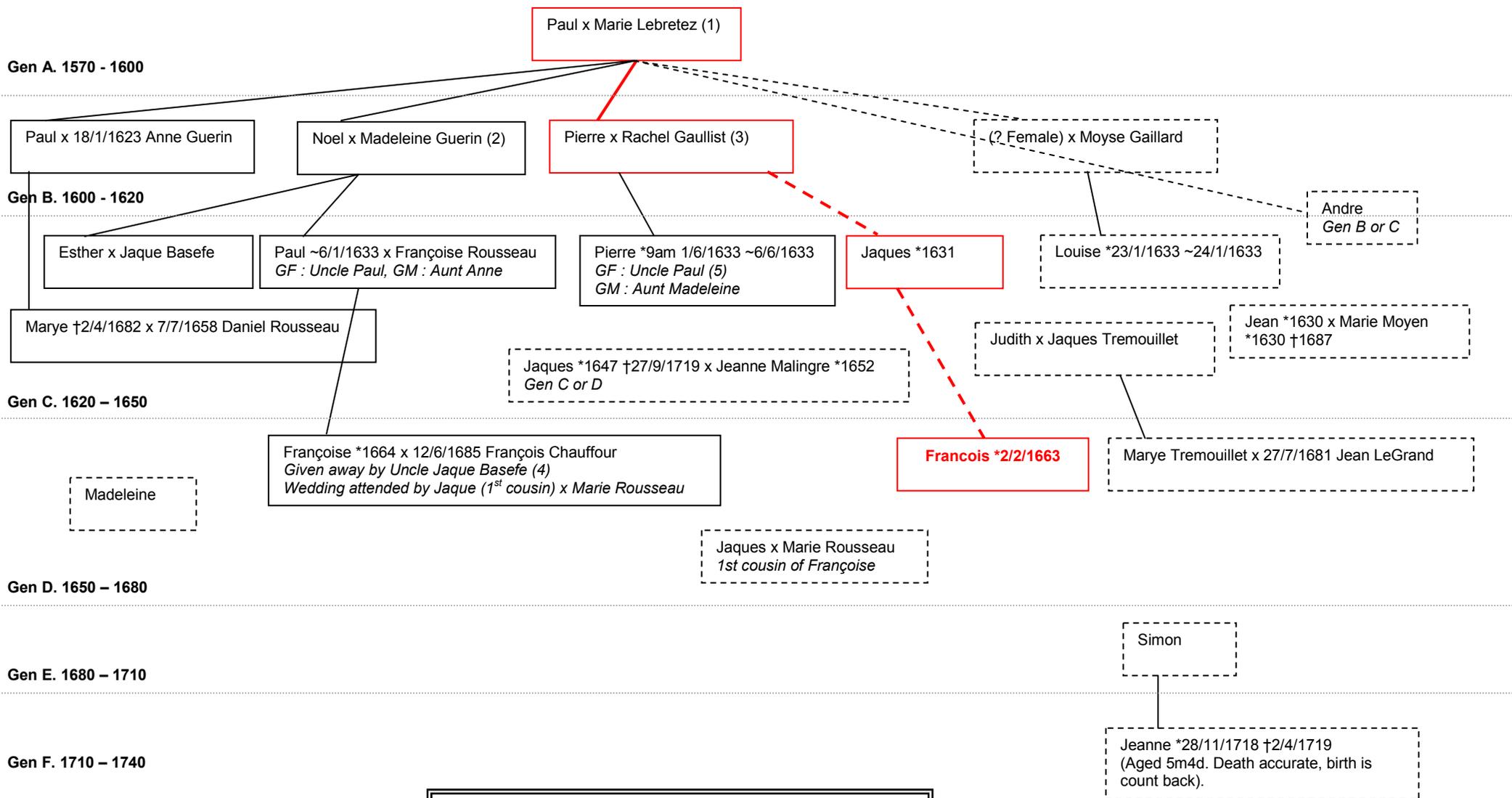


“Searching for François” (Rétif)



KEY:
 ~ Baptised * Born † Died x Married
 (1,2,3,...) See notes on page 2
 Solid line = Established connection.
 Dotted line = Suggested connection.
 Dotted box = Rétif (or relation). Unknown connection.

“Searching for François” (Rétif)

Winemakers/*Vignerons*

It seems the family was for the most part Winemakers. They had a book at the Departmental Archives specifically on the Protestants that went to South Africa. It had mentions of Francois and a whole chapter on Piet Retief. It mentioned that Francois was a winemaker. We have also found many instances where the men’s occupation is described as *Vigneron*. It also seems the Rousseau family in South Africa were winemakers and very close (François’s sister Anna married Pierre Rousseau (not in diagram)) – which we can see probably started here in France.

Notary Archives

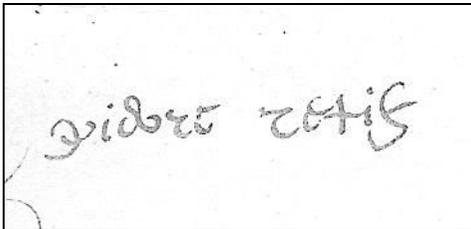
Just after the marriage of Marye Rétif (see Gen C) there were quite a few property purchases made by the Rétifs.

4/11/1658	Sale	Paul
17/11/1658	Lease	Noel
18/11/1658	Accord	Jaque
26/11/1658	Sale	Andre
25/6/1659	Sale	Jaque

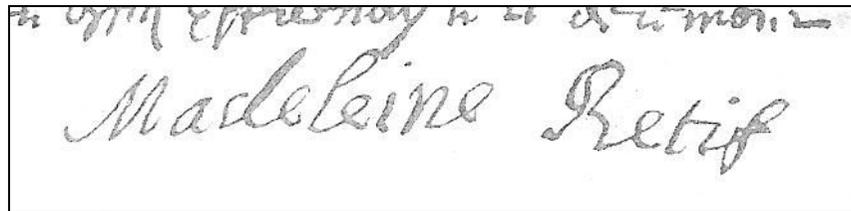
We will be trying to decode the notary records and will provide more info as we work it out!

Signatures

Although we believe many were illiterate at the time because they weren’t signing records (scribbles mainly), we did find one or two signatures:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pierre Rétif". The ink is dark and the background is light.

Pierre (Gen B) – From son’s baptisme record.
6/6/1633

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeleine Rétif". The ink is dark and the background is light.

Madeleine (Gen D) – Signing to be Godmother of friend’s newborn.
23/5/1683