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Brian Lapouraille	
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Dear Brian,

Enclosed please find my report on the *pro bono* research I conducted on Pierre Lapouraille. I spent more time on it than we previously discussed; the subject was that interesting, and besides, after 25 years, I probably owe you a cup of sugar or two. We've been talking about Pierre ever since Eugenia was spotted

in Green Mount Cemetery back in the 1990s.

The purpose of a research report is to document sources, searching, and results. Genealogical research is often conducted in spurts, and maybe even over several generations! This report will serve as a starting point for the next phase, whenever it occurs.

The body of the report includes extracts, abstracts, and full transcripts of records and record images, all with complete citations, as well as analyses of documents, where pertinent. There are 16 attachments, labeled A through P in the bottom right corner. The only record images not included are four land transactions; instead I provided abstracts that omit all boilerplate language. However, the full records can be viewed online with free registration, and I can show you how to do that. Alternatively, I can provide electronic copies to you.

The report includes recommendations for future research. Another option is to draft a narrative of what was learned about Pierre's time in Baltimore during this phase of research.

Feel free to share the report with your family members, but let me know if any wider dissemination is planned. I've enclosed two copies, so you can give one to your dad.

There are many free resources, available through a public library card, the Maryland State Archives website, and at the *Family Search* website (Church of the Latter Day Saints), that could provide information about the next generation. I'd be happy to get you started if you want to get involved.

Sincerely,

Malissa Ruffner Enc.

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DATE: October 2, 2012

REPORT TO: Brian Lapouraille

SUBJECT: **PIERRE LAPOURAILLE** (m.1819)

BACKGROUND: Pierre's wife, Eugenia (Revoise) Lapouraille, died 1889, is buried in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore City but Pierre is not with her. Family legend holds that he was born in France and came to Baltimore from Santo Domingo (now Haiti) in the 1790s when a slave uprising brought an influx of French and former-slaves to town. He might have had another family - either in Santo Domingo or France. The marriage of Pierre and Eugenia (1819) was recorded in a family bible, as well as the birth of a son, Alfred Peter, in 1820, the client's line of descent. A transcription was provided.

<u>AUTHORIZATION</u>: 20 hours of research conducted locally and on the internet.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this phase of research are to confirm what is known about Pierre Lapouraille and further document his presence in Baltimore.

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REPOSITORIES AND SOURCES CONSULTED

Federal Census Records

1790–1880 U. S. Censuses. Baltimore, Maryland: indexes and images available by subscription at *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com) and (selected years) at *Heritage Quest*, via public library card privileges.

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Newspapers

The (Baltimore) *Sun.* 1837-1985. *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (through public library card). Digital images. http://proquest.com : 2012.

Baltimore Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser. 1830. Early American Newspapers, Series 1, 1690-1876 (through paid membership in New England Historic Genealogical Society.) Digital images. http://infoweb.newsbank.com: 2012.

American and Commercial Daily Advertiser (Baltimore, MD), 1810-1853, microfilm held at the Maryland Historical Society (MdHS), Baltimore, Maryland. The Dielman-Hayward Index, a card index located in the Main Reading Room of the library, provides specific citations.

Baltimore City Directories

Various publishers and dates. Many are available online; the Baltimore City Archives website portal at http://baltimorecityhistory.net/baltimore-city-directories/ provides convenient access to digital images.

<u>Baltimore County Government Records</u>, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland <u>Note</u>: Until 1851, Baltimore City was part of Baltimore County.

- Baltimore County Court Marriage Licenses, CM 174
- Baltimore County Probate Records:
 - o Wills, Index, CM 189
 - o Administration Accounts, Index, CM 128
 - o Guardian Accounts, Index, CM 151

Baltimore County Land Records

Archives of Maryland Online. *MDLandRec.Net*. Digital images. http://www.mdlandrec.net : 2012. Free, registration required.

- Land Records, Grantee Index, CE 32
- Land Records, Grantor Index, CE 33
- Land Records, CE 66

<u>Baltimore City WPA-HRS (Works Progress Administration-Historical Records Survey)</u> <u>Name Index</u>, BRG76-3, Baltimore City Archives, Baltimore, Maryland.

The card index provides access to several hundred thousand individual interactions with city government, such as petition signatures, business licenses, and assessment of fines. While many of the documents referenced do not provide substantive information, a signature places an individual at a certain point in time.

Legislative Records

Archives of Maryland Online. Legislative Records Proceedings, Acts and Public Documents of the General Assembly, 1634-. Digital images. http://www.aomol.net/html/legislative.html: 2012.

Church Records

St. John the Evangelist Church Collection, 1853-1966. MSA SC 2529, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), 1782-1976. MSA SC 2707, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY [All facts included here are fully cited in the body of the report.]

Pierre Lapouraille left a clear and varied trail of original records in Baltimore between 1819 and 1830. He was divorced from Eugenia in 1830 by an act of the General Assembly, the only means available of obtaining one at that time. He seemingly disappeared from public records at about the same time. The lack of apparent records after the divorce, when compared to the previous decade, supports the family tradition that he left Baltimore.

Although this phase of research did not reveal Pierre's ultimate fate, it uncovered new evidence about his marriage, offspring, occupation, personal, and real property. In particular, land and church records provide reliable primary information. He was directly linked to the families of two wealthy Santo Domingo planters – Joseph A. Latournadais and Frances L. Desverreux.

None of the records examined revealed direct evidence of his age or place of birth, so the likelihood that he himself was a planter in Santo Domingo, or had a family before arriving, cannot be evaluated. Marrying, starting a family and establishing a business, all of which Pierre did between 1819 and 1830, are consistent with a young man starting out or an older man starting over.

Recommendations for further research are at the conclusion of the **DETAILED FINDINGS**.

<u>General Note</u>: Pierre and Eugenia's given names alternate between French and Anglicized versions in the records. As is typical of the period, surnames were often spelled phonetically; Lapouraille is spelled seven different ways in the documents cited in this report. Desverreux, Latournadais, and Santo Domingo also vary in spelling. "Revoire" rather than "Revoise" appears in original records displaying Eugenia's maiden name. See <u>ATTACHMENTS H, K, and M</u>.

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¹ Laws Made and Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, at a Session Begun [28 December 1829] (Annapolis: Jeremiah Hughes, 1830), pp. 12-13, chap. 94, "An Act to-Divorce Peter Lapourille, of Baltimore City, from Jane Lapourille, his wife. For divorce in Maryland generally, see "Understanding Maryland Divorce Records," Maryland State Archives, *Guide to Government Records* (http://guide.mdsa.net/viewer.cfm?page=divorce : 17 August 2012).

² Albright, Lee and Helen F. M. Leary, "Designing Research Strategies," in Helen F. M. Leary, editor, *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History* (Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Genealogical Society, 1996), chap. 2, p. 20.

DETAILED FINDINGS

Federal Census Research

Index searches were conducted for <Lapouraille> on *Ancestry com*, for 1790-1880 and *Heritage Quest* from 1790-1820 and 1860-1880 (only years indexed) with no results. Searching on <Lap*> on *Ancestry.com*, the asterisk functioning as a wildcard, turned up family households in 1850 and in 1880.

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In 1850, Jane was a member of a household headed by Alfred; record is indexed as Laporville.³ **ATTACHMENT A**

Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation	Value of	Birthplace
					Real Property	
Alfred P. Laporaille	30	M		Carpenter		Maryland
Malvina "	28	F				Pennsylvania
Josephine	4	F				Maryland
Emma A.	3/12	F				do
Jane	50	F				Spain
Michael Brown	23	M		Tinner		Pennsylvania
Jacob Ely	28	M		Carpenter		Virginia
William Hough	26	F		do		Pennsylvania
Elizabeth Bell	21	F	В			do
Priscilla	10	F	В			do

Note: "do" serves as a ditto mark.

In 1880, Eugenia was the head of a household in which two granddaughters resided; record is indexed as Lapourrville. ⁴ **ATTACHMENT B**

Name	R a c e	S e x		R'ship to Household Head	Marital Status	Place of Birth	Place of Birth of Father	Place of Birth of Mother
Lapourraille Eugenia	W	F	80		W	Spain	Spain	Spain
Josephine	W	F	30	granddaughter	S	Maryland	Spain	Spain
Emma	W	F	25	granddaughter	S	Maryland	Spain	Spain

Analysis: Eugenia is part of her son's household in 1850, along with his probable family, wife, two daughters, and several business and domestic employees. Thirty years later, the two daughters are living with Eugenia. Eugenia's marital status was reported as "widow" in 1880. The type of divorce granted in 1830 was more akin to a legal

³ 1850 U. S. Census, Baltimore County, Maryland, pop. sched., Ward 6 Baltimore City, p. 517 (penned), p. 259 (stamped), dwelling 1494, family 1572, Alfred P. Laporaille household (indexed as Laporville); digital images, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com: downloaded 14 August 2012); from National Archives microfilm publication M432, roll 283.

⁴ 1880 U. S. Census, Baltimore City, Maryland, pop. sched., 5th Ward, 2nd Precinct, Enumeration District (ED) 43, Page No. 4, Sheet D, dwelling 35, family 42, Eugenia Lapourraille household (indexed as Lapourrville); digital images, *Ancestry.com* (http://www.ancestry.com: downloaded 14 August 2012); from National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 483.

separation (see <u>Legislative Records</u>, below), so if she knew Pierre was dead, she would indeed be a widow. The status, though, might have been one she claimed to avoid the social stigma of divorce in her Catholic community.

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Spain was reported as Eugenia's place of birth in both 1850 and 1880, and as the birthplace of her parents and her granddaughters' parents in 1880. Her obituary and interment record both report her birthplace as France, which is more consistent with her maiden name, and her cultural associations. In the case of her granddaughters' parents' birthplace, that is most likely an error. Emma and Josephine were probably Alfred's daughters and he was born in Maryland; they were all recorded as Maryland natives in 1850.

Census records are considered original records, but there is no way to know if the informant provided first-hand knowledge to the enumerator. It's possible that there was a language barrier between Eugenia and the census taker, if she was the informant, but the fact that the same nativity appears in enumerations 30 years apart, is striking. An origin of Basque, a geographical area and cultural identity, that spans parts of Spain and France, is one possible explanation.

The ages of Josephine and Emma appear understated by a few years in 1880; it's not unusual for ages to vary a bit.

Neither Pierre nor Eugenia was located in the 1820-1840 federal censuses by index searching, the years immediately after their marriage. Before 1850, only heads of households were enumerated by name; household composition was described with hash marks. It's possible they were missed by the enumerator or they could be listed, but indexed with an unusual spelling. A third possibility is that the family resided in a household headed by an individual with a different last name.

Newspapers

Baltimore Sun. 1837-1985. *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (through public library access). Digital images. http://www.proquest.com : 2012.

Searched surname <Lapouraille>: 136 mentions. None of the articles referred to Pierre or Peter Lapouraille. Alternative search terms and truncation tools (using the asterisk as a wildcard) were used to accommodate the possible spellings of Lapouraille, including <Peter Lep*>, <Peter Lap*>, <Pierre Lep*>, <Pierre Lap*>.

Key Finds:

Obituary for Eugenia Lapouraille.⁵ ATTACHMENT C

Transcription:

"LAPOURAILLE. On Monday, 3d of June, at 5.50 o'clock, Mrs. EUGENIA, in the 90th year of her age, widow of the late Pierrie Lapouraille.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 1209 Jefferson street, on Thursday morning, June 6, at eight o'clock, thence to St. John's Church, where a High Mass of Requiem will be said for the repose of her soul."

⁵ "Died," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 5 June 1889, p. 2; digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com : accessed 3 August 2012).

Multiple items referring to Alfred Lapouraille, the first in 1840 announcing his marriage to Melanie Boerie. ATTACHMENT D

Analysis: The Baltimore Sun did not begin publication until 1837, well after the 1830 divorce. However, the fact that Eugenia's obituary and multiple items about Alfred appeared in the publication makes the lack of mention of Pierre significant.

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The celebration of High Mass suggests she was a devout Catholic.

Early American Newspapers, Series 1, 1690-1876, American Ancestors.org (through paid membership in New England Historic Genealogical Society.) Digital images. http://infoweb.newsbank.com : 2012.

This searchable database of images includes 31 Baltimore area newspapers with varying degrees of coverage, in terms of years. Searching on Lapouraille and its variants (and using wildcards) turned up three items, two of which pertained to the legislative divorce proceedings. The earliest mention of "Monsieur Lapouraille" was on 3 August 1819, in an advertisement placed by the Post Office, notifying addressees of letters held. 8

Analysis: The divorce items do not contribute significant information, except to point to the legislative record itself. The list of held letters suggests that "Monsieur Lapouraille" was away from Baltimore at that time. <u>City Directories</u> research (below) indicates that he had established residence already.

American and Commercial Daily Advertiser (Baltimore, MD), 1810-1853, microfilm held at the Maryland Historical Society (MdHS), Baltimore, Maryland.

Most newspapers published in Baltimore in the early 1800s are not available in digital format with full-text searching. The Hayward-Dielman Genealogical Card Index at the Maryland Historical Society provides access to newspapers and other genealogical sources; it was checked for Lapouraille and surnames that appeared in other records: Destere, Desvarreux Duclasse, Ducroit, Latournadais, and Revoire/Rivoire. Obituaries were found in the *American and Commercial and Daily Advertiser* and *The* (Baltimore) *Sun* for the following individuals:

- Joseph August Latournadais; died 16 October 1821, in his 55th year, formerly a rich planter from St. Domingo, and resident of Baltimore for thirty years. ATTACHMENT E
- Francis L. Desverreaux; died 16 July 1834, planter of San Domingo, thirty years a resident of Baltimore; funeral held at the home of his son. ATTACHMENT F

⁶ "Married," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 27 November 1840, p. 2, digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com: accessed 3 August 2012).

⁷ [Legislative Acts/Legal Proceedings], *Baltimore Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser*, 22 February 1830, p. 2, digital image, *Early American Newspaper, Series 1, 1690-1876* (http://infoweb.newsbank.com : 3 August 2012). [Legislative Acts/Legal Proceedings], *Baltimore Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser*, 3 March 1830, p. 2, digital image, *Early American Newspaper, Series 1, 1690-1876* (http://infoweb.newsbank.com : 3 August 2012).

⁸ "List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office, Baltimore, the 2nd of August, 1819,", *Baltimore Patriot & Delta Mercantile Advertiser*, 22 February 1830, p. 2, digital image, Early American Newspaper, Series 1, 1690-1876 (http://infoweb.newsbank.com : 3 August 2012).

⁸ "List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office, Baltimore, the 2nd of August, 1819,", *Baltimore Patriot & Mercantile Advertiser*, 3 August 1819, p. 4, digital image, *Early American Newspaper*, *Series 1*, 1690-1876 (http://infoweb.newsbank.com : 3 August 2012).

⁹ Untitled [Death Notice for Joseph Auguste Latouraudais], (Baltimore) *American and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, 23 October 1821, p. 2, col. 5.

¹⁰ Untitled [Death Notice for Francis L. Desverreux], (Baltimore) *American and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, 17 July 1834, p. 2, col. 5.

• "On the morning of the 28th instant, ALFRED P. LAPOURAILLE, in the 44th year of his age." 11

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• James C. Desverreaux; died 19 November 1884, in his 82nd year, a resident of Baltimore 80 years, only surviving son of the late Francis Desverreaux, of the Island of San Domingo. ATTACHMENT G

There were no entries in the index for Pierre Lapouraille.

Analysis: Joseph Latournadais and Francis L. Desverreaux were of the same generation and background – wealthy planters who emigrated from Santo Domingo. James, son of Francis, and only two years old when he arrived, is of the younger generation. Pierre named James as trustee of his property to benefit Eugenia and their sons. Pierre held a position of trust in Joseph's widow's life and Joseph's daughter, Emilia, was a baptismal sponsor for Pierre's second born son. (For both relationships, see Land Records and Church Records below.) Pierre, in terms of age, may fall between the two generations.

The obituaries also suggest two waves of emigration; Latournadais arrived in 1791 and Desverreaux in 1804.

The inconsistency between the two items about James's place of birth, France and San Domingo, is relatively minor, given the length of time since his arrival.

City Directories

The city directories for the early years are relatively compact so searching for all spelling variations of Lapouraille is easily managed.

Citation	Entry
Matchett, Edward. The Baltimore Directory and	No entry for Lapouraille
Register for 1816 (1816); digital images, Internet	
Archive	
(http://archive.org/details/baltimoredirecto1816matc :	
9 August 2012).	
Jackson, Samuel. The Baltimore Directory, corrected	Lapouraille, cigar manufacturer, 52 s.
up to June 1819, Baltimore: Richard J.Matchett,	Charles
1819, unpaginated, appears on LAN-LAR page.	
[Hard copy examined at the Baltimore City	
Archives.]	
Keenan, C. The Baltimore Directory for 1822 & '23:	Lapouraille & Destere, tailors & scourers,
Together with the Eastern and Western Precincts,	NE corner of Second and South
never before included: a Correct Account of	
Removals, New Firms, and other useful information	

¹¹ "Died," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 30 November 1863, p. 2, digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com : accessed 28 September 2012).

¹² For James's connection to Francis/Francois, see "The Odenwald Estate: Brief Locals," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 21

¹² For James's connection to Francis/Francois, see "The Odenwald Estate: Brief Locals," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 21 November 1884, p. 4; digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com : accessed 3 September 2012). For his age, see "The Collision at the Relay...: Brief Locals," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 20 November 1884, p. 4; digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com : accessed 10 August 2012).

(1822), 165; digital images, Internet Archive	
(<u>http://archive.</u>	
org/details/baltimoredirecto1822keen : 9 August	
2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Directory for 1824, Baltimore:	Lapouraille Peter, merchant tailor, 52 S.
R. J. Matchett, 1824, p. 185.	Charles
Matchett's Baltimore Directory for 1827 (1827), 158;	Lapouraille, Peter, merchant tailor, 52 S.
digital images, Archives of Maryland Online, Volume	Charles
491	
(http://aomol.net/000001/000491/html/index.html: 9	
August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Directory for 1829 (1829), 189;	Lapouraille Peter, merchant tailor, 52 s.
digital images, Archives of Maryland Online, Volume	Charles
524	
(http://aomol.net/000001/000524/html/index.html: 9	
August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Director for 1831, corrected up	No entry for Lapouraille
to June 1831 (1831); digital images, Internet Archive	The entry for Europeanume
(http://archive.org/details/matchettsbaltimo1831balt :	
9 August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Director for 1833, corrected up	No entry for Lapouraille
to May 1833 (1833); digital images, Internet Archive	Two entry for Eupourume
(http://archive.org/details/matchettsbaltimo1833balt:	
9 August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Director Corrected up to	No entry for Lapouraille
September, 1835, for 1835 6 (1835); digital images,	Two entry for Eupourume
Internet Archive	
(http://archive.org/details/matchettsbaltimo1835balt :	
9 August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Director Corrected up to May,	No entry for Lapouraille
1837, for 18378 (1837); digital images, Internet	Two entry for Eupourume
Archive	
(http://archive.org/details/matchettsbaltimo1837balt :	
9 August 2012).	
Matchett's Baltimore Director or Register of	No entry for Lapouraille
Households, Corrected up to June, 1842 (1842);	Two entry for Eupouranie
digital images, Internet Archive (http://Internet	
Archive/details/matchettsbaltimo1842balt: 9 August	
2012).	
Baltimore Directory for 1845 (1845), 69; digital	Lapouraille Alfred, carpenter, 61 N. Spring
images, Internet Archive	St.
(http://archive.org/details/baltimoredirecto1845balt :	Di.
12 August 2012).	
12 August 2012).	

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Analysis: The first entry, cigar manufacturer in 1819, does not include a given name. Between 1819 and 1822, Lapouraille, by then definitely Pierre, became a tailor. The possibility that there were two men named Lapouraille, maybe even a father and son, cannot be discounted.

Lapouraille & Destere partnered in a scourer and tailoring business at the northeast corner of Second and South. No definition could be found for "scourer", other than its plain meaning as "cleaner." Given the similarity between the 1822 business and the

business at S. Charles from 1824 to 1829, the entries most likely refer to the same person. No directory entries are found for Pierre after 1829. Son Alfred appears for the first time as a carpenter in 1845.

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Baltimore County Marriage and Probate Records

Marriage Licenses: located entry for Peter Lapouraille and Euginia Revoire on 9 January 1819.
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Probate Record Indexes searched; no entries for Lapouraille or alternative spellings.

- o Wills, Index, CM 189, 1664-1850
- o Administration Accounts, Index, CM 128, 1674-1848
- o Guardian Accounts, Index, CM 151, 1786-1849

Baltimore County Land Records

Archives of Maryland Online. *MDLandRec.Net - A Digital Image Retrieval System for Land Records in Maryland*. Digital images. http://mdLandRec.Net : 2012.

Land records grantor and grantee indexes are divided into 3-4 year sections. Grantee Index, CE 32, and Land Records, Grantor Index, CE 33, were searched for 1819-1835.

The indexes pointed to four records in Land Records, CE 66, cited and abstracted below.

Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 156: 132-134, MSA CE 66-106, Charles A. Mette & others Lease to Peter Lapouraille, 16 June 1820. ¹⁴

CHARLES METTE AND JOHN MARTIACQ, of the first part; ELIZABETH PROVETORY, of the second part, all of Baltimore City; to PETER LAPOURAILLE of Baltimore City, of the third part. One-half interest in premises, house and lot, on south Charles Street for a renewable term of 999 years, owned by PROVETORY, and previously mortgaged by her to METTE and MARTIACQ. Consideration from LAPOURAILLE to PROVETORY \$600, and from LAPOURAILLE to METTE, MARTIACQ, and PROVETERY \$5, both sums already paid. Annual rent of one cent payable by LAPOURAILLE to PROVETORY, if demanded; payment of all taxes and assessments was further consideration.

PROVETORY was willed her half-interest by MARGARET RENAUD; other half willed to nephew STEPHEN DEBLE, will dated 3 January 1818.

[Signed by mark] ELIZABETH PROVETORY, CHARLES A. METTE [Signed] JOHN MARTIACQ, PETER LAPOURAILLE

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¹³ Peter Lapouraille and Euginia Revoire, #544, 9 January 1819, page 133; Baltimore County Court (Marriage Licenses) MSA CM174-4, WK1396-1397-4 (microfilm); Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland. ¹⁴ Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 156: 132-134, MSA CE 66-106, Charles A. Mette et al. lease to Peter Lapouraille, 16 June 1820; digital images, *MdLandRec.Net* (http://www.mdlandrec.net : accessed 1 August 2012).

Witnesses: OWEN DORSEY, FIELDER ISRAEL Recorded 17 June 1820 by WM. GIBSON.

Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 176: 496-497, MSA CE 66-226, Mary F. Latourandais Release of Dower to Peter Lepouraille, 14 July 1825. 15

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MARY F. LATOURANDAIS, widow of JOSEPH A LATOURNADAIS, of one part, and PETER LEPOURAILLE, of the other part, both of Baltimore County. MARY conveys to PETER her dower (one-third) interest in her late husband's estate in consideration of \$200.

[Signed] MARY F. LATOURNADAIS Witnesses: ANTHONY METTENBERGER, JOSEPH B. ELLIOTT Recorded 14 July 1825 by WM. GIBSON.

Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 184: 496-498, MSA CE 66-234, Peter Lapouraille Deed of Trust to James Desvarreux, 5 February 1827. The inventory of personal property is **bolded.**

PETER LAPORERAILLE, of one part, and JAMES DESVARREUX, of the second part, both of Baltimore City. LAPORERAILLE conveys to DESVARREUX his lease interest in property on south Charles Street, previously conveyed to him by ELIZABETH PROVETORY, CHARLES A. METTE, and JOHN MARTIACQ, his negro girl named ALMYRA, slave for life but not to be sent out of Maryland, previously sold to him by JOHN KAUPTMAN, and his personal property, namely "two feather beds, one matrass sundry bedding and furniture thereunto belonging one large bedsted five large silver table spoons eight silver tea spoons eight large silver forks with four prongs together with various other household and kitchen furniture" to DESVARREUX for \$5 already paid, to be held in trust for the use of JANE LAPORERAILLE and her children during her natural life and afterwards to children "PETER ALFORD LAPOURERAILLE JOHN THEADORE LAPOURERAILLE JOSEPH AUGUST LAPOURERAILLE AND JOHN [given name inserted above] LAPOURERAILLE" and any other children PETER may have by JANE.

[Signed] PETER LAPOURAILLE Witnesses: THO. BAILEY, LEWIS S. BALTZELL Recorded 5 February 1827 by WM. GIBSON.

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¹⁵ Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 176: 496-497, MSA CE 66-226, Mary F. Latourandais Release of Dower to Peter Lepouraille, 14 July 1825; digital images, *MDLandRec.Net* (http://www.mdlandrec.net : accessed 1 August 2012).

¹⁶ Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 184: 496-498, MSA CE 66-234, Peter Lapouraille Deed of Trust to James Desvarreux, 5 February 1827; digital images, *MdLandRec.Net* (http://www.mdlandrec.net : accessed 1 August 2012).

Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 194: 112-113, MSA CE 66-244, Peter Lapouraille Deed to Mary F. Latourandais, 11 July 1828. 17

Subject: Pierre Lapouraille

PETER LAPOURAILLE, of the first part, and MARY F. LATOURNADAIS, of the second part, both of Baltimore City and Baltimore County. PETER conveys to MARY her dower interest in the estate of her late husband, JOSEPH A. LATOURANDAIS, that she previously conveyed to PETER, for consideration of \$150.

[Signed] PETER LAPOURAILLE

Witnesses: JOHN F. HARRIS, JAS. B. LATIMER

Recorded 12 July 1828 by WM. GIBSON.

Land Record Analysis: Pierre leased a half-interest in property on south Charles St. on 16 June 1820 for a term of 999 years. The lease does not specify the exact address or provide a metes and bounds description of the premises, but Pierre was listed at 52 S. Charles prior and subsequent to the lease. That suggests that the lease was an agreement among close associates (social and/or business). Thus, the names of the parties are significant clues to his circle. Mette and Provetory signed the 1820 lease by making a mark; Pierre signed documents indicating that he was literate.

The exchange between Pierre and Mary F. Latournadais, widow of Joseph A. Latournadais, also represents a close relationship. According to law, Mary was entitled to a one-third interest (dower) in her husband's estate. ¹⁸ Mary may have needed cash, may have needed to protect her assets from creditors and/or needed assistance managing her late husband's property between 1825 and 1828. She would have only willingly made an arrangement with a trusted associate.

The deed of trust between Pierre and James Desvarreux is open to several interpretations. Pierre may have been trying to protect assets (and thus his family) from creditors. Another possibility is that it represented as separation agreement and financial settlement between him and Eugenia. In either interpretation, Desvarreux was a close, trusted associate. In this case, the deed provides information more typically found in a probate record – a list of heirs and of real and personal property items.

Baltimore City WPA-HRS Name Index, BRG76-3.

No entries for Pierre Lapouraille. In contrast, there are multiple cards for James Desvarreaux (varied spellings) spanning 1852 to 1881. There are numerous entries for Alfred Lapouraille, beginning in 1846.

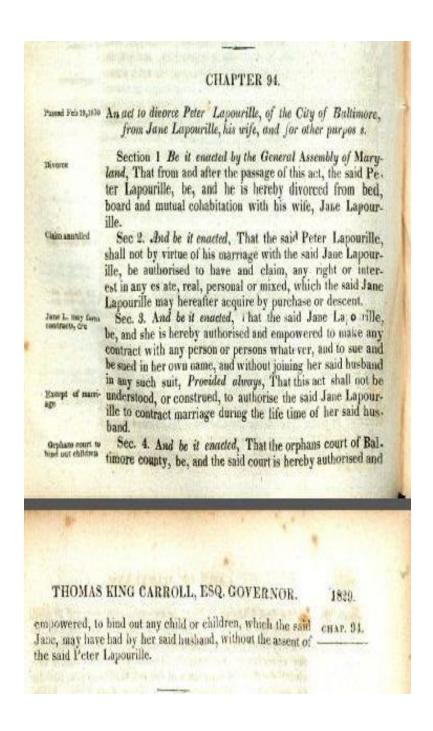
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¹⁷ Baltimore County, Maryland, Court Land Records, Liber WG 194: 112-113, MSA CE 66-244, Peter Lapouraille Deed to Mary F. Latourandais, 11 July 1828; digital images, *MdLandRec.Net* (http://www.mdlandrec.net : accessed 1 August 2012).

Legislative Records

Peter Lapourille was divorced from Jane Lapourille by an act of the General Assembly. The image of the session law is included in the body of this report because the terms are significant. ¹⁹

Subject: Pierre Lapouraille



¹⁹ Laws of Maryland [1829], pp. 12-13, chap. 94.

Analysis: The type of divorce granted was a divorce mensa a thoro, "separation of bed and board" in Latin. It was more common than divorce a vinculo, which broke all bonds and allowed remarriage, but it was still relatively rare and even more so in a Catholic family. On specific grounds for divorce had been established in Maryland, and the law reproduced here does not explicitly fasten blame. However, the relief granted was to Jane only - the right to enter into contracts on her own behalf, inherit and own property - rights she would not have had as a married woman at that time. The act also authorized the Orphans Court to bind out children of the marriage without consent from Peter Lapourille. That would have been important if Peter was not supporting the family. It's possible that Peter had already left his family and Baltimore and that Jane sought the divorce so that she could provide for her sons.

Subject: Pierre Lapouraille

Church Records

St. John the Evangelist Church Collection, 1853-1966. MSA SC 2529.

Interment Record for Eugenia Lapouraille

Eugenia, a native of France, died of old age on 3 June 1889 and was buried in Green Mount Cemetery on 6 June 1889.²² **ATTACHMENT I** No other Lapourailles are listed in the index to these original records.

Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St.Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), 1782-1976. MSA SC 2707.

Marriage Records

Joseph Auguste Latournadais, from St. Domingo, and Mary Frances Ducasse, also from St. Domingo, married by Father Beeston on 23 October 1798, by license and after one publication of banns. ²³ **ATTACHMENT J**

Peter Lapouraille & Eugenia Revoire, both residents of Balitmore City, married by James Whitfield on 9 January 1819, by license. ²⁴ **ATTACHMENT K**

²⁰ Salmon, Marylynn, *Women and the Law of Property in Early America* (Chapel Hill and London: University of North Carolina Press, 1986), 58.

²¹Salmon, Women and the Law of Property in Early America, 41.

²² Interment of Eugenia Lapouraille, died 3 June 1889, buried 6 June 1889; Death and Interments 1871-1894, p. 224, M1583A-1 (microfilm); St. John the Evangelist Church Collection, MSA SC 2529, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD. Note: it is also on microfilm M11757-1.

²³ Marriage of Mary Frances Duclasse and Joseph August Latournadaise, 23 October 1798; Marriages 1783-1861, p. 107, M1517-3 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

²⁴ Marriage of Eugenia Revoire and Peter Lapouraille, 9 January 1819; Marriages 1783-1861, p. 78, M1517-3 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

Baptismal Records

Date of Baptism	Date of Birth	Child's name	Parents	Sponsors
24 October 1799	28 July 1799	Emilie ²⁵ ATTACHMENT L	Joseph Auguste Latournadais & Mary Frances Ducas	Peter Turel & Emilie Chevolleau Turel
23 April 1820	7 April 1820	Peter Alfred ²⁶ ATTACHMENT M	Peter & Eugenia Rivoire Lapouraille	John Desterre & Louise Rivoire
21 April 1822 21 April 1822	8 January 1822 14 March 1822	John Theodore ²⁷ Elizabeth Jane ²⁸ ATTACHMENT N	Peter & Jane Lapouraille John & [?] Destere	Jean Francois Aff[?]oux & Emilia Latournadais Pierre & Genia Lapouraille
September 1826	29 June 1826	John ²⁹ ATTACHMENT O	Peter & Jane Lapourraille	Jean Ducroit & Mary Ducroit

A line by line reading of records between 1819 and 1827 did not uncover a baptismal record for Joseph Augus Lapouraille, listed third in the deed of trust from Pierre to James Desvarreaux. There is a corresponding gap between the births of John Theodore in 1822 and John in 1826.

Analysis: Emilia Latournadais appears first as an infant, daughter of Joseph Latournadais, and then as a sponsor for third-born John Theodore Lapouraille. Son Joseph Augus Lapouraille was most likely named for Latournadais.

Destere, who partnered in business with Lapouraille in 1822, was a sponsor for first-born Peter Alfred. Pierre and Genia returned the favor for Destere's daughter Elizabeth Jane, whose middle name honored Eugenia, and had their son, John Theodore, baptized the same day.

Note the sponsorship of Louise Rivoire for Alfred; she was probably related to Eugenia, perhaps a sister.

²⁵ Baptism of Emilia Latournadais, 24 October 1799; St. Peter's Baptisms 1782-1801A, p. 418, M1510-1 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

²⁶ Baptism of Peter Alfred Lapouraille, 23 April 1820; St. Peter's Baptisms 1819-1827D, p. 108, M1511-6 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

²⁷ Baptism of John Theodore Lapouraille, 21 April 1822; St. Peter's Baptisms 1819-1827D, p. 231, M1511-1 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

²⁸ Baptism of Elizabeth Jane Destere, 21 April 1822; St. Peter's Baptisms 1819-1827D, p. 231, M1511-6 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

²⁹ Baptism of John Lapouraille, 10 September 1826; St. Peter's Baptisms 1819-1827D, p. 452, M1511-6 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

Theodore Lapouraille Burial

Theodore Lapouraille died of "inflammation" at "about age 13" and was buried on 24 October 1833. The burial notation is "free" compared to "in a lot" for the individual listed below. ATTACHMENT P

Subject: Pierre Lapouraille

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³⁰ Burial of Theodore Laparal [corrected to Lapouraille in the margin], 24 October 1833; Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1822-1849E, p. 185, M1511-7 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

There are four areas of research inquiry that could follow from this report, depending on your interest and priorities. A detailed research plan could be prepared for each:

Subject: Pierre Lapouraille

1. Completing the search for Pierre in Baltimore:

The contrast in availability of records for Pierre between the era of his marriage and the two decades that followed is stark and lends strong credence to the notion that he left Baltimore. His name did not appear in city directories, church records where his family worshipped, or the primary daily newspaper after 1850. This research covered land records until 1835 and probate up until 1850; both should be extended as well to 1875. Court records, which often shed a bright light on complex family and business relationships, should also be checked.

2. Studying Pierre's associates in greater depth:

Researching known associates, particularly Latournadais family members and James Desvarreux, offers several benefits. Land and probate records for James C. Desvarreux could reveal the whereabouts of Pierre when Desvarreux either conveyed or devised the property that he was holding in trust for Eugenia and the children. Even if Pierre relocated, he might have acted as a witness for others' transactions if their association was maintained.

Secondly, learning more about the origins of Pierre's associates might pinpoint a direction for the third possible area of inquiry.

3. Locating Pierre in either Santo Domingo, France or ?:

Availability of digitized records can be explored for either or both locations. Alternatively, you can consult with genealogists with expertise in those records and geographical locations. The obituary for Frances L. Desvarreux included very specific information about the location of his lost plantation in Santo Domingo, a helpful clue. More historical research about the presence of French citizens in Santo Domingo in years following the uprising is necessary.

The question mark reserves the possibility that Pierre struck out for third, unknown location. Although 1820 marks the first year that the federal government required the submission of arriving passenger lists, there was, unfortunately, no such corresponding requirement for departing passengers.³¹

4. Staying "local" and turning to the next generation:

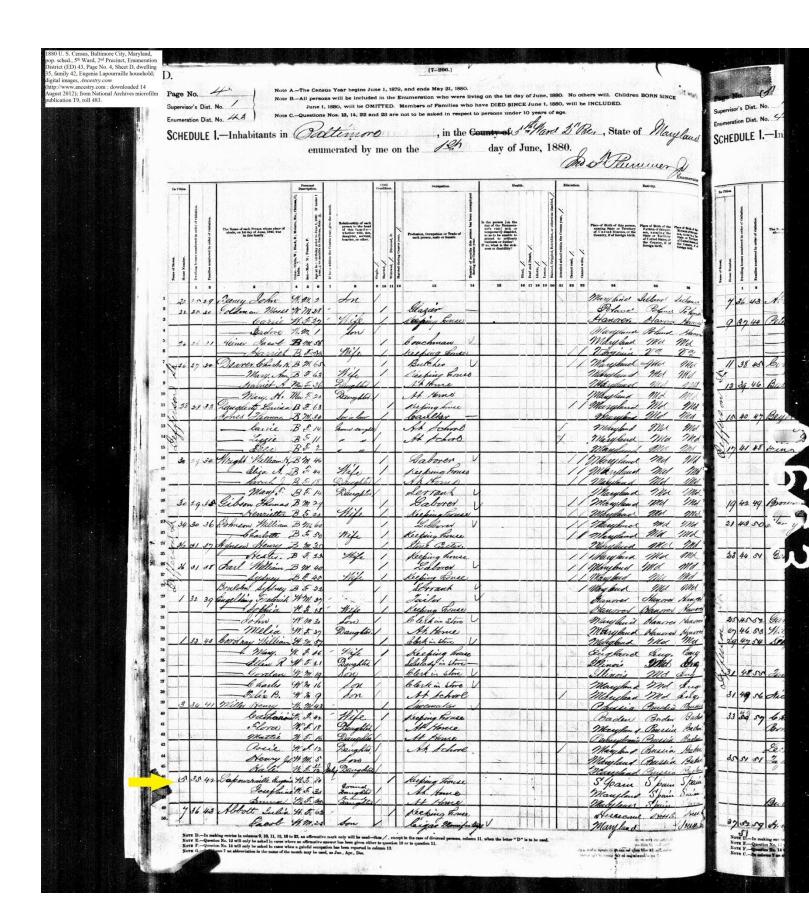
Roughly ten years after Pierre seemingly departed, Alfred appeared in the records as an adult, and had an active personal and business life until his death in 1863, at the age of 44. Alfred had three brothers, one of whom died at a young age. The fates of the other two are unknown. The latter half of the 19th century is a fascinating era and the research is rewarding.

³¹ National Archives and Records Administration. *National Archives Order for Copies of Passenger Arrival Records* (http://www.archives.gov/forms/pdf/natf-81.pdf : accessed 3 September 2012).

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. 1850 Federal Census
- B. 1880 Federal Census
- C. Obituary for Eugenia Lapouraille
- D. Marriage Announcement for Alfred Peter Lapouraille
- E. Obituary for Joseph August Latournadais
- F. Obituary for Frances L. Desvarreux
- G. Obituaries for James C. Desvarreux
- H. Revoire-Lapouraille Marriage License
- I. Interment Record for Eugenia Lapouraille
- J. Duclasse-Latournadais Marriage Record
- K. Revoire-Lapouraille Marriage Record
- L. Baptism of Emilia Latournadais
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"Died," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 5 June 1889, p. 2; digital image, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (http://www.proquest.com : accessed 3 August 2012).

LAPOURAILLE.—On Monday, 3d of June, at 5.50 o'clock, Mrs. EUGENIA in the 90th year of her age, widow of the late Pierrie Lapouraille.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 1209 Jefferson street, on Thursday morning, June 6, at eight o'clock, thence to St. John's Church, where a High Mass of Requiem will be said for the repose of her soul.

"Married," The (Baltimore) Sun, 27 November 1840, p. 2, digital image, ProQuest Historical Newspapers (http://www.proquest.com: accessed 3 August 2012).

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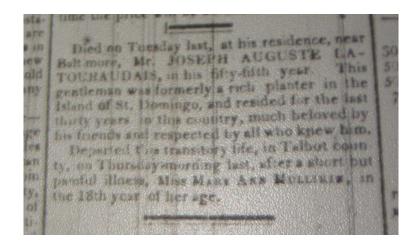
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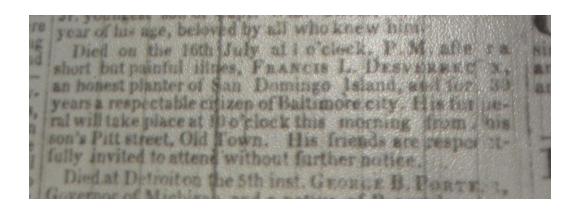
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Untitled [Death Notice for Francis L. Desverreux], (Baltimore) *American and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, 17 July 1834, p. 2, col. 5.





"The Collision at the Relay...: Brief Locals," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 20 November 1884, p. 4; digital image, ProQuest Historical Newspapers (http://www.proquest.com: accessed 10 August 2012).

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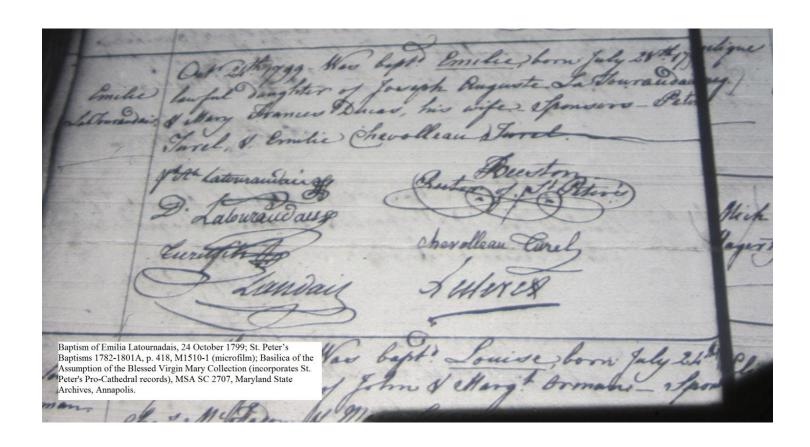
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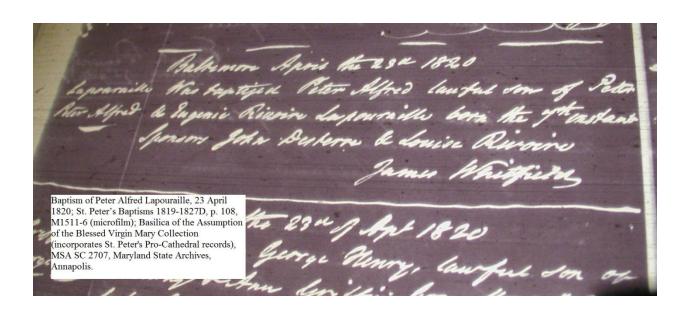
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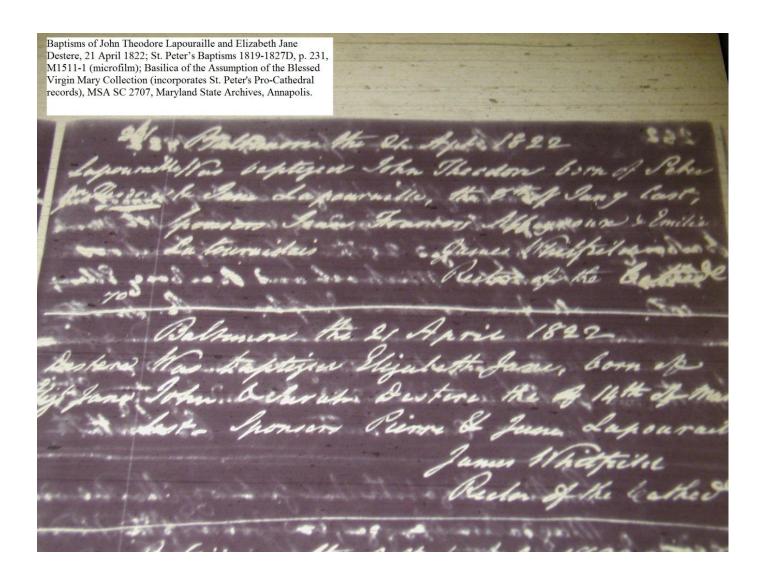
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Burial of Theodore Laparal [corrected to Lapouraille in the margin], 24 October 1833; Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1822-1849E, p. 185, M1511-7 (microfilm); Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection (incorporates St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral records), MSA SC 2707, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

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Pierre Lapouraille Search

1 message

Brian Lapouraille

Fri, Jul 20, 2012 at 12:41 PM

To: Malissa Ruffner <mruffner@gmail.com>

Dear Malissa,

We're glad you are ready to taken on the missing Pierre Lapouraille as a pro bono project for us. I understand that you would like to submit the research report as part of your BCG certification portfolio and you have our permission to do that. If you could spend about 20 hours researching locally, we gladly would reimburse any copying expenses.

Here is the limited info we have. Pierre's wife Eugenia (Revoise) died in 1889 and is buried in Greenmount Cemetery in Baltimore City but Pierre, the immigrant/patriarch of the family, is not with her. The family legend is that French-born Pierre came to Baltimore from Saint-Dominque (Haiti) in the early 1790's during the slave rebellion of 1791. He supposedly sent his family back to France from Saint-Dominque. He left sometime later and was unable to locate his family (possibly because of the French revolution) and came to Baltimore. The marriage of Pierre and Eugenia (1819) was recorded in a family bible, as well as the birth of their son Alfred Peter in March 1820. I'll give you a copy of the transcription. We know he was listed as a cigar manufacturer in the Baltimore City Directory of 1819.

We look forward to hearing of what you can discover about our Pierre.