

June 14th 1763, Inventory of the said Geoffroy, Major of the LaValtrie Militia

In the year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three, the Fourteenth Day of the month of June, on the Seventh hour of that morning, At the request of Sir Nicolas Geoffroy, Major of the Lavaltrie Militia, where he is living, Because of the joint estate that existed between himself and Marguerite Grivau called Boisjoly, His wife, Also as the Tutor of Francois, Jean-Baptiste, Marie Marguerite, Nicolas, Isabelle and Marie Amable Geoffroy, minor children of the said gentleman Petitioner and of the deceased Grivau, And on the advice of the parents and friends of the said minors, Ratified and officially confirmed at the Office of La Valtrie, by Judgment delivered, on the First day of June last, by the Registrar, Sir Desmoulins, in the presence of Jean Baptiste Boisjoly, maternal uncle of the said minors, Surrogate Tutor, by the said Judgment for these rightful heirs, each for one-sixth part of their Grivau deceased mother, For the protection of the rights of these and others under the responsibility of the undersign Royal Notary in the jurisdiction of Montreal, residing in the Berthier Parish (in the presence of the witnesses already named) was made an Inventory and exact description of all and every piece of furniture, money, house and body clothes, utensils and tools, farming equipment, titles, legal papers, land and properties, and all that was left after the death of the said Grivau, which occurred the ninth of August one thousand seven hundred and sixty one, Being present at the house of the said Petitioner who again swore aloud, in front of the said Notary, not to leave out any, and that none was taken away, Compelled under the rules and penalties of the Law explained by the said Notary, The said personal and real estates appraised and valued by Pierre Robillard and Michel Perrault, inhabitants of LaValtrie who have appraised and valued them to the best of their knowledge and belief according to the present times, as it was done and signed, except for the Surrogate Tutor and the Experts who declared not being able to, so accordingly, after lecture done, moved in the presence of Sirs Jean DuCondre, surgeon, and Jean Rogerie residents of La Valtrie. Stricken, seven words or syllables void.

N. Geoffroy J. Ducondre Jean Rogery Faribault, Royal Notary

First in the kitchen was found a iron Ash-scoop, appraised and valued at two Livres ten Sols, Here2livres 10 sols¹
Item, One iron Poker for the stove, appraised and valued at fifteen Sols, Here..... 0,, 15 ,, ,,
Item, One old sheet-iron Pie-dish with its miserable Lid, appraised and valued together at twenty-five Sols, Here 1,, 5,, ,,
Item, One iron Copper of two buckets or about, appraised and valued at ten Livres, Here 10,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old broken Cooking-pot, appraised fifty Sols, Here..... 2,, 10,, ,,
Item, One Iron Cooking-pot of five Jogs or about with its iron Lid, with one damaged leg, all together, appraised nine Livres ten Sols, Here..... 9,, 10,, ,,

¹ The Livre (Pound) was the monetary unit in France and its value was 20 Sols.

Item, Fourteen pounds and a half of ancient Pewter plates, dishes and spoons, appraised and valued at the price of thirty-four Sols per pound, Here.	24,, 13,, ,,
Item, One medium-size Frying-pan, appraised four Livres, Here.....	4,, 0,, ,,
Item, One seven legs iron grid, appraised forty Sols, Here.....	2,, 0,, ,,
Item, One iron Tripod, appraised Fifteen Sols, Here.....	0,,15,, ,,
Item, Three Wooden Buckets, appraised together Forty Sols, Here.....	2,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Pig-iron Mortar to ground-pepper, appraised twenty-five Sols, Here.....	1,, 5,, ,,
Item, One pair of Irons <i>a flasquer</i> ¹ appraised together three Livres, Here.....	3,, 0,, ,,
Item, Two Vats, appraised together forty Livres, Here.....	2,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Hammer and one iron Chisel, appraised together three Livres, Here.....	3,, 0,, ,,
Item, One other Small Hammer, appraised twenty Sols, Here.....	1,, 0,, ,,
Item, One recently sharp-edged Axe, appraised Seven Livres ten Sols, Here.....	7,, 10,, ,,
Item, Two old Axes, appraised and valued together Seven Livres, Here.....	7,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old Pickaxe, appraised Thirty-five Sols, Here.....	1,,15,, ,,
Item, Half a dozen new mid-size Earthenware vessels, appraised and valued at thirty Sols a peace, Here.....	3,,18,, ,,
Item, Four old Earthenware vessels and old Earth ware dish, appraised together twenty-five Sols, Here.....	1,, 5,, ,,
Item, Six Buckets, appraised together three Livres, Here.....	3,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old tin Pint, appraised four Sols, Here	0,, 4,, ,,
Item, Fifteen iron Forks, appraised together three Livres, Here.....	3,, 0,, ,,
Item, Two pounds of Tow, appraised together Thirty-five Sols, Here.....	1,,15,, ,,
Item, Two old Butter-firkins and one old Tin-bucket, the lot appraised Thirty Sols, Here.....	1,,10,, ,,
Item, One Padlock, appraised Thirty Sols, Here.....	1,,10,, ,,
Item, One iron Ladle, appraised Forty Sols, Here.....	2,, 0,, ,,
Item Two old Scythes with their rings, appraised together Four Livres, Here.....	4,, 0,, ,,
Item, Two new Sickles with another old one, the lot appraised Six Livres, Here.....	6,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old Tin-gully and one worn Pepper-pot, the lot appraised Thirty-five Sols, Here.....	1,, 5,, ,,
Item, One old Coach and its Gear, appraised Fifty Sols, Here.....	2,,10,, ,,

¹ Seems to be a tool...we ignore its nature.

Preceding.....118,,15,, ,,

In the Attic of the said House Was found Seventeen pounds of Wool, appraised Twenty-eight Sols per pound, Here..... 23,,16,, ,,

Item, One ancient half-Minot¹, appraised 10 Sols, Here..... 0,,10,, ,,

Item, One complete old Harness half worn, appraised Twenty-one Livres, Here..... 21,, 0,, ,,

Item, One other complete old Harness, appraised Fourteen Livres Ten Sols, Here.....14,,10,, ,,

Item, One pair of old big Pulling for a Sea-cow, appraised Thirty Sols, Here..... 1,,10,, ,,

Item, One more pair of Plough Pulling old and broken, appraised Eighteen Sols, Here..... 0,,18,, ,,

Item, Twelve Horse Shoes including two broken, appraised together Eight Livres, Here..... 8,,0,, ,,

Item, One Iron Rod, appraised Four Livres, Here..... 4,,0,, ,,

Item, One Pair of half-waxed thread Canvas-sheets of Three alders or about, appraised Nine Livres, Here..... 9,,0,, ,,

Item, Three old table-cloths of local craft, appraised together three livres, Here..... 3,, 0,, ,,

Item, One old Crossbar-pillow in Twill, appraised together with its Feathers three Livres, Here..... 2,,0,, ,,

Item, One ancient Vau² in bark, appraised twenty Sols, Here..... 1,,0,, ,,

Item, Two small Sheep-skins, appraised twenty Sols a piece, Here.....0,,20,, ,,

Item One Whitewash-brush, appraised five Sols, Here.....0,, 5,, ,,

Item, Fourteen Minots of Flour, appraised at Forty-five Sols each Minot, Here..... 31,, 10,, ,,

Item, Three old Bags, appraised three Livres ten Sols, Here..... 3,, 10,, ,,

In the South-west Bedroom of the aforesaid house Was found One Iron stove furnished with iron bolts and nuts, iron Tripod with its pipe made of three sheets, the lot appraised and valued for the amount of one Hundred and Fifty-five Livres with its Fender, here..... 155,,0,, ,,

Item, Ten wooden chairs some very bad and one small for kids, the lot appraised four Livres, Here..... 4,, 0,, ,,

Item, One Table with its Folding Panel, appraised Forty Sols, Here..... 2,, 0,, ,,

Item, One Sideboard fitted with its irons and locks, appraised Twenty-five Livres, Here..... 25, 0,, ,,

Item, One small Mirror, appraised thirty Sols, Here..... 1,,10,, ,,

Item, Two old Tablecloths of common textile, appraised together Forty Sols, Here..... 2,, 0,, ,,

Item, Three worn Towels, appraise together Fifty-five Sols, Here..... 2,, 5,, ,,

Item, One old Bed-sheet with holes, appraised Twenty Sols, Here..... 1,, 0,, ,,

438,, 9,, ,,

¹ This is a container serving as a measuring instrument. A Minot was a French measure unit equivalent today to 28/100 of a Liter. Examples: 1 Minot of salt = 4 bushels; 1 Minot of corn = 3 bushels. In Canada a Bushel = 8 gallons.

² A Vau was a Bend used during the construction of a Vault!

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Item, One old Bread-bin with its Lid half-worn, appraised Three Livres, Here..... 3,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Sideboard, appraised Seven Livres, Here..... 7,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Old Wooden Chest, appraised Forty Sols, Here..... 2,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Bed comprising a Berth, a Pallet, a Feather-bed and Cross-bar, Two linen sheets of local crafts $\frac{3}{4}$ worn out, one old Lid, one Quilt of crossed Drugget, All appraised and valued at the amount of Forty-four Livres Ten Sols, Here..... 44,, 10,, ,,
Item, One other Bed comprising likewise of a Berth, a Pallet, a Feather-bed and Cross-bar, Two linen sheets of local crafts $\frac{3}{4}$ worn out, one Quilt of crossed Drugget one quarter worn, All, Appraised and valued the amount of Forty-eight Livres, Here..... 48,, 0,, ,,
Item, Forty pounds of Back-fat, appraised Eight Sols per pound, Here..... 8,, 0,, ,,

In a Shop besides the aforesaid house, was found one entire Outfit of Tools for the making of Wooden Shoes, appraised Forty-one Livres, Here..... 41,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Rip-saw complete with its Frame and Blade, appraised Six Livres, Here..... 6,, 0,, ,,
Item, Three Terrier, two small ones and one average, appraised about Three Livres Ten Sols each, Here..... 3,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Millstone with its Crank, appraised Eight Livres, Here..... 8,, 0,, ,,
Item, One new Canoe, with its Chain, with a capacity of about Fifteen minots, appraised Fifteen Livres, Here..... 15,, 0,, ,,
Item, One more old Canoe, appraised Six Livres, Here..... 6,, 0,, ,,
Item, Thirty-six pairs of Wooden-shoes, appraised Six Sols a pair, Here..... 10,, 0,, ,,

After The Tools of Agriculture

Item, One Cart equipped with its Wheels mounted with irons, appraised Twenty-eight Livres, Here..... 28,, 0,, ,,
Item, One fitted Plough, appraised thirty-nine Livres, Here..... 39,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Sled mounted with Irons and its Gear, appraised Nine Livres, Here..... 9,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old Sled without Irons but with its Gear and Chain, appraised Three Livres, Here.... 3,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Sleigh mounted in Irons, without its Pole and Steering gear, appraised Twenty Livres, Here..... 20,, 0,, ,,

Followed by the Livestock

Item Three Piglets, appraised together Twelve Livres..... 12,, 0,, ,,
Item One Cow under Quail Hair of about Five years, appraised Forty-two Livres, Here..... 42,, 0,, ,,
Item, One other Cow under Brown Hair of same age, appraised Forty Livres, Here..... 40,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Ditto, appraised Ditto, Here..... 40,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Fifteen month Heifer, under Brown Hair, appraised Twenty-two Livres, Here..... 22,, 0,, ,,

904,, 05,, ,,

The land appraised,1000 Livres
With One-fourth in culture
Seen Barn..... 80,,
Seen Pickaxe..... 4,,
Seen Pike..... 1,, 10,, ,,
Seen Pair of Shafts..... 5,,
Seen Cooking-pot..... 6,,
Seen old ???..... 2,,

1098,, 10,, ,,

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We Antoine Belleville and Joseph Brassard, certify have transported ourselves on the aforesaid land with the said Geoffroy, tutor and Baptiste Boisjoly, Surrogate Tutor of the said children to appraise it; after visiting it we valued it to the best of our knowledge and belief , including the objects found on it, invited to sign accordingly, the said referees declared not being able to write nor sign, made their usual mark X X

At St-Antoine, June 12th, 1763

Certified authentic by the Tutor and Surrogate Tutor named in the present document, Signed and initialed accordingly and in the center of this Inventory, done this day June the Fourteenth, One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-three, Here by this Notary in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the Surrogate Tutor declaring not able to sign accordingly.

Jean Rogeruy N. Geoffroy J Decondrey Faribault Royal Notary

	Preceding.....	904,, 05,, ,,
Item, One Bull of about Fifteen months, appraised Twenty-three Livres, Here.....		23,, 0,, ,,
Item, Thirteen Sheep fat and small, appraised Seven Livres apiece, Here.....		91,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Tall Male-pig, appraised Fifteen Livres, Here.....		15,, 0,, ,,
Item, Two Sows of about Fifteen months, appraised Ten Livres apiece, Here.....		10,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Mare under Red Hair of Five years, appraised Fifty-Five Livres, Here.....		55,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Heifer of One year, appraised Sixteen Livres, Here.....		16,, 0,, ,,
Item, One White Heifer of this year, appraised Twelve Livres, Here.....		12,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Young Bull, appraised Eight Livres, Here.....		8,, 0,, ,,
Item, One pair of <i>Enserges</i> (?), appraised Six Livres, Here.....		6,, 0,, ,,

Follow The Buildings and Dependences of the aforesaid house

Item, One House built on the land where the said Geoffroy resides, of Thirty Feet long by Twenty-four wide, comprising, entering, One Kitchen, one Closet, beside one Bedroom with an other Closet, in which apartments are found Five Window-sashes partially with their Glass, which doors are fitted with Iron, with an Attic over it and a Cellar, All together Valued and Appraised the Amount of Three Hundred Forty Livres, Here.....	340,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Shop of Twelve Feet in square also of Wood with a miserable Fireplace, appraised Fifty-seven Livres Ten Sols, Here.....	57,, 10,, ,,
Item, One Barn of Thirty feet long on Twenty-four wide built in Straw, appraised One Hundred Livres, Here.....	100,, 0,, ,,
Item, One old Cattle-shed of Fifteen to Sixteen feet in square, the Roof in bad shape, appraised Thirty-eight Livres, Here.....	38,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Stable of Twenty feet long on ten wide also covered in Straws, appraised Forty Livres, Here.....	40,, 0,, ,,
Item, One Hen-house and one Pigsty, All appraised Ten Livres, Here.....	10,, 0,, ,,
Item, One piece of Land situated at Bayolle River, St-Antoine Parish, containing three Arpents ¹ of frontage by a depth of Forty of which about Seven Arpents were in culture, with a standing Barn where were found different tools detailed on top of the Statement of the appraisal made by Antoine Belleville and Joseph Brassard, which is included in the present document, after having been declared authentic. The total of which comes to the amount of One Thousand Ninety-eight Livres Ten Sols, Here.....	1098,, 10,, ,,

2904,, 5,, ,,

¹ The Arpent's surface was 36,802 square feet, while the Acre measures 43,560 square feet.

From the other Page.....2904,, 5,, ,,
Item, One pair of Carding-brushes, appraised Three Livres Fifteen Sols, Here..... 3,, 15,, ,,

Following The Cash values in Paper Money and Coins

Item, Was found the Sum of Thirty-two Livres Eighteen Sols in Piastres¹ and Paper Money, Here..... 32,, 18,, ,,

Item, The sum of Eight hundred Forty Livres of Promissory Notes, which are not currently recognized, will be noted only for memory, Here.....Memory

Item, The Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-eight Livres in Card money, which will also be noted for memory, Here.....Memory

2940,, 18,, ,,

Liabilities

Declared by the said Geoffroy that is owed by the said Joint Estate the Sum of Fifty-two Livres to Antoine Milo de Bayolle for different works that he rendered for the Care and Useful Purpose of the house, Here..... 52,, 0,, ,,

Item, To Belhumeur of La Valtrie Four Livres Ten Sols for Liquors supplied, Here..... 4,, 10,, ,,

Item, To Jean-Baptiste Vignau Thirty Sols for some Led he supplied the said Geoffroy, Here... 1,,10,, ,,

Item, To Pierre Le Siege Forty-five Sols for Gun Powder which he also supplied him, Here..... 2,, 5,, ,,

60,, 5,, ,,

Item, Declared the said Geoffroy that he owed the Fabric Found of La Valtrie the Sum of Forty-eight Livres that he borrowed to provide for his businesses, Here..... 48,, ,, ,,

Following The titles and Papers

First, the Dispatch of the Marriage contract done by Master Monmerque, Notary, dated October Six One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-two between the said Geoffroy and Marie Marguerite Grivau, His deceased wife, Sole copy numbered and initialed A, Here..... A

Item, the Dispatch of the Act of Tutelage at the Office of La Valtrie on the first of this present month of June by which the said Geoffroy was elected Tutor of the children born of his marriage with the deceased Grivau, the said unique document numbered and initialed B, Here..... B

Item, The Copy of a Sales Contract from the Report of Master Monmerque, Notary, Dated September Thirtieth One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-three, made to the said Geoffroy by Francois Quay called Dragon, of a Plot of Land of Three *Arpents* of frontage by Twenty of depth placed and situated in the *Seigneurie*² of La Valtrie, the said document numbered and initialed C, Here.....C

Item, One copy of a Land concession received in the presence of Master Simonnet, Notary on February Sixteen one Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-six of a plot of land situated on the Bayonne River

¹ The Piastre was a paper currency of Spain and was used all over the Americas. In French-Canada the people often call the dollar Piastre.

² Seignior, Land granted under the Seigniorial System.

dependence of the Dautray *Seigneurie* comprising Three Arpents of frontage, Forty in depth, the said concession made to the said Geoffroy as detailed confirmation in the Official Minutes of the declarations of Sir Belisle, Land Surveyor, dated September the Eighteenth One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-five, the said documents numbered and initialed D, Here..... D
Item, One Copy of an Exchange agreement made by Master Daguilhe Notary, dated February Eighteen One thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven between the said Nicolas Geoffroy and Jean-Baptiste Grivau called Boisjoly of the lands here mentioned, Unique document numbered and initialed E, Here.....E
Item, One Memorandum of Disposition, to the Sum of Eight Hundred Forty Livres certified of the said Geoffroy and verified by Sir Daguilhe according to his Certificate on the Tenth of the present Month of June, thus an other Memorandum of Cards amounting to One Hundred Thirty-eight Livres Certified as said, The two documents numbered and initialed F, Here.....F
This having been done after having applied ourselves until Seven O'clock, and that nothing was left to ad to this present Inventory, all the contents of the aforesaid having been, with the approbation by the Surrogate Tutor, left in the possession of the said Geoffroy Tutor who willingly took charge of same, and gave his word that, when and where and to whom it will belong, and have sign, with the exception of the said Baptiste Boisjoly and of the said Appraisers who declared not knowing how as requested.
Scratched Twenty words or Syllables Null

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Faribault, Notary Royal

And the Nineteenth Day of the Month of May The Year One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-four, before Noon; at the request of Sir Nicolas Geoffroy, Major of the Militia of La Valtrie, thither residing, in the presence of Jean-Baptiste Boisjoly, inhabitant of the Parish of the said place, acting the both of them in the Status and Quality expressed in the Inventory here written, has been, acknowledged by the undersigned Notary, accompanied by witnesses named below, proceeded by Regrouping of all and each of the personal and real estate detailed in the Inventory preceding and the other parts, all of which having been produced and showed at this moment by the said Sir Geoffroy and for him, Were found being in conformity with the description here mentioned, also has declared in good fate having omitted to mention some seeds made on the land depending on his joint estate with Marguerite Grivau, which produced the following.

First, Fifty Minots of corn evaluated at the current price which is 3 livres per Minot, Here.....150,, 0,, ,,
Item, Thirty-six Minots of Peas at Fifty Sols each Minot..... 90,, 0,, ,,
Item, Fifty Minots of Oats at Fifteen Sols each Minot..... 37,, 5,, ,,

= 277,, 5,, ,,

Of the said Amount of Two Hundred Seventy-seven Livres *Ten*¹ Sols the said Sir Geoffroy Tutor has voluntarily acquiesced to render the accounts to whom it may belong, of what has been reported in this Inventory, in a reasonable manner; done at the said place of La Valtrie in the house of the said Nicolas Geoffroy this day and to the aforementioned in the presence of Pierre Robillard and Claude Busseau, inhabitants of the said place, witnesses as requested, and have the said parties and witnesses responsibly the undersign, declared not knowing how to sign as requested, after reading. Scratched one word or syllable null.

Geoffroy Glaude Bussod

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¹ The Notary made a mistake, as he should have written five sols.