

THE ORIGINS: [AMBERT](#) (Puy-de-Dôme)

All my ancestors including my great-grand father Antoine were born in Ambert
They lived in a farm called “La Borie”...



and there are still Delayre living there:



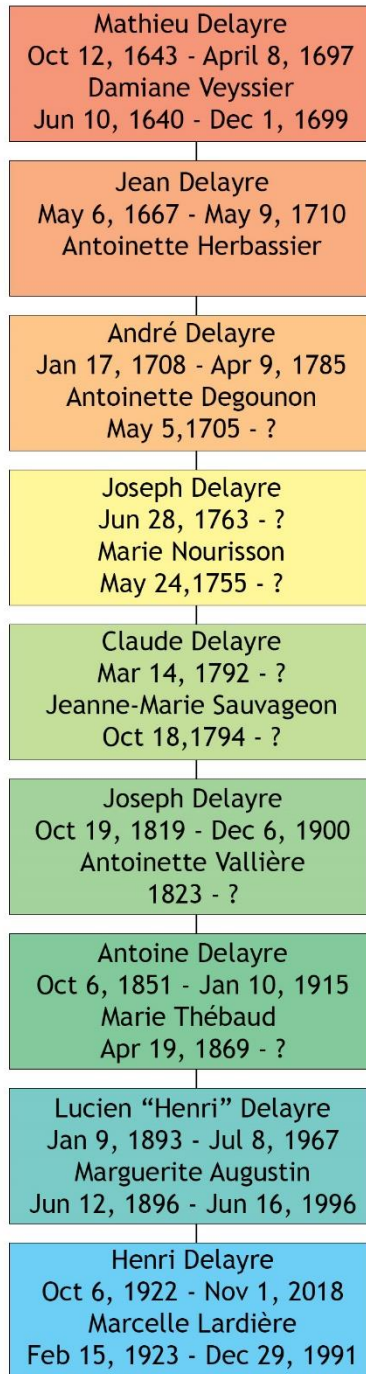
Thanks to the archives held in the Ambert city, we were able to trace my ancestors all the way back to 1611. No way we could go further: in 1610, the city burned 3 times, thus erasing all the records.



Jules Romains, in his book “Les Copains” has this description:

“The city hall of Ambert is a city hall where the front is everywhere but the middle is nowhere !”

THE ANCESTORS



The Infamous Antoine
 My grand parents would not talk about him.
 My grand father told me one day he was gone with a woman
 My parents spent a lot of time trying to find him.
 I found him when certain archives were digitized:
 He had be sent to the penitentiary of Cayenne (Guyana)
 where he died January 10, 1915 [LINK TO Family009](#)

My Grand Father and I

My Grand Mother and I

MY GRAND FATHER AND I

During World War I (Verdun, in the trenches, circa 1916)



Portrait By Unknown (Same time, same place)



1950 ± 2

The name of the dog was “Xolo”



The day of his retirement (1959 ?)

My Grand Father retires from Etablissement Flochet in Poitiers. He was the Foreman there, and designed the first continuous oven to bake bread !



I was the oldest grand kid and was the only one allowed to enter his shop. One day, he taught me how to drill a hole in a piece of aluminum, using a vertical drill press.

I never forgot !

MY GRAND MOTHER AND I

1957: my Grand Parents



1994: we celebrate her 98th Birthday:



June 12, 1996: we celebrate her 100th birthday, here with her 25th great grand kid.
She died four days later.



Antoine (Family009)

NUMÉRO MATRICULAIRE
DE LA COLONIE.

9624

Le nommé Delapre
Antoine

fil de Antoine
et de Valérie Antoinette
né à Archevêque arrondissement de
département de Mayenne, le 6.6.1851
domicilié à Paris
arrondissement de Paris
département de la Seine
condamné le 2 Janvier 1908 par la Cour de Paris
à six mois prison vol

SIGNALEMENT
AU MOMENT DE LA SORTIE DE DÉPÔT.

Taille d'un mètre _____ millimètres.
Cheveux _____
Sourcils _____
Front _____
Yeux _____
Nez _____
Bouche _____
Menton _____
Barbe _____
Visage _____
Toint _____

Signes particuliers : _____

RENSEIGNEMENTS DIVERS.

Marié à _____
Célibataire _____
ou veu de _____
Nombre des enfants _____

Embarqué le 17 JUIL 1908 sur le La Lorraine
à destination de la GUYANE FRANÇAISE
Arrivé _____ le _____

Decédé, le 13 Janvier 1915.

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