



## CHEMINS DU ROUEN May 2018

**Footsteps** in the city of **Rouen** where **Marie Blanchard, Fille du Roi** my 9<sup>th</sup> great grandmother (matrilineal line) was born and lived, before she left France.

And **Catherine Bourgeois, Fille du Roi**, who married my Rene Binet my French forefather .

And **Jean Lemire**, who is the French Forefather to my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother Marie Elizabeth Lemire.

BLANCHARD, Marie		290011
Statut	Mariée	
Date de naissance	15-01-1647	
Date de baptême	15-01-1647	
Lieu d'origine	Rouen (St-Nicaise) (Seine-Maritime) 76540	
Lieu actuel	Rouen	
Parents	Jean et Martine Le Bas	
Date de mariage des parents	16-04-1646	
Lieu de mariage des parents	Rouen (St-Nicaise) (Seine-Maritime) (76540)	
Première mention au pays	1667	
Occupation à l'arrivée	Fille du roi	
Date de mariage	10-11-1667	
Lieu du mariage	Québec (Notre-Dame)	
Conjoint	Mathieu Brunet dit Létang	
Décès ou inhumation	Lachine, 29-07-1722	
Remarques	En 1646 au mariage, ses parents sont nommés Jean Blanchart et Martine Le Bas ; cités tous les deux natifs de Rouen (St-Nicaise).	
Identification*	DGFQ, p. 180	
Chercheur(s)	Éric Mardoc ; Lise Dandonneau	
Copie d'acte	AD-76 numérisé	
Date de modification	2018-10-14	

BOURGEOIS, Catherine		240538
Statut	Mariée	
Date de baptême	17-02-1633	
Lieu d'origine	Rouen (St-Gervais) (Seine-Maritime) 76540	
Lieu actuel	Rouen	
Parents	Thomas et Marie Petit	
Métier du père	Tabellion en 1633, puis avocat en 1667 au parlement de Rouen	
Date de mariage des parents	02-03-1631	
Lieu de mariage des parents	Rouen (St-Godard) (Seine-Maritime) (76540)	
Première mention au pays	1667	
Occupation à l'arrivée	Fille du roi	
Date de mariage	19-10-1667	
Lieu du mariage	Québec (Notre-Dame)	
Conjoint	René Binet	
Décès ou inhumation	Beauport, 28-09-1702	
Remarques	Quatre frère soeurs sont baptisés à Rouen (St-Gervais) : Claude, en 1631, Jean, le 02-02-1632 ; Marie à une date inconnue ; Louise, le 04-12-1635 et Anne le 01-01-1637. En 1631, son père est nommé Thomas Le Bourgeois.	
Identification*	DGFQ, p. 104	
Chercheur(s)	Archange Godbout ; David-R. Bourgeois	
Référence*	OFC, p. 18	
Copie d'acte	AD-76 numérisé	
Date de modification	2017-07-25	

LEMIRE, Jean		440026
Statut	Marié	
Date de naissance	04-06-1625	
Date de baptême	04-06-1625	
Lieu d'origine	Rouen (St-Vivien) (Seine-Maritime) 76540	
Lieu actuel	Rouen	
Parents	Mathurin LEMIRE et Jeanne Vanier	
Première mention au pays	1651	
Occupation à l'arrivée	Charpentier de moulins	
Date de mariage	20-10-1653	
Lieu du mariage	Québec (chapelle du Collège)	
Conjoint	Louise Marsolet	
Décès ou inhumation	Québec, 05-10-1684	
Remarques	En 1653, sa mère est nommée Jeanne Vannier. En 1684, il est maître charpentier affecté au projet d'agrandissement de la Cathédrale de Québec.	
Identification*	DGFQ, p. 709	
Chercheur(s)	Marie Gagné	
Référence*	DBC, vol. 1, p. 471-472	
Copie d'acte	AD-76 numérisé	
Dossier d'archives	numérisé	
Date de modification	2016-09-15	



Half timbered houses typical of Normandy are abundant in Rouen



I stayed on Rue Étoupée . Access to my Airbnb was through the red door in the center of this picture.



# HOTEL DE VILLE (CITY HALL) WITH VIEWS OF SAINT OUEN ABBEY ON RIGHT





PLACE DU GENERAL DU GALLE IN FRONT OF HOTEL DE VILLE (CITY HALL)

Rouen is known as the city of a thousand steeples.



**Notre Dame  
Cathedral Rouen**



**Eglise Saint Maclou**

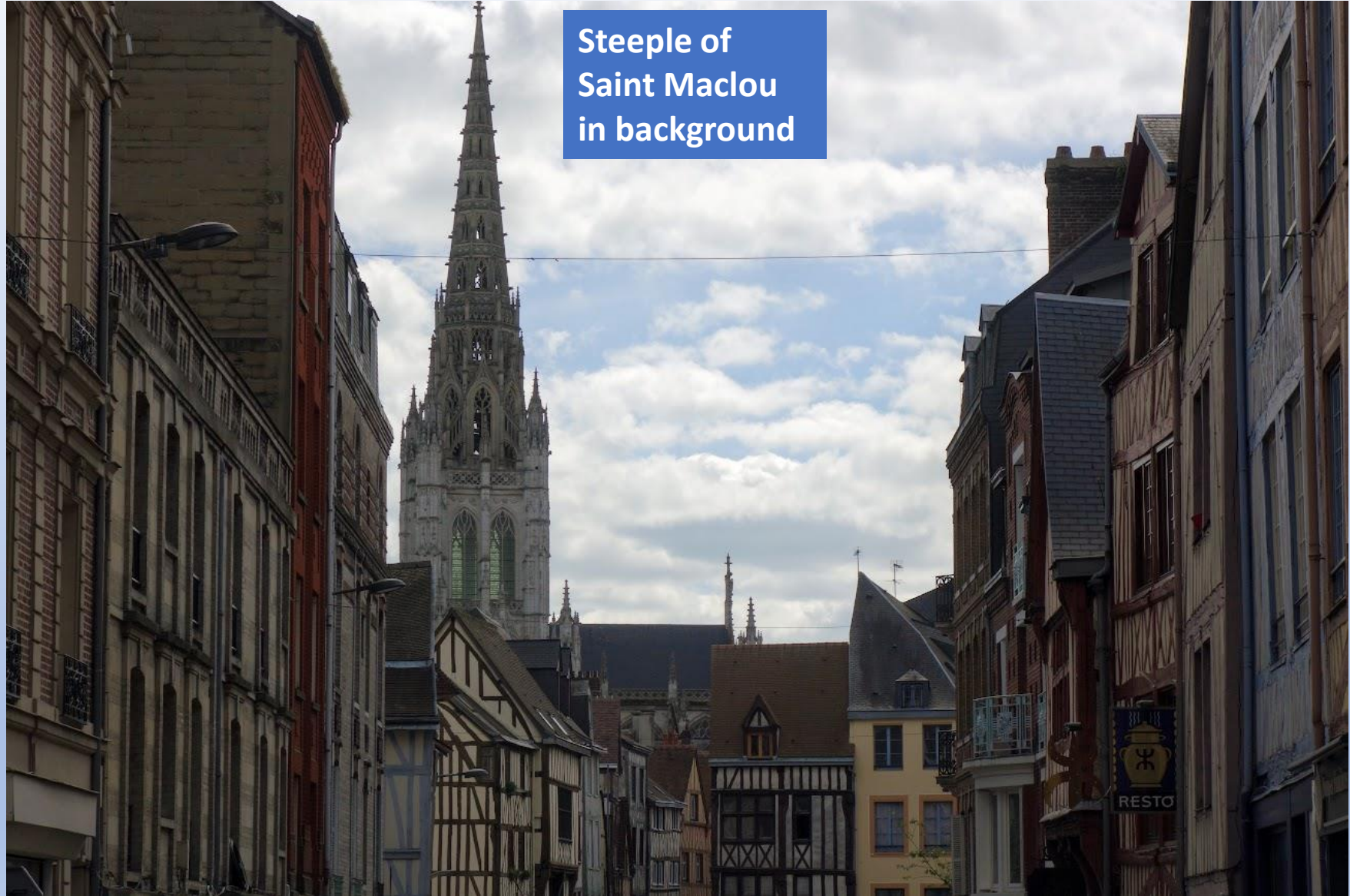


**Saint-Ouen Abbey**

# EGLISE SAINT-NICAISE

This is the baptismal church for Marie Blanchard. The church was closed from 2017 to 2019. A City of Rouen map for Catholic churches, dated 2017-2018 no longer lists this church. In December 2019 plans were approved to re-purpose the church to a brewery and restaurant: Le Brasserie Ragnar. It is scheduled to open in the spring of 2023.







## ROUEN VISIT NOTES

My visit to Rouen was very brief, only an afternoon and one day were spent in this city. Unfortunately, the time available was cut even shorter due to serious issues with my cell phone card purchased for France. This issue meant that I spent nearly 2 hours waiting in line to obtain assistance from the digital service provider. It was a configuration issue for my android cell phone.

An interesting encounter did occur while waiting in line. A woman and her husband, who lived in Rouen were also waiting in line for assistance. The woman spoke perfect English and we started up a conversation. She initially was asking me for cell phone advice but when she learned that I was a French-Canadian on an ancestral visit to France, the conversation switched to my ancestry. I told her that my ancestry included Filles du Roi and she was very interested to hear this. She quickly told me the mythical story of how these women were grabbed from many towns and villages in France and put on ships to sail to New France. She also mentioned that many of these women were of "ill repute". In retrospect it is somewhat disheartening to learn that even in France these two myths about the Filles du Roi program are still prevalent.

This lady and her husband were very kind to me and they insisted on driving me back to my Airbnb to save me time and enable me to continue my exploration of the city.

# ROUEN TODAY

**LOCATION:** The city is located on the Seine River in the Normandy region of northern France. An essential port city it is situated half-way between Paris and the English Channel.

65 Km from Dieppe, 135 km from Paris,

**POPULATION:** 2019 just over 112,000

## **MAIN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES:**

Located between Paris and Le Havre, economic activity is multi-sector: 1st western European grain port, 2nd region in medicinal chemistry and 3rd largest producer of drugs with 190,000 jobs and 3,200 researchers in private and public R&D. The major insurance majors are established here and attract the fintech and insurance professions, etc. A pioneering territory in mobility which is experimenting in Europe with autonomous vehicles on open roads. Logistics, health, agro-food, high added value services, environmental technologies are not left out. Companies are distinguished by their performance, creations, experiences and transformations in all sectors of economic life.

