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LET THERE BE BYTES. . .

We have our new system up and running with 1 million bytes of memory (1 gigabytes to the true computer user). Designed and built especially to meet our specific research needs, it will allow us to search records especially census indexes in Compact Disc (CD) format, connect with the Internet and run various genealogical software programs. It is user and vision friendly with a large 17" monitor purchased with a donation from the Paul W. Leak Memorial Fund. Continuing contributions to that fund will next help us purchase a scanning device.

Our first members-only workshop on our new system will be held on Sunday, March 10th at 1 P.M. At that time, you can learn more about the use of computers in genealogical research and various software programs available for home use. Space is limited so registration is required. Individual member tutoring sessions can be scheduled through the Library as well.

In the months to come we will establish a home page for the Library that will allow researchers throughout the world to go on-line with our facility. Among the considerations for the page are our days/hours of operation, a shelf list, history of Simsbury and its founders, census returns and research request capability. We welcome member suggestions as well.

Our new E-mail address is: INTERNET:genehist@micro-net.com

1800 Census
of
Simsbury, Conn.

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Abraham Willcox	236	Giles London	237
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Thos. Newell	236	Danl Case	237
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Israel Segar	236	Benjn Dyer	237
Joseph Segar	236	Danl Dyer	237
Benoni Segar	236	George Humphry	237
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Hartwell Barns	236	Eber Humphry	237
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NEW MICROFILM

		Michigan	1860: Genesee County
			1870: Genesee County
			Ionia County
			1880: Ingham County (part)
			Ionia County
			Iosco County
			Isabella County
			Isle Royal
Connecticut	1860: Fairfield County		
	New Haven County		
	New London County		
Illinois	1870: Kane County	New York	1800: Montgomery County
	1880: Kane County		Onondaga County
	Kankakee County		Steuben County
	Kendall County		Tioga County
			1860: Schuyler County
Massachusetts	1920: Middlesex County (part)	Ohio	1850: Knox County

The LADEU Family of "Old Simsbury"

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Pierre LADOU, a Huguenot, escaped the fury of Louis XIV, according to family tradition, by hiding with his wife in a large hogshead (wine tun) which was then placed on board a ship departing France. When they sailed & whether they came directly to America, or sojourned in England or perhaps Holland remains unknown, as does the precise spelling of the surname.

One of the earliest records of this family, located thus far, is the 1698 New Rochelle, New York census whereon "peter ladou ag 36, martear ladou, is wiffe ag 25" along with children "beaty, daneall & M(a)dalan" were enumerated.

By 1710, Pierre and his family were well established in New Rochelle as evidenced by various Westchester County records to include New Rochelle town records, land transactions and baptismal records. The New Rochelle Town List of 1710, includes "Peter Le Doof, aged 46, Mary Le Doof, aged 36" along with their nine children. Thus, through consistency of these two censuses it is established that Pierre was born circa 1664 and Martha circa 1673/4.

The Will of Pierre LADOU of New Rochelle, dated March 27, 1713 and approved January 22, 1714-5 states his wish "to be buried in the cemetery of this place", names "my oldest son, Daniel" and refers to "my dear wife **Martha ANNERAUD**".

That Pierre died prior to April 28, 1713 is established by Westchester County deed LIBER E, page 272-3, dated 28 April 1713, filed 1720, wherein Martha LADOU refers to herself as "widow and Relique of Peter LADOU, of ye Town of New Rochelle".

The Will of "Martha, Widow of Pierre LADOU dated January 20, 1714-5", was also recorded January 22, 1714-5. Within the text, is found the usual verbiage "being in perfect health, sound mind and judgment, . . .". She identifies herself as "Martha ANNERAUD, widow of the late Pierre LADOU, living in New Rochelle, in Pelham Manor, County of Westchester, Providence of New York, . . .". Martha names "my oldest son, **Daniel**", bequeaths to him a total of 43 acres of land consisting of two parcels and next bequeaths "to the remainder of my children, who are **Pierre, Estienne, Ambroise, Elizabeth, Magdelaine, Judith, Marthe, Jeanne, and Marie LADOU**, the property on which I now live, containing about twenty-nine acres of land with houses, orchards and all buildings which are on it, . . ." naming ten children in all.

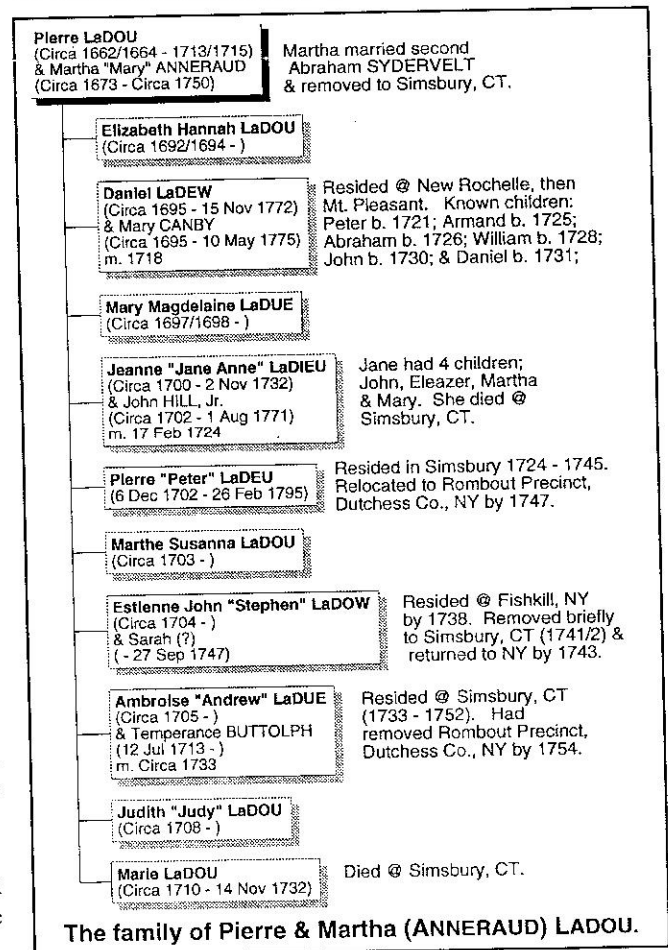
Both of these Wills were originally written in French and are to be found, along with English translation among the official publication of the New Rochelle town records.

With the exception of the oldest son, Daniel, little is known of the family of Pierre and Martha for the period 1715 to 1754. It is thought that Daniel, born circa 1695, who in 1718 married **Mary CANBY**, born circa 1695, remained in or around New Rochelle until 1750 when they removed north to Philips Manor, Mount Pleasant, Westchester County where he died November 15, 1772, at age 78 and she May 10, 1775, at age 80. Both are buried at Sparta cemetery, south of Ossining, NY.

By 1754, the remaining three sons, Stephen (Estienne), Peter (Pierre) and Ambrose (Ambroise) are found along with third & fourth generation LADUE / LADOW, etc. family members in the Fishkill, Dutchess County region of New York.

The records of Simsbury, Connecticut have begun to yield details of that time between childhood in the new world at New Rochelle and the twilight years in Dutchess county for these second generation LADOUS. Simsbury, in fact for almost 250 years, has held a more significant secret for the descendants of Pierre & Martha LADOU.

i.e. That Martha (ANNERAUD) LADOU did not die in 1715.



Andre FRESNEAU, a Huguenot immigrant from La Rochelle, France, via Boston, MA. was involved in copper mining operations in Connecticut (1705-1707) before moving on to New Rochelle, NY. In 1721, **Andrew FRESNEAU** (relationship if any not known), a merchant of New York & New Rochelle purchased the rights and interests in the Simsbury (copper) mines and mining works that had belonged to then deceased **Elias BOUDINOT**. (Simsbury Deed, Volume 4, pages 219-20, dated March 24, 1717/18, recorded June 27, 1722 indicates **Charles CROMLINE** was the middleman of this transaction.) Andrew then sold three-fourths of these mining rights to **David VAN MOLEN**, **Abraham TUBURCH** and **Dirk RUYLMAN**, all three merchants of Amsterdam, Holland. **Major Abraham SYDERVELT**, an associate of Andrew FRESNEAU, served as an agent representing the combined interests of FRESNEAU & the Holland merchants in the Simsbury mines.

In September, 1724, Major Abraham SYDERVELT purchased of **Joseph PETTIBONE** some 45 acres in the area known as pine plain, weatogue or West Weatogue, "Township of Simsbury, County of Hartford, Colony of Connecticut" His deed was witnessed by **Jane A. LADEU**.

Jane was married on Feb. 17, 1724/5 to **John HILL, Jr.**, of Simsbury, a descendant of the **PHELPS** family (also of Simsbury). She gave birth to **John**, her first of four children the following February 3, 1725/6. The remaining three **HILL** children were; **Eleazer**, born October 21, 1727, **Martha**, born June 21, 1730 and **Mary**, born September 28, 1732, died November 12, 1733.

By December 1724, Major SYDERVELT had acquired some 54 acres on three parcels in the area of Weatogue. The later, located on the east side of the river at weatogue, included a house, a barn and an orchard. It was purchased of **James CORNISH, Sr.** & witnessed by **Peter LADEU**.

For the next seven years Abraham & wife Martha lived on this farm, most likely with her children; sons Pierre & Ambrose and, daughter Mary. Quite possibly John and Jane **HILL** and their young family resided with them as well.

In the spring of 1732, Abraham purchased approximately ten & one-half acres on three parcels in Simsbury, on the east side of the river, at Weatogue, from **Timothy MOSES**. One parcel included a house, barn and orchard which became the new SYDERVELT homestead.

Tragedy struck the family that fall, as Jane (**LADIEU**) **HILL** died November 2, 1732, just 12 days before the death of her sister **Mary LADUE** was recorded. It is not known where **Mary LADUE**, **Jane Anne (LADEU) HILL** or **Mary HILL** were interred.

The following spring **Ambrose** and wife **Temperance LADUE** sold six acres, in Simsbury on the east side of the river, to **John HILL, Sr.**, father-in-law of the recently deceased **Jane Anne (LADEU) HILL**. Since there was neither a

record of **Ambrose's** marriage or of his purchase of this property it was thought that the land must have belonged to his wife prior to their marriage. The Simsbury land & town records were consulted to establish that she was the daughter of **David & Mary BUTTOLPH**. **Temperance** was born in Simsbury, July 12, 1713. She married **Ambrose LADUE** after November 28, 1732 (when **Temperance BUTTOLPH** was referenced in the boundary description within the Simsbury Deed, Volume 5, page 358 recording the sale of land by her brother **David** to her eldest brother **Jonathan**) and before June 28, 1733 (Simsbury Deed, Volume 6, page 109, the date of the sale by **Ambrose & Temperance LADUE** to **John HILL, Sr.**). The land sold in the two above referenced deeds had originally been purchased by **David BUTTOLPH (Sr.)** of **Thomas HOLCOMB** as recorded October 5, 1698 in Simsbury Deed, Volume 1 1/2, page 220. **David, BUTTOLPH Sr.** died April 5, 1717. Simsbury Deeds, Volume 7, page 81 & 529 further confirm the identity of **Temperance & her relationship (wife) to Ambrose LADUE**.

That **Andrew FRESNEAU** did at least on occasion visit Simsbury is confirmed as he was witness to the transfer of land by **Abraham SYDERVELT** to **Ambrose LADUE** (Simsbury Deed, Volume 6, page 319, recorded 6 March, 1737/8).

By 1743, **Abraham SYDERVELT** was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Simsbury though there is no indication that his wife, **Martha** or any of the **LADUE** family were members of this or other area churches.

Peter LADUE purchased land of **James PHELPS** (Simsbury deed recorded September 28, 1744). It is not known whether or not **Abraham** provided funds toward this purchase, as **Peter** is the only son that did not receive land from either **Martha** or **Abraham**. Regardless, he sold this land but a short time later to **Benjamin SWEENEY** (Simsbury deed recorded March 22, 1745). It is possible that **Peter** lived in or near Simsbury from 1724 (when he witnessed the deed of Major SYDERVELT) to 1745. **Peter LADUE** appears on the Rombout Precinct (Dutchess County, New York) Tax list for several years commencing in the year 1747.

Beginning January, 1735 and continuing to the time of his death, February 9, 1745, **Abraham SYDERVELT** purchased approximately 150 acres, primarily east of the river, in or near Weatogue. At the same time he granted some of the land from earlier purchases to **Ambrose & Stephen**. It is from two of these Simsbury deeds, dated March 27, 1738 and October 31, 1741 that is found the secret held for almost 250 years from the **LADUE** descendants. For within these two deeds, **Abraham SYDERVELT** grants land to **Stephen LADUE & Ambrose LADUE** referring to them as "my son-in law". In another Simsbury deed, dated November, 1745, **Ambrose** includes in the boundary description the words "belonging to my honored mother **Martha SYDERVELT**".

The Will of **Abraham SYDERVELT** dated March 2, 1735, recorded March 15, 1744-5, as related by **MANWARING** in his

Hartford County publication refers "to my wife **Martha ANERO**, now SYDERVELT". Major SYDERVELT was buried in the Center (Hop Meadow) cemetery of Simsbury. His headstone, adorned with "the angel of death" & inscription are clearly visible as of this writing.

Further research of Westchester county land records yielded the deed LIBER F, page 18, dated 29 December 1724, which documents the sale of 29 acres by Abraham and Martha SYDERFELT to **Francis GOGNARD**. This 29 acres appears from its description to be the same 29 acres bequeathed by Martha ANNERAUD in her Will to the nine younger children.

In retrospect, how strange that the Will of a lady, just 40 years old, "being in perfect health" would be recorded just two days after it was written. It is difficult to argue the strength born by a recorded Will even though appended to the fore referenced Westchester County deed LIBER E, pages 272 - 273, dated 28 April 1713, filed 1720, is her testimony; "Then appeared before me ye Martha LADOU Late of ye Town within & Did Acknowledge this written Deed of Late to be her voluntary Act & Deed". Though this statement alone does not prove that Martha still lived, the land records of Simsbury, Connecticut along with Westchester county

deed LIBER F, page 18, dated 29 December 1724 and the Will of Abraham SYDERVELT combine to validate that she was still living in November, 1747 when she liquidated the remainder of the property bequeathed to her by Abraham SYDERVELT upon his death. One can only speculate as to why she filed her Will and why it was recorded.

When Martha (ANNERAUD) (LADOU) SYDERVELT did die and where she is interred has yet to be discovered though by 1754, Ambrose LADUE, the last of this family to leave Simsbury, appears on the Tax Rolls of Rombout Precinct, Dutchess county, NY.

Many questions remain regarding these two generations. - i.e.: Where were the other four LADUE daughters ?

Where and under what circumstances did Major SYDERFELT acquire his title ? When and from where did he immigrate ?

Did Ambrose, Stephen and Peter have families and if so what were the names of their children ?

Stephen's wife, was the first to be interred in the Presbyterian church yard, Rombout Precinct, Dutchess Co., NY in Sep., 1747. What was her name & who were her parents ?

It is believed that many, if not all those whose lineage can be traced to LADEW, LADUE, LADU, etc. families of the United States, prior to 1800 are in fact descendants of Pierre & Martha (ANNERAUD) LADOU, of New Rochelle, New York. In an effort to add credence to this belief, I have focused my research on this family in hopes that a LADOU genealogy might eventually be published. Along the way, I have discovered no fewer than twelve persons that have either conducted or continue in active research of this family. Those persons have each made significant contributions to this effort. I solicit from the readership, any information which might serve to further embellish that which has so far been discovered. • FEBRUARY, 1996 •

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The preceding article was written using Microsoft "Word", Aldus "Pagemaker", and Leister Productions "Reunion & Super Chart" for inclusion in the Simsbury Genealogical & Historical Research Library Newsletter.

CORNERED BEEF AND COUSINS

The approach of St. Patrick's Day makes many of us yearn for an Irish connection in one of our ancestors so that we may enjoy this day of celebration. Amidst the parades, green beer and corned beef dinners, this year's celebration will have a more sobering note as the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine in Ireland. This event altered the face of Ireland forever and caused an overwhelming emmigration of Irish who established themselves throughout America, Canada and Australia.

For those working on the links between the U.S. and Ireland, the task can be frustrating and sometimes impossible. We wonder why more is not known or passed down through families that would make our search easier. Perhaps it is best explained by examining the process of leaving Ireland that occurred in many families. In the 1840's and 50's, it was common to have a "wake" on the night before the departure to remind everyone that the emigrant(s) would probably never return to Ireland. Those who received assistance in reaching America were no less uprooted than immigrants who had their own resources. Within a generation the emigrant was remembered in stories as the "Uncle" or "Aunt" who went to the States and lived well. For family left behind in Irish townlands they became a dim memory.

In the States, many Irish (especially those with English antecedents) tried to distance themselves from the daily discrimination. Often times the Celtic experience was lost in the rush to assimilate into the American culture. World War I provided the first opportunity for many of the grandchildren of the Famine Immigrants to return to the village or townland they heard about at their grandparents' knee. Even then, a scant (in genealogical time) 65-70 years later, cousins did not know cousins. Memories of the World War I soldiers who visited Ireland on their leaves from the European theatre of war can provide clues and will often help link together families in Ireland that we have encountered in our research. An old box of pictures, scrapbook or letters from that period may provide much to help you make an Irish Connection.

Among the Library's holdings on Irish genealogy are:

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !



Simsbury, CT Marriages
November 1849-

Listed in the same order as in original.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names (Groom/Bride)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
March 1850	Lemuel Bunnell Sirena Aldrich	27 27	Farmer	Burlington Southwick, Mass
9 June 1850	Frederic Dale Eliza Cadwell	22 18		State of New York Simsbury Ct
15 August 1849	John Putnam Marcia Case	-- --	--	Springfield Vt Simsbury
28 November 1849	Jerome Gains Hannah Case	-- --	--	-- Canton
28 November 1849	Chester Case Clarey Case	-- --	--	-- Canton
28 November 1849	Miles M. Abbey Lucy C. Case	-- --	--	-- --
28 November 1849	Nahum Holcomb Orpha Holcomb	45 30	Farmer	Granby Simsbury
16 September 1849	Thomas Croughwall Margaret --	21 21	Farmer	Ireland --
27 November 1849	Charles L. Roberts Jr Jane G Sanford	21 18	Engineer	New York Tariffville
31 December 1849	James Laughlin Harriet Pickford	22 19	Weaver	Goshen Ct Great Falls N.H.
26 May 1850	James A. Kitchen Sarah J. Hatch	28 20	Weaver "	Pawtucket Mfs Hartford Ct
12 November 1849 (repeat)	Charles L. Roberts Jr Jane G. Sanford	21 18	Engineer	New York Simsbury
21 January 1850	Thomas Gordon Marjory Smith	24 19	Weaver	Scotland America
8 April 1850	Timn McKinney Mary Coffe	30 23	Stone Mason	Ireland Ireland
8 April 1850	Michael O Neal Bridget Conley	22 20	Stone Mason	Ireland Ireland
12 May 1850	Thomas Connors Jane Crawford	25 22	Shoe maker	Ireland Ireland
12 May 1850	Lawrence Callen Mary Elder	38 40	Stone Mason	Ireland Ireland
28 April 1850	Michael Hynds Maria Straugh	30 24	Stone Mason	Ireland Ireland
15 April 1850	Alfred Rhodes Ann Thompson	27 20	Spinner	England England

"record of the Marriages in the Town of Simsbury during the year next
preceeding the first day of August 1850 as Reported by the several
School District Committes"

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UPCOMING PROJECT WILL DOCUMENT TOMBSTONES

Members of the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library and community volunteers will begin work this Spring cataloging the stones in the Center (Hopmeadow) Cemetery. This new effort will include photographing the individual stones to create a permanent record of them. The last complete attempt to document these stones was a project partially sponsored by the WPA done in 1934. It did not include photographs. As weather, air pollution and time take their toll on these monuments a photographic record will allow future generations an opportunity view them.