

PFO REPORT PIEDMONT FAMILIES ORGANIZATION

A Brief History of the Piedmont Easter Massacre of 1655

By Boyd L. Cardon

As Easter approaches may we never forget *The Piedmont Easter Massacre* of April 24, 1655. Daniele Salvageot and his 2nd wife died in the massacre. He was the fourth great grandfather of Marthe Marie Tourn. Marthe was the wife of Philippe Cardon. *T. Gay, Historie des Vaudois (1912) p 233* Also Gioanni Pavarin not a blood relative of the Cardon's passed. I am certain there were others of our ancestors who also perished.

"In January 1655 the Duke of Savoy commanded the Waldensians to attend Mass or remove to the upper valleys of their homeland, giving them twenty days in which to sell their lands. Being in the midst of winter, the order, of course, was intended to persuade the Vaudois to choose the former; however, the bulk of the populace instead chose the latter, abandoning their homes and lands in the lower valleys and removing to the upper valleys. It was written that these targets of persecution, old men, women, little children and the sick "waded through the icy waters, climbed the frozen peaks, and at length reached the homes of their impoverished brethren of the upper valleys, where they were warmly received.

By mid-April, when it became clear that the Duke's efforts to force the Vaudois to conform to Catholicism had failed, he tried another approach. Under the guise of false reports of Vaudois uprisings, the Duke sent troops into the upper valleys to quell the local populace. He required that the local dwellers quarter the troops in their homes, which the local populace complied with. But the quartering order was a ruse to allow the troops easy access to the people. On 24 April 1655, at 4 a.m., the signal was given for a general massacre.

The Catholic forces did not simply slaughter the inhabitants. They are reported to have unleashed an unprovoked campaign of looting, rape, torture, and murder. Estimates of some 1,700 Waldensians were slaughtered; the massacre was so brutal it aroused indignation throughout Europe. Protestant rulers in northern Europe offered sanctuary to the remaining Waldensians. Oliver Cromwell, then ruler in England, began petitioning on behalf of the Waldensians, writing letters, raising contributions, calling a general fast in England and threatening to send military forces to the rescue. (The massacre prompted John Milton's famous poem on the Waldenses, "On the Late Massacre in Piedmont"). Swiss and Dutch Calvinists set up an 'underground railroad' to bring many of the survivors north to Switzerland and even as far as the Dutch Republic, where the councillors of the city of Amsterdam chartered three ships to take some 167 Waldensians to their City Colony in the New World (Delaware) on Christmas Day 1656. Those that stayed behind in France and the Piedmont formed a guerilla resistance movement led by a farmer, Joshua Janavel, which lasted into the 1660s." [www. http://oldwaldensianpaths.blogspot.com/p/brief-history-of-waldensians-waldensian.html](http://oldwaldensianpaths.blogspot.com/p/brief-history-of-waldensians-waldensian.html) The historical novel, *Rorá*, written by James Byron Huggins in 2007 is a good read of the courageous Janavel.

"In 2015 [Pope Francis](#) in [Turin](#) after a historic visit to a Waldensian Temple, in the name of the Catholic Church, asked Waldensian Christians for forgiveness for their persecution. The Pope apologized for the Church's "un-Christian and even inhumane positions and actions" Wikipedia

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By R. Lavor Cardon

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Extending the Family lines

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As outlined in a previous PFO articles PFOR 67 (Dec 2015) and PFOR 70 (Dec 2016) Huestacio Constantin born abt 1562 had 7 children. One son Augustino Constantin (b abt 1589) married Madalena Rivoire (b abt 1592) daughter of Giorgio Rivoire (b abt 1563) and Gullielmina Martinaglio (b abt 1567). They had at least 4 children: Margarita (b abt 1614, Mathea (b abt 1616), Marta (b abt 1620) and Gioanni (b abt 1624). The daughter Mathea married Gioanni Cardon (b abt 1612 – son of Michele Cardon) and they had 4 children: Daniele (b abt 1637), Agustino (b abt 1639), Gioanni (b abt 1641) and Battista (b abt 1643). After Gioanni's death, Mathea married Giacomo Barale and they had one son Thomaso (b abt 1661). See reference # 1 & 2 Gioanni the son of Augustino married Marta Rivoire (b abt 1616 – daughter of Filippo Rivoire and Maria Pavarin). They had 2 children: Agostino (b abt 1649) and Giacob (b abt 1651) See reference #3

References:

#1. Notary records San Secondo-122 PG 432

TESTAMENTO ...

5 NOVEMBRE 1662

- AgostinoCONSTANTINO (testatore);

- fu Madalena (moglie del testatore);

- fu Mathea (moglie,in primo matrimonio, del fu Gioanni CARDONE e, in secondo matrimonio,di Giacomo BARALE), Margarita, Marta e Gioanni (figli del testatore);

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- Agostino e Giacob(fratelli) di sopra detto Giovanni CONSTANTINO (nipoti del testatore).

#2 Notary records San Secondo-128 PG 437 R

QUITTANZA ...

12 NOVEMBRE 1676

- fu Marta (moglie,in prime nozze, del fu Giovanni CARDONE) fu Agostino COSTANTINO;

- Daniele,Agostino, Giovanni e Battista (figli dei sopra detti coniugi CARDONE);

- fu Giacomo BARALLE da San Germano (secondo marito di detta fu Marta);

- Thomaso BARALLE (figlio di secondo letto della fu Marta).

#3 Notary records SanSecondo-121 PG 745

TESTAMENTO ...

15 DICEMBRE 1659

— Filippo RIVOIRO fu Giacob [1] (testatore);

— Maria fu Daniele PAVARINO (moglie del testatore);

— Maria di Giacob [2]. Giacob [2] è figlio del testatore;

— Marta (moglie di Giovanni CONSTANTINO di Agostino

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