

Catherine de Corday's Armorial for Her Royal Gateway

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Catherine de Corday, the widow of René Le Gardeur, arrived in New France from Normandy on 11 June 1636. She was accompanied by her children: Pierre Legardeur de Repentigny, Charles Legardeur de Tilly, and Marguerite Legardeur, wife of Jacques Leneuf de la Poterie. They were among the first French nobles to come to New France with the intention of settling there. Catherine de Corday's descent from Louis VII, King of France, can be illustrated for every generation through the arms of her ancestors. Many Americans and Canadians with roots in Québec can claim descent from her.

Paternal Arms

Couple

Maternal Arms

I



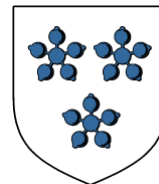
Catherine de **Corday**, dame of Repentigny, and René **Le Gardeur**, seigneur of Tilly, marriage contract 27 June 1599, Falaise, Normandy, she was the daughter of:



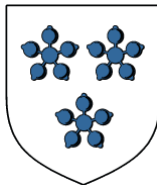
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Madeleine de **Montesson** and Pierre de **Corday**, seigneur of Repentigny, married about 1570, she was the daughter of:



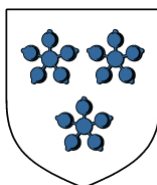
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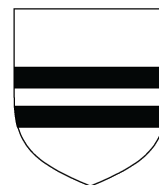
Guillaume II de **Montesson**, Seigneur of St-Aubin, of Le Cormier, and of Le Douillet, and Françoise **Jagu**, married about 1540, he was the son of:



IV



Marie du **Bouchet** and Nicolas de **Montesson**, seigneur of Saint-Aubin-du-Désert and of Le Cormier, married 22 Apr. 1506, she was the daughter of:



V



Pierre du **Bouchet**, seigneur of Maleffre and of Courbeschet, and Catherine de **Saint-Rémy**, married 13 Feb. 1485, he was the son of:

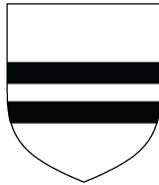


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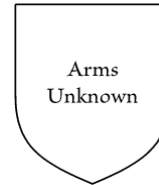
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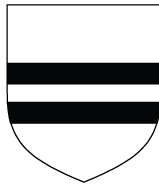
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Gilles du **Bouchet**, seigneur of Maleffre, Cherisay, La Tournerie, and Montfort, governor for the count of Maine of the town and castle of Châtellerault, premier *maitre-d'hôtel* of this count, and Marguerite de **Mons**, married 14 Feb. 1463, he was the son of:



VII



Jeanne de **Marcillé** and Jean du **Bouchet**, baron of Ham, seigneur of Saint-Léonard-des-Bois, Maleffre, Fossez, and Champremont, she was the daughter of:



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Michel de **Marcillé**, seigneur of Marcillé, of Saint-Julien-du-Terroux, and of Le Ham married N. de **Launay**, he was the son of:



IX



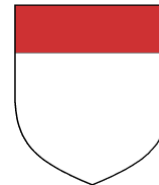
Marie des **Vaux** and married Macé de **Marcillé**, baron of Le Ham and seigneur of Marcillé, she was the daughter of:



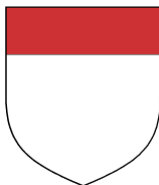
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Marguerite d'**Avaugour**, dame of Noyon-sur-Andelle, and Geoffroy III des **Vaux**, seigneur of Vaux, of Couterne, and of Horp, she was the daughter of:



XI



Jeanne d'**Harcourt**, dame of Morgon and of the Aîgle, and Henry IV d'**Avaugour**, seigneur of Mayenne and of Goëlle, married 1306, she was the daughter of:



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XII



Jeanne de **Châtelleraut**, vicountess of Châtelleraut, dame of Lislebonne, and Jean II d'**Harcourt**, seigneur of Harcourt, marshall of France, and lieutenant general the King's navy, married 1276, she was the daughter of:



XIII



Mathilde de **Dammartin** and Jean de **Châtelleraut**, viscount of Châtelleraut, seigneur of Sonnois and of Montgomery, she was the daughter of:



XIV



Marie de **Ponthieu**, countess of Ponthieu, and Simon de **Dammartin**, count of Aumale and of Ponthieu by right of his wife, married Sept. 1208, she was the daughter of:



XV



Princess Alix de **France**, married Guillaume *dit Talvas*, de **Ponthieu**, count of Ponthieu et Montreuil, married 29 Aug. 1195 she was the daughter of:



XVI

Did not use arms.

Louis VII, king of **France**, the young and the pious, and Princess Constance de **Castile**, married 1154 at Orleans.

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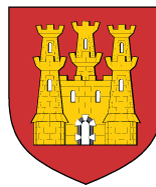
There is an alternative version of the des Vaux arms with a rampant lion rather than a passant lion:



Louis VII did not apparently use heraldic arms. His son Philippe II, *Auguste*, was the first French king to use the arms we now associate with the kings of France. Likewise, the Castille arms were not used by Constance's father, but were probably used by her nephew Alfonso VIII.



France



Castile

Source:

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