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Research Highlights

GOAL

- Research and extend all maternal lines of [CLIENT] as far as time and records allow. [CLIENT] was born on 23 May 1967 in Lindfield, West Sussex, England, United Kingdom, and was the child of [CLIENT] and [CLIENT].

PROGRESS

- Acquired the marriage record of [CLIENT].
- Located the birth record of André Béthoux, born 22 November 1909 in Apt, Vaucluse, France.
- Found the birth record of Odette Émilie Fréou, born 5 February 1913 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France.
- Contacted the Ville de Marseille Archives municipales for records of the client's ancestors who were born and/or died in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.
- Emailed the Ville de Nice Archives municipales for records of the client's ancestors who were born and/or died in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes.
- Analysed the marriage record of Odette Émilie Fréou and André Béthoux.
- Transcribed and translated many of the client's ancestors' documents.
- Looked up information on Morocco to determine record availability.
- Captured maps of Nice, Marseille, Rabat, Casablanca, and La Mure to identify locations of the client's ancestors.
- Obtained additional information on Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, noting she was left a widow in her previous marriage to Henry Cheyre.
- Reviewed the military record of Louis Marius Fréou, which verified his birth and death dates and places, as well as his marriage and parents' names.
- Revealed that Louis Marius Fréou likely married after the death of his wife, Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins. Lucie Rosalie Agnès Abbal was listed as his spouse on his death record.
- Identified the date of marriage of Louis Marius Fréou to Lucie Rosalie Agnès Abbal, 1 February 1921 in Béziers, Hérault.
- Determined that we could not obtain the birth record of Marie-Laure Béthoux.
- Could not determine the exact death date of André Béthoux, who reportedly died in 1941 in Casablanca, Morocco.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue research in the Departmental Archives of Isère, Filae, and Geneanet to obtain additional information on the Célestin Alphonse Béthoux and Louise Apolonie Luyat family.
2. Perform research in the Departmental Archives of Drôme, Filae, and Geneanet to locate information on Joseph Abram (born about 1836) and Marie Mathilde Soubrillard (born about 1836).
3. Search Filae and Geneanet to determine available information on the following families (possibly born and living in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône):
 - a. Louis Marius Fréou's parents, Léon Louis Fréou and Marie Alexandrine Baptistine Idrac.
 - b. Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins' parents, Romain Félix Desmoulins and Françoise Antoinette Vivaldi.
4. If details are found on the individuals listed above, contact the Ville de Marseille Archives municipales to obtain available documents.

Research Report

The goal for this research session was to research and extend all maternal lines of [CLIENT] as far as time and records allowed. [CLIENT] was born on 23 May 1967 in Lindfield, West Sussex, England, United Kingdom, and was the child [CLIENT].

For this project, limited biographical material was to be included as it was uncovered in the documents used to prove generational linkages, and siblings, spouses, or others were to be included only as they were uncovered in the documents pertaining to the primary research objective.

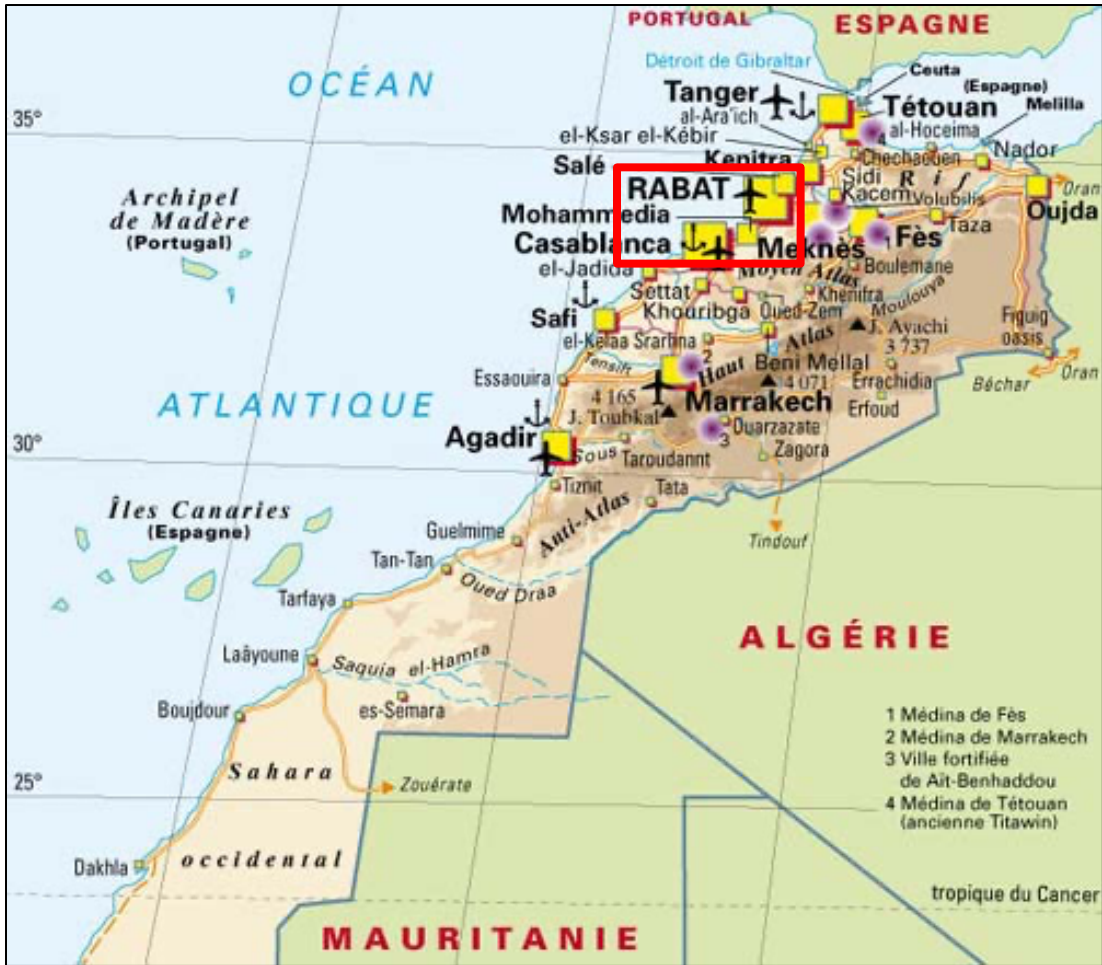
The client wanted to research her family history, starting with her parents, and create a family tree for her children and other family members. The ancestry of the client's father, [CLIENT], was explored in a previous Legacy Tree Genealogists project. This project researched the ancestry of the client's mother, [CLIENT].

[CLIENT] (born 17 May 1941, Rabat, Morocco)

The birth record of [CLIENT] could not be obtained due to privacy laws of Morocco.¹ She was born 17 May 1941 in Rabat, Morocco.

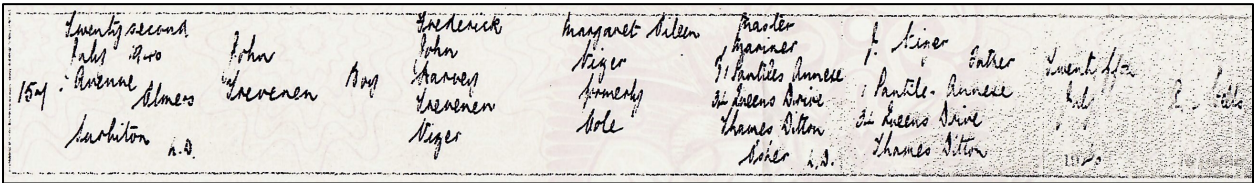
¹ "Birth certificate extract," *Ministry of Foreign Affairs African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates*, <https://www.consulat.ma/en/birth-certificate-extract>, accessed June 2021; and,

"Recherche généalogique au Maroc," *Geneawiki*, https://fr.geneawiki.com/index.php/Recherche_g%C3%A9n%C3%A9alogique_au_Maroc, accessed June 2021.



Map of Morocco. Courtesy of Geneawiki.

[CLIENT] husband, [CLIENT], was born 22 July 1940 in Surrey, England, the son of Frederick John Harvey Trevenen and Margaret Eileen Cole.²



Birth of John Trevenen Vizer, 22 July 1940, Surrey, England. DOCUMENT 1.

² General Register Office, birth certificate for [CLIENT], 22 July 1940, entry no. 157, Surrey, England. DOCUMENT 1.

[CLIENT] (23) and [CLIENT] (23) married 3 June 1964 in Westminster, Middlesex, England (now part of Central London).³ Listed were the names of their fathers, both deceased at the time of their marriage.

| 1964 Marriage solemnized at the <u>Register Office</u> in the | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---|-----------|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| District of <u>City of Westminster</u> in the <u>Metropolitan Borough of the City of Westminster</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Columns— | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| No. | When married | Name and surname | Age | Condition | Rank or profession | Residence at the time of marriage | Father's name and surname | Rank or profession of father |
| 227 | Third June | John Treenen VIZER | 23 years | Bachelor | Manager, Steel Merchants Company | 40 Finches Park Reas, Hendfield Sussex | Friedrich John Harvey Treenen VIZER (deceased) | Master mariner |
| | 1964 | Marie-Laure BETHOUX | 23 years | Spinster | — | 52 Albert Court SW7. | André Bethoux (deceased) | Engineer |
| Married in the <u>Register Office</u> by <u>Licence</u> <u>to be</u> <u>by me,</u> <u>Benny Dignard</u> <u>Superintendent Registrar</u> <u>D. A. Brennan</u> <u>Registrar</u> | | | | | | | | |
| This marriage was solemnized between us, <u>J. T. Vizer</u> <u>M. L. Bethoux</u> | | | in the presence of us, <u>Nicola Calcan</u> <u>David Knight</u> | | | | | |

Marriage of [CLIENT], 3 June 1964, Westminster, Middlesex, England. DOCUMENT 2.

France Research

One of the first resources researchers consider in the exploration of French family history are civil registration records. In 1793, France became the first country to implement nationwide government-sponsored civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths. As such, these records are particularly important for tracing information regarding ancestors who lived in France at any point between 1793 and the present day. Further, over the past few decades, department archives and some municipal archives in France have made some, but not all, historic civil registration acts freely available online.

Some additional difficulties with French research may include the following: 1) during the years 1798–1800, marriages were registered not in the *commune*, but in the county seat; 2) it is possible the parish or town had a name and/or designation change; and 3) for some

³ General Register Office, marriage certificate for [CLIENT], 3 June 1964, entry no. 227, Westminster, Middlesex, England. DOCUMENT 2.

municipalities, the classification method within the register may have varied, which can affect organization and usability. In other words, we can have all the baptisms, then all the marriages, then all the burials for the period 1780–1785, for example, then all the civil acts one after the other, in disorder, for 1786–1788, and so on.

Other challenges may involve: 4) if there is no exact date for an event, research must be done page by page seeking the individual, which is usually a time-consuming process; and lastly, 5) sometimes the act is difficult to read because of the handwriting, faded ink, or poor paper quality, making full extraction of its information difficult or impossible.

Names in France

When doing research in France, it is useful to know the various changes that took place with regard to given names and surnames. The following is a partial list noting some of those changes.⁴

- Generally, before the 1200s, individuals had only one given name. As the population became larger it became essential to differentiate between persons with the same name. Often family names were developed from a variety of sources:
 - Names of saints or persons from the Bible, such as Samuel or Luke
 - Occupational names based on the person's trade, such as butcher (Boucher)
 - Descriptive nicknames, such as LeBlanc (blonde hair or fair complexion)
 - Geographical names based on a person's residence, such as forêt (forest—Dubois)
- As of 1539, the surname was required to be written next to the baptismal name in the registers. In the 1700s, names were written various ways in the same document. By 1808, particularly in civil registration, the spelling of surnames became fixed; however, slight variations in spelling were still observed until 1877 when the first *Livrets de famille* [family record books] were issued.

⁴ "France Personal Names," *FamilySearch Wiki*, https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/France_Personal_Names, accessed June 2021; and,

Heather Rose Jones, "Given Names from Brittany, 1384–1600," *The Academy of Saint Gabriel*, 2001, accessed June 2021, <https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystyl/latebreton/#articlecite>; and,

"French Name," *Wikipedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_name, accessed June 2021.

- Since about the sixteenth century and into the beginning of the nineteenth century throughout France, adult females retained their birth names after marriage on all legal documents.
- Children were often given more than one name, which might be the names of parents or relatives. Baptism names might be different from the names given in civil registration or might have been omitted later in the child's life. Other names were changed to the most common spelling during the time period it was being written. Many given names had dialectical variations and forms, for example, *Daniel* may also be found as *Denic* or *Deniel*.
- Compound given names, such as *Jean-Luc*, *Jean-Paul*, or *Anne-Sophie*, were not uncommon. The "dash" was not necessarily used when written. These are not considered to be two separate given names. The second part of a compound name may be a given name normally used by the opposite sex. However, the gender of the compound is determined by the first component.
- It is not uncommon to see names spelled differently in various records. Sometimes the spelling is different in a single sentence depending on who was recording the information.

André Béthoux (1909–1941) and Odette Émilie Fréou (1913–1993)

The birth record of André Béthoux, located through the department archives of Isère, gave the details of his birth.⁵ A transcription of his birth record follows:

L'an mil neuf cent neuf et le vingt deux November à onze et demie du matin, heure légale, devant nous Premier Louis, Adjoint au Maire, Officier de l'Etat Civil d'Apt (Vaucluse) spécialement délégué a comparu sieur ? Béthoux Eugène Gaspard, professeur au Collège, domicilié à Apt, né à la Mure (Isère), âgé de trente ans, lequel nous a présenté un enfant du sexe masculine, né aujourd'hui à une heure du matin en son habitation Boulevard Nationale N° 10 et auquel il a donné le prénom de André. Déclarant qu'il est né de lui et de sa dame Abram Marie Sylvie Augusta son épouse, sans profession, domiciliée à Apt, née à Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc (Drôme) âgée de trente huit ans. Les dites présentation et déclaration faites en presence de sieurs Cha? Edmond, professeur de dessin au Collège, âgé de quarante deux ans et Lux Maximin, employé, âgé de quarante neu fans, domiciliés à Apt qui ont signé avec nous et le père, le présent acte après lecture fait.

A translated abstract of the record follows:

⁵ France, Vaucluse, Apt, Registres d'État Civil, "Registre de naissances, 1909–1910," birth of André Béthoux, 22 November 1909, no. 89, Apt, Vaucluse, France, <https://archives.vaucluse.fr/>, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 3.

The year 1909... 22 November... 11:30 AM... appeared Mr. **Béthoux Eugène Gaspard**, professor at the college, domiciled in Apt, born in la Mure (Isère) age 30, who presented a male child born today at 1 AM in his habitation Boulevard National No. 10 and to whom he has given the name of **André**. Declaring that he is born of himself and of **Mrs. Abram Marie Sylvie Augusta** his wife, without profession, domiciled in Apt, born in Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc (Drôme), age 38... in presence of Cha? Edmon, professor of design at the college, age 42, and of Luc Maximin, employee, age 49, domiciled at Apt...

A marginal note on the birth record of André reports that he married Odette Émilie Fréou on 16 September 1935 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône. However, no marginal note reports the date of his death. In French civil registration records, marginal notes on original birth records referring to later marriages and deaths were mandated by national laws in 1897 and 1945, respectively.⁶ Therefore, marriages that occurred after 1897 and deaths that occurred after 1945 in France should have been recorded on the birth act of the subject. Since no annotation of André's death is included as a marginal note on his birth record, this suggests that he may have died prior to 1945, in part corroborating the assertion that he died in Casablanca, Morocco, in 1941, which was noted on a Geneanet public tree.⁷

Having confirmed the details of André's birth, additional information was then sought on his spouse, Odette Émilie Fréou.

Odette Émilie Fréou was born on 5 February 1913 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.⁸ She was the daughter of Louis Marius Fréou (age 27) and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins (age 28).

⁶ "Mentions marginales," *Geneawiki*, https://fr.geneawiki.com/index.php/Mentions_marginales, accessed April 2021.

⁷ Yvette Le Fur, "Yvette Le Fur's Family Tree," André Béthoux, *Geneanet Public Trees*, <https://gw.geneanet.org/3cyclamen?n=bethoux&oc=&p=andre>, subscription database, accessed April 2021.

⁸ Ville de Marseille Archives municipales, birth certificate for Odette Émilie Fréou, 5 February 1913, entry no. 529, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France. DOCUMENT 4.

Marginal notes divulged that Odette Émilie Fréou married twice: the first time to André Béthoux (16 September 1935 in Marseille) and the second to Claire Armand Germain Delfry (25 October 1947 in Saint Julien-en-Genevois, Haute-Savoie).

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ACTE DE NAISSANCE

Copie Intégrale
conforme au registre détenu par le Service des Archives.

L'An mil neuf cent treize, et le *5 février huit heures trente*
ACTE DE NAISSANCE de *Odette, Émilie, Fréou*
né à Marseille *à trois heures du matin, rue*
Mphlaur 16; fille de Louis, Marius-
Fréou, âgé de vingt-sept ans, Employé,
et de Charlotte, Marie, Antoinette,
Lesmoulières, âgée de vingt-huit
ans, sans profession. Enquêt, demeurant dite
Le sexe de l'enfant présenté est reconnu *féminin*; Témoins *Henri*
Macera tante, quatre ans domicile
et demeurant *Avenue Rado 21 et Gaston*
Bernard vingt-quatre ans Employé domicile
demeurant *rue d'Albany 12*, sur la déclaration faite par *le*
 père qui a signé avec les parents
Constaté par Nous, *Etienne Baylle*
Adjoint au Maire de Marseille, délégué aux fonctions d'Officier de l'Etat-Civil, et lecture fai-
a déclarant et aux témoins, avons signé

Fréou
Henri Macera
Baylle

Marseille
16 septembre 1935
André Béthoux
16 septembre 1935
Officier de l'Etat-Civil

Marié à *St Julien-en-Genevois (Haute-Savoie)*
le 25 octobre 1947
à Claire Armand Germain Delfry
le 27 octobre 1947
Officier de l'Etat-Civil

décédé à Nice (A.M.)
le 13 mai 1943
Inscrit le 24 mai 1943
Officier de l'Etat-Civil

Birth certificate of Odette Émilie Fréou, 5 February 1913, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône. DOCUMENT 4.

Odette Émilie Fréou (22) and André Béthoux (25), a surveyor, married on 16 September 1935 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.⁹ A transcript of the marriage record was provided by the Marseille municipal archives. Odette resided at 29 Sainte-Victoire Street. Parents' names were noted. Eugène Gaspard Béthoux and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram were André's parents, and Louis Marius Fréou and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins were Odette's parents. All were living except Odette's mother, Charlotte. The record did not give Charlotte's death date.

André Béthoux reportedly died in 1941 in Casablanca, Morocco, and Odette Émilie Fréou died 12 May 1993 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes.¹⁰ At the time of her death she resided at 23 Boulevard Gorbella. Her death record verified her birth date and place and the names of her parents. A transcription of Émilie's death record follows:

Le douze mai mil neuf cent quatre vingt treize, à quatorze
heurs quinze minutes, est décédée en son domicile 23
Boulevard Gorbella, Odette Émilie Fréou, née à Marseille
(Bouches-du-Rhône), le cinq février mil neuf cent treize,
Retraitée, fille de Louis Marius Fréou, et de Charlotte Marie
Antoinette Desmoulins, décédés
Veuve de Clair Armand Germain Delpy...

A translated abstract of the record follows:

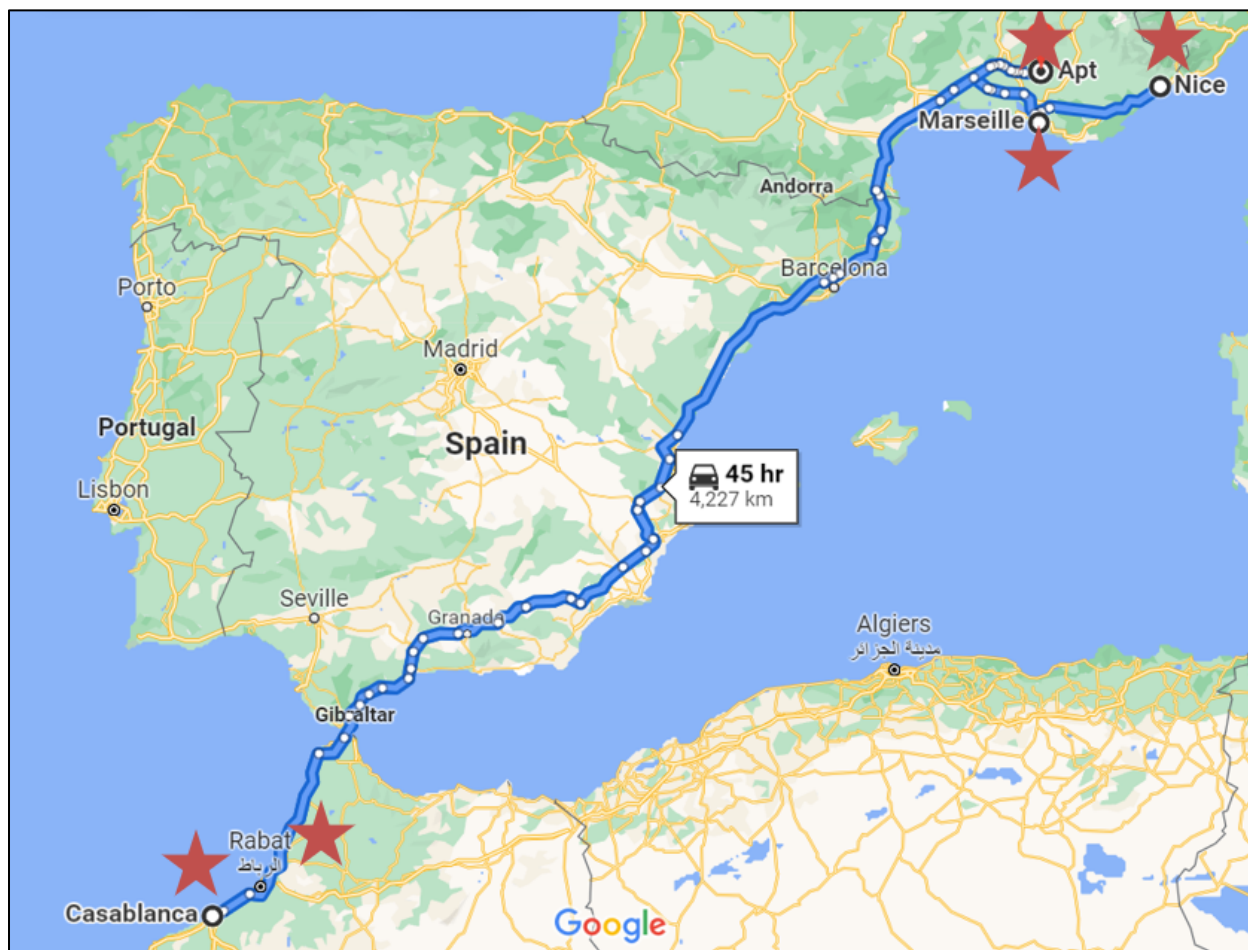
The 12th of May 1993, at fourteen
hours fifteen minutes, died at her home 23
Gorbella Boulevard, **Odette Émilie Fréou**, born at Marseille
Retired, daughter of **Louis Marius Fréou**, and **Charlotte Marie
Antoinette Desmoulins**, deceased
widow of **Clair Armand Germain Delpy**...

⁹ Ville de Marseille Archives municipales, marriage certificate for André Bethoux and Odette Emilie Fréou, 16 September 1935, entry no. 377, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France. DOCUMENT 5.

¹⁰ Yvette Le Fur, "Yvette Le Fur's Family Tree," André Béthoux, *Geneanet Public Trees*, <https://gw.geneanet.org/3cyclamen?n=bethoux&oc=&p=andre>, subscription database, accessed April 2021; and,

Ville de Nice Archives municipales, death certificate for Odette Émilie Fréou, 12 May 1993, no. 002148, Nice, Alpes-Maritimes, France. DOCUMENT 6.

In summary: [CLIENT] was born in Rabat. Her parents, André Béthoux and Odette Émilie Fréou, married in Marseille. André was born in Apt and reportedly died in Casablanca. Odette was born in Marseille and died in Nice. Their birth and death locations in relation to each other are shown below.



Distance between Apt, Nice, and Marseille, France, and Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco. Courtesy of Google Maps.

Eugène Gaspard Béthoux (1879–1957) and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram (1871–1961)

The birth record of Eugène Gaspard Béthoux revealed that he was born 2 July 1879 in La Mure, Isère, to Célestin Alphonse Béthoux and Apolonie Louise Luyat.¹¹ A translated abstract follows:

1879, 2 July at 3 PM, before us... La Mure, Isère, appeared **Célestin Alphonse Béthoux**, postman of the town, age 35, domiciled in La Mure, who presented unto us a male child born this afternoon at 2 PM, of the declarant, and of his wife **Apolonie Louise Luyat**, housekeeper, age 32, in their domiciled in La Mure, rue Croix Blanche, on which child he has given the forenames of **Eugène Gaspard**...

Marginal notes on this record report that Eugène Gaspard Béthoux married Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram on 17 April 1906 in Valence, Drôme, and that he died 8 February 1957 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes. This birth record corroborates the details reported in the birth record of Eugène's son André, and the marginal note reporting Eugène's later marriage to Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram helps to confirm that this record refers to the correct individual of interest. Eugène's birth record also included a marginal note detailing his death in Nice in 1957.

The marriage record for Eugène Gaspard Béthoux corroborated the details of Eugène's birth and also provided additional insight and information regarding his family and the family of his wife, Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram.¹²

A translated abstract of this marriage record reads:

¹¹ *Archives de l'Isère* (image and transcription), birth of Eugène Gaspard Béthoux, 2 July 1879, La Mure, Isère, France, act 52, <https://www.filae.com/>, subscription database, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 7.

¹² France, Drôme, Valence, Registres d'État Civil, "Registre de mariages, 1901–1921 (1906, 4 E 4709)," marriage of Eugène Gaspard Béthoux and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, 17 April 1906, Valence, Drôme, France, act 51, <https://archives.ladrome.fr/>, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 8a–b.

1906, 17 April, 5:30 PM... before us... Valence, Drôme... appeared **Eugène Gaspard Béthoux**, age 26, professor at College de Vitry le François (Marne), domiciled and residing in Vitry le François, born in La Mure (Isère), 2 July 1879, of age son of **Célestin Alphonse Béthoux**, retired postman, domiciled at La Mure, from whom he has consent for the present marriage according to the act passed in authentic form and of deceased **Apolonie Louise Luyat**, deceased in La Mure 15 November 1895, and Madam **Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram**, age 35, without profession, domiciled and resident at Valence, born in Chateauneuf de Mazenc (Drôme), 22 March 1871, widow in first nuptials of deceased **Henry Cheyre**, deceased in Privas (Ardèche) 13 March 1899, of age daughter of deceased **Joseph Abram**, deceased in Chateauneuf de Mazenc 13 April 1897 and of **Maria Mathilde Soubrillard**, annuitant, domiciled in Valence, by whom she is attended and who consents to the present marriage... the marriage contracted of the said parties was received 13 April current by Mr. Nicolas, notary in Valence... Eugène Gaspard Béthoux and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram are united in marriage...in presence of ... **Louis Lionard**, age 46, lemonader, domiciled in Valence, brother-in-law of the bride, **Joseph Abram**, age 33, businessman, domiciled in Crest (Drôme), brother of the bride, **Maximin Pau**, age 27, teacher at the college of Valence, domiciled at Valence, non-relative of the groom, and **Jean Canavaggia**, age 26, also teacher at the college of Valence, domiciled at Valence, none-relative of the groom...

From reading this record, Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram was left a widow in her previous marriage to Henry Cheyre. By 1906, Eugène's mother and Marie's father were already deceased. Two of the witnesses were Louis Lionard, a brother-in-law of Marie, and Joseph Abram, a brother of Marie. This record gave additional details to aid in obtaining vital event records for Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram.

Eugène Gaspard Béthoux died on 8 February 1957 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes.¹³ Civil registration records are not available online for the department of Alpes-Maritimes at this late date. Nor have tables des successions et absences for the department been digitised and made available online for the time period of interest.¹⁴ Therefore, Eugène's death record was requested from the city of Nice.

¹³ Ville de Nice Archives municipales, death certificate for Eugène Gasphard Béthoux, 8 February 1957, no. 443, Nice, Alpes-Maritimes, France, received September 2021. DOCUMENT 9.

¹⁴ Patrick Pontet, *Ancestral research in France: The simple guide to tracing your family history through French records* (Andover, Hampshire, Great Britain: P. Pontet, 1998).

A transcription of his death record follows:

Le huit heures mil neuf cinquante-sept,
six heures
est décédé en son domicile 7 rue
Amirae de Grane
Eugene Gasphard Bethoux
né à la Mo Isère) le
douse Juillet mil huit cent quatre
vingt dix-neuf... professeur de lycee
fils de Célestin Alphonse
Bethoux et de Apolonie Louise
Luyat épouse décédes
épouse de Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram.

A translated abstract of the record follows:

The eighth hour 1957
six o'clock
died at his home 7
Amirae de Grane Street
Eugene Gasphard Bethoux
born at M??? (Isere) the
12 July 1899
high school teacher
son of Célestin Alphonse
Bethoux and Apolonie Louise
Luyat, spouse, deceased
spouse of Marie Sylvie Augusta
Abram.

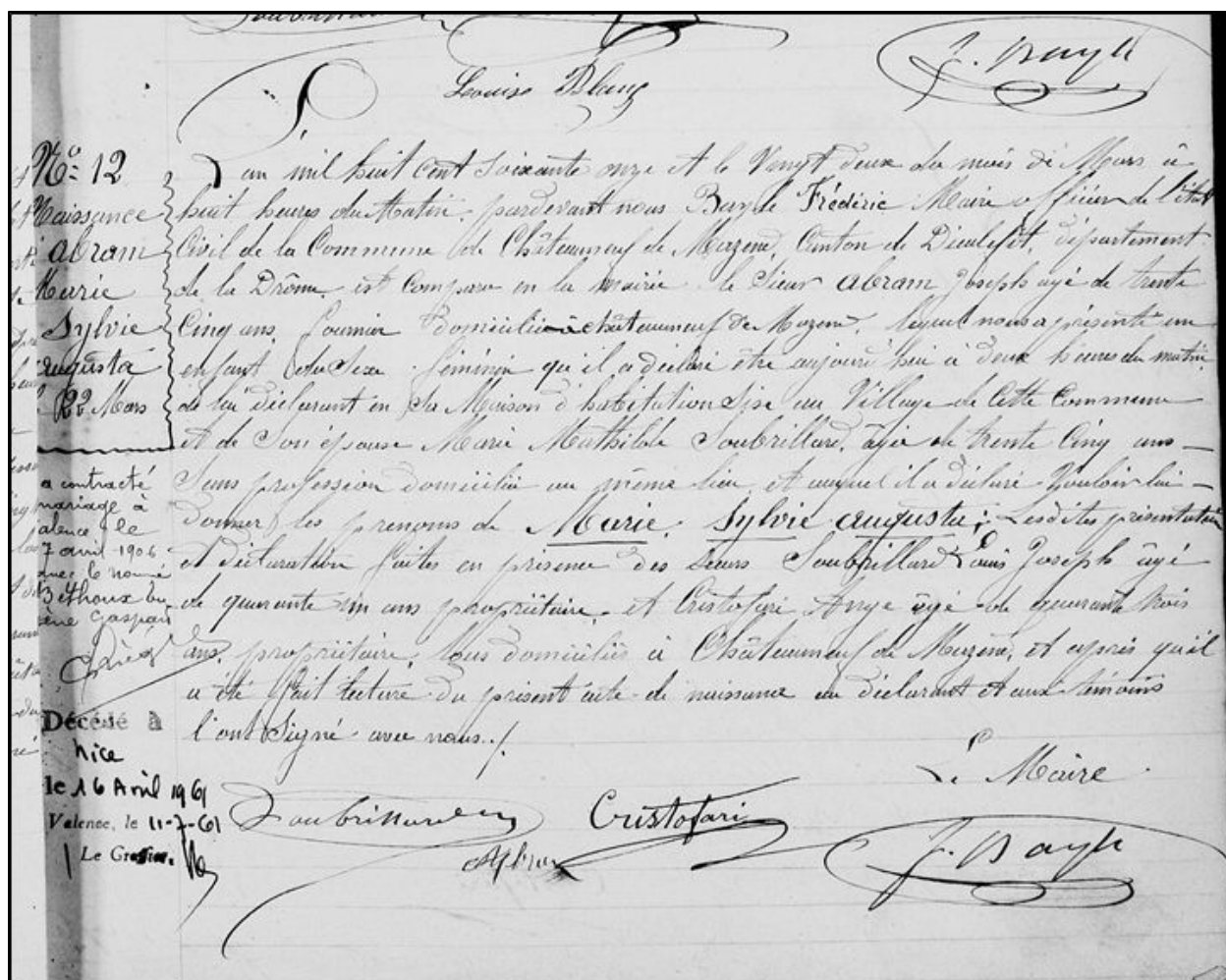
Using the details previously reported in the marriage record of Eugène Gaspard Béthoux and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, a copy of Marie's original birth record was sought. While searching for this record, an 1872 census record for the household of Joseph Abram in the commune of Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme, was located.¹⁵ The record showed that Marie had been born the previous year and also included three older stepchildren by a previous

¹⁵ *Recensement de 1872* (image and transcription), Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc (La Bégude-de-Mazenc), Drôme, France, Joseph Abram household, no. 47, <https://www.filae.com/v4/>, subscription database, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 10.

marriage of Marie Mathilde Soubrillard. From this, it was determined that Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram had three older half sisters born between 1856 and 1863, and that Marie Sylvie Augusta was the only child of her parents enumerated in 1872, which suggested her parents may have been married shortly before her birth. The ages of Marie Sylvie Augusta's parents in this record suggested they were born about 1835, and the record also suggested that all members of Marie Sylvie Augusta's family were born in the same commune of Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc.

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| 137 | Abram | Joseph | Journier | 1 | | | | 37 | id. |
| 138 | Soubrillard | Mathilde | sa femme | | | 1 | | 37 | id. |
| 139 | Signet | Mathilde | fille de la femme | | | 1 | | 16 | id. |
| 140 | Signet | Julie | fille de la femme | | | 1 | | 11 | id. |
| 141 | Signet | Bernadine | fille de la femme | | | 1 | | 9 | id. |
| 142 | Abram | Marie | leur fille | | | 1 | | 1 | id. |

Recensement de 1872, Joseph Abram household, Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme. DOCUMENT 10.



Birth of Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, born 22 March 1871, Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme. DOCUMENT 11.

The birth record of Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram corroborated the details provided in the marriage record previously found:¹⁶

The year 1871, and 22 March at 8 AM, before us... commune of Chateauneuf de Mazenc... Drôme, appeared... Mr. Abram Joseph, age 35, oven keeper (baker), domiciled in Chateauneuf de Mazenc, who presented unto us a female child who he declared today at 2 AM of himself in his house of habitation situated in the village of this commune and of his wife Marie Mathilde Soubrillard, age 35, without profession, domiciled in the same place and to whom he has declared the desire to

¹⁶ France, Drôme, Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc (La Bégude-de-Mazenc), Registres d'État Civil, "Registre de naissances, 1850-1922 (1871, 4 E 364)," birth of Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, 22 March 1871, Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme, France, act 12, <https://archives.ladrome.fr/>, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 11.

give the names of Marie Sylvie Augusta...in the presence of... Soubrillard Louis Joseph, age 41, proprietor...

A marginal note on this birth record confirmed that Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram married Eugène Gaspard Béthoux in 1906 in Valence. Another marginal note reported that Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram died 16 April 1961 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes. There was no marginal note detailing the timing of Marie's marriage to her first husband, Henry Cheyre, which suggested they were likely married prior to 1897 when new laws required annotation of birth records upon marriage.

Since Marie Sylvie Augusta also died in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes, her death record and entry in the tables des successions et absences were likewise unavailable online but were acquired through the city of Nice.

Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram died 16 April 1961 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes.¹⁷ The details from her death corroborated information found thus far in research. A transcription of her death record follows:

Le seize avril mil neuf cent soixante et un,
dix-sept heures trente minutes
est décédé en son domicile 7 rue amiral
de Graffe _____ Marie Sylvie,
Auguste Abram, né à
Chateauneuf de Mazenc (Isère) le
vingt deux mars mil-huit en soixante et onze
sans profession
fille de Joseph Abram et de
Marie Mathilde Soubrillard
épouse décédé. Veuve en premières nos
de Henry Cheyre et en secondes nos
de Eugène Gaspard Bethoux...

¹⁷ Ville de Nice Archives municipales, death certificate for Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram, 16 April 1961, no. 1449, Nice, Alpes-Maritimes, France, received September 2021. DOCUMENT 12.

A translated abstract of the record follows:

The 16 April 1961
17 hours and 30 minutes
has died in her home 7 Amiral de
Graffe Street___Marie Sylvie
Auguste Abram, born at
Chateauneuf de Mazenc (Isère) the
22 March 1871
without profession
daughter of Joseph Abram and of
Marie Mathilde Soubrillard
spouse deceased. Widow of...
of Henry Cheyre and of second...
of Eugène Gasphard Bethoux...

Louis Marius Fréou (1885–1927) and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins (1884–1919)

Louis Marius Fréou was born on 30 October 1885 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, son of Léon Louis (32) and Marie Alexandrine Baptistine Idrac (27).¹⁸

Marginal notes on Louis's birth record noted he married Charlotte-Marie-Antoinette Desmoulins 30 March 1906 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône. Also included in the marginal notes was his marriage to Lucie Rosalie Agnès Abbal on 1 February 1921 in Béziers, Hérault. This suggested Charlotte-Marie-Antoinette Desmoulins died before 1921.

A record providing details of Louis's military service was found.¹⁹ The document confirmed his birth date and place, as well as the names of his parents. Also given was the date and

¹⁸ Ville de Marseille Archives municipales, birth certificate for Louis Marius Fréou, 30 October 1885, entry no. 780, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France. DOCUMENT 13.

¹⁹ France, Bouches-du-Rhône, Les Archives Numérisées, "Registre matricule-état signalétique et militaire (683, 1 R 1235)," registre matricule for Louis Marius Fréou, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, <https://archives13.fr/>, accessed June 2021. DOCUMENT 14.

place of his marriage to Marie Antoinette Desmoulins. The record also gave his death date and place as well as giving additional places of residence and his physical description.

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Military record for Louis Marius Fréou, Bouches-du-Rhône. DOCUMENT 14.

Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins was born 29 October 1884 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.²⁰ She was the daughter of Romain Félix Desmoulins (37) and Françoise Antoinette Vivaldi (31).

Louis Marius Fréou and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins married 26 March 1906 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.²¹ The marriage record corroborated the details of Louis's and Charlotte's births as well as confirming the names of their parents.

A translated abstract of this marriage record reads:

1906, 29 March, 6:30 AM... before us... marriage of Mr. **Louis Marius Fréou**...born at Marseille 30 October 1885...son of **Léon Louis Fréou**, publicist, and **Marie Alexandrine Baptistine Idrac**, without profession, and Miss **Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins**, tailor, born at Marseille, 29 October 1884, daughter of **Romain Félix Desmoulins** and **Françoise Antoinette Vivaldi**...

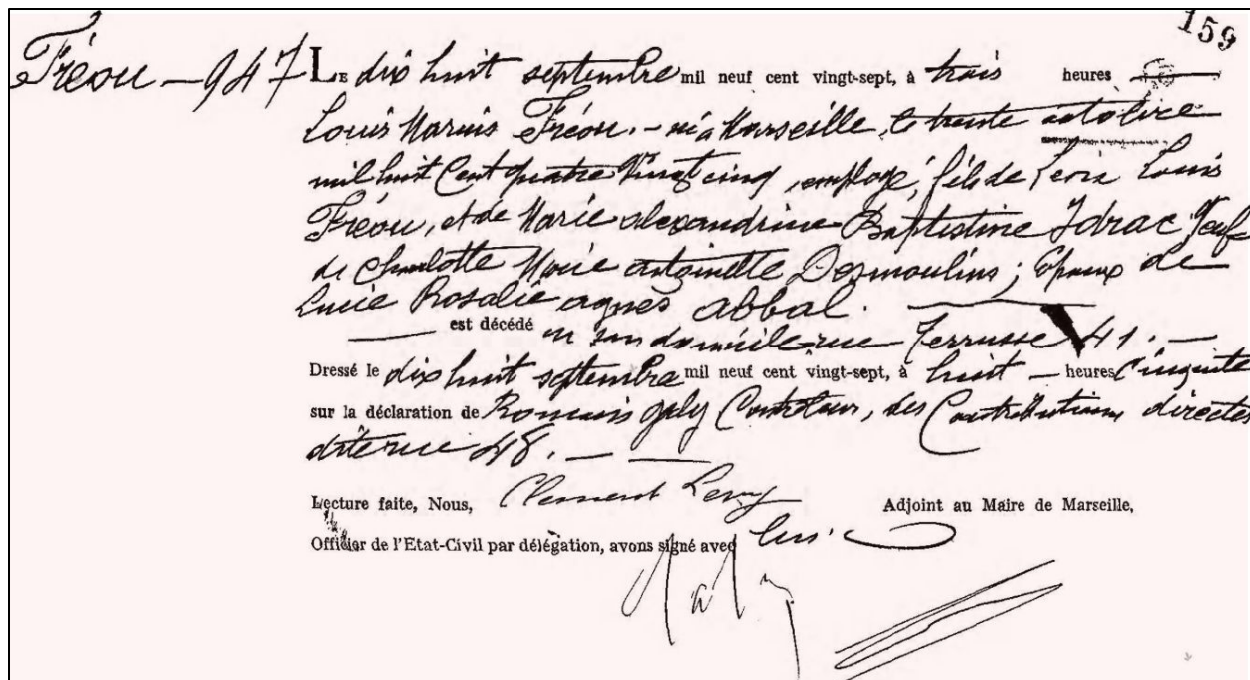
The death of Louis Marius Fréou occurred on 18 September 1927 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.²² The record noted his spouse was Lucie Rosalie Agnés Abbal, which corroborated the information in the marginal notes in his birth record that he married Lucie Rosalie Agnés Abbal. Charlotte's death record was located, and it was confirmed she died in 1919.

²⁰ *Archives de Bouches-du-Rhône* (image and transcription), birth of Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins, 29 October 1884, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, <http://www.filae.com>, subscription database, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 15.

²¹ *Marseilles, France Marriages, 1810–1915* (image and transcription), marriage of Ls (Louis) Mar (Marius) Fréou and Chthe Mre Antne Desmoulins, 29 March 1906, Marseilles, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, <https://familysearch.org>, accessed June 2021. DOCUMENT 16; and,

Ville de Marseille Archives municipales, marriage of Louis Marius Fréou and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins, 29 March 1906, entry no. 328, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, received July 2021. DOCUMENT 17.

²² *Archives de Bouches-du-Rhône* (image and transcription), death record for Louis Marius Fréou, 18 September 1927, no. 159, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, <https://filae.com/v4>, subscription database, accessed June 2021. DOCUMENT 18.



Death record of Louis Marius Fréou, 18 September 1927, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône. DOCUMENT 18.

Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins died 5 October 1919 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône.²³

A transcription of her death record follows:

Le cinq Octobre mil neuf cent dix neuf à Cinq heures du matin
 Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins
 née à Marseille – le vingt neuf Octobre Mill
 huit cent quatre vingt quatre tailleur fille de
 Romain Félix Desmoulins et de Françoise Antoinette
 Vivaldi épouse de Louis Marius Fréou...

A translated abstract of the record follows:

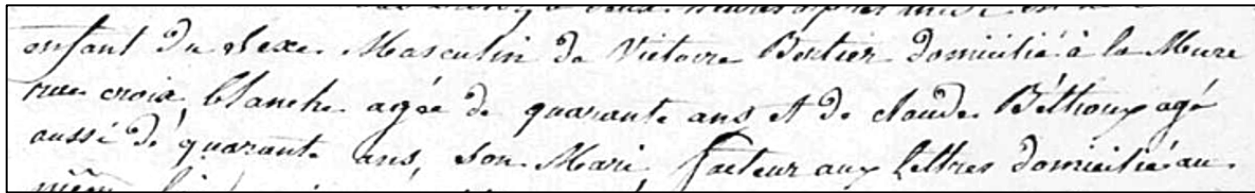
The fifth of October 1919 at five o'clock in the morning
 Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins
 born in Marseille – the 29 October 1884, tailor, daughter of

²³ Archives de Bouches-du-Rhône (image and transcription), death record for Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins, 5 October 1919, no. 132, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France, <https://filae.com/v4>, subscription database, accessed June 2021. DOCUMENT 19.

Romain Félix Desmoulins and of Françoise Antoinette
Vivaldi, spouse of Louis Marius Fréou...

Célestin Alphonse Béthoux (1844-?) and Louise Apolonie Luyat (1847-1895)

Célestin Alphonse Béthoux was born 10 February 1844 in Siévoz, Isère.²⁴ He was the son of Claude Béthoux (40) and Victoire Berthier (40).



Birth record of Célestin Alphonse Béthoux, 10 February 1844 in Siévoz, Isère. DOCUMENT 20.

The marriage of Célestin Alphonse Béthoux and Louise Apolonie Luyat took place on 8 February 1868 in La Mure, Isère.²⁵ The marriage verified birth dates and places of Célestin and Louise (born on 4 June 1847) and also gave the names of both sets of parents:

- Célestin's parents: Pierre Joseph Claude Béthoux, deceased at La Mure on 28 May 1865 and Victoire Berthier, age 63
- Louise's parents: Pierre Luyat, age 44, and Apolonie Robert, age 44

After locating the marriage record, the birth record of Louise Apolonie Luyat was sought. She was born 4 June 1847 in La Mure, Isère, a daughter of Pierre Luyat (23) and Apolanie

²⁴ France, Isère, Siévoz, Registres d'État Civil, "Registre de naissances, 1807-1862 (1844, 9NUM/5E490/4)," birth of Célestin Alphonse Béthoux, 10 February 1844, Siévoz, Isère, France, act 3, <https://archives.ladrome.fr/>, accessed May 2021. DOCUMENT 20.

²⁵ *Archives de l'Isère* (image and transcription), marriage of Célestin Alphonse Béthoux and Louise Apolonie Luyat, 8 February 1868, La Mure, Isère, France, act 5, <https://www.filae.com/>, subscription database, accessed April 2021. DOCUMENT 21a-b.

Robert (22).²⁶ The record corroborated the dates and names from Louise's marriage to Célestin Alphonse Béthoux.



Map of La Mure, Isère, France. Courtesy of Geoportail.

²⁶ La Mure (Isère), Officier de l'état civil, *Registres de l'état civil, 1793–1892*, “Naissances 1845–1848 Mariages 1830–1846 Décès 1836–1849 Naissances 1849–1862 Mariages 1847–1862 Décès 1850–1853,” birth record for Louise Apolonie Luyat, 4 June 1847, Family History Library microfilm 2035070, viewed digitally, <https://familysearch.org>, accessed May 2021. DOCUMENT 22.

Conclusion

During this research session, various birth, marriage, military, and death records were used to extend the client's maternal French lines through Marie-Laure Béthoux's parents, grandparents, and all eight of her great-grandparents. Additionally, the names of four of Marie's great-great grandparents were discovered. Progress looks very promising for all French lines.

The marriage date of John Trevenen Vizer and Marie-Laure Béthoux was confirmed. They married on 3 June 1964 in Westminster, Middlesex, England.

Also confirmed were the birth dates and marriage of André Béthoux and Odette Émilie Fréou as well as the parents of both. André Béthoux was the son of Eugène Gaspard Béthoux (born on 2 July 1879 in La Mure, Isère, and died on 8 February 1957 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes) and Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram (born on 22 March 1871 in Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme, and died on 16 April 1961 in Nice, Alpes-Maritimes). André's parents were married on 17 April 1906 in Valence, Drôme, and his mother had previously been married to Henry Cheyre.

Eugène Gaspard Béthoux was the son of Célestin Alphonse Béthoux and Apolonie Louise Luyat (who died on 15 November 1895 in La Mure, Isère). Marie Sylvie Augusta Abram was the daughter of Joseph Abram (who died on 13 April 1897 in Chateauneuf-de-Mazenc, Drôme) and Marie Mathilde Soubrillard.

Odette Émilie Fréou's birth was confirmed as well. She was the daughter of Louis Marius Fréou (born on 30 October 1885 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, and died on 18 September 1927, also in Marseille) and Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins (born on 29 October 1884 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, and died on 5 October 1919, also in Marseille). Odette's parents were married on 29 March 1906 in Marseille.

Louis Marius Fréou was the son of Léon Louis Fréou and Marie Alexandrine Baptistine Idrac. Charlotte Marie Antoinette Desmoulins was the daughter of Romain Félix Desmoulins and Françoise Antoinette Vivaldi.

Célestin Alphonse Béthoux was born on 10 February 1844 in Siévoz, Isère, a son of Pierre Joseph Claud Béthoux (died on 28 May 1865) and Victoire Berthier. He married Louise Apolonie Luyat on 8 February 1868 in La Mure, Isère. Louise was the daughter of Pierre Luyat and Apolonie Robert.

It has been a genuine pleasure to research the ancestral lines of Marie-Laure Béthoux, and we look forward to continuing research on your ancestors under your direction again soon.

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