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The Plague, 1630s

All of our Waldensian families lost loved ones during the Bubonic plague epidemic of the early 1630s. The worst epidemic occurred from 1346 through 1349, claiming some 25 million lives, about one-third of the population of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

Most of us know little about the suffering of those who contracted this dread disease. In *Galileo's Daughter*, author Dava Sobel provides a graphic description (page 200). We include it because our Waldensian ancestors *did* suffer from this plague.

“The first symptom typically erupted as a swelling of the lymph nodes under the arms or between the thighs. These large, painful, pus-filled lumps, called buboes, gave the pestilence the name “bubonci plague.” Ranging in size from almonds to oranges, they were the focus of treatment by doctors, some of whom advocated burning the buboes

EXTEND YOUR PEDIGREE: **The GAY (“GUY”) Ancestry of Cardons and of Rivoires**

NOTE: In French—the language of the Waldensians at the time—the surname GAI is pronounced GUY.

The Cardons descend from **Marthe GAY** who married Daniel PASQUET. The Piedmont Project (PP) estimated her birth as about 1668, but the parish registers provided no further information about her.

The Rivoires, on the other hand, descend from **(Elder) Pierre GAY**, estimated in the Piedmont Project to have been born in 1674 and died in 1744, the husband of Anne ROMAN. This (Elder) Pierre was son of another (Elder) Pierre, whose birth the PP estimated as about 1642.

Because these lines ultimately intersect, we diverge from our usual approach. Instead of beginning with the family closest to the immigrant ancestor, we begin here with the earliest known generation. This simplifies the presentation and should therefore reduce confusion. Also varying from our usual procedure, we have not estimated dates; we need to have the Cardons and Rivoires work that out. **NOTE:** This surname generally appears as GAIJ in the records; we use the the French form, the Waldensian preference.

We use our normal abbreviations: abt = about, b = born, ch = child/children; d = died, md = married, wd = will dated. Direct ancestors are shown in **bold**. **Please do NOT submit these names for temple ordinances;** if you wish to help, please contact Boyd Cardon or Judy Melton.

FAMILY SUMMARIES

NOTE: The order of children in these families is subject to further study.

Gioanni GAY (*Cardon & Rivoire ancestor*), d by 1639.

Mrs. Gioanni GAY.

- **Michele** (*Cardon ancestor*), wd 13 Aug 1639; 2nd husband of **Marta PASQUET-MAGNARD** (dau of dec Daniele & dec Margarita), wid of Gioanni NAVARRA; she md (3) Gioanni GARDIOL). Ch. GAY below.

- **Matteo** (*Rivoire ancestor*), d bet 1648-1656; md **Madalena CARDON**. Ch below.

- Barnaba, d 3 Apr 1652; wife unknown; ch: Gioanni, Susanna (md 1653 Peiretto GARDIOL son of dec Antonietto), Maria (md 1657 Filippo SARRET), and Davide.

Michele GAY (*Cardon ancestor*), wd 13 Aug 1639; son of **Gioanni GAY** (above).

Marta PASQUET-MAGNARD, dau of dec **Daniele & dec Margarita**.

- Margarita (by a 1st wife, unknown, NOT by Marta)

- Gioanni, d by 1696; md Maria CONSTANTIN dau of Bartolomeo; 2 daus.

- **Daniele** (*Cardon ancestor*); md **Maria GARDIOL**. Ch below.

- Matteo, d by 1674; md (1) 1663 Margarita CONSTANTIN dau of Bartolomeo (bros md sis); md (2) Madalena GAY dau of Peiretto (son of Matteo)—his cousin.

Daniele GAY (*Cardon ancestor*), Exile records give b as 1632, Prarostino and d as 1691 at Dronero [thus, fighting in the French war]; md shortly after 6 Apr 1656.

Maria GARDIOL dau of **Antonietto** (see below).

- **Marthe** (*Cardon ancestor*), PP: b abt 1668; md **Daniele PASQUET**, whose wd 1705. In the Cardon pedigree, they were parents of **Jean PASQUET**,

who md **Marie JOUVE** (see page 3 below) and, by this couple, grandparents of **Marie PASQUET** who md Jean **ROSTAN**.

- Marguerite, *Exiles*: b 1670; md Francesco CARDON.

- Anna, md Giacomo BOURNE, whose wd 1705.

- Michel, *Exiles*: b 1675

- Susanna

- Maria

-Jean, *Exiles*: b 1686, liv 1708.

Matteo (*Rivoire ancestor*), d bet 1648-1656 [perhaps in the Piedmont Easter massacre in 1655]; md by 1624; son of **Gioanni GAY** (above, first couple in article).

Madalena CARDON, d bet 1648-1662, dau of dec **Gioanni** of Roccapiatta & of dec **Piasenza** -.

- Piasenza, md Giacomo CHALVET (CHAUVET).

- (**Elder**) **Pierre (Peiretto)** (*Rivoire ancestor*), PP: b abt 1642, d by 1709; made several wills: 19 Apr 1672, 28 May 1683, 5 Sep 1692, 16 Jan 1696; md **Susanna GARDIOL**; ch below.

(**Elder**) **Pierre (Peiretto)** (*Rivoire ancestor*), PP: b abt 1642, d by 1709; made several wills: 19 Apr 1672, 28 May 1683, 5 Sep 1692, 16 Jan 1696. **Susanna GARDIOL**, d bet 1683-1696; dau of dec **Antonietto** and **Maria BEINAT** (who are also *MALAN ancestors*; temple work done for this GARDIOL fam & ancestors; see *PFO Report*. No. 28, Feb 2001, pg 3).

- Matteo, wd 1709, 3 ch; md (1) May 1668 Margarita SARRET, md (2) Margarita MURET, wid of Matteo COMBE, md (3) Madalena CARBONIER dau of dec Daniele, a wid.

- Gioanni, liv 1694 (prob more can be found).

- Barnaba, d by 1692; md Catherine COMBE-MAGNOT, 3 daus, all d young.

- **(Elder) Pierre/Peiretto Rivoire ancestor**, PP: b abt 1642, d 1744; md **Anne ROMAN** (1671-1741), dau of **Jean ROMAN**.

- Daniele (prob more can be found about him).

- Filippo (prob more can be found about him).

- Madalena, md (1) Matteo GAY [prob son or grandson of Michele GAY, above]; md (2) Elia PERRON; md (3) Antonio OLIVET of San Giovanni.

- Anna, md Michele BASTIE son of dec Daniele of S. G.

Sources for GAY families: San Secondo vols 121-123, 126, 127, 131-133, Camerale, and Senato papers; Pramollo vol 62.

EXTEND YOUR PEDIGREE: Cardon JOUVE Line

The Cardons have two Jouve (Italian: Giovine, Giovene) lines. Marie JOUVE, daughter of Jean and Marie, md Jean PASQUET (whose mother was Marthe GAY [feminine spelling: Gaye], she whose ancestry appears above). These are ancestors of Marthe GAUDIN, whomd Jean Paul CARDON.

The Cardons also trace their ancestry to Daniel JOUVE (who md Anne OLIVET), son of Jean and Marguerite Marie. It turns out that Marie (who md Jean PASQUET, above) and Daniel (who md Anne OLIVET) were sister and brother.

This family is simpler to trace; Daniel and Marie's grandfather was from San Giovanni; marrying into a family of Prarostino, he remained there.

To be consistent with the GAY entries in this issue, we also begin this pedigree at the earliest generation.

As always, please do **NOT** submit these for temple work; if you wish to be involved, please contact

Boyd Cardon. *Also note that the earliest two generations are shared with the Malans, so those generations should also be coordinated with me (Ron Malan).*

FAMILY SUMMARIES

NOTE: The order of children in these families, unless indicated by a number, is subject to further study.

Gioanni JOUVE (Cardon & Malan ancestor), of San Giovanni; d by 1615

Gioanna -.

-**Giorgio (Cardon ancestor)**, of San Giovanni.

- Tomasso, d by 1632; md Maria DANNA dau of Giovanni.

- Giuseppe (**Malan ancestor**) wd 18 Nov 1625 but lived much longer; md (1) Cattarina BERTINMAGUIT dau of Steffano of Angrogna; md (2) Margarita MARAUDE dau of Gioanni of Rora (much younger than he).

- Daniele, prob d by 1628; 6 ch.

Giorgio JOUVE (Cardon ancestor).
Mrs. Giorgio JOUVE.

- **Daniele (Cardon ancestor)**, d 1686, Torino (religious prisoner); md (2) **Maria GARDIOL**; ch below.

Daniele (Cardon ancestor), above; d 1686; md (1) abt 6 Jan 1663, Filippa ROSTAGNO, dau of Daniele and Gioanna -, & wid of Pietro TALMON; to Prarostino.

(2) **Maria GARDIOL** (wd 2 Jun 1695), dau of **Gioanni GARDIOL** (d 1664), 3rd husb of **Marta PASQUET-MAGNARD** dau of **Daniele**

- Margarita; md Bartolomeo GRILL son of Gioanni of Prarostino.

- **Jean JOUVE** (*Cardon ancestor* but by 2nd wife); md (1) Gioanna GARDIOL (d 1696) dau of Giacob and his 2nd wife Martha GODIN, by whom he had Maria, Daniele, Marthe, Giacob, and Gioanni.

Jean JOUVE (*Cardon ancestor*); md (2) abt 1696. (2) **Marguerite Marie** -(*Cardon ancestor*). Search in the Exile records may identify her maiden name.

1. **Daniele JOUVE**, PP: b abt 1695, d 1765; md **Anne OLLIVET**; *ancestors of Jean Paul CARDON*.

2. **Marie JOUVE**, PP: b abt 1697; md **Jean PASQUET**; *ancestors of Martha GAUDIN*.

JOUVE sources: San Secondo vols. 124, 126, 129, 132-133, 135, Camerale, Senato; Luserna San Givoanni vols. 5, 7-12, 15-18, 20, 29.

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with incandescent gold or iron, then covering the wound with cabbage leaves; others preferred to cut the buboes open with a razor, suck out the blood, and deposit three leeches on the site, topped by a quartered pigeon or a plucked rooster. Left alone, the buboes enlarged each day until they often burst on their own, provoking agony sufficient to rouse even the nearly dead to frenzy.

Since only a fraction of those who contracted the plague could hope to recover, the appearance of the bubo pronounced doom. Fevers rose high within hours of onset, accompanied by vomiting, diffuse pain that felt like burning or prickling, and delirium. Soon the skin displayed wheals and dark markings caused by subcutaneous hemorrhage. Death followed within the week, unless the disease also invaded the lungs, where it caused the coughing of a bloody, frothy sputum and killed the victim in two or three days flat—but not before it facilitated numerous new infections via droplets borne on the wind to be inhaled by the unsuspecting.

The plague leaped like fire from the sick to the whole. Even the discarded clothes or other belongings of the afflicted could communicate the disease. When one family member fell sick, the rest typically followed, and soon all were buried....

By the early seventeenth century, Europeans had gained enough experience with the pestilence to recognize the accumulation of dead rats in streets and houses as the harbinger of disease. The causal connection, however, remained elusive. People continued to blame the plague on miasmas of swampy air, the full Moon, conjunctions of the planets, famine, fate, beggars, prostitutes, or Jews. Two hundred years before the germ theory of disease, no one realized that the plague was caused by microbes living in and on the ubiquitous black rats. When a sick rat died, its hungry fleas jumped the few inches to another animal, or to a nearby human. Having ingested infected blood, the fleas delivered the disease by inoculation with their next bite. The poisonous plague bacterium multiplied rapidly in a new host's bloodstream until infection pervaded the body, attacking vital organs to cause kidney failure, heart failure, hemorrhaging blood vessels, and death by septic shock."

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