

Information on Rochon family provided by:
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JULIEN Dit ROCHERON/ROCHON & MARTINE
LEMOINE/LEMOYNE

Julien Dit Rocheron/Rochon Born abt. 1610 in St. Come de Vair, Mamers Lemans, Maine Sarthe, France, Died on August 16, 1650 in Come de Vair, France. Parents: unknown

Per Andre Rochon: We do not know who the parents of Julian were. What complicates the matter is that many couples lived in Saint Cosme at that time and any of them could be the parents of Julian. There is a Gervais Rocheron and Marguerite Faye. There is also a Vincent Rocheron husband of Damiane Dreux who had children between 1595 and 1615. There is also the famous Thomas who married Perrine Bonnier Saint-Cosme in 1601. In 1598 a Estienne Rocheron has a daughter named Nouvelle. In 1600 a Thomas, not the same one who married Perrine Bouvier in 1601 has a daughter, Francoise. In 1640 a Thomas, husband of Francoise Truton is buried. To complicate the matters two Julian Rocherons are buried within a period of two years in Saint Cosme. The first one who is called "the younger" is buried on August 16th 1650. He is usually considered to be the husband of Martine Lemoine. The burial inscription is immediately following the inscription of Martine Lemoine in the records of Saint Cosme. It may be the reason why it is assumed he is the one who was the husband of Martine. The other Julian was buried on March 26th 1652. As early as 1595 there were many Rocheron installed in Saint Cosme and I do not see the probability that Julian was born somewhere else. As you can see there are many possibilities as to the parents of Julian Rocheron, our ancestor and in my opinion, until I am shown a tangible proof, I will consider any statement as a pure hypothesis. My brother did visit St-Cosme, France in 1978 and again in 1980. He was able to look at many original documents. He could not find any mention of a father. He did find several Thomas Rocheron's but could not link them. In fact one of them on 02-14-1588 accidentally killed a man while ringing the church bell at vespers. He apparently dislodged a stone, which fell hitting a passerby. So I've noted all the info on Thomas and put him in my "Friends and Related Families" list.

MARRIED: Martine Lemoine/Lemoyne/Leamire. (St. Come de Vair, Mamers Lemans, Maine Sarthe, France) on November 1, 1634.

(C) **Simon Dit Rocheron/Rochon:** (2/6/1633 in St. Come de Vair, France -11/19/1709 in Quebec, Canada). **MARRIED:** **Mautherine Madeline Busson/Bisson** (7/9/1638 France- 9/29/1691) on 9/12/1663 (*Parents Florent Bisson & Jeanne Yvon*).

(C) **Gervais Rocheron:** M - born 11/1/1634 in St. Come de Vair, France, died on 12/14/1705 in Quebec, Canada **MARRIED:** Marie Madeline Guyon, on 10/26/1671 in St. Famille, Quebec, Canada. BORN: 9/20/1657 in Semaines, Quebec, Canada DIED: 5/14/1723 in St. Famille, Ile D'Orleans, Montmorency, Quebec (*Parents Claude Guyon & Catherine Colin/Collin*)

(C) **Eloy Rocheron;** M – born 6/3/1637 in St. Come de Vair, France

(C) **Marie Rocheron;** F – born 4/21/1639 in St. Come de Vair, France, died 12/20/1687 in St. Famille, Ile d' Orleans, Quebec, Canada. **MARRIED:** **Francois Gaulin/Gosselin** on 9/25/1657. Francois was born 8/25/1630 in St. Martin Vie, Seez, Perche, France, died on 12/8/1675 in St. Famille, Quebec, Canada.

(C) **Julien Rocheron;** M- born 1641 in St. Come de Vair, France, died August 15, 1650, age 9.

Per Rene Rochon: In the XVII century, the Perch had too many people for agriculture and small trade. A new attraction for independence and a better knowledge of the New World would generate a move for migration. In 1627, Robert Giffard, physician from Mortagne in Perche, arrived in New France and settled in Beauport, east of Quebec City, where he became the Lord of the place. Wanting to stay there and to found a new establishment, he returned to Perche to recruit fellow citizens. In St. Come he held meetings at the Cheval Blanc (white horse) Inn, in the center of the village. About 35 inhabitants, from 13 families, including the Rocheron/Rochon and the Bisson, decided to follow him, between 1644 and 1662. The Perch, an old French province, with Mortagne as the capital, was located between Normandy and Maine. Today, St. Come en Varais is located in the Loire Country (diocese) of Mans, north of the Sarthe Department (arrondissement) of Mamers, on the N138 Road, at 14 kilometers South-East of Belleme and at 12 kilometers of Mamers. The Municipality has about 1,500 inhabitants. A commemorative plaque hangs in the church and lists the names of the families who arrived in New France at the same time as the Rocheron/Rochon.



And thus Simon, Gervais and Marie Rochon arrived in New France in 1657. Mautherine Bisson, 15 years old arrived with her parents Florent Bisson & Jeanne Yvon, and her brother Michael, 13 years old. Later, her second marriage would be to Simon Rocheron. At the time of the census of the Intendant Jean Talon in 1665-66, only 3,215 people from European origin were living in the colony. We think, but it is not without certitude, that the father of Simon, Gervais and Marie was Julien Rocheron, born between 1596 and 1612 (probable in 1607) in Sisson, and died in August 1650. He married Matrine Lemoyne (Lemoine, Lemaire), born around 1611, in St. Cosme en Varais, in Perche on November 1, 1634. Martine died on August 3, 1650. Julien had a sister, Catherine Rocheron, born on June 4, 1606 in St. Come. However doubts subsist if this Julien is in fact the first ancestor of the Rochon in America. The adoption of the Rochon, instead of Rocheron, appeared in New France as soon as the second generation.