

1754: LANGLADE'S MARRIAGE CONTRACT

[Translated from MS.,⁷³ dated Aug. 11, 1754, in possession of Wisconsin Historical Society.]

Before the Undersigned Royal notary Residing at the post of Michilimakinac, and the undermentioned witnesses, came and appeared Charles Moras, Esquire, Sieur Langlade the younger, for Himself and on his own behalf—of the one part;

[And Demoiselle Charlotte Enbroise Bourassa—of the other part.]

The said parties, acting of their own free will and inclination, in the presence and with the advice and consent of their relatives and friends hereinafter mentioned, to-wit:

On behalf of Sieur Langlade:—Sieur Augustin Moras, Esquire Sieur Langlade, and Domitilde, his father and mother; Sieur Blondeau and Demoiselle Nanette Vilneuve, his Brother-in-law and Sister;⁷⁴ Sieur Nicolas Vollan, Cousin; Demoiselle Anne Villeneuve, his Sister;⁷⁵ Monsieur Herbin, Captain of infantry Commandant for the King;⁷⁶ Sieur

⁷³ This manuscript, with several others that follow in chronological order, was presented to the Society in 1903 by members of the Grignon family. They supplement the documents known as the "Langlade Papers" in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii, pp. 209-223.—Ed.

⁷⁴ Langlade's mother was a sister of the Ottawa chief La Fourche. Her first husband was Daniel Villeneuve, by whom she had several children. The eldest daughter was Anne (Nanette), who married as her second husband (1745) the Sieur Blondeau.—Ed.

⁷⁵ Nicolas Volant, born in 1701 at Montreal.

This must be Agathe (not Annie) Villeneuve, Langlade's half-sister. She first married Boisguilbert, secondly Pierre le Duc *dit* Souigny, thirdly Amable Roy, and died at Green Bay leaving no children.—Ed.

⁷⁶ Louis Herbin, son of a colonial officer, was born in 1711, made second ensign at the age of sixteen, and ensign "en pied" at twenty-four. His lieutenantcy dated from 1742, and the following year he was given command of Fort Chambly. During King George's War (1744-48) he was stationed at Crown Point, and made several effective raids in the direction of Saratoga. He was commandant at Mackinac (apparently 1754-57), and in the last-named year led the Indians in the Lake Champlain campaign. In 1759 he was decorated with the cross of St. Louis,