

**Enrolment Officer's Responding Report made in response to a
Submission by an Interested Party:**

**Reply Report to Responding Submission
Regarding Ancestor
Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean
(RIN #11565)
dated June 2, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received a responding submission from an individual in support of retaining the ancestor Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean (RIN #11565) on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

The submissions are posted on the Tribunal's website at:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/thomas-lagarde-dit-st-jean/>

It appears on the website as:

- Document 14 – Submission by L. Bertrand (Lagarde and Carriere)

The submission is responding to the Enrolment Officer's Report which appears on the Tribunal website as:

- Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Ancestor Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean. It was dated December 2022.

This reply report addresses the content of the responding submission that is relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean is identified in a historic record or document dated on or before December 31, 1921, in such a way that it would be reasonable to conclude that he was considered to be an Algonquin or Nipissing, or a sibling of such a person. A "sibling of such a person" means a person with a common Algonquin parent.

As noted in the Enrolment Officer's Report, archival documents recording a family's life events have been assigned ALG document numbers; RIN numbers have been assigned to individuals discussed in the report to aid in identification. RIN numbers, ALG numbers and/or page numbers of existing reports will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion.

2. Document #14 – Submission by L. Bertrand

The Respondent L. Bertrand provided a 66-page submission regarding his ancestor Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean.

2.1 *"View from Quebec my family links and heirlooms"*

The Respondent supplied a copy of an Alliance Autochtone du Quebec – Native Alliance of Quebec (AAQNAQ) membership card and noted that Thomas Lagarde and his wife were considered to be Algonquin by this organization.

The Enrolment Officer has no comments on the membership codes or practices of other Indigenous organizations.

The Respondent supplied photographs of a genealogical chart tracing his father to Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean (RIN #11565) and Thomas Lagarde dit St. Jean's mother Marguerite Poirier dit Delage (RIN #14682) to her paternal great grandfather Louis Laroquebrune dit Gachiniac (RIN #46112) and his wife Marie Madeleine Sabourin (RIN #46113). The Respondent's chart

noted that the AAQNAQ identified Louis Laroquebrune dit Gachiniac as Algonquin and that Louis married Marie Madeleine Sabourin at Oka on May 21, 1715.

This couple were previously discussed on page 33 of the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) indicating that their marriage was recorded as occurring on the May 21, 1716 at Saint Joachim de la Pointe Claire church in Pointe Claire.¹ The parents of Louis Larocque/Rochbrunne dit Gaghiniac were further discussed on page 7 of the Enrolment Officer's Report with reference to his father Philibert being a soldier with the Carignan-Salyers Regiment from France. The lineage of Louis' mother, Catherine Laporte St. George, was also traced back to France.

The name Gachiniac associated with Louis, and possibly the source of the inference of Indigeneity, is most likely in reference to his French origins. The book *Les Canadiens-Français Origine Des Familles* by N. E. Dionne, Professor of Archeology at the University of Laval notes the name Gachiniac as originating from D'Yffiniac, the French commune of Cotes-du-Nord. Further, the name Vachiniac originates from De Bassignac, the French commune of dép. du Chantal.

As noted by the Enrolment Officer's Report, Louis Larochbrunne's wife Mare Madeleine Sabourin was also traced back to France. This couple is shown on the genealogical chart in Appendix 1c of the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1).

2.1.a Family Heirlooms and Family photographs

The Respondent included numerous photographs of family heirlooms and family photographs.

The Enrolment Officer has no comment on family heirlooms or photographs.

2.2 Calumet Island History

The Respondent included a section on the history of Calumet Island, with particular reference to Louis Brizard and his wife Marie Lavigne, who was "a young Algonquin princess" who was removed from "her Algonquin reserve near Fort Coulonge ... sent to a convent in Bytown to be educated."

Records from the Catholic missions operating in the vicinity of Calumet and Allumette Islands are well represented in the primary document collections held by the Enrolment Office. The settlement of Calumet and Allumette Islands were discussed in the Enrolment Officer's Report in section 4.3 (posted as Document 9).

The Enrolment Officer has no further comments on this section as the content is not germane to identifying the origins of Thomas Lagarde.

¹ ALG-40322 as cited in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1). The Respondent's does not reference documentation to support the 1715 date or that the event took place at Oka.

2.3 Kichesipirini Algonquins and 1701 Great Peace of Montreal

The Enrolment Officer has no comment on this section as the content is not germane to identifying the origins of Thomas Lagarde.

2.4 Calumet Island History part b

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The Enrolment Officer has no further comment on this section as the content is not germane to identifying the origins of Thomas Lagarde.

2.5 Family photos parts a, b, c, and d

The Enrolment Officer has no comment on family photographs.