

2008 Historical Report.

Lorraine and I had an exciting year as far as travel and research were concerned. Two of the more notable trips that were made carried us to Jackson Hole, Wyoming as I was driving for a tour group that visited that area for a few days in their travels to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park, and later in the year we traveled to Austria, Switzerland and France.

On our trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, I looked in the phone book and found the phone number of Anne Stuart Ariail Muller. She is the daughter of the late Henry Ellis Ariail from Birmingham, Alabama. Anne is also a very energetic, and extremely accomplished individual, being Miss Alabama in about 1956 and runner-up to Miss America in 1957. She lives in California and owns a summer home in the shadow of the Grand Tetons in the Jackson Hole, Wyoming area.

I called her upon our arrival at Jackson Hole and Anne was gracious in taking enough time from her extremely busy schedule to visit with us for a couple of hours at our hotel. We have pictures of her with us that will be at the reunion this year. She is now a distinguished photographer and travels worldwide in pursuit of her present quest to live and document her dreams.

To see some of her work, you must visit her blog on the web and look through her many pictures that have been taken from her various travels throughout the world. Again, we thank Anne so very much for visiting with us and hope that she can attend the family reunion some day to be with us.

In our research of the roots of the Ariail family, we made great strides this year, some of it by pure luck. Karine Ariail, earlier this year, made me aware of the fact that France had put all of their ancient Parish records (birth-marriage-death) on-line. That opened a field that was heretofore unreachable. I had tried to buy these records from the Archives in France, attempted to get them through the Mormon Library and had attempted to look at them on two visits to Nantes, France, but there was too little time while in France and all other attempts had come to a dead end.

While in France this year, Karine Ariail was a very beautiful and gracious host to us. Karine, her husband Cedric Emonides, Fabrice Ariail and his girlfriend, Estelle, Anne Ariail and her boyfriend Alain, Yves Ariail and his wife Nicole Legal, and Karine's children Nathan and Elise all made our visit a very enjoyable occasion.

Karine Ariail took the time from her work to carry us to Mouzillon Village, the place where John Ariail's first marriage records stated he was born. We found something there that literally brought us to a stark reality. John Ariail was not actually born in Mouzillon Village as that marriage record stated. He was born in the commune of 'Le Douaud', according to his actual birth record, which has since been recovered. A copy of that record will be available at the reunion for all who wish to view.

We had already determined that we would never be able to find this ancient commune, but there is nothing like trying anyway. So when we arrived in Mouzillon Village, Karine stopped the car and asked a local resident if they knew where 'Le Douaud' was located. To our surprise, the person stated that the commune still existed (some 400 years later), and told us how to get there by road. It was no more than about 500 yards from Mouzillon Village.

To bring this into perspective, during the early times, people lived in communes for protection, being close to one another for safety and support, and the people of the commune farmed the surrounding land. Then just a short distance away was another commune where another group of people resided. We find that in the commune of 'Le Douaud', almost all of the people were related to our ancient ancestor.

Mouzillon Village, and its surrounding communes, is a very ancient residential area, existing back into the Middle Ages. An ancient Roman road ran through the middle of Mouzillon Village and the rock-arched bridge over the river is still a historical site in the Village. We took some pictures of this bridge, which dates back several hundred years.

Since Karine's ancestors lived in the same area as our ancestors, I had originally thought that I would be able to trace her family line and connect them with our family line, but the connection goes too far back for us to find the necessary records. Our earliest ancestor found could be the brother of her earliest ancestor, we just don't know and the records only goes back to the mid 1600's that we have found so far. There are earlier records, but there are millions of them and it would take a century to look at them all.

It is sufficient to say that the Ariail family were many in number, hundreds of them, if not thousands, living in that area of France over the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, and the communes they occupied, which

we have found so far, were within about a 40 mile radius of each other. This is all wine producing country, all the way back to time our ancestors came to that area, so we now know exactly what they did for a living – they cultivated the grape farms which produces some of the most distinguished wine in the world.

Our earliest ancestor that we have found was named Francois Ariail, b. abt 1625. He died on 27 Feb 1687 in the St. Martin Parish, Mouzillon Village, (commune of Le Douaud), France. His wife was named Mathurine Cornu, who died 22 May 1692, St. Martin Parish. Their known and suspected children, along with what documentation we have were:

1. Herve Ariail, b. abt 1647, d. May 4, 1727. He first married Marie Marline LeNoir on 2 Feb 1677 and 2nd married Renee Lor, on 10 Jan 1724. Herve Ariail is listed as a son in both the death record of his father and mother. Further documentation that helps prove who is father and mother of this child: When Jacqueline Cornu, wife of Francois Gaboreu, died on Jan 13, 1696, Herve Ariail is listed as a nephew of Jacqueline Cornu. That would probably prove that Mathurine Cornu, wife of Francois Ariail, is his mother.
2. Marie Ariail, wife of Mathieu Nicolle. Don't know who parents of this child are, however, see: Registres paroissiaux et d'etat civil – Mouzillon – Saint-Martin – 1668-1670 BMS – 3E108/1 – Vue 37 – Collection departementale. This document lists Marie Ariail, believed to be the mother of a birth, and Jan Ariail as her brother.
3. Mathieu Ariail (our ancestor), b. abt 1655, d. 8 Jan 1720. He married Jeanne Rebion. Believe we have found all we need to prove the parents of Mathieu Ariail. He was listed as a son in both the death record of Francois Ariail and Mathurine Cornu. In the birth record of his first son is the following information: Godfather Herve Ariail, living in Mouzillon, and Godmother, Mathurine Cornu, wife of Francois Ariail. Herve Ariail, son of Mathieu Ariail was probably named after his uncle, Herve Ariail, husband of Murrine LeNoir. Having Mathurine Cornu as Godmother, makes sense as she was his grandmother.
4. Francoise Ariail who married Nicolas Rebion. Need confirmation that child belongs to this family. Also a record exists at St. Jacques for the death of a Francoise Ariail who was born about 1669 and died Jun 5, 1737. It is signed le veuve ariel, i.e., the widow ariel. Name of Etienne Gigeaud appears but unable to tell how he relates to the document. See Registres paroissiaux et d'etat civil – Vallet – Saint-Louis – 1698 BMS – 3E212/2 – Vue 8 – Collection departementale. Since the Ariail family in France were in the habit of marrying siblings, bet this girl is the sister of Mathieu Ariail who married Jeanne Rebion.
5. Jan Ariail, husband of Renee Lussaud. At the birth of his daughter, Jacqueline Ariail, Jan Cornu is mentioned in the birth record. That, along with the fact that they were in the Mouzillon Village parish records, it is very likely that Jan Ariail is with the correct family and is a brother to Mathieu and Herve Ariail.
6. Janne Ariail, wife of Jullien Ripocheau. Not sure this is child of family, however, only Ariail man living in Mouzillon that can be found at that time to be her father was Francois Ariail and his wife Mathurine Cornu. See: Registres paroissiaux et d'etat civil – Mouzillon – Saint-Martin – 1668-1670 BMS – 3E108/1 – Vue 6 – Collection departementale. In this document, Janne Ariail, wife of Jullien Ripocheau is Godmother to Francois Chabat, son of Jan Chabat and Janne Pouprand. One of the Ariail girls, perhaps her sister, was married to Rene Chabat.
7. Unknown Ariail girl, daughter of Francois Ariail and Mathurine Cornu, was married to Pierre Gallon.
8. Unknown Ariail girl, daughter of Francois Ariail and Mathurine Cornu, was married to Rene Chabat. See child 6 above to document further ties to the Chabat family.
9. Francois Ariail, b. abt 1665, d. Feb 24, 1731, husband of Catherine Branchu. Not sure this is child of Francois Ariail and Mathurine Cornu, however, they lived in the Mouzillon Village area of France, and the only family that can be found living there is the family of Francois Ariail and Mathurine Cornu. The rest of the Ariail family lived in different villages/communes.

Recap: We are definitely sure that child 1, 3, 7 & 8 are members of family. Documentation to prove such relationship have been recovered. The remaining listed children are probably members of family because of their residences and related documents found.

The next person in direct line of our ancestors is Mathieu Ariail, (child 3 above) b. abt 1655, d. Jan 8, 1720 husband of Jeanne Rebion, daughter of Mathurin Rebion and his wife Prudence Levesque. Their family are:

1. Herve Ariail, bap 23 Sep 1683, d. 24 Jan 1754. He married Charlotte Drouet on 2 Jul 1715.
2. Charles Ariail (our ancestor), bap 12 Jun 1686, d. before 1751 (death record cannot be found). He married Marie Moreau on 27 May 1721. It should be noted that Charles Ariail, his sister Renee Ariail and his brother Jean Ariail all married brothers and sisters from the Moreau family. You will note that a family member (perhaps her brother) of Marie Moreau carried the title of 'venerable', which could possibly designate that he was an archdeacon in the church, or another distinguished position in the community. Charles Ariail named our ancestor, Jean Mathias Ariail, after this distinguished person 'venerable et discret' on the Moreau side of the family. You will note that we now have documentation that the name of John Ariail was Jean-Baptiste Mathias Ariail. No distinguishing title has been found connected with the Ariail family in those early times. They were all listed as farmers, carpenters, etc.
3. Mathurine Ariail, bap 12 Jun 1686. No further documentation found.
4. Pierre Ariail, bap 6 Mar 1688, d. 17 Jul 1737. He married Catherine Esseau on 6 Feb 1722.
5. Jean Ariail, bap 8 Aug 1690, d. 24 Aug 1690.
6. Jean Ariail, bap 21 Apr 1693, d. 5 Oct 1762. He married Therese Moreau on 14 Feb 1730. She was sister of Marie Moreau who married Charles Ariail, our ancestor.
7. Renee Ariail, bap 5 Mar 1696, d. 25 Jan 1763. She married Francois Moreau, brother to Marie and Therese Moreau.
8. Mathieu Ariail, bap 21 Jan 1699. No death record recovered. He married Anne Levesque 11 Feb 1727 at Monnieres-Sainte-Radegonde parish.
9. Marie Ariail, b. abt 1706, d. 3 Jan 1766. She married Francois Esseau on 17 Jan 1727.

For documentation pertaining to all these dates and persons, see the Ariail archives.

The next person in the line of our ancestors was Charles Ariail, bap 12 Jun 1686, d. bef 1751. He married Marie Moreau, bap 25 Aug 1695, d. 25 Jan 1766. She was born in Vallet, France, the daughter of Rene Moreau and Marie Therese Pauvert. You will note that Marie Moreau, her daughter Marie Ariail and daughter Jeanne Ariail, all died within a few days of each other. Probably from a common illness. This fact explains why John Ariail asked his sister Perrine Ariail for help when he was in financial trouble in Quebec before he came to Massachusetts and married Hannah Rich. She was the only member of his immediate family still living at that time in the 1770's. John Ariail had several brother, however, he was the only one who lived to manhood. Notice the ages at death for members of this family. Here are the children of Charles Ariail and Marie Moreau: Although all these records, except for first child, are from St. Martin Parish, Mouzillon, the family actually lived in 'le Douaud'.

1. Marie Ariail, bap 9 May 1723, Vallet, France, d. 31 Jan 1766, Mouzillon Village. She married Pierre Magdeleneau on 19 Jan 1751.
2. Jeanne Ariail, b. 1725, d. 10 Feb 1766. She married Mathurin Mainguet on 19 Feb 1759 at St-Jacques, Atlantique, Nantes, France.
3. Pierre Ariail, bap 2 Jan 1728, d. 7 Jul 1728, Mouzillon Village.
4. Noel Ariail, bap 25 Dec 1728, d. 29 Aug 1731, Mouzillon Village.
5. Perrine Ariail, bap 15 Feb 1730, d. 15 Sep 1789, St. Nicholas, Nantes, France. She married Jean Mathurin Mony on 9 Apr 1771 at Sainte-Croix, Nantes, France.
6. Mathieu Ariail, bap 31 Dec 1731, d. 24 Oct 1732, Mouzillon Village.
7. Pierre Ariail, bap 9 Apr 1733, d. 10 Apr 1733, Mouzillon Village.
8. Jean Baptiste Mathias Ariail (our ancestor), born 5 Feb 1735, bap. 6 Feb 1735, d. 12 Dec 1800, Southington, Connecticut. He married Marie Louise Allard on 13 Jul 1761 at St. Charles, Charlesbourg, Quebec, Canada and later Hannah Rich on 18 Jun 1774 in Brookfield, Worcester, Massachusetts. His death record in church archives stated he was 66 years of age. These dates puts him just two months of that actual age.
9. Francoise Ariail, bap 26 May 1736, d. 27 Jan 1739, Mouzillon Village.
10. Pierre Ariail, bap 1 Dec 1738, d. 22 Mar 1740, Mouzillon Village.
11. Marie Ariail, bap 26 Oct 1739, d. 29 Oct 1739, Mouzillon Village.

For documenation for these family members, see the Ariail archives.

Next comes the family of Jean Baptiste Mathias Ariail, b. 6 Feb 1735, St. Martin, Le Douaud, France, d. 12 Dec 1800, Southington, Connecticut. He married first Marie Louise Allard, daughter of Francois Allard and Barbe Louise Bergevin-Langevin, on 13 Jul 1761 in St. Charles, Charlesbourg, Quebec, Canada. 2nd, he married Hannah Rich, b. 27 Aug 1736, in Brookfield, Worcester, Massachusetts, d. 28 Aug 1800 in

Southington, Hartford, Connecticut, the daughter of Experience Rich and Hannah Goss. The children of the first marriage are:

1. Marie Louise Ariail, bap 15 Dec 1761, d. abt 1818. She married Joseph Terrien on 31 Jan 1780 at St. Denis, sur, Richelieu, Canada. She was the mother of 17 children.
2. Marie Anne Ariail, bap 3 Feb 1763, d. 23 Apr 1840 at St. George de Cacouna, Riviere du Loup, Quebec, Canada. She married Elie Helier Cartier on 11 Feb 1782 at St. Denis, sur Richelieu, Quebec, Canada. She was the mother of 17 children. One of her sons, Edouard Cartier, was a noted Catholic Priest. A massive bronze statue of him still stands in front of the church he founded in Quebec Province Canada. He was the founder of 'The Society of The Temperance', (known in the USA as AA), and this statue depicts his strong stance for God and against alcoholism. He handed out a plain black cross to everyone who ascribed to his doctrine and the statue of him has in his right hand the Bible and in his left a cross which he had given to thousands of people who followed his teachings. Pictures of this statue, which we took when we visited the area, and his church are contained within the Ariail archives.
3. Jean Baptiste Ariail, b. 8 May 1764, bap 9 May 1764, d. 16 Jun 1765 at St. Charles, Charlesbourg, Quebec, Canada.
4. Marie Josephe Ariail, bap 16 Jul 1765, d. 8 Jul 1782, Ancienne, Lorette, Quebec, Canada.
5. Jean Louis Charles Ariail, bap 25 Aug 1766, d. 11 May 1767, St. Charles Charlesbourg, Quebec, Canada.
6. Mary Marguerite Ariail, bap 10 Oct 1767, d. 15 Aug 1838, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. She first married James Herdey-Herte 15 May 1790, Anglican Holy, Trinity, Quebec, Canada and 2nd Augustin Ratte on 3 Nov 1814 at Notre Dame, Basilica, Montreal, Quebec.
7. Jean Baptiste Robert Ariail, bap 8 Apr 1769, d. 7 Feb 1859. He married Marie Marthe Esther Audet-Lapointe on 14 Jan 1806 at Notre Dame, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. He was the father of 10 children.
8. Michel Ariail, bap 26 Jul 1773, death unknown. He married Marie Eleonore Bertrand-Desrochers on 24 Oct 1808 at Notre Dame, Montreal, Canada. He and his family came to New York State and settled around the Plattsburgh and Malone area. No records have been found, however, we know a lot about his descendants and several have come to the reunion at different times. We don't know just how many children Michel Ariail fathered, however, we do know about some of them and he could have been the father of as many as 10 children.

The children of John Ariail's 2nd marriage are as follows:

1. John Harvey Ariail Sr., Esq. Ensign, b. 26 Mar 1775, Southington, Hartford, Connecticut, d. 29 Aug 1836, in Pickensville, Pickens, South Carolina. He married Chloe Climelia Ives in Nov 1800 in Meriden, Hartford, Connecticut. He was the father of 5 children.
2. Luke Ariail, b. 27 Jun 1777, Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut, d. 17 May 1842, in Bethlehem, Litchfield, Connecticut. He married Abigail Prentice on 21 Feb 1801 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut. He was the father of 11 children.
3. Manna Rich Ariail, b. 15 Nov 1779, in Southington, Hartford, Connecticut, d. 25 Sep 1857 in St. Martinsville, Buyou Teche, Louisiana. He married Elizabeth Bulick in 1817. He initially came to South Carolina with his brother John about 1795-1804 and later went on down to Louisiana. He had no children.
4. Lucy Ariail, b. 27 Aug 1781, d. 10 Oct 1867 in Oxford, New Haven, Connecticut. She first married Samuel Dunham on 4 Feb 1798 in Bristol, Hartford, Connecticut. She was the mother of 8 children. She 2nd married Abijah Hart on 26 Oct 1820 in New Britain, Connecticut and 3rd married Isaac Stearns on 19 Sep 1831 in Farmington, Hartford, Connecticut. Her daughters married well with their husbands being the owners of the Judd Company, which in the 1950's merged with and became the Stanley Company. Another married into the Woodruff family with their descendants becoming the owners of Coca Cola. Her granddaughter married George Alexander Clarke, the owner of a broadcloth factory. Many of her descendants 'went west' and they were literally some of the pioneers who helped develop the country in which we now live. They lived in many places, from Annapolis, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Fairbault, Minnesota; Wyoming; North Dakota; South Dakota; Washington; California; Arizona; Illinois, etc.

That is our historic report for this year. I know it's a lot of statistics, however, some people like to read that sort of stuff. Each year I feel that I will not be able to find anything else to write about, but more keeps coming that interest me, and I hope you also.

Hope all can be with us at the reunion this year. We did not get to mail out the historical report by mail this year due to limited funds with which to work and the cost of maintaining both the web site and the cost of reunion operations. If anyone would like to help us in this area, please send your contributions to the Ariail Reunion Secretary, Betty Jean Ariail Jackson. Also, visit our web site and also send us your e-mail addresses so we can better get information to you. This entire report will be sent by e-mail to all those whose addresses I know. Not only send us addresses, but also keep them updated along with the members of your family in order that we may keep our files more up to date.

God bless you all for the coming year, and hope to see some of you at the reunion this year.

James W. Patterson
Family Historian, son of Lillie Blanche Ariail

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Because of budgetary restraints, we were not able to do a new project this year in the Ariail cemeteries. There are still some graves that need work and the project could well be utilized for at least another ten years, however, attendance at the reunion has dropped and some of the large contributors are no longer able to continue their contributions because of bad health.

We wish to thank with all our heart all those who have helped us in the past. There is still one outstanding project which we are working on, that being of the tomb of Manna Rich Ariail in New Orleans, Louisiana. During the past year I have been in contact with Mr. John Ariail of Louisiana and he was attempting to get some quotes for the cleaning and general repair work for the tomb. This work is on-going and should be completed some time this year.

News Flash: Just today, Oct 16th, the project in New Orleans has been completed. The cost was \$1,000.00. Mr. John Ariail was gracious enough to do the legwork for this project and we finally accomplished our goal. We wish to thank John so very much for all the hard work he did to help us. John is going to do some extra work, at his own expense, to keep mud from splashing onto the cleaned and caulked tomb. Pictures of this work will be available at the reunion.

We are not recommending any new projects for the coming year as there will probably not be enough money to complete any project. The status of the funds at this time are as follows:

Carry over from 2007:	1193.62
Private contribution from Glen Ariel	25.00
Donation from Reunion	304.00

Total:	1522.62

The \$1522.62 is the money earmarked for the work to Manna Rich Ariail's grave in New Orleans. Mr. John Ariail has obtained a quote for cleaning and calking of the stones, and as I stated above, that work will be completed shortly.

As of this date, there will be \$522.62 left in the cemetery fund for future work.

By private donation, some work was done to the graves of Boyd and Mildred Ariail at Nails Creek Cemetery. The total expenditure for this project was \$225.73.

A donation was received from Glen Ariel of \$25.00 and this amount was forwarded on to Betty Jean Jackson to be added to the general fund.

By private donation, work was done to the graves of Samuel Kimball, b. 1807, d. 1883; and his wife, Seville Gilpatrick, b. 1808, d. 1889; and several members of their family. They are buried in the Hermon Pond Cemetery in Hermon, Maine. The total expenditure for this work was \$3,500.00.

Should fund become available, a proposal will be submitted at next years' reunion for more cemetery work.

Total monies on hand at this time: \$522.62.

Total monies expended for work during 2008: \$4,725.73.

Again, we wish to thank those who have helped with this project so very, very much. So many people who have heard what has been done to the cemeteries for our family members are completely amazed that a family cares enough to initiate and carry through with such a project.

We have records of all monies received and expended. Do not feel it would be appropriate to list names of people who donated in this report, however, we would be more than happy to show our records to anyone who wishes to view them. Since our President Doyce Ariail is no longer able to attend the reunion because of his health, contact our Vice President, Kieth Ariail, and we will let you see all the records from the time we initiated this work.

We hope to see you all at the reunion this year and may God bless you all.

Cemetery Committee: James W. Patterson, Chairman, Lorraine Patterson, Secretary, Trenton Patterson and Kieth Ariail, members.