe and Marthe to come to Utah was **Thomas Barthelemy Cardon**. Larry comes from his line. Thomas joined the army while in Utah and didn't join the church until after his return from the civil war. Due to language and misunderstandings he was enlisted as Thomas Gordon. After returning to Utah and joining the church he remained in the Logan area. He had a jewelry store. The Bluebird Café and Bluebird Candy came from his descendants. Of his seven generations we know of 470 direct ancestors. Thomas had 4 wives. The former first lady of Utah, was a Cardon LucyBeth Cardon Rampton. Another of Thomas' descendants, granddaughter Jean Claire Sullivan, married the actor Tom Poston. Jean Claire Sullivan was an actress herself having starred in *Uncertain Glory* (1944), *Escape in the Desert* (1945), *Roughly Speaking* (1945), and *Squirm* (1976). She also appeared in Television and had numerous theatre roles. Sometimes I think the line of descendants we have is a pretty exhaustive list, then I'll find end of line branches that suddenly add hundreds more to the list. If one could assume all the lines were as prolific as Louis Phillippe then the estimate would be pushing 30,000 descendants.

Giovanni Cena, our professional researcher, is honest, diligent and proficient.

Giovanni Cena, our researcher in the Italian Piedmont area records, has identified 578 Piedmont record volumes to date. He has translated and sent 381 volumes. That leaves 197 volumes to send.

If Brother Cena continues to send 20 volumes a year, it will take 9 to 10 years to complete what he has outlined. During 2017 he has sent us 20 volumes at a cost of \$10,000. Currently we owe him \$2,500. Thank you for your continued donations.

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Jenny Cardon Street in Torre Pellice, Torino, Italy
By R. Lavor Cardon



There is a street in Torre Pellice named after Jenny Cardon. I recently felt impressed to check how we are related to Jenny Cardon. She was one of the partisan or Italian resistance to Mussolini and the Nazis. Young women were used as couriers to carry information to and from the resistance leaders. Jenny lost her life in the Rio Gros region just before the allies liberated that part of Italy at the end of World War II. It was proposed that she be given the Bronze Medal for Military Valor. She was born in Torre Pellice March 11, 1917 and died April 23, 1945. Jenny was active in the Italian resistance and was delivering orders to a position held by the partisans when she was surprised by the fleeing enemy and murdered. Four days later on the 27th Torre Pellice and the Val Pellice were liberated. Having the birth year, I checked in Family Search and found her. Her father was listed as “Luigi Cardon” and her mother only as Margarethea. I then went to the Piedmont Project (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/327231>) - the Piedmont Parish records. I looked for a Louis (Luigi) Cardon born the late 1800s with a wife of Margarita and a daughter of Jenny. I found the family in film #007947782 page #557. Louis is the son of Jean (Giovanni) Cardon and Jeanne (Gioanna) Margarite Constantin. Louis was married to Marguerite Pastre, the daughter of Jean Pierre Pastre and Madaliene Gaydau, and they had 3 children; Marios Hiller Cardon, Elmire Cardon and Jenny Pierine Cardon. I then looked for Jean Cardon in the Piedmont Project with a wife Jeanne Marguerite Constantin. I found him in film #007947782 page #539. With this information I was able to merge in Family Search the original Luigi Cardon with Louis Cardon and his wife Margarethea with Marguerite Pastre, the daughter of Jean Pierre Pastre. We are related to Jenny Pierine Cardon. Her direct ancestor is Jacques Cardon b. abt 1702, and a brother to Philippe Cardon b. abt 1710, who is the grandfather of our Philippe Cardon who married Marthe Marie Tourn. In Family Search click on Find and enter the ID number MQDT-8HD. Jenny Pierine Cardon will appear. Click on person and then you will see under her name “View My Relationship.” You will see the connection. We are related to Jenny Cardon!

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NEWS OF THE DESCENDANTS of PHILIPPE CARDON and MARTHE MARIE TOURN EXTENDED FAMILY REUNION HELD 25 AUGUST 2017 IN OREM, UT.

About 300 people attended. There were displays, presentations and a good lunch. The two featured speakers were:

- 1) **Sam Cardon**, a descendant of **Louis Philippe Cardon and Susette Stalle**, who gave a very informative report about his musical career and experiences with well-known productions. He is commissioned to compose the music for the Rome Temple dedication. He composed and performed a piano selection of music that enthralled everyone.
- 2) **Leon Parson**, a descendant of **Jean Pierre Stalle and Jeanne Marie Gaudin-Moise**, who is doing the art work for the ordinance room in the Rome, Italy temple.. The Stalle family came to Utah in the first handcart company. Philippe Cardon took the widow, Jeanne Marie Gaudin-Moise as a plural wife. His son, Louis Phillip Cardon married a daughter, Susette Stalle. He shared some of his impressions and experiences in preparing the Rome Temple art work. A brief history of each of the children of Philippe and Marthe Cardon was given. **Karen Mosley** gave an excellent presentation about keeping the Cardon family tree on family search.org accurate. She has been very active in correcting and documenting the changes on family search. Becky Cardon Smith was honored for her devoted service to the Cardon Family. **David and Linnea Cardon** will chair the next 2019 Cardon extended Family reunion.

**YOUR TAX-EXEMPT RESEARCH FUNDS ARE NEEDED!!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**

Our researcher, Giovanni Cena, sends about 20 volumes per year. His fee per volume is \$500.00. Thus we need to have \$10,000 available each year to pay for Brother Cena's research.

We currently owe \$2500.

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A PLANNED GIFT BENEFIT TO THE PFO CAN PERPETUATE THE RESEARCH

Please consider establishing a planned gift benefiting the PFO to perpetuate the research efforts of the Piedmont Family Organization (PFO). PFO was organized in 1978 as a tax exempt organization in Utah to: 1. Identify our ancestors, and 2. Provide the temple ordinances for them. The PFO has a professional researcher, Giovanni Cena, in Italy who is identifying names of ancestors who need ordinance work. Currently he is searching notary records and other documents that predate the 1700's. He sends two volumes each month for a fee of \$1,000. Use of tools such as trusts, gifts annuities, wills, life insurance, and donor advised funds can be given directly to the PFO with tax benefits. Consult with your lawyer and accountant how to do this.

Descendants of the Bertoch, Bonnet, Bues, Chatelain, Gardiol, Gaydou, Goudin, Justet, Lazear, Malans, Pons, Rivoir, Roshon, Roshon, and Stale families of the early Waldensian converts are invited to participate in the PFO research and funding. Please contact Boyd L. Cardon at: 208 -356-9682 or email boyd_cardon@yahoo.com