## Batch #5

Josephte Jamme Dite Carriere Wedding

## Josephte Carriere Marriage to Jean Baptiste Daragon

When Josephte Carriere (daughter of Michel Gemme Jammes dit Carriere and Genevieve Falmard) married Jean Baptiste Daragon in 1823, it was noted that she brought her personal belongings, as outlined in this notarized marriage document.

Included in those personal belongings are several items of aboriginal clothing including "une robe d'indienne", Indian shawls and items made of alder (d'aulne) – (marked with asterisks on the document). Given the prejudices against aboriginal people at the time, it's highly unlikely that a person of non-aboriginal descent would have and wore native clothing.

In fact, during preparation of this submission a great many marriage contracts were investigated and this is the only one where the bride brought her native dress to the marriage or indeed any native articles at all. This clearly indicates that the Carriere's' had aboriginal ancestry. Josephite's sister named "Sophie James" attends this civil ceremony.

(See Original 7 Page Church Transcript & English Translation)

We believe this **Sophie James** that attended this wedding was yes indeed Josephte's sister. But this girl was baptised June 2, 1807 as Marie Sophie Jamme dit Carriere.

(See Attached-1807 Baptism - Marie Sophie Jammes dite Carriere)

This was **not** the wife (Marie Emelie) of Thomas Lagarde dit St Jean who attended.

We believe that the dress highlighted in this document as "Une Robe De L'indienne" was an Indian dress made from animal skin/hide and not a dress made out of Cotton from India.

Because if you look through list of items, there are items listed as "Chemise de Cotton" which is "Top of cotton." The priest specifies "something made of cotton" for a few items, but not the dress. And there are a few other items listed as being from "Indian Origin" such as: Handkerchiefs and coats. The priest even mentions the fact of a very well used bed of cattails, that too was traditional or from Indian Origin.

We would like to re-submit these documents and kindly request for another review once more by an unbiased person. Because we believe this was an Indigenous girl who was married on this day. With the research discovered, we have come to the conclusion, that a few of the Carriere Family Members were involved with and married Algonquin women.

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## Rough Translation of 7 Page Church Record Written by Father Bellefeuille

November 4, 1823

Marriage agreement between Jean-Baptiste D'Aragon and Josephte James said Carrière

In presence of the public notaries in the province of Lower Canada in the county of — in the district of Montréal — were present Jean Baptiste D'Aragon said Lafrance, labourer, residing in the Le Petit Hill located in the parish of St-Eustache in the North county, widower of (name), with 2 children, born of his marriage with her, on one hand and Josephte James said Carrière residing in said hill & parish, daughter - - of the legitimate marriage of deceased Michel James said Carrière and Geneviève Farmer said -, on the other hand, which in the presence (name) D'Aragon, father of the future husband, Augustin Lagarde friend of the future husband, Jacques D'Aragon his brother and on behalf of his future wife (name) and Catherine Lefève his spouse her friends-and Sophie James- her sister- (name) & François Sabourin friends and Guillaumes Richer also friend-

Stopped, thus he must, clauses & conditions of the marriage proposed to entre between Jean Baptiste Daragon & Josephte James, and of which the celebration must be held right away after the "papation" of the concerned.

There will be community of the belongings between the future spouses, in accordance with the custom of – in this province, except modifications down below.

Their debts and charges before their marriage will be paid separately by

the one who has contracted them at the time of – from whom they will have come from without the other spouse being able to be appointed to it in any way.

Half of the belongings of the future husband consists of the profits of the community that was between him and his deceased wife as well as everything is noted in the inventory he had made of belongings of the said community, every belongings stays his.

The belongings of the future wife entail a Bed of Cattails "élimé" (means that the bed has been used a lot, something worn out by the rubbing) by the parties of 8 pounds, the "lire" (a monetary unit, whose value and subdivisions have varied according to countries and times) of 20.

Cappers at 0.8 pounds
An iron chest 9 pounds
A notebook 1.10 pounds
A hat at 20 pounds
A headdress at 5 pounds
(Not Sure)

A dress at 12 pounds
(Not Sure)
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An Indian dress 7 pounds
A pair of socks 3 pounds
(Not Sure)
(Not Sure)
(Not Sure)

(Not Sure)

A handkerchief 0.10 (not Sure)

A pair of earrings 1.10 pounds

A cotton shirt 0.10

A pair of shoes made of leather-animal skin-(Souliere de bouf)

A pair of felt socks

A shirt & a coat together 0.10

Pair of cotton gloves 0.15

A ribbon 0.15

(Something with three leaves or sheets together)

A pair of shoes 3 pounds

A pair of shoes 5.10 pounds

A pair of wool socks 1.15 pounds

An Indian coat 4 pounds

An Indian coat 1.4 pounds

2 Headpieces or Hats made of skunk-aux coefs de mouffete

Something of lace 1.10 pounds

A cotton apron 2 pounds

2 Indian handkerchief 0.15 pounds

2 Indian handkerchief 0.10 pounds

A pair of socks 0.4 pounds

An Indian shawl 0.8 pounds-Un couvier de L'indienne

A wool hat 1.4 pounds

A little box and a lot of scraps 1.14 pounds

(Something made of alder trees or tree tails)-un semicar de L"arbre de tails

A wool shirt 4.10 pounds and An image or a picture

Which all the items are making up a total of 144.9 pounds

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The future wife will be ...(explains all the rules on next few pages)

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