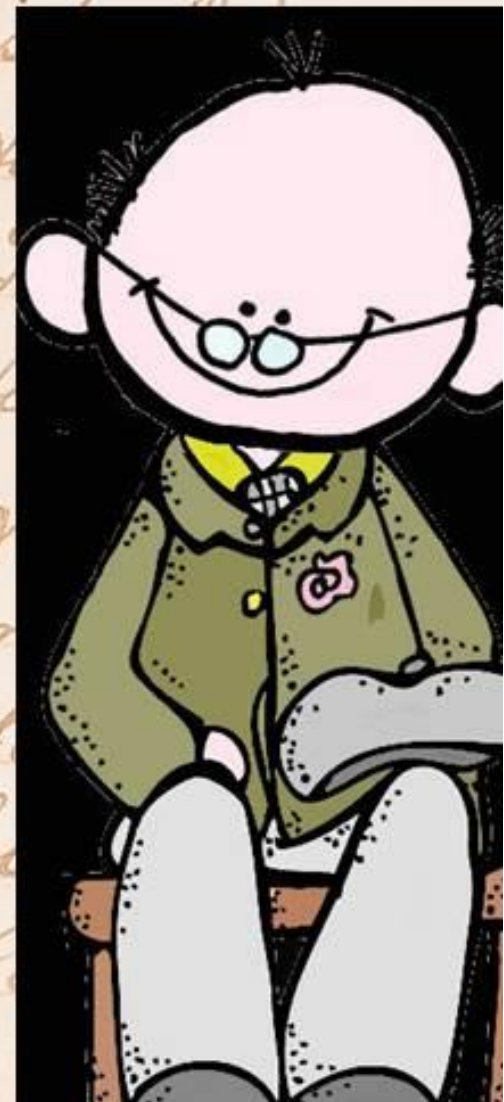


A ship's log

1764

A story I tell each
year as the
Acadians first arrive
in Louisiana



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French Ship's Log 1764

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The info used here is to just tell a story, most of it is fiction.

The ship: **Savannah Packet.** They docked in New Orleans.

1. Jean Baptiste Poirier, deacon in church, aged 45
2. Madeleine Richard Poirier, his wife, aged 25 years
3. Jean Baptiste Poirier, his son, aged 15 years
4. Joseph Poirier, his son, aged 13 years
5. Tristram, his son, aged 11 years
6. Elizabeth Poirier, his daughter, aged 7 years
7. Gaberial, his daughter, aged 9 years
8. Cecile Poirier, his daughter, aged 5 years
9. Catherine Poirier, his daughter, aged 3 years
10. Robyn Dabyn, his servant, aged 28 years
11. Musachiell Bernard, of Normandy, clothier in the parish of Du Grand Marquis, aged 24 years
12. Marie Bernard, his wife, aged 28 years
13. John Bernard, his son, aged 3 years
14. Nathaniel, his son, aged 1 year

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21. Jean Baptiste Cormier, of Normandy, tailor, aged 35 years
22. Madeleine Cormier, his wife, aged 35 years
23. Anastasia Cormier, his daughter, aged 10 years
24. Anne Cormier, his daughter, aged 8 years
25. William Fever, his servant, aged 20 years
26. Jean Richard, aged 38
27. Cecile Richard, his wife, aged 35 years
28. Marie, his daughter, aged 7 years
29. Joseph, his son, aged 5 years
30. Rosalie, his daughter, aged 7 years
31. Madeline, his daughter, aged 2 years

74. Oliver Landry, husbandman, aged 40 years
75. Elizabeth Landry, wife, aged 35 years
76. Charles Landry, his son, aged 15 years
77. Anne Landry, his daughter, aged 16 years
78. Ellyn Landry, his daughter, aged 1 year
79. James Landry, his son, aged 1 year
80. Joseph Chickin, his servant, aged 16 years
81. Angell Holland, his kinswoman, 18 years
82. John Hoble, husbandman, aged 13 years
83. James Hustle, husbandman, aged 40 years

Jean Porter, Deputy Clerk to Jean Pointer

STEP by STEP

Each year, I tell this story just so that students have an 'idea' of what the colonist here and in the American's went through.

I start by passing a copy of the Ship's Log sheet to each student. I ask them to look over the sheet. Then I ask them to tell me a bit about what it is, who is on the list, where they came from, who are they, where did they arrive, etc.

Then I asked them who was #1 on the list? Tell me something about him. How old was he? Why is he #1? Generally the pastors, preachers, church elders scheduled the ships.

Now tell me about #2 on the list? They give me her age – suddenly their brain clicks in gear. I stop them, then, ask who is #3? How old is he? Then *deacon must have had sex with her at the age of 9?*" The groans come out big time. I then tell them to tell me his age, I then say, *"But she must have been only 10 when he was born. And the deacon must have had his way with her as a 30 year old doing a 9 year old...."* The groans get even louder.

I then ask about #4 on the list. Who is this person, etc? Then #5, 6, 7 8, and 9, asking the same questions. "But why does #5 & 7 not have a last name?" Then, I get to telling my students a story about the deacon and how his first wife died and the deacon remarried a young lady whose husband had also died. Now, that should explain the ages, the lack of last names. Tell me who are the 'children' of Jean Baptiste, who are the children of Madeleine, and who are their children?

This opens a whole new discussion on the families that came on board this ship. Who is number 10? Tell me something about this person. Does it say she/he was black/white? If he/she was white why are they his

servant? How long will they be his servant? Guesses are possible because there are no right answers.

Who is #11? Who was a clothier and why was he so high on the list? Answers vary. His wife is older than he is. Tell me about that. His son, #13, has his last name but now tell me about his next child, #14. This gets them to guessing again. If it is his wife's child then----oooooh! Interesting stories come out now.

Tell me the difference between a 'tailor' & a 'clothier'. Answers will vary. As you go down the list fast or slow, what is a husbandman? It's not what they are going to think. What is a 'kinswoman'? Again, it's not what they think.

You can make this lesson last as long as you wish or as short as you wish. I have always loved doing this and make's the day very interesting as you go through everyone, step by step.

You can explain the ----- lines as 'just fillers so we don't have to name everyone on board'. The name for #80, is he white or black? Your guess is as good as mine but I know the stories I tell.

- A **husbandman** is defined as a person who cultivates the land; a farmer.
- A **kinswoman** is defined as a woman who is one of a person's blood relations.
- A **tailor** is defined as one who makes (clothes) to fit individual customers.
- A **clothier** is defined as a person or company that makes, sells, or deals in clothes or cloth.
- A **servant** is a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant.

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