

François Peloquin, dit Credit
(8th Great-Grandfather of Charles Sieracki)

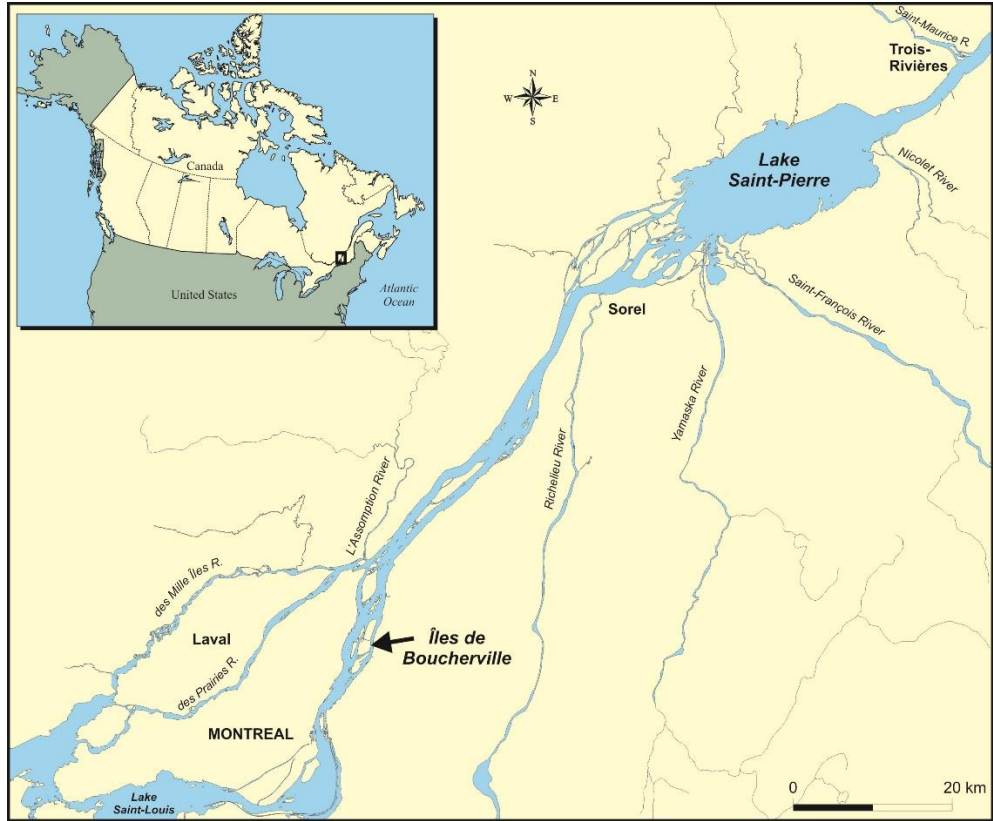


Soldiers in New France

François Peloquin, a soldier of the company of Saint-Ours, was the first Peloquin to leave France for Canada about 1690. The son of Mathurin and Ambroise Syllart Peloquin, he was born about 1657 in Poitou, France. On July 8, 1699, in the church of Notre Dame in Three-Rivers, Quebec, he married Marie Niquet, daughter of Pierre Niquet and Françoise Lemoyne, and the widow of Dominique Jutras and mother of his five children. (Françoise Lemoine was a *filles du roi* from Paris, the St.-Laurent-St.-Giles parish, born there in 1645 to Antoine Lemoine & Françoise De Longuemerière.) François and Marie had one daughter, Marie-Therese and two sons, Felix and François. In November, 1706, his wife died shortly after a fire destroyed their home in Three-Rivers. On July 24, 1707, a notary listed the estate to include two oxen, three cows, two calves, two piglets, and one plow. François then married Marie Françoise Harel, herself a widow of Pierre Blanchet and mother of their five children.

King Louis XIV sent soldiers to Canada to protect the settlers from attacks of the Iroquois Indians. Many soldiers including François settled in Canada and were granted plots of farm land. François

received a plot, three acres wide and forty and one-half acres deep, along the shore of Lake Saint-Pierre on the St. Lawrence River. Today, this plot corresponds to parcel number 585 of the survey of Nicolet-South. He also acquired his nickname, dit Credit, while serving in the army. In the Gascon dialect, “peloko” refers to the husk of grain seeds. Pelouquin may be a reference to someone who removes the husk during the milling of grain. François worked as a miller along with farming his land, but ultimately he had to sell his land to pay his debts. He died in July, 1727 at the age of 70 and was buried at Saint-Ours, Quebec.



Lake Saint Pierre