

ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF A NEW GENEALOGY BOOK FOR THOSE WITH  
COLONIAL LOUISIANA, ILLINOIS AND GULF COAST TIES!

# "LONG JOURNEY HOME"

*The Ancestry of the Bret, Coco, Drapeau, Goudeau,  
Gremillon and Tassin Families in France*

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For years, many of us have passionately pursued the lineage of our French Creole ancestors only to meet with disappointment upon realizing that the discovery of new ancestors to add to our family tree is often few and far between. The release of ***“Long Journey Home: The Ancestry of the Bret, Coco, Drapeau, Goudeau, Gremillon and Tassin Families in France”*** provides a long-awaited addition to many Louisiana, Gulf Coast and colonial Illinois family trees by bringing forth **newly discovered, never-before**

**published and fully documented DIRECT lineages** of these six families in France.

Included in the book is 175 years of the ancestry of Louisiana progenitor, **Dominique Coco**, in his native Italy (now France). You’ll discover the actual town in which he was baptized, the true spelling of his surname and the *real* names of his parents as nine generations of *his* ancestry is unveiled.

You’ll also uncover eight generations (also spanning about 175 years) of **Louis**

**Gremillon's** ancestry beginning with his 1714 baptism in Courcival (Sarthe). You'll also learn about the connection between this family and the Normand family of Igé (Orne) in France.

The book also reveals the previously unknown parents of early Mobile settlers **Louis Bret (Brette)** and his wife, **Elizabeth Roy**, and provides baptismal records of their children – several of whom were married in Mobile as well as their daughter, **Perrine Bret**, who settled in Pointe Coupee Parish (Louisiana) after marrying Nicolas de la Cour in 1726.

Discover new details about the lineage of **Michel Charles Goudeau**, 18<sup>th</sup> century surgeon to the King in the French settlements of Mobile, the Illinois territory and Louisiana, beginning with his 1713 baptism in La Rochelle (Charente-Maritime) and including several new generations in the line of his mother, **Marie Anne Dergny**. In addition to the discovery of multiple generations of the **Antoine Drapeau** and **Joseph Tassin** families, this book also contains fascinating details uncovered about the

'occupation' of our direct Tassin ancestor - **Marie Le Roy** – and how this occupation may have played a role in her death as well as the death of several of her young children.

This book is the result of years of tedious research through the Catholic sacramental records in France. Each chapter in the 174-page book begins with the Louisiana progenitor of one of these families and contains copies of the sacramental records used to establish lineage.

These families made a profound impact in the early settlement of French colonial Louisiana, Mobile and the Illinois country as they married into other French families. If you have ties to Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee Parishes of Louisiana, you are likely descended from one or more of these pioneers. This book will not disappoint those hoping to add new branches to their family tree.

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