

With the help of Jeanne Marie Cazin of Caen, Normandie, I was able to find an explanation for the missing information in Jacques' nobility proofs. She found for me the marriage record of Jacques' parents in the Protestant Register of Caen. His parents, Mathieu Le Neuf, Sieur du Hérisson, and Jeanne Le Marchant, were married in December 1599. This marriage record names the parents of the groom as Jean Le Neuf and Marguerite Le Gardeur, and the parents of the bride as Maître Gervais Le Marchant, sieur de la Celloniere et de la Rocque, lieutenant de monsieur le bailly de Condé sur Noireau, and Venote de St-Germain. I now know who Jacques' parents were, and that they were Huguenots. I suspect that Jacques covered up his background in his submitted nobility proofs to avoid detection of his Protestant background. I published my findings in "The Family Secrets of the Le Neuf Origins in France," *Lost in Canada?* 17:2 (Spring 1993):58-71. Regrettably, Jean Le Neuf, the husband of Marguerite Le Gardeur, is not mentioned in the family tree Jacques submitted. So the mystery of how the Canadian Le Neufs descend from Richard Le Neuf is still not solved.