

List of indentured (engagés) for the Compagnie de l'Isle St-Jean in 1720,

Les Archives départementales de la Charente-Maritime, 3E 592 fol. 29-34, 3E 592 fol. 120.
3E 574 fol. 102v-103

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*Stamp of La Rochelle,
two sols*

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Role _____ of the *engagés* made for the
messieurs _____ of the company of l'Isle de
Saint Jean, absents, Charles Deschambault Fleury
Esquire and their director in this city acting for the said company
For the persons subsequently named, prices will be
declared for each article that will concern them.
The said commitments before the undersigned Royal Notaries
of the city and government of la Rochelle
to go serve the said company at the said Isle St Jean
for three consecutive years which will begin on the day that the said *engagés*
will set foot at the said place
and will be in a condition to serve During which time they
will be fed them, their wives and children with bread and wine of
France a small shot of brandy every morning, housed
at the expense of the said company and provided with clogs
even more defrayed of their passages even for their
return in case they would want the three years finished
to come back to France otherwise by means of which promise to work
in their profession and in any other
reasonable things that will be ordered from them by the said
Company or those who will represent it and to embark at the first order
of Sieur Fleury on the ship that he will assign to go to the said Isle Saint Jean
Their wages payable in the said country or this city at their
option for half a year as they will enjoy. Besides they
will be provided with tools appropriate to their profession
and in addition six *sols* a day until their embarkment
in this harbor and in surplus to each of them six months in advance
in proportion to what they will earn, making ?? declaration
of their domicile in this said city the reason being before Notary to receive all acts
The ??? in the Role started
On this day the eighteenth of February nineteen hundred twenty,

First article,
18 february 1720

Charles Allain hunter (*chasseur*) native of Montaigu (?) in lower Poitou twenty-four years old or so for a hundred *livres* per year, on which he acknowledged having received six months in advance of the said Company, by the hands of the said Sieur Fleury declared not to know how to sign, as required

Jean Bignon dyer (*teinturier*) by profession, native of Cognac In Xaintonge aged twenty-six or so and Marie Petit his wife that he authorizes sufficiently at the rate of two hundred *livres* a year for the two of them, on and in deduction from the first of which they recognized have received half a year, and declared not to know how to sign, as required by the ordinance

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New writing

Louis Seguin circle bender (*plieur de cercle*) native of this city parish of St. Nicholas, aged forty years or so at the rate of twenty *livres* a month, which makes two hundred forty *livres* a year, on which he admitted having received half a year in advance and declared not to know how to sign, as required

Louis Verdault, plowman (*laboureur*) native of this said city, aged forty or so, and Catherine Faury his wife by him ??? authorized, Jean and Pierre Verdault their children aged fifteen and five at the rate of two hundred *livres* a year and for them all admitted to having received six months in advance, declared not to know how to sign, as required

François Cellier, also a plowman (*laboureur*) native of this city, forty years old or so and Anne de La Roche his wife whom he authorizes sufficiently, Jean Cellier that one aged fifteen and Pierre Boisseau of the same age son of de La Roche for two hundred *livres* per year and for them all on and in deduction from the first of which they acknowledged having received a half-year advance and declared not to know how to sign, as required by the ordinance

Pierre Dufour mattress maker (*matelassier*) native of this said city aged forty years or so at the rate of a hundred *livres* per year, on which he admitted having received six months in advance declared not to know how to sign, as required

Charles Humier, roofer (*couvreur*) native of the parish of Saint Nicholas of this town, aged thirty-seven and Renée Grenot his wife authorized by him and Marie Jopoix their ally aged sixteen years old for all of them the sum of two hundred *livres* on and as a deduction from the first year They recognize having received half a year in advance, and declared not to know how to sign, as required

Jacques Garcy pit sawyer, (*scieur de long*) native of Celles en Poitou thirty years old or so at the rate of a hundred fifty *livres* a year # acknowledged having received in advance six months on and deducted from the first year for him he signed # and for Marie Geopox (?) his fiancée in the presence of the Notary with the exception of the Geopox who declared not knowing how to sign as required

Jacques Garsain

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two sols*

Pierre _____ Gaillard plowman ? (*laboureur a bras*) native of Esnandes en Aunis and Louise Querouer his wife whom he authorized the said Gaillard twenty-five years old or so at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* a year, on the first year, they acknowledge having received six months in advance and declare having a daughter of the age of ten months and not knowing how to sign as required

Pierre Castumeau laborer (*journalier*) native of this city forty-nine years old or so and Marie Girardeau his wife authorized by him, for three hundred *livres* per year for the two of them, Marie and Françoise Castumeau their daughters, again for Suzanne Lagaignerie their ally they acknowledge having received on and as a deduction from their wages six months in advance, and declared not to know how to sign, as required by the ordinance

Anne Marsenac (or Marsenat) widow of Jean Daudouin midwife and matron (*sage femme et matronne*) of # this city fifty three years old for a hundred *livres* a year on which she acknowledged having received six months in advance, and declares not to know how to sign, as required # Cognac from where she resides

Jean Poyau plowman (*laboureur*) native of this city thirty-nine years old or so at the rate of a hundred *livres* for wage per year on this and in deduction of the first year he acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not to know how to sign as required

Pierre Barreau also a plowman (*laboureur*) native of Laleu thirty-six years old or so and Marguerite Barreau, his twelve-year-old daughter, at the rate of hundred and thirty *livres* a year and for both of them, on what they admitted having received half a year in advance and declared not to know how to sign as required

Jean Bernard plowman (*laboureur*) native of the parish Notre Dame of this town, thirty-nine years old and Elisabeth Ninquée his wife authorized by him, at the rate of a hundred and fifty *livres* a year for both recognized having received six months in advance as a deduction from their wages

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And declare also having a six month old daughter not to know how to sign, as required by the ordinance

26 february 1720

On the twenty-six of the said month

Jean Bodin, plowman (*laboureur*) native of the parish of 'Duijars' near Barbezieux in Xaintonge, nineteen years old at the rate of one hundred *livres* per year on and as a deduction from the first of which he received six months in advance and declared not to know how to sign, as required by the ordinance And lodged in the house of the named Martin plowman on Saint Claude Street, Parish of Notre Dame formerly Saint Nicolas

Jean Bouyer (Bouger) mason (*maçon*) and stonecutter (*tailleur de pierre*) native of Salles in Aunis twenty-six years old or so at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* a year declared having received six months in advance on and as a deduction from the first year, and not knowing how to sign as this requested

Vincent Devis plowman (*laboureur*) native of this town parish of Notre Dame, thirty-six years old or so # for one hundred *livres* per year * admitted having received six months in advance on and as a deduction from the first year and declared not knowing how to sign as requested # and Anne Gaillard his wife that he authorizes * and for both of them

Pierre Baucher laborer (*journalier*) native of Nantes parish of Sainte Croix thirty-two years old or so and Marie Mougga his wife by him sufficiently authorized at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* a year for both acknowledged having received ??? on the first year six months in advance and declared to have a four years old son and not knowing how to sign as requested

Jacques La Rousse mason (*maçon*) and stonecutter (*tailleur de pierre*)
native of this city twenty-five years old or so
and Jeanne Chesmau (or Chesneau) his wife whom he authorized at
the rate of two hundred *livres* a year for the two of them, declare
having two children, a boy and a girl aged
six and seven years old and having received half a year in advance
on and off the first year, not knowing how to sign as requested

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On March 3rd of the said year

3 march 1720
change of writing

Stamp of La Rochelle,
Two sols

Jean Brisson _____ service boy (*garçon de service*) and pit sawyer (*scieur de long*) native _____ of
La Rochelle, twenty-six years old
at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* a year
acknowledged having received on and as a deduction from the first
year, six months in advance and declares not knowing how to sign as requested

Ollivier
reengage on
april 22nd with
his wife

Ollivier Martin shoemaker (*cordonnier*), native of La Rochelle
twenty years old at the rate of a hundred twenty *livres* a year
declares having received six months in advance on and as a deduction of
his wages and not knowing how to sign as requested

Appeared Benoit Girardau (Girardeau), stonecutter (*tailleur de pierre*) of
profession, native of this city, parish of notre dame,
twenty-seven years old or so, at the rate of three hundred *livres*
per year for him than for Marie Dubois his wife
here present which he authorized, on which they recognized
having received six months in advance of their wages and the said
Dubois declared not knowing how to sign as required

Benoit Girardeau

Also appeared in person Jacques Girard
stonecutter (*tailleur de pierre*), native of the town parish of Notre Dame
twenty-six years old or so and Catherine Rouy e his wife
which he authorizes sufficiently at the rate for both of three
hundred *livres* a year having received six months in advance of their
wages and declared not knowing how to sign as this requested

Pierre Chavigneau gardener (*jardinier*) native of Payaud parish of
of ??? thirty-two years old and Marie Juttard his wife
authorized by him, at the rate of two hundred *livres* a year
for both, whereupon they acknowledged having received
six months in advance and declared that not knowing how to sign
as requested by ordinance

(a portefaix carries burden)

Aubin Escuyer, burden carrier ? (*portefaix*), native of this town, twenty-five years old or so, at the rate of one hundred *livres* per year for salary acknowledged having received six months on and as a deduction of the first year, declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Pierre Richard plowman (*laboureur a bras*), native of

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New writing

Croix-Chapeau twenty six years old or so at the rate of a hundred *livres* for wages on which he has acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Appeared Mathurin Beneteau plowman (*laboureur a bras*) native of Chagnolet parish Notre Dame, fifty years old or so and Pierre Beneteau his son a blacksmith (*forgeron*) apprentice eighteen years old at the rate for the said Mathurin father of a hundred *livres* a year and for the said Pierre his son, of seventy-five *livres* also a year, on which they acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested.

Pierre Loizeau (Lozeau) plowman (*laboureur*) native of la Couarde en L'Isle de Ré eighteen years old or so at the rate of seventy-five *livres* a year, he recognized having received six months on and as a deduction from the first year and signed. Pierre Lozeau

Pierre Poitdevin carpenter (*menuisier*) native of the city of Paris eighteen years old or so and Françoise Souillet his fiancée, aged twenty-four at the rate for both of two hundred *livres*, on and off of the first year, they acknowledged having received six months in advance the Souillet declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Pierre Poitevin

Appeared Marguerite Goullard widow of Pierre Jouin cooper, (*tonnelier*) domestic servant, (*servant domestique*) twenty-three years old or so, a native of Rochefort at the rate of a hundred *livres* salary per year, on and as a deduction from the first year acknowledged having received six months in advance and not knowing how to sign as requested

Louis Le Clos ploughman (*laboureur*) native of the village and parish Saint Médard en Aunis, eighteen years old or so At the rate of sixty *livres* per year on and as a deduction from the first year, he declared having received six months in advance and not knowing how to sign as requested as well as Marie Chaumont his mother here present who managed to present herself as pleasant

And also appeared Jean Barret (or Barre) cooper (*tonnelier*) native of the village and parish of La Laleu, twenty-two years old at the rate of one hundred and fifty-two *livres* per year acknowledged having received on and as a deduction from the first year six months in advance and signed Jean Barre

David Charron also cooper (*tonnelier*) native of the village and parish of Nioeuil (?), twenty years old or so at the rate of two hundred and fifty-two *livres* per year on what he received as a deduction from the first year six months in advance and signed. David Charron

Appeared Michel Bodin plowman, (*laboureur*) native of Barbezieux, twenty-four years old or so, at the rate of a hundred *livres* a year, for the first year, he recognized having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

24 march 1720

New writing

Today, the twenty-fourth of March, appeared Vincent Sicart plowman (*laboureur*) native of Marennes in Xaintonge, thirty years old or so at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* per year, on which he acknowledged having received six months in advance on and as a deduction from the first year, and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

On this day Michel Constand (Cousstand) native of the parish of Saint Martin Lars en Sainte Hermine, plowman, (*laboureur*) eighteen years old or so, at the rate of a hundred *livres* a year, on the first year he recognized having received a six-month advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Jean Lestrer also a plowman, (*laboureur*) native of this place, nineteen year old at the ??? salary of one hundred *livres* a year, he declared having received a similar six-month advance and declared that he did not know how to sign as requested

Charles Berton (Breton) native of Dampierre sur Boutonne in Poitou a plowman (*laboureur*) twenty-three years old or so, at the rate of twelve *livres* a month acknowledged receiving six months ahead of the first year and signed. Breton

Jean De Vauzelle also plowman, (*laboureur*) native of this place, twenty four years old, for twelve *livres* also per month, recognized having six months in advance, declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Jacques Bonhomme, plowman (*laboureur*) native of Dampierre on Button eighteen years old or so, at the rate of fifty *livres* a year, declared that he received six months in advance. Signs Jacques Bonhomme

Jean Rivière also plowman (*laboureur*) of Mouchamps in Poitou nineteen years old, at the rate of one hundred *livres* a year on and as a deduction from the first year acknowledges having received six months in advance, declared not knowing how to sign as required

on this day march twenty fourth

Jacques Fournat ox plowman ? (*laboureur a bœuf*) native of La Laigne in Anis, twenty-two years old or so, at the rate of one hundred and twenty *livres* per year, on and as a deduction from the first year, he admitted having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

Desgaye (?) DuBois also plowman (*laboureur*) of Benon twenty-two years old, at the rate of one hundred and twenty *livres* per year acknowledged having received a six-month advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

Blaise Sallomon, similarly a plowman, (*laboureur*) a native of Lareille (?) of Poitiers, twenty years old with the same wages above, on which he admitted having received a similar advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested

30 march 1720

New writing

On the thirtieth of the said month and year

Appeared Jacques Tein baker (*boulangier*) native of La Motte-Saint-Héray in Poitou, twenty-three years old or so at the rate of two hundred sixteen *livres* a year on and as a deduction from the first year, he has acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

Baptiste Sornain also a baker (*boulangier*) from Poitiers, twenty-two years old or so for the same sum of two hundred and sixteen *livres* a year on the first year He recognized having received a six-month advance on his wages and declared not knowing how to sign as required

Appeared in his person François Vincent also a baker (*boulangier*) native of Vix near Marans in Poitou thirty years old or so at the rate of two hundred and sixteen *livres* per year as a deduction of the first of which he acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as requested by ordonnance

Guillaume Charvau circle maker and bender (*faisseur et plieur de cercle*) native of Fontenay in Poitou, about twenty-five years old, at the rate of a hundred thirty-five *livres* for each year, deducted from the first which he acknowledged having received six months in advance and signed
Guillaume Charvau

This entry is crossed out

nil Pierre Gaullier (Gaultier) flour maker (*farinier*) from Poiré-sous-la Roche twenty years old or so, at the rate of one hundred *livres* a year in deduction of the first he acknowledged having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

This entry is crossed out

nil Honoré Teisson also a flour maker (*farinier*) from Beaulieu sous la Roche thirty years old, at the rate of one hundred *livres* a year, recognized having received such an advance as above, declared not to know how to sign as requested

12 april 1720
New writing

April 12th ??

Appeared Pierre Beaussay gardener and plowman (*jardinier et laboureur*) from the parish of Sainte-Radegonde de Poitiers twenty four years old at the rate of one hundred twenty *livres* a year recognized an advance of sixty *livres* declared not knowing how to sign as requested

15 april 1720

the 15 of the said

Jean Lemaistre carpenter for large works (*charpentier de gros oeuvres*) native of Rennes twenty three years old at the rate of two hundred *livres* a year on which he admitted having received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

new writing

???

Jean Alletru, native of Saint-Martin proche Thiré en Poitou nineteen years old At the rate of one hundred *livres* per year received six months in advance and does not know how to sign

18 april 1720

on the eighteenth ??

Appeared Jean Requet (Bequet) native of Dampierre in Aunis baker of his profession, (*boulangier*) twenty-two years old or so, at the rate of one hundred fifty *livres* a year, received a six-month advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

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19 april 1720

on the nineteenth of April

Appeared Louis Robert Baisson native of this city, thirty-two years old, at the rate of one hundred and twenty *livres* a year, received six months in advance and declared that he did not know how to sign as required

? april 1720

on

Appeared Etienne Poirier turner and carpenter (*tourneur et menuisier*) from the parish of Muron seventeen years old at the rate of eighty *livres* a year received six months in advance E. poyrier

22 april 1720

on 22

Appeared Julien Blot carpenter of large works (*charpentier de gros ouvrages*) from of the parish Of Bouchon in Anjou, aged twenty-three years old and at the rate of one hundred and fifty *livres* per year does not know how to sign, received six months in advance

New writing

Ollivier
already
engaged alone
on march 3rd

Appeared on the said day Ollivier Martin shoemaker (*cordonnier*) from this city parish of notre dame twenty years old and et Suzanne Brellouin his fiancée from him if necessary ??? authorized at the rate of a one hundred twenty *livres* per year for him Martin and fifty *livres* also per year for Brellouin recognized having received six months in advance Martin et Brellouin declare not knowing how to sign as requested

Appeared Pierre Biron coal maker, (*faiseur de charbon*) native of Benon (?) twenty years old, at the rate of one hundred and twenty *livres* a year received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

23 april 1720

on the 23

Appeared Pierre Got, gardener (*jardinier*) native of La Ronde in Aunis, twenty-one years old, at the rate of one hundred and twenty *livres* a year, received six months in advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

1 may 1720

On May first today (?)

New writing

Jean Chauvet, cooper (*tonnelier*) native of Chagnollet en Aunis
Twenty years old at the rate of one hundred *livres* per year
Received six months in advance and declared
not knowing how to sign as requested

?????? Role in la Rochelle may second

Seventeen hundred twenty

Guillemnot (?) Absourre(?)

Fleury

Passed at La Rochelle on

3 may 1720 received two (?) thousand and plus

partly in banknotes

Chaumone

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8 may 1720

on 8 May seventeen hundred twenty

A comparu Jean Sureau day laborer (*journalier*) natif de Cours (?) en Poitou
âgé de trente-cinq ou environ et ???Dubreuil sa femme
de lui autorisée moyennant pour eux deux cent cinquante *livres*
par an s'engage a la Compagnie de Isle St Jean pour le temps
complet ou trois (?) portées pour l'engagement devant ??? ou
reconnait avoir reçu six mois d'avance et on déclaré ne savoir
signer de ce requis

Appeared Jean Sureau day laborer (*journalier*) native of Cours (?) in Poitou thirty-five years
old or so and ??? Dubreuil his wife authorized by him at the rate for both of two hundred
and fifty *livres* per year commit to the Compagnie de Lisle St Jean for the time complete and
transported for the engagement in other places ??? recognized having received six months in
advance and declared not knowing how to sign as required

Fleury

Soulart (?). Anbarr (?)

Inscription in the side margin

A La Rochelle

Le 11 mai ??? ???

Chaumond

Other contracts, 3E 592 fol. 120. 3E 574 fol. 102v-103

(Transcription of one of the contracts, all the others are similar, the specific details are listed below)

In front of the Royal Notaries in la Rochelle, were present in their persons en leur personnes Jean Laydet et Jean Micheau pit sawyers (scieurs de long), natives of this city aged thirty years or so who have voluntarily committed themselves to Charles Deschambault Fleury Esquire Écuyer director of the Company of l'isle Saint Jean to go serve the said Company at the said place in all reasonable matters which will be commissioned from their profession for only one year which begins the day that Laydet et Micheau will set foot on the Isle and will be in condition to serve during which time of the said year they will be fed with bread and wine of France, a small shot of brandy every morning, engaged at the expense of the Company and provided with shoes defrayed of their passages even for their return in case they would want the three years finished to come back to France otherwise the *engages* promise to embark at the first order of Sieur Fleury on the ship that he will assign them to go to the said Isle Saint Jean This engagement made at the rate of eighteen *livres* per month for each of the said Laydet et Micheau payable to them in the said country or in this city at their choice ??? on which they acknowledge that the said Sieur Fleury paid and advanced half a year of their wages to get them clothes, linens and commodities in order to be in condition to execute the above moreover the Company will provide them with the tools and other instruments needed for their trade, also ten *sols* per day for their food until their embarkation in this harbor ??? intention of departure and from whom ??? only ??? Depends ??? ??? knowing the said Sieur Fleury ??? ?????????????? ??? at the Notary study in La Rochelle in the morning February eighteen seventeen hundred twenty where the said Laydet and Michaud declare not knowing how to sign as requested

Fleury

Soullant (?).

Desbarres

31 january 1720

Gilles Le Roy, *taillandier**, native of Brittany, twenty-five years old, engaged for three years, at the rate of one hundred and eighty livres for each of the three years,maintained with clogs. receives ninety livres in advance for clothes, linens and commodities.

(* *Artisan who manufactures iron tools and cutting instruments*)

18 february 1720

Jean Laydet, and Jean Micheau, two pit sawyers, (*scieurs de long*), natives of La Rochelle, thirty years old or so, hired for a year, at the rate of eighteen livres a month,maintained with clogs.received half a year in advance for clothes, linens and commodities.

Pierre Gaigneur, a native of Dompierre, twenty-six years old, and Jean Normandin, thirty years old or so, a native of La Motte, both ploughmen. (*laboueurs*) Engaged for eighteen months, at the rate of one hundred and twenty livres per year, maintained with clogs ... received half a year, sixty pounds in advance for clothes, linens and commodities.

Pierre and Michel Rouilly, brothers, ploughmen, (*laboueurs*) natives of La Rochelle, aged eighteen years old and twenty-five years old or so. Engaged for eighteen months, at the rate of one hundred and twenty livres per year,maintained with clogs.....received half a year, sixty pounds in advance for clothes, linen and commodities.

Pierre Cosset, cooper and sailor, (*tonnelier et matelot*) native of Bois en Aunis, thirty-four years old or so. Engaged for eighteen months, for twenty-one livres per month, ...maintained with shoes...receives half a year, one hundred and twenty-six pounds in advance for clothes, linens and commodities.

2 march 1720

Jean Rambault, pit sawyer (*scieur de long*) native of Sirizay (?) in Poitou thirty years old and Vincent Lehire, (Le Hir) also pit sawyer, native of Vannes in Brittany twenty three years old. Engaged for eighteen months at the rate of thirty livres per month, ...provided with shrouds, mattresses, blankets....received half a year to get commodities. In addition, they receive fifteen sols a day for their food until they embark.