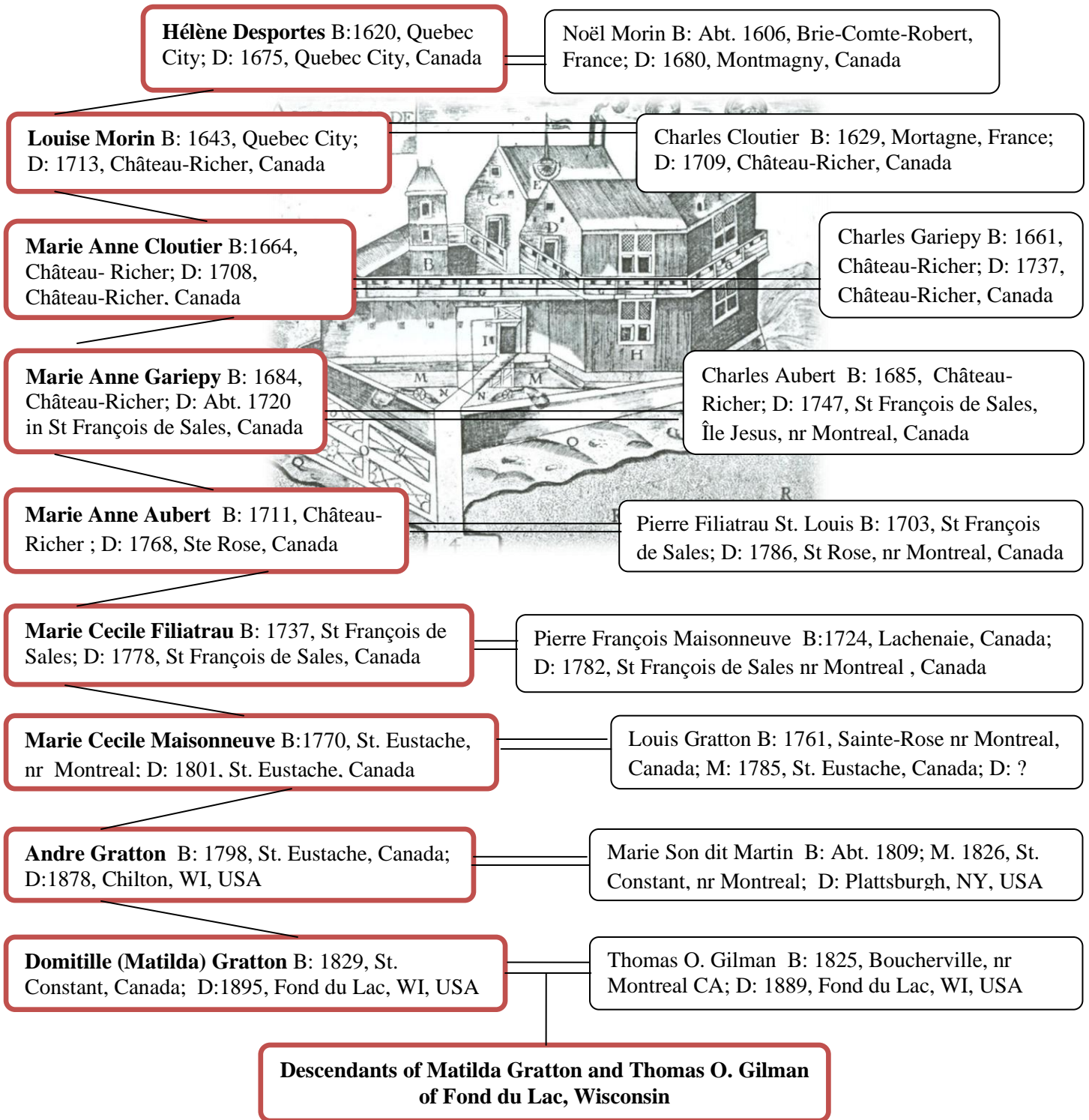


Our French-Canadian Ancestry

Matilda Gratton, a Descendent of Hélène Desportes of 17th Century Quebec



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