

# 1-Jacques Gaudin

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- Born in <1606?> in Dieppe, France
- Married in **1624** at Debeaumes, St. Gervais, Normandie, France, to **Marguerite Nieule**
- Died <location and date unknown>
  - Children:
    - Charles Gaudin (Godin) (1<sup>st</sup>)
      - Born in **1631** in Aubermesnil-Beumais, Dieppe, France
      - Married on 6 Nov **1656** in Quebec City to **Marie Boucher**

Little is known or has been written about Jacques and Marguerite Godin. According to the genealogy group "Cercle Généalogique Rouen Seine-Maritime"<sup>1</sup>, the earliest available records for the Aubermesnil-Beumais region of France date to 1619 which is after either was born. Most of the records for the region were destroyed by fire in 1694 when an Anglo-Dutch fleet bombarded Dieppe during the War of the League of Augsburg, also known as the Nine Years War<sup>2</sup>. Only an estimated 30% of the records survived the subsequent fires and they can only be viewed in person at the archival libraries in Normandy as there are no plans to provide them on-line. Some of the reference texts that I have read state that some have actively looked for the original records for the Godin (Gaudin) family but they have never been found and are forever lost.

The date of birth stated for Jacques varies between 1591 and 1610 in a variety of references. The place of birth is also inconsistent, with listings that include Dijon, Saint-Laurent de Beauménil, commune Saint-Gervais-du-Perron, Normandie, Savolles, Orne and Bourgogne. All records tend to agree with the marriage date. No reliable information could be found of the Nieule family line. The Nieule name may possibly be written as Niard, Niart, or Nyeulle dit Nicol.

Jacques Gaudin, the father of Charles, is generally regarded as having been baptized in Dieppe and married in St Gervais. There is a possibility that there are genealogical records in Rouen, but this information doesn't seem to be available on-line and may be an avenue for further research but, as with the records from Dieppe, past researchers have looked but have not found these records.

All records tend to agree with the marriage date and location. The marriage location from the Tanguay text is listed as "Debaumes, St. Gervais, Normandie, France" (possible variants "de Beaumes" ("from Beaumais"), "de beau mes" meaning "from a nice dwelling"). Information on Debaumes and variants produced few credible results except for the variant "Beaumais", the town listed as the origin of Charles, but this leaves the term "St Gervais" in question. There are over 20 current and historical towns in France that contain the name Saint-Gervais, and is the name of a Norman church in Gisors between Dieppe and Paris. There is a monastery called St Gervais in the Normandy region adjoining the NE corner of Rouen, visible on the Cassini map of the region created in the 1750's. This St Gervais is known as the location where William I (William the Conqueror) died of injuries sustained in a fall from his horse in 1087. Today, it is part of modern Rouen.

Other possibilities includes "Beaumetz" which is an ancient tiny village that is stated as being "4 leagues" from Dieppe in the canton of Offranville, likely meaning the currently known town of Beaumais. There is no listing at all of a location called "Debeaumes" or "St. Gervais" in the Normandy region in the book Dictionnaire Complet de tous les Lieux de la France et de ses Colonies by P.-M. Barbichon (1831).



Figure 1: Cassini Map of the Rouen Region in the 1750's

Source: <http://www.cartocassini.org/>

I researched the names and history of the churches and chapels in Aubermesnil and in Beaumais and neither is dedicated to St Gervais. The church in Aubermesnil dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and is dedicated to St Paul, with a statue of St Thérèse added at a later time. The church in Beaumais also dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and is dedicated to Saint Laurent. Both buildings underwent major reconstructive work in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and still stand today.

We are not certain where Tanguay obtained his information. It may have been in the original marriage records or additional notes that the local priest may have written. There is way of obtaining any information on where precisely Jacques and Marguerite lived.

<sup>1</sup>Site [www.rouengenealogie.org](http://www.rouengenealogie.org)

<sup>2</sup>From Nicolas Le Roy et ses Descendants by J.E. Roy, pg 31, 32