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private view[Tree](#)[Ancestors](#)[Descendants](#)[Family](#)[Shareable](#)[Widgets](#)[DNA](#)**Olivier Letardif** aka **Tardif****Born** about 1603 in Étables-sur-Mer, Bretagne, France **Son** of [Jehan Tardif](#) and [Clémence Houart](#)

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of [Louise Couillard](#) — married November 3, 1637 to November 23, 1641 in Québec, Qc, Canada **Husband** of [Barbe Emard](#) — married May 21, 1648 in St-Barthélémy, La Rochelle, Aunis, France **Father** of [Pierre Tardif](#), [Barbe-Delphine Cauchon](#), [Charles Tardif](#) and [Guillaume Tardif](#)**Died** January 28, 1665 in Château-Richer, Montmorency, Quebec, Canada Profile managers: [Lisa Trudeau](#) [[send private message](#)] and [William Romanski](#) [[send private message](#)]Last [profile change](#) on 11 February 201320:18: [Gaston Tardif](#) edited a memory from [Gaston Tardif](#) about [Olivier Letardif](#). [[Thank Gaston for this](#)]

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Biography

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Birth

Birth:

Date: [1601]

Place: [âEtables, Bretagne, France]^[1]

Could not interpret date in Birth Date ([1601]).

Data Changed

Data Changed:

Date: 1 MAY 2005

Prior to import, this record was last changed 1 MAY 2005.

Immigration

Immigration:

Date: 1621^[2]

Residence

Residence:

Date: BET 1622 AND 1629

Place: Quebec, QC^[3]

Residence:

Date: BET 1629 AND 1632

Place: France^[4]

Burial

Burial:

Date: 28 JAN 1665

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Place: Chateau-Richer, QC^[5]

Event

Event:

Type: Aged
Date: 28 JAN 1665
Place: 64 years^[6]

Marriage

Husband: [Olivier Tardif](#)
Wife: [Barbe Emard](#)
Child: [Guillaume Tardif](#)
Marriage:

Date: 21 MAY 1648
Place: St-Barthélemy de La Rochelle, Aunis, France^[7]

Sources

- WikiTree profile Tardif-23 created through the import of Ancestors 2011.GED on Aug 20, 2011 by [William Romanski](#). See the [Changes page](#) for the details of edits by William and others.
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See: <http://www.upperstjohn.com/nellie/d706.htm> for life story in English::

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Birth

Birth:

User ID: 1C1D9C3C-51C4-45FC-B942-7BAC4204D7C5

Record ID Number: MH:IF5777
Date: ABT 1601
Place: d`Etables, St. Briec, Bretagne (Côtés-du-Nord)

Death

Death:

User ID: 734A46E6-8A0E-4903-BB9A-146218F12E0E
Record ID Number: MH:IF5778
Date: ABT JAN 28 1664/65

Could not interpret date in Death Date (ABT JAN 28 1664/65).

UPD

UPD 20 NOV 2008 17:47:39 GMT-6

Record ID Number

Record ID Number: MH:I2882

User ID

User ID: B7F49DD8-414D-4AED-B8BD-0F0D5F0A79FC

Note

Note: LETARDIF, OLIVIER, interpreter, head clerk of the Compagnie des Cent-Associés, judge of the court of the seigneurie of Beaupré; b. c. 1604 in Brittany, in the diocese of Saint-Briec, d. 1665 at Château-Richer.

Letardif was at Québec from at least 1621 on, since he signed the report of the meeting of leading citizens in that year; his presence is then noted from time to time until 1629. By that date he was an assistant clerk for the de Caëns; experienced in the Montagnais, Algonkian, and Huron languages, he served also as an interpreter. In July 1629, acting on behalf of François Gravé Du Pont, who was ill, he handed over the keys of the Habitation to Lewis Kirke. We find him in Québec again in 1633, promoted to be head clerk of the Cent-Associés, and fulfilling the functions of interpreter or witness as required. It was at this period that Letardif collaborated in the missionary effort: he supported the

Jesuits and acted as godfather to Native Americans; he even administered baptism and, following Champlain's example, adopted three young Native Americans. In May 1637 he received, jointly with Jean Nicollet (who shortly thereafter became his brother-in-law), the tract called Belleborne on the outskirts of Québec (a commoner's grant of 160 acres). In April 1646 he acquired one-eighth of the seigneurie of Beaupré. On becoming a member of the Compagnie de Beaupré, with the title general and special procurator, he made a score of grants in the years 1650 and 1651. Then in 1653 Letardif gave up his Belleborne property, which was to become the castellany of Coulonge, and obtained land at Château-Richer, where he settled. From this time onward, until 1659, it would appear that he exercised the functions of seigneurial judge of Beaupré; his premature senility apparently caused him to neglect his duties. On 13 April 1662 he sold his fief in the seigneurie of Beaupré. This former colleague of the de Caëns, of Gravé Du Pont, of Champlain, and of the Jesuit Paul Le Jeune died at Château-Richer in January 1665, and was buried there on the 28th of that month.

Letardif's first wife, whom he married on 3 Nov. 1637, was 13-year-old Louise Couillard, daughter of Guillaume Couillard. Left a widower in November 1641, he married Barbe Esmard, widow of Gilles Michel and sister-in-law of Zacharie Cloutier, at La Rochelle on 16 May 1648. Only one child is known to have been born of the first marriage; three more followed from the second. Olivier Le Tardif is the forefather of the Letardifs or Tardifs of North America.

More information in French and than English on Olivier Letardif on the web at:

<http://membre.oricom.ca/fidrat/Pages/pionniers.html> ::

LETARDIF, OLIVIER, interprète, commis général de la Compagnie des Cent-Associés, juge prévôt de la seigneurie de Beaupré, né en Bretagne, dans le diocèse de Saint-Brieuc, vers 1604, décédé à Château-Richer en 1665.

Letardif est à Québec au moins dès 1621, puisqu'il signe le procès-verbal de l'assemblée des notables ; sa présence est ensuite signalée de temps à autre jusqu'en 1629. Il est alors sous-commis des de Caën ; « expérimenté aux langues » montagnaise, algonquine et huronne, il sert aussi d'interprète. En juillet 1629, c'est lui qui, suppléant François Gravé Du Pont malade, remet à Lewis Kirke les clefs de l'Habitation. On le retrouve à Québec à partir de 1633, promu commis général des Cent-Associés et faisant à l'occasion office d'interprète et de témoin. C'est l'époque où Letardif collabore au travail missionnaire : il appuie les Jésuites, sert de parrain à des indigènes, administre même le baptême et, fidèle à l'exemple de Champlain, adopte trois jeunes Indiens. En mai 1637, il obtient, conjointement avec Jean Nicollet (qui devient peu après son beau-frère), la terre dite de Belleborne, dans la banlieue de Québec (160 arpents en roture). En avril 1646, il

acquiert un huitième de la seigneurie de Beaupré. Devenu membre de la Compagnie de Beaupré, avec le titre de « procureur général et spécial », il accorde, en 1650 et 1651, une vingtaine de concessions. En 1653, Letardif cède sa propriété de Belleborne, qui deviendra la châellenie de Coulonge, et obtient une terre à Château-Richer où il s'établit. À partir de ce moment, semble-t-il, et jusqu'en 1659, il exerce la charge de juge seigneurial de Beaupré ; sa « caducité précoce » lui aurait fait négliger ses fonctions. Le 13 avril 1662, il vend son fief dans la seigneurie de Beaupré. L'ancien collaborateur des de Caën, de Gravé Du Pont, de Champlain et du jésuite Paul Le Jeune meurt à Château-Richer en janvier 1665 et y est inhumé le 28. Letardif avait d'abord épousé, le 3 novembre 1637, Louise Couillard, âgée de 13 ans, fille de Guillaume Couillard ; devenu veuf en novembre 1641, il épousa, le 16 mai 1648, à La Rochelle, Barbe Esmard, veuve de Gilles Michel et belle-sœur de Zacharie Cloutier fils. Du premier mariage, on ne connaît qu'un enfant ; trois autres naquirent du second. Olivier Letardif est l'ancêtre des Letardif ou Tardif d'Amérique. Marcel Trudel

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From the book "Champlain's Dream" by David Hackett Fischer 2008

" Olivier Le Tardif (or Letardif, as he wrote his name), was born about 1604 in Brittany, where he was baptized in the bishopric of Saint Briec, and he moved to Normandy. Champlain called him, 'Olivier le Tardif de Honfleur' and my have recruited him in that Norman port. He was in Quebec as early as 1621, perhaps earlier, working as an under-clerk for the Company de Caen. As a young man he traded actively with the Indians of the St. Lawrence Valley, lived among them and learned their languages with remarkable success. Champlain began to refer to him as 'Olivier le truchement' and wrote that he became as 'skilled in the languages of the Montagnais and Algonquin as in those of the Huron,' an excellent achievement. People who worked with LeTardif spoke highly of his ability and integrity. Pont-Grave knew him well and wrote that 'Olivier traded with the savages and acquitted himself of his duties like a man of character.' champlain praised him as a 'very fit person' in character and ability. The Jesuit father Le Jeune called him 'le sieur Olivier, truchement, honneste homme, and well suited to this country.' le Tardif was described as 'always pious and devout'. He gave strong support to Indian missions, encouraged the baptism of Indians and was godfather to many of them. The Indians held him in high esteem, and he remained very close to them. Like Champlain, he adopted three Indian children, raised them as his own, and helped them marry well. After the English conquest, le Tardif left New France with Champlain and returned with him in

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