

December 26, 2006

Case No. 174019

Thank you for your request for information on the ancestry of Lydia Jackson, wife of John Taggett.

Research Report:

John Taggett and Lydia Jackson were married as John Tigert and Liddie Jane Jackson at Fort Kent, Maine, on July 17, 1905.¹ The groom was a resident of St. Francis Plantation; age 33; a common laborer; born in St. Francis Plantation; his parents, who resided in St. Francis Plantation, were Frank Tigert [sic], a common laborer, born in Houlton, Maine, and Sarah Tigert [sic], born in Allagash Plantation. The bride was a resident of Allagash Plantation; age 16; a house keeper; born in Allagash Plantation; her parents, who resided in Allagash Plantation, were George Jackson, a farmer, born in Allagash Plantation, and Bertie Plurd, who was born in Fort Kent.

We searched for a death record of Lydia (Jackson) Taggett in the Maine Vital Records through 1955 (the last year we have), but we did not find one.

In the 1910 Census, John Taggett and his wife and children were listed in the household of George Jackson in Allagash Plantation, Maine, as follows:²

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Jackson, George	Head	46	Maine	Farmer – General farm
Taggett, John	Son-in-law	39	Maine	Laborer – Lumber Camp
“ Lady	Daughter	21	Maine	
“ Hazel	Son	3	Maine	
“ Bertha	Daughter	1 ^{6/12}	Maine	

George Jackson was a widower; his father was said to have been born in Canada (English speaking), and his mother in Maine. The parents of John and “Lady” Taggett were said to have been born in Maine.

¹ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopies enclosed are the best available).

² 1910 U.S. Census, Allagash Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, T624-537, E.D. 1, p. 18A-B (photocopies enclosed).

In the 1900 Census, George Jackson and his family were listed in Allagash Plantation, Maine, as follows:³

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Jackson, George	Head	July 1862	37	Maine	Farmer
“ Liddie J.	Daughter	June 1888	11	Maine	
“ Agnese	Daughter	Apr 1892	8	Maine	

George Jackson was a widower; his parents were both said to have been born in Maine, as was the mother of his daughters.

The marriage record of Liddie Jane Jackson indicated that her mother's name was Bertie Plurd. "Plurd" was the French Canadian name Plourde. The man who went by the name Alex Pratt was actually born as a Plourde (see below). We believe that Alex Pratt was the father of the wife of George Jackson, but we cannot document it. We could not find the marriage of George Jackson and Bertha Pratt/Bertie Plourde in the Maine Vital Records. They must have married prior to 1888, when Lydia was said to have been born, but statewide registration of vital records did not begin in Maine until 1892. In the 1900 Census George Jackson was a widower, and his younger daughter was said to have been born in April 1892, so Bertha had to have died after that date. We did not find the death of Bertha Jackson in the Maine Vital Records, but we did find the death of Bertha Pratt.

Bertha J[?]. Pratt died of consumption at Fort Kent, Maine, on October 1, 1894, age 22.⁴ She was said to have been married; a housekeeper; born in Haynesville, Maine; daughter of Alex Pratt, a merchant, born in Isle Verte, P.Q., and Jane Alice, born in Haynesville. She was buried in Fort Kent. Alex Pratt of Fort Kent was the informant.

Bertha Pratt's death record clearly states that she was married, but her husband was not identified. We think that she was the wife of George Jackson, but it is odd that the death record did not call her Bertha Jackson. In French Canada, a married woman did not take the surname of her husband, so perhaps Alex Pratt, who was a native of Quebec, was following that custom. (He was apparently not the only person in Fort Kent who did so; in the 1910 Census, Bertha's sister Idell Pratt, wife of George Eaton, was listed under her maiden name, as were all the other wives on the same page.⁵)

³ 1900 U.S. Census, Allagash Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, T623-588, p. 13A (photocopy enclosed).

⁴ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopy enclosed is the best available).

⁵ 1910 U.S. Census, Fort Kent, Aroostook Co., Maine, T624-537, E.D. 26, p. 14A (photocopy enclosed).

George Jackson married Emma Gardner at Allagash, Maine, on March 27, 1896.⁶ It was his second marriage (he was a widower), which is another reason to suppose that Bertha Pratt, who died in 1894, was his first wife. The groom was said to have been a resident of Allagash; age 35; a farmer; born in Allagash; his parents, residents of Allagash, were Aaron Jackson, a farmer, whose birthplace was unknown, and Mary Thibodeaux, who was born in Madawaska. The bride was said to have been a resident of Allagash; age 20; a housewife; born in Allagash; daughter of John Gardner, a farmer, and Bridget Mullins, who were both born in and residents of Allagash.

Since George Jackson was described as a widower in the 1900 Census, Emma (Gardner) Jackson presumably died between 1896 and 1900, but we could not find her death in the Maine Vital Records.

Alex Pratt died at Fort Kent, Maine, on July 13, 1901, age 64.⁷ He was said to have been married; a farmer; born at Green Island, P.Q.; son of Nicolas Pratt, a farmer, and Angel Beaulieu, both born in Canada. He was buried in Fort Kent. The person reporting the death was George E. Eaton. (Green Island is the English translation of L'Ile Verte.)

Alexis Plourde was born on January 1, 1837, and baptized two days later at L'Ile Verte, Quebec, son of Nicolas Plourde, a day laborer, and Angele Beaulieu.⁸ That date agrees with the age in Alex Pratt's death record, as do the place of birth and the parents (except for the name Pratt), so there is no doubt that Alexis Plourde and Alex Pratt were identical.

Alex Pratt seems to have been married twice, but we did not find a record of either marriage. His first wife was Lydia Jane Ellis (the mother of Bertha Pratt), whom he married about 1870, probably at Haynesville, Maine. (Bertha Pratt's death record said that her mother, Jane "Alice," was born in Haynesville.) He and his wife were listed in the 1870 Census in Haynesville as follows:⁹

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of birth</u>
Pratt, Alexander	30	Blacksmith	France
" Jane	25	House keeper	Maine

⁶ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopies enclosed).

⁷ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopy enclosed).

⁸ Parish Register, L'Ile Verte (St Jean Baptiste), Riviere du Loup Co., P.Q., 1837, p. 1 [Institut Genealogique Drouin Parish Registers, Film #1808] (photocopy enclosed).

⁹ 1870 U.S. Census, Haynesville, Aroostook Co., Maine, M593-538, p. 146 (photocopy enclosed).

Lydia Jane (Ellis) Pratt must have died between 1875 and 1879, but we did not find a record of her death.

The second wife of Alex Pratt was Sophie Bridget Nadeau, whom he must have married between 1875 and 1879, probably at Fort Kent. (According to the 1900 Census, Biddie E. Pratt, born in Maine in August 1848, had been married to Alex Pratt for 22 years.¹⁰) Sophie Pratt, widow of Alexis Pratt, died at Fort Kent on September 20, 1919, age 72.¹¹

The births of Alex Pratt's children do not appear to have been recorded at the time they were born, but some were recorded much later as "delayed entries." Other children can be identified from census records. His children by Lydia Jane Ellis were as follows:

1. Idell Pratt was born at Haynesville, Maine, on September 25, 1870, the daughter of Alexander Pratt, age 31, a blacksmith, born in the Province of Quebec, and Lydia Jane Ellis, age 27, born in Haynesville.¹² Idelle G. Pratt married George Edward Eaton of Fort Kent (1863-1922) on July 20, 1889; she died November 17, 1947.¹³ George E. Eaton was the informant in the death record of Alex Pratt.
2. Bertha Pratt was born at Haynesville, Maine, about 1872; she died at Fort Kent on October 1, 1894. We think that she was the wife of George Jackson and the mother of Lydia, or Liddie Jane Jackson, the wife of John Taggett.
3. Agnes Clair Pratt was born at Fort Kent, Maine, on October 19, 1875, the third child of Alexander Pratt, a merchant, born in "Le'ile" Verte, Quebec, and Lydia Ellis, born at Haynesville, Maine.¹⁴
4. Inez Pearl Pratt, twin of the above, was born at Fort Kent on October 19, 1875, the fourth child of Alexander Pratt, a merchant, born in "Leile" Verte, Quebec, and Lydia Ellis, born at Haynesville, Maine.¹⁵ She married Avon Wilcox of Ashland, Maine, at Fort Kent on December 30, 1905.¹⁶ (They were married by James McCaskell, the same minister who married John Tigert [sic] and Liddie Jane Jackson, so they must have been married in the same church.) The bride was described as age 28; a teacher; born at Fort

¹⁰ 1900 U.S. Census, Fort Kent, Aroostook Co., Maine, T623-589, E.D. 20, p. 20A (photocopy enclosed).

¹¹ Maine Vital Records 1908-1922 (photocopies enclosed).

¹² Maine Vital Records to 1892 (photocopy enclosed).

¹³ Charles Ernest Eaton, *The Nova Scotia Eatons* (1979), p. 163 (photocopy enclosed).

¹⁴ Maine Vital Records to 1892 [recorded in December 1936] (photocopy enclosed).

¹⁵ Maine Vital Records to 1892 [recorded in December 1936] (photocopy enclosed).

¹⁶ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopies enclosed).

Kent; daughter of Alexander Pratt (deceased), a blacksmith, born in New Brunswick, and Lydia J. Ellis, born in Haynesville.

The children of Alex Pratt by Sophie Bridget Nadeau were as follows:

5. Jeannie Pratt was born at Fort Kent on April 18, 1879, daughter of Alexander Pratt, a storekeeper, born in Quebec, and Bridget Nadeau, born in Fort Kent.¹⁷ Jennie E. Pratt married H. Percy Runnels of Caribou, Maine, at Fort Kent on August 22, 1896.¹⁸ The bride was described as age 18; a school teacher; born at Fort Kent; daughter of Alexander Pratt, a hotel keeper, born in Canada, and Meddie Nadeau, born in New Brunswick. (She must have been the child Jane, age 1, in Alex Pratt's household in the 1880 Census.¹⁹ Alex Pratt's wife in that census was said to have been Jane, age 30 [?], but that could not have been his first wife Lydia Jane Ellis, because the child's birth and marriage records both indicated that her mother was a Nadeau.)
6. John Pratt. According to the 1900 Census, he was born in Maine in August 1879, but the year cannot be accurate because he was not in the 1880 Census. He may have been born in August 1880, which was two months after the census was taken.
7. Elvira G. Pratt was born at Fort Kent on August 11, 1882, the daughter of Alex Pratt, a storekeeper, born in Canada, and Sophie Bridget Nadeau, born in Fort Kent.²⁰ According to the Maine Vital Records Bride's Index, Elvira G. Pratt of Fort Kent married Edward L. Warner of Missouri on December 23, 1902, but we did not find that marriage in the vital records themselves.
8. Laura M. Pratt was born in March 1887.²¹ Her first husband was a Mr. Humphrey. Laura M. Humphrey of Fort Kent married Angus C. Campbell of Ashland, Maine, at Waterville, Maine, on March 27, 1918.²² The bride was said to have been a widow (it was her second marriage); born in Fort Kent; the daughter of Alex Pratt, a storekeeper, born in "Lelette," P.Q., and Sophie Nadeau, born in Fort Kent.
9. George Pratt was born in Maine in May 1889.²³

¹⁷ Maine Vital Records to 1892 [recorded in 1943 by Idelle Eaton of Fort Kent and Maude E. Nobles] (photocopy enclosed).

¹⁸ Maine Vital Records 1892-1907 (photocopies enclosed).

¹⁹ 1880 U.S. Census, Fort Kent, Aroostook Co., Maine, T9-476, E.D. 199, p. 25 (photocopy enclosed).

²⁰ Maine Vital Records to 1892 [recorded in 1941 by "Mrs. Ideele Eaton Aunt" and "Maude Noble no relation." Idell Eaton was her older half-sister, not her aunt] (photocopy enclosed).

²¹ 1900 U.S. Census, Fort Kent, *op. cit.*

²² Maine Vital Records 1908-1922 (photocopies enclosed).

²³ 1900 U.S. Census, Fort Kent, *op. cit.*

10. Bell Pratt was born in November 1892.²⁴ She married Emile Ouellette of St Agatha, Maine at Fort Kent on November 26, 1912.²⁵ The bride was said to have been age 20; born in Fort Kent; daughter of Alexandre Pratt (deceased), born in Canada, and Middie Nadeau, born in New Brunswick.

We found the following entries for Alex Pratt in an Index of Aroostook County Deeds:²⁶

- Grantor to Frank Ellis [v.10, p.581]
- Grantee from George Nadeau [v.13, p.104]
- Grantee from David Thibodeau Jr. and Edith Thibodeau [v.13, p.122]
- Grantee from George Nadeau [v.15, p.411]

We only have copies of the deeds themselves through volume 5, so we do not know what those transactions involved, but it seems likely that Frank Ellis was related to Alex Pratt's first wife and that George Nadeau was related to his second wife. Ellen J. Pratt was also listed as a Grantor to Frank Ellis [v.10, p.581], so she may have been Lydia Jane (Ellis) Pratt. (There were also listings for an Ellen Jane Pratt, but we do not know if she was the same person.) The heading said to also "See Plourd" for Pratt, but there were no entries for Alex, Alexis, or Alexander Plourde.

We now turn to the ancestry of George Jackson. According to the record of his second marriage in March 1896, he was age 35 (which, if accurate, would mean that he had been born in 1860 or 1861, depending on the month of birth), and that his parents were Aaron Jackson and Mary Thibodeaux. According to the 1900 Census, he was born in July 1862. He was said to have been age 46 in the 1910 Census. He was said to have been age 60 in the 1920 Census.²⁷ We did not find him in the 1930 Census. We did not find a record of his death.

We did not find the marriage of Aaron Jackson and Mary Thibodeaux in the Maine Vital Records, nor did we find birth records of any children of that couple.

²⁴ *Ibid.*

²⁵ Maine Vital Records 1908-1922 (photocopies enclosed).

²⁶ Aroostook County, Maine, Deeds, Northern District, Index 1846-1883 (photocopy enclosed).

²⁷ 1920 U.S. Census, Allagash Plantation ["South Side of St John River Township XVI Range 10"], Aroostook Co., Maine, T625-638, E.D. 1, p. 15B (photocopy enclosed).

Mary Thibodeau Jackson, widow of Aron [sic] Jackson, died at St. Francis, Maine, on March 31, 1910.²⁸ Her previous residence was Allagash, Maine. She was said to have been age 93; born in Grand Isle, Maine; the daughter of Bruno Thibodeau and a mother who was unknown to the informant. (Note that the name “Jackson” seems to have been added to “Mary Thibodeau” in a different hand. It appears that her death was originally recorded under her maiden name, just as Bertha Pratt’s was, although Mary Thibodeau’s husband was identified in the record.)

We did not find a death record of Aaron Jackson, but it appears from census records that he died between 1870 and 1880.

In the 1850 Census we found an Aron Jackson, age 28, laborer, born in Maine, living with thirteen other laborers in a household headed by C.R. Bodfish, lumberman, age 36, in Hancock Plantation, Maine.²⁹ In the same census, a Mary Thibbedoux, age 20, was living in a household in Hancock Plantation headed by Jere Pelkie, age 22, which also included Angeline Pelkie, age 25, and two Pelkie children.³⁰ The Pelkie household was listed directly before the one in which Aron Jackson was living, so it appears that they were neighbors.

We found the following household in the 1860 Census (which was taken on July 2, 1860) in Township No. 17, Range 9, in Aroostook County, Maine:³¹

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of birth</u>
Aaron Jackson	45	Farmer	Maine
Mary “	30		“
Benj. “	10		“
Aaron “	8		“
Dan ^l . “	6		“
Rosanna “	5		“
Rich ^d . “	2		“
Geo. W. “	1/12		“

²⁸ Maine Vital Records 1908-1922 (photocopies enclosed).

²⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Hancock Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, M432-248, p. 68-9 [256-7] (photocopies enclosed).

³⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 68 [256].

³¹ 1860 U.S. Census, Township 17, Range 9, Aroostook Co., Maine, M653-434, p. 61 (photocopy enclosed).

We found the following household in the 1870 Census in an “unincorporated Plantation on the upper St John above St Francis,” Aroostook County, Maine:³²

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of birth</u>
Aaron Jackson	60		New Hampshire
“ Mary [sic]	45		“
Jackson, Aaron	18	Laborer	Maine
“ Benjamin	16		“
“ Rose	15		“
“ Richard	14		“
“ Nat	13		“
“ Finley	11		“
“ Mary	9		“
“ Thomas	6		“
“ Andrew	5		“
“ Sarah	4		“
“ James	1		“

We found the following household in the 1880 Census in Township 17, Range 11, in Aroostook County, Maine:³³

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of birth</u>
Jackson, Mary	40 [?]		Keeping House	Maine
“ Aaron	24	Son	Laborer	“
“ Richard	22	“	“	“
“ Daniel	20	“	“	“
“ Mary	15	Daughter		“
“ George	13	Son		“
“ Catherine	11	Daughter		“
“ Finley	10	Son		“
“ Emma	8	Daughter		“

In the 1900 Census, Mary Jackson, born Sept. 1834, age 65, widow, the mother of 12 children of whom 10 were living, born in Maine, parents both born in Canada (French

³² 1870 U.S. Census, “unincorporated Plantation on the upper St John above St Francis,” Aroostook Co., Maine, M593-538, p. 1-2 (photocopies enclosed).

³³ 1880 U.S. Census, Township 17, Range 11, Aroostook Co., Maine, T9-476, E.D., 198, p. 18 (photocopy enclosed).

speaking), was listed in Allagash Plantation, Maine, in the household of her son David Jackson, born Nov. 1868, age 31, and his wife and children (they were on the same page with households headed by George Jackson, born July 1862; Aaron Jackson, born May 1854; and Daniel Jackson, born Dec. 1858).³⁴

The above censuses do not correspond very well with one another, but we do believe that they all represent the family of Aaron Jackson and Mary Thibodeau.

We found the following deed involving Aaron Jackson:

- On April 17, 1854, Aaron Jackson of Hancock Plantation, Aroostook County, Maine, sold "a certain piece of land situated in said Plantation, and bounded as follows, to wit: On the North by the Spaulding lot, on the South by lot conveyed to Lawler, it being on the Fish River Road about one Mile from Dickey's Mills, Marked as No. 20, being the same possession made by me & on which I now live," to Joseph Neddeau of Hancock Plantation for \$100.³⁵

We did not find any further information on Aaron Jackson.

The death record of Mary Thibodeau Jackson said that she had been born in Grand Isle, Maine, and that her father was Bruno Thibodeau. We searched for a Bruno Thibodeau in Aroostook County, Maine, and on the Canadian side of the upper St. John River, but the only one we found was around the same age as Mary. Based upon deeds that we found, we believe that Bruno Thibodeau was Mary's brother, not her father.

We found the following deeds involving Mary Thibodeau and Bruno Thibodeau:

- On June 18, 1849, Marie Thibodeau of Township No.18, Range 3, Aroostook Co., Maine, sold the lands described as follows to Bruno Thibodeau of the same Township and Range for \$80: "all my right, title & interest in & to South East half of Lot No. Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine in s^d. Township & Range, the same being an undivided Fifth part of the said S.E. half, & amounting to Twenty acres & 53/100, more or less, For more particular description of which reference may be had to survey & field notes of Commissioners of Maine & Massachusetts, appointed pursuant to Treaty of Washington, also an undivided fifth part of Lot No.6 on Grand Isle No. 9 same being 57/100 of an acre

³⁴ 1900 U.S. Census, Allagash Plantation, *op. cit.*

³⁵ Aroostook County, Maine, Deeds, Northern District Records, 3:2 (photocopy enclosed).

more or less reference to be had to s^d. survey & field notes of Commissioners of Me. & Mass. for more particular description.”³⁶

- On June 2, 1849, Jeremiah Pelletier of Hancock Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, yeoman, and his wife, Angel Thibodeau Pelletier, quitclaimed the property described as follows to Bruno Thibodeau of Van Buren Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, yeoman for \$64: “all our right title & interest in and to Lot number Two Hundred and Thirty-Nine, in Township No.18, Range 3, being Twenty acres & 50/100 more or less, an undivided fifth part of lot deeded by state of Maine & Massachusetts, to **the Heirs of Simon Thibodeau**, S.E. half” [emphasis added].³⁷

- On September 20, 1859, Bruno Thibodeau of Van Buren Plantation, Aroostook Co., Maine, yeoman, sold the following lands to Thade Therriault of Grand Isle, Aroostook Co., Maine, yeoman, for \$80: “all the right, title and interest which I have in and to Lot Numbered six, on grand Isle, in Township Eighteen, of the Third R’ge of Townships, west from the East Line of said State, containing two and 83/100 acres, more or less, according to the survey thereof, in the whole, Intending to convey hereby, Two Fifth Parts of said Lot, in common and undivided with one Aubain Thibodeau, Therzile Thibodeau, and Angele Thibodeau, and which of said Two Fifth Parts, I have acquired as follows, viz: one by way of being Heir of the late Simon Thibodeau, and the other of which was conveyed to me by Marie Thibodeau, by her Deed of June 18th A.D. 1849.”³⁸

Marie Thibodeau’s deed did not say how she had acquired the one fifth share of the lots that she sold to Bruno Thibodeau, but the other deeds make it clear that the lots belonged to the five heirs of Simon Thibodeau, four of whom were Bruno, Aubain, Therzile, and Angele Thibodeau. Marie Thibodeau had to have been Simon Thibodeau’s fifth heir.

Angele Thibodeau and her husband Jeremiah Pelletier resided in Hancock Plantation in June 1849. “Pelletier” was often rendered into English as “Pelkey” or “Pelkie.” We have no doubt that “Jere Pelkie,” age 22, and “Angeline Pelkie,” age 25, in Hancock Plantation in the 1850 Census (see above) were Jeremiah Pelletier and Angele Thibodeau. We also have no doubt that “Mary Thibbedoux,” age 20, who was living in the household of “Jere Pelkie” in the 1850 Census, was the Marie Thibodeau who sold land to Bruno Thibodeau in June 1849. Since Aron Jackson, age 28, lived in the household listed directly after Jere Pelkie’s in the 1850 Census, and an Aaron Jackson sold land in Hancock Plantation in

³⁶ Aroostook County, Maine, Deeds, Northern District Records, 1:625-6 (photocopies enclosed).

³⁷ *Ibid.*, 1:626-7 (photocopies enclosed).

³⁸ *Ibid.*, 4:205-6 (photocopies enclosed).

1854, we believe that the Marie Thibodeau who sold her land to Bruno Thidodeau was the Mary Thibodeau who later married Aaron Jackson and was the mother of George Jackson.

We reconstructed the family of Simon Thibodeau from records in the parish register of St Basile, New Brunswick, as follows:

Simon Thibodeau, the son of Olivier Thibodeau, a farmer, and Josephte Cormier, married Marie Claire Violet, daughter of Augustin Violet, farmer, and Elizabeth Cyr, at St Basile, N.B., on February 12, 1821.³⁹ They had the following children:

1. Marie Tersile Tibodeau, born January 29, 1822, and baptized the next day at St Basile.⁴⁰
2. Pierre Ducase Thibodeau, born November 9, 1823, and baptized at St Basile the next day.⁴¹ He died December 24, 1823, and was buried three days later at St Basile.⁴²
3. Angelle Thibodeau, born January 3, 1825, and baptized at St Basile the next day.⁴³ She married Jeremiah Pelletier.
4. Jean Urbin Thibodeault, born October 18, 1826, and baptized two days later at St Basile.⁴⁴
5. Bruno Thibodeault, born and baptized December 23, 1828, at St Basile.⁴⁵
6. Dorothee Thibodault, born and baptized July 15, 1830, at St Basile.⁴⁶ Her godparents were Michel Mercure and Marie Boutin. We think that as Mary Thibodeau she married Aaron Jackson, probably shortly after the 1850 Census was taken.

Simon Thibodeau drowned in the St John River on November 17, 1830, age 37, and was buried two days later at St Basile.⁴⁷ Marie Claire Violet married (2) Francois Sirois, son

³⁹ Parish Register, St Basile, Madawaska Co., N.B., 1821, p. 84 [Institut Genealogique Drouin Parish Registers, Film #3137] (photocopy enclosed).

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 1822, p. 91 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, 1823, p. 109 (photocopy enclosed). His name was written incorrectly in the margin as "Pierre Ducase Violet," but the record itself was accurate.

⁴² *Ibid.*, 1823, p. 110 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴³ *Ibid.*, 1825, p. 125 (photocopy enclosed). Her name was written incorrectly in the margin as "Angele Violet," but the record itself was accurate.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, 1826, p. 155 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, 1828, p. 211 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, 1830, p. 11 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, 1830, p. 19 (photocopy enclosed).

of Jean Baptiste Sirois and Marguerite Mercure, at St Basile on June 25, 1832.⁴⁸ Marie Claire Violet died October 21, 1838, age 39, and was buried the next day at St Basile.⁴⁹

We searched for additional children of Simon Thibodeau and Marie Claire Violet for nine months following the drowning of Simon Thibodeau, but we did not find any. Unless we missed an earlier child, Dorothee Thibodeau had to have been the Marie Thibodeau who sold her land to Bruno Thibodeau, because the other four heirs (Tersile, Urbin, Angele, and Bruno Thibodeau) were accounted for, and the only other child of Simon Thibodeau died in infancy. The date of birth of Dorothee Thibodeau agrees with the age of “Mary Thibbedoux” in the 1850 Census (20), and of Mary Jackson in the 1860 Census (30), but it does not agree with any of the other records of Mary Jackson. It especially troubles us that Mary Jackson’s date of birth as recorded in the 1900 Census (Sept. 1834) was not even in the same month as Dorothee Thibodeau’s (July). However, we still believe that the Mary Thibodeau who married Aaron Jackson was Dorothee Thibodeau.

Suggestions for further research:

We can trace the ancestry of Alexis Plourde.

Thank you again for your research request. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

This report was prepared by one of the NEHGS research staff. If you have questions or would like our staff to research this case further, please contact me at the address, e-mail, or telephone number below.

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⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, 1832, pp. 32-3 (photocopy enclosed).

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, 1838, p. 23 [Drouin film #3138] (photocopy enclosed).