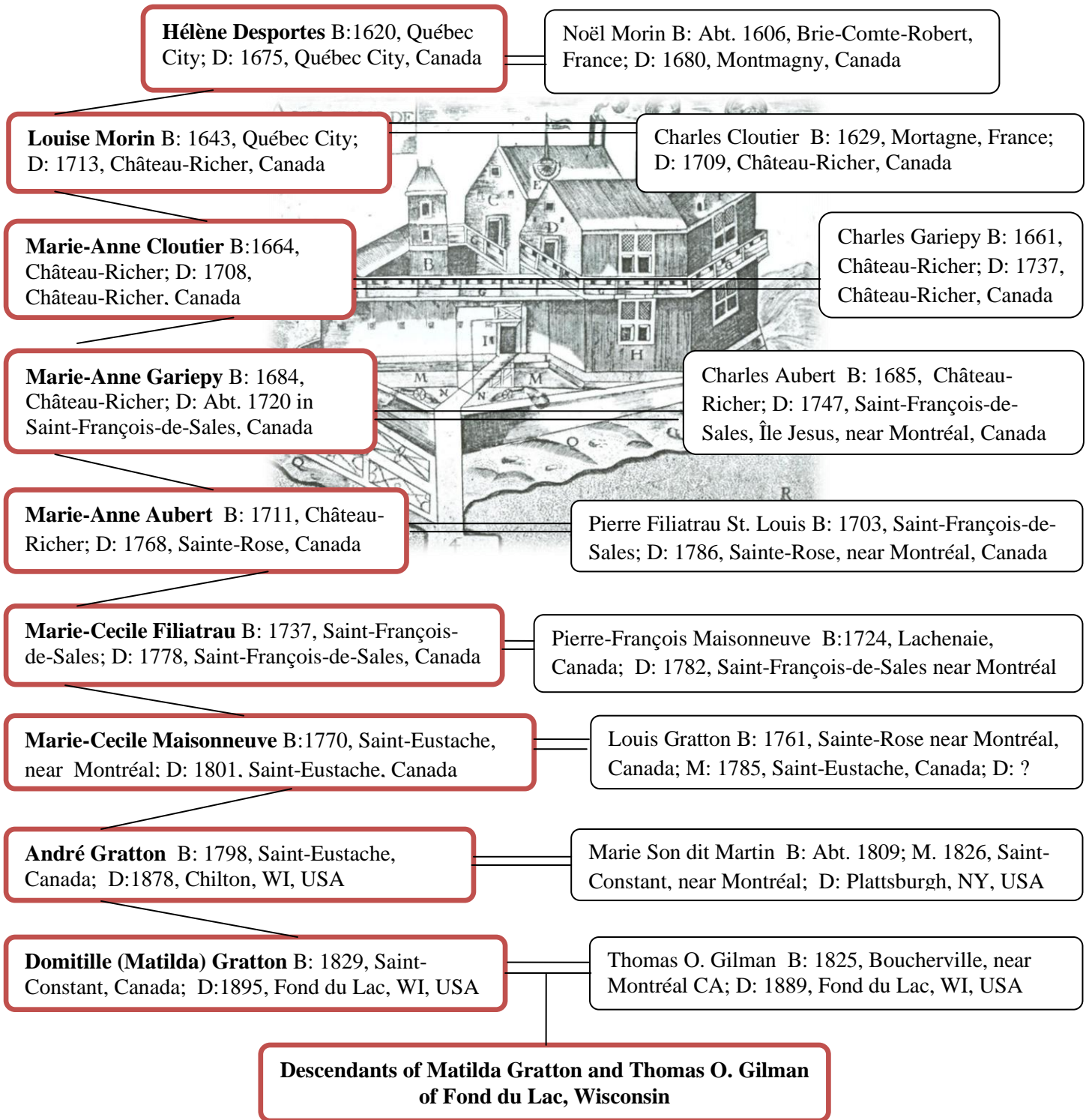


# Our French-Canadian Ancestry

## *Matilda Gratton, a Descendent of Hélène Desportes of Seventeenth-Century Québec*



Hélène Desportes was the first child of French descent to be born and survive in Québec, New France. She spent the first nine years of her life in Samuel de Champlain's Habitation, pictured above.