

Dorothee Monet:
French & African Freedwoman
(30 October 1777—aft. 17 December 1821)

Research Notes

Dorothee Monet Family Summary:

Born: 30 October 1777, Grand Coast plantation of Jean Baptiste Dupré, Natchitoches Post¹
Daughter of: **Marguerite** (African) of Guinea; and Louis Monet (French Créole, 1753–1804)²
Relationships: (1) **Jean Baptiste Balthasar** (*griffe*), who later married Marie Rose Metoyer (French and African)
(2) *likely* **Jean Pierre Cloutier** (French Créole)
(3) *likely* **Pierre-Toussaint Metoyer** (French and African)
Died: after 17 December 1821

Child of Dorothee and Jean Baptiste Balthasar (*griffe*):

1. **J. B. CYRIAQUE MONET**, b. c1795, Rivière aux Cannes; carpenter; married 28 November 1837, Isle Brevelle, Marie Marguerite LeComte, “major daughter of Magdeleine Le Comte,” all free people of color. At marriage, they legitimized three children: **Baptiste**, born c1828; **Marie Elina**, born September 1830 (1835?), and **Marie Lise?**, born October 1836.³

Child of Dorothee and, likely, Jean Pierre Cloutier (French Créole):⁴

2. **MARIE HENRIETTE DOROTHÉE CLOUTIER**, b. about December 1796,⁵ Rivière aux Cannes; married: (1) Pierre Metoyer Jr., free man of color, son of Pierre Metoyer (French) and Marie Thérèse Coincoin (Black Créole), 31 December 1817;⁶ (2) Émile Dupart, free man of color, son of Charles Dupart and Victoire Mulon, 14 November 1842.⁷

¹ Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Natchitoches, 1729–1803: Translated Abstracts of the Catholic Church Registers of the Parish of St. François des Natchitoches in Louisiana* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1977), entry 2326.

² See the evidence assembled in E. S. Mills, “Louis Monet’s Daughters Dorothee and Dorothee: Sorting Tri-Racial roots of Two Previously Merged, Colonial Born Freedwomen,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 109 (June 2021): 85–110.

Also see Gary B. Mills, “Backtracking a Cross-Racial Heritage in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries: Rachal and Monet of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana,” *The American Genealogist* 65 (July 1990): 129–42. This 1990 study covered three genealogical problems: the misidentified parentage of one Joseph Rachal (1848–1927), the change of family surname made during the lifetime of Joseph’s father Narcisse Monet, and the identity of Joseph’s slave-born grandmother “Dorothee Monet.” The 1990 resolutions of the first two problems still stand. The third issue is corrected in “Louis Monet’s Daughters Dorothee and Dorothee.” The present set of research notes, along with its companion paper for this Dorothee’s half-sister, provides the raw data that underpin the separation of the two Dorothees.

³ Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Natchitoches Church Marriages, 1818–1850: Translated Abstracts from the Registers of St. François des Natchitoches* (Tuscaloosa: Mills Historical Press, 1985), entry 375, citing Reg. 12, no. 30-1837. For Cyriaque as a carpenter, see his affidavit of 13 June 1835 in his “Private Land Claims” file for S1 T7N R7W at Louisiana State Office of Lands, *Search Historical Documents* (www.slodms.doa.la.gov/WebForms/DocumentViewer.aspx?docId=510.00063&category=H#132: accessed 6 June 2019).

⁴ See the proof argument presented in Mills, “Louis Monet’s Daughters,” 105–6.

⁵ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1729–1803: Translated Abstracts*, entry 3144.

⁶ Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts of Register Number Five of the Catholic Church Parish of St. François des Natchitoches in Louisiana* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1980), entry 784.

⁷ Mills, *Natchitoches Church Marriages, 1818–1850*, entry 541.

RESEARCH NOTES

1 MARCH 1778

Baptism of **Dorotea**, born 31 October 1777, natural daughter of **Margarita**, a slave of **Juan Bautista Dupres**. Godparents: Joseph Dupré and **Dorotea** Peraut.⁸

10 NOVEMBER 1781

Succession, Jean Baptiste Dupré, inventory itemizes “Negress **Marguerite** aged 35, and her **mulatto** daughter, Dorothee, aged 3.”⁹

COMMENT:

- The 7 September 1769 marriage contract of Jean Baptiste Dupré to Marie Louise Marguerite LeComte includes a list of his enslaved people but does not include Dorothee’s mother Marguerite.¹⁰ Apparently, he acquired Marguerite between 1769 and 1778.
- The 1781 will of **Dupré** gives freedom to **Jean Baptiste Balthasar**, a “**griffe**” aged 7, and Cécile, aged 9, “in consideration of the good services of their mother, an **Indian** of the _____ nation” [*sic*].¹¹ Balthasar would be the father of Dorothee’s first child, born 1795 and baptized 1797. See that date below.
- That son, baptized as “Jean Baptiste” and inventoried in 1825 as “J. B. Suriaque, son of Dorothee,” married in 1837 under the name “Cyriaque Monet ... son of Baltazar Monet and Dorothee Monet.” (See below for both the 1825 and 1837 records.)

15 AUGUST 1785

Mme. Veuve B^{te} Dupré sells the following to **Louis Monet**:

- a *negresse Creolle* named Françoise aged 23, and her children
 - her son Remy aged 6
 - a small mulatto named Marie Louise aged about 3 years
 - a small *nègre* named Charles aged about 1 and ½ years

COMMENT:

This Françoise was the daughter of Marie Thérèse Coincoin, illegally sold as a child by her mistress to a trader who immediately resold her to Jean Baptiste Dupré.¹² As a free woman of color, Dorothee is found repeatedly in records of Françoise’s free brothers surnamed Metoyer.

- a *negresse* named Thérèse, aged about 40 years and her children
 - a small *nègre* named Athanaze, aged 7
 - a small *negresse* named Nanette, aged 3 years
 - a small *negresse* named Marie Josephe, 2 years

⁸ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1729–1803: Translated Abstracts*, entry 2326.

⁹ Natchitoches Colonial Archives (NCA) Doc. 1554, succession of Jean Baptiste Dupré, August–September 1781. All legal records cited in this paper, unless cited to another repository, are from this office.

¹⁰ NCA Doc. 593, Dupré-LeComte marriage contract, 7 September 1769.

¹¹ Natchitoches Parish Court files, Heirs of Dupré vs. Cloutier, microfilm PC 22.

¹² NCA Doc. 756, Marie St. Denis to Sr. Delissard Jouhannis, and NCA Doc. 771, Sr. de Lisard Jouannis to Jn. Bte. Dupré. For an overview of Françoise’s life, see Gary B. Mills and Elizabeth Shown Mills, *The Forgotten People: Cane River’s Creoles of Color*, rev. ed. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013), 47–48.

- a small *mulâtresse* named **Dorothee**, aged 7 years
- a young *negrillon* named Antoine, aged 15
- 3 arpents frontage of land, to the depth that it is able to carry.

The price for the slaves is 3500 piasters. The price for the land is 69 piasters. Total 3569 piasters. Widow Dupré made her mark. Louis Monet signed neatly. Witnesses: Paul Marcollai, Joseph Capuran. Pierre Rousseau, commandant.¹³

10 OCTOBER 1785

Marriage contract of **Louis Monnet**, major son of deceased Pierre Mathieu Monnet and deceased Babet [Elisabeth] Rachal, native of Natchitoches, with **Widow Baptiste Dupré**, daughter of deceased Jean Baptiste Lecompte and Marguerite LeRoy, native of Natchitoches. The inventory of slaves belonging to Monnet included: “one *negresse* named **Marguerite, native of Guinea**, aged 30, and her child, “a small *mulâtresse* named **Dorothee**, 7, valued at 500 piasters.” Land consisted of 4 arpents frontage at one league (about 3 miles) from the post, on the east side of the river, bordered above by Athanaze Poisot and below by the bride.¹⁴

22 FEBRUARY 1797

Baptism of **Jean Baptiste**, aged two years, **mulatto son of Dorothee**, **mulatress** slave of **Mr. Monet**, and a father unknown. Godparents: Louis Rachal, represented by Louis Monet, and Marguerite Leroi, Widow [J. B.] Lecompte, represented by Marguerite Lecompte [wife of Monet], her daughter.

Baptism of **Henriette**, aged two months, **quadroon daughter of Dorothee**, **mulatress** slave of Mr. Monet, and a father unknown. Godparents: Louis, a free mulatto, and Marie Louise, a free mulatress.¹⁵

COMMENT:

The presence at this baptism of the old Louis Rachal suggests that Dorothee is living at Lower Rivière aux Cannes, where her father and his uncle Louis Rachal were near neighbors.

1801

Louis Monet “agrees to the estimate that has been put upon a *mulatress* named **Dorothee**, aged about 22, which belonged to him, having acquired her from **Madame Marie Louise** before his marriage to said lady. Therefore Emanuel Derbanne has paid him \$800 for her freedom.”¹⁶

COMMENT:

Third-party manumissions of this type are typically found, at Natchitoches, in cases in which the white father wanted to manumit an enslaved child he had fathered but did not want to publicly acknowledge.

I have found no evidence of a prior or subsequent relationship between Dorothee and Derbanne.¹⁷ Neither this Dorothee nor her children would ever use the Derbanne name.

¹³ NCA Doc. 1831, Mme. Widow Baptiste Dupré to Louis Monet, 15 August 1785.

¹⁴ NCA Doc. 1839, Monnet-Dupré marriage contract, 10 October 1785.

¹⁵ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1729–1803: Translated Abstracts*, entries 3143–3144.

¹⁶ “Old Natchitoches Data,” vol. 2:40, typescript, Melrose Collection, Cammie G. Henry Research Center, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches.

¹⁷ Some confusion is caused for researchers by the existence of a third freedwoman Dorothee, born into slavery on the plantation of Emanuel Derbanne’s father Pierre. That Dorothee, who married Joseph Levigne and identified herself as Dorothee Boisdoré, is addressed subsequently in this paper.

20 MAY 1804

Baptism of Thérèse, aged 1 year, daughter of Thérèse, slave of Me. Veuve Jacques Fort. Godparents: Jean Baptiste, slave of Mr. Metoier and **Dorothee, a free mulatress**.¹⁸

COMMENT:

This record suggests that Dorothee, as a free woman, moved back to the Grand Coast where she had been born. This is the area in which Louis Monet lived at the time he fathered her.

“Mr. Metoier” was Pierre Metoyer, the French father (by Marie Thérèse Coincoin) of the multiracial Augustin, Louis, Pierre, and Toussaint Metoyer who are frequently referenced in this set of research notes for Dorothee.

1 JUNE 1806

Baptism of **Pierre Noel**, Negro born 24 December 1805, son of Margueritte, slave of **Marie Thérèse** [Coincoin], free Negro. Godparents: Athanase, free Negro, and **Dorothee**, free mulatto.¹⁹

COMMENT:

Again, Dorothee’s actions of record place her in the neighborhood of her birth.

30 DECEMBER 1806

“**Jean Baptiste Balthazar** claims a tract of Land in the County of Natchitoches, containing 353.12 acres, superficial, on both sides of Red River, having the front Breadth & Depth as figured on the enclosed plat, which by Virtue of a Concession to him accorded by the Baron Carondelet dated the 18th May 1796 which Requette & plat are filed with this notice & having resided upon & cultivated the same agreeably to the Acts of Congress for ascertaining and adjusting the Titles & Claims to Lands in the Territory of Orleans & District of Louisiana. Decr. 30th 1806. For the claimant **Jas F. Porter**. Recd. 2nd March 1812 the Plat filed in this claim, Joseph Irwin.”²⁰

COMMENT:

Porter, a justice of the peace who filed Balthazar’s claim, was the third husband of Marie Louise Marguerite LeComte, widow of Dupré and Monet.

Note that Porter, like Cloutier in 1812 when he filed an affidavit for Balthazar, used no racial designation for Balthazar. However, the plat created by Sam Cook, Deputy Surveyor, on 9 February 1807 called him “John Bat^e Baltazar, a free *Mulatto*.” Both Porter (whose land lay adjacent to Balthazar according to the plat) and Cloutier used the term “mulatto” freely for other people of color. The will by which J. B. Balthasar was freed as a child called him a *griffe*—i.e., a person of Native-American and African-American parentage. The sister freed with him was not identified as a *griffe* or *Indien*, implying that her father was white.

4 JUNE 1810

Credit sale for the purpose of manumission. Widow Monet, wife of Porter, conveys **Henriette** to Toussaint Metoyer. \$640 on credit.²¹

¹⁸ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1873.

¹⁹ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 2001.

²⁰ Claim B1831, S44&45 T6N R5W, Northwestern District; imaged at Louisiana Office of State Lands, *OSL: Search Historical Documents* (<https://www.slodms.doa.la.gov/WebForms/DocumentViewer.aspx?docId=510.00059&category=H#248> also #142 : accessed 25 July 2020).

²¹ Natchitoches Miscellaneous Book 1: 226.

COMMENT:

See the subsequent document of 1811 in which Widow Monet conveys Henriette to *her mother Dorothee*, not to Toussaint Metoyer who had assumed responsibility for buying her freedom.

2 NOVEMBER 1812

Marie Louise LeComte Porter (x) sells to the free *mulatresse* **Dorothee** (x) a young *mulatresse* named **Henriette**, aged about 16, for \$650 cash. It is the intention of both parties that Henriette is to be free. Witnesses: Comte *fils*, and Brun.²²

COMMENT:

Mme. Porter (Widow Monet) did not use the surname Monet for *this* Dorothee.

18 NOVEMBER 1811

"In the claim of **Jean Bte. Baltazar** for a Tract of Land in Red River in the County of Natchitoches, **Alexis Cloutier** being sworn deposeth and saith that the Tract of Land claimed has been inhabited and cultivated for more than twelve years preceding this date without interruption by the Said Baltazar. [Signed] Alexis Cloutier (x his mark), Sworn at Opelousas in Presence of the Board, 18th Novr. 1811."²³

11 AUGUST 1813

SUCC. BOOK 1:49–50

Marginal note: Succession of "Jean Bte., free mulatto." Text identifies him as **Jean Baptiste, homme de couleur libre**, who died in the month of May 1812. **Pierre Charuau, justice of the peace** in the parish of Natchitoches, district of Isle à Brevelle, acting under order of the parish judge, at the request of **Louis Metoyer, mulâtre libre**, executor of the will of deceased "Jean Baptiste *homme de couleur* and Marie Rose, his widow, has gone to the residence of the said Louis Metoyer at Isle à Brevelle, to make an inventory of the goods in the presence of Mr. Lavespère and Charles LeMoine. Goods are a typical assortment of items held by a yeoman farmer, along with one *négre Créole* named Toussaint, aged about 15 years (\$150), and a tract of land containing 6 arpents frontage on each bank of Red River, with the depth it is able to carry, bounded above by land of Mr. B^{mie} Rachal and below by Mr. Nicolas Boden (\$300). Items on this land were, after the death of the deceased, carried to the domicile of the said Louis Metoyer for estimation. Signed: P^{re} Charuau, Justice of the peace; Lavespère; Charles Lemoine (x); Louis Metoyer (x); Marie Rose (x).

Balthasar's will reads, in part: "I, Jean Baptiste, a free man of color, the son [torn] of an Indian woman" bequeath to "my wife Marie Rose Baptiste" 1/3 of my land on Red River containing 10 arpents frontage on each side, with ordinary depth, bounded on the upper by lands of Alexan[der] McAlpin and below by lands originally belonging to Louis Monet. "To my son Jean Baptiste," 1/3 part of my land. "To my daughter Marie Rose Baptiste," 1/3 part.

COMMENT:

Balthasar's land, adjoining McAlpin, lay in the Hidden Hill area of Rivière aux Cannes, below Cloutierville. McAlpin's plantation is today known as Little Eva.

²² NCA Doc. 4019, Mme. Porter to Dorothee.

²³ Claim B1831, S44 T6N R5W, Northwestern District; imaged at Louisiana Office of State Lands, *OSL: Search Historical Documents* (<https://www.slodms.doa.la.gov/WebForms/DocumentViewer.aspx?docId=510.00059&category=H#247> also #142 : accessed 25 July 2020).

21 AUGUST 1813

Marginal note: “Public sale of the goods of deceased **Jean Baptiste, man of color.**” Same ethnic label in the document. Sale conducted by Charuau, at domicile of Louis Metoyer, in presence of Marie Rose “also a free *mulatress*, his widow.” Purchasers: Mr. Louis Metoyer M.L., Mr. Guillaume Bernard, Augustin Metoyer with Mr. Baptiste Latier as surety, François Millon with Dominique Metoyer as surety, Mr. Jn. Pre. Mie. Dubois with Mr. **Etienne Rachal** as surety, Mr. Guillaume Bernard with Mr. Lambre *fils* as surety; Dominique Lange M.L. with Augustin Metoyer surety, François Metoyer M.L. with Augustin Metoyer surety, Mr. **Porter**, Mr. Pierre Nolasque with Charles Lemoin surety, Augustin Metoyer with Baptiste Lattier surety, Charles Lemoine with Jean Massippe surety, Mr. Porter with Augustin Metoyer surety, **Athanas *negre libre* with Mr. Porter surety**, Mr. Bapte Latier with Augustin Metoyer surety, Joseph Jonca with Joseph Metoyer surety. Louis Metoyer bought the land. Signed: Lavespere, Comte fils, Anty, P^{re} Charuau, Justice of the peace. Approved by P. D. Cailleau Lafontaine, parish judge. \$1083.40 total. Land not sold.²⁴

8 JANUARY 1818

Marriage. **Pierre Metoyer** and **Henriette**. [Entry partially destroyed]. Groom: native of this post, free man of color, widower of Marie Perinne. Bride: native of this post, aged 18 years, natural daughter of **Dorotea**, also a free woman of color.²⁵

8 JANUARY 1818

ST. FRANÇOIS CHURCH

Baptism of unnamed child [Marie Ozitte], born 14 ___ 1816, legitimate daughter of Pier Metoyer and [blank; should be Henriette], all free people of color. Godparents: **Ciriac** and **Dorotée**, both colored.²⁶

COMMENT:

J. B. Cyriaque was the older brother of Henriette. The godmother who served with him would be his and Henriette’s mother Dorothee. Note that the surname *Monet* is not being applied to her, although Cyriaque, at his marriage in the 1830s, identified his mother as “Dorothee Monet.”

7 AUGUST 1820

CENSUS

[Census of Natchitoches Proper continued”—i.e., the Grand Coast, from Natchitoches down to Isle Brevelle]²⁷

Juan La Long [Jean LaLande]

Joseph Perault

Toussant Metoyer	1 fpc male	26–44	1 fpc female	26–44 [Dorothee?]	3 in agri
	1 fpc male	0–9	1 fpc female	0–9	
	1 slave males	26–44	1 slave female	16–25	
			1 slave female	16–25	
			1 slave male	0–9	

²⁴ Natchitoches Succession Book 1: 51–54.

²⁵ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 784.

²⁶ The marriage contract of Pierre Metoyer and Henriette legitimized their children “Marie Ozitte aged 23 months” and “Pierre Nereste, aged 9 months”; see Natchitoches “Book 2 & 3, Marriage & Misc. (1816–1819), doc. 122. “Ozite” and her brother “Neres” are also named as children of Henriette in the table of Dupré-Monet slaves filed in the case, Heirs of Dupré v. Alexis Cloutier, Parish Court Microfilm PC.22 (1825).

²⁷ 1820 U.S. census, Natchitoches Parish, La., stamped p. 97.

COMMENT:

Neither Dorothee nor her son J. B. Cyriaque are heads-of-household on this census. The household data for Dorothee's daughter Henriette and husband Pierre Metoyer, fmc, do not have excess family members of the right age to be Dorothee or Cyriaque. Considering the number of instances in which Dorothee appears on record coupled with Toussaint as godparents in this era, it appears likely that she is the female listed in a "wife and mother" position in Toussaint's household.

Joseph Vercher
Louis Rachall Senr.
John Henselman
Joseph Foret
Ant. Prudhomme
[etc.]

["Commencing at the Lower line of the plantation of Emanuel Prudhomme [i.e., beginning at Isle Brevelle] ... down to the limit at the river called Riviere aux Cannes.]²⁸

Jno. Bat. Rachall
Phillip Frederick
Baltazard Brevell
Widow [Jacques] Lavesseur
Christopher [Pero?]
Pierre Chellette
Frans. Robieu
P.S. Compere
Julion Rachall
J. F. Hertzog
Pierre Delouche
Paul Poissot
John Grillet
Jose Falcion
Frans. Chellette
Jacques Lecaze

Pierre Metoyer	1 fpc male	45+	1 fpc female	26–44	1 in merchandising
	2 fpc males	16–25	2 fpc females	0–9	3 in agriculture
	2 slave males	45+	1 slave female	45+	
	2 slave males	10–15	1 slave female	16–25	
	1 slave male	0–9			

Wid. Bmy. Rachall
Jno. Bt. Couty
Augt. Langlois
Frs. Derbanne

²⁸ 1820 U.S. census, Natchitoches Parish, La., stamped p. 98.

Frs. Lavaspere
Ant. Bmy Rachall
Jno. Bte. Derbanne
Fs? Frederick
Pierre Londriau
Susanne Metoyer
Conan Metoyer
Joseph Lovine [LeVigne]
Augt. [Augustin] Metoyer
Gones Con [sic]

COMMENT:

The only discernible candidate for “Gones Con” is Augustin Metoyer’s full-*nègre* half-brother Nicolas Coin Coin who used his mother’s *dit* (*var.* Conne Quoin and numerous other phonetic spellings) as his surname. If so, then he is double-listed on this census—appearing again above Natchitoches as a male head-of-household named only as “Coincoin.” Nicolas had a land claim adjacent to Augustin; the two executed a land swap, with Nicolas settling on the distant land in Township 10 above Natchitoches.²⁹

17 SEPTEMBER 1821

Baptism of Marie Aselyne, daughter of Catarina, free woman of color, and a father unknown. Godparents: **Toussaint Metoyer** and **Dorotea**, both free people of color.³⁰

Baptism of Marie Henriet, 4 months, daughter of Fany, slave of Louis Bmy. Rachal Jr. Godparents: **Tousain Metoyer** and **Doroté**, free people of color.³¹

30 NOVEMBER 1821

Baptism of an English Negro aged about 22, slave of Pier Metoyer. Godparents: **Tousain Metoyer** and **Dorothea**.³²

17 DECEMBER 1821

Baptism of Athanas, Guinea Negro aged 18 years, slave of **Louis Metoyer**. Godparents: Dupalier Vidol and **Dorothee**.³³

COMMENT:

Three Cane River women of color in this era were named Dorothee; all were associated with the Metoyers *de couleur*:

- **Dorothee Monet**, French-Indian, whose sister Thérèse married Louis Metoyer, fmc.
- **Dorothee “Monet,”** French-African, whose daughter married Louis Metoyer’s brother Pierre.
- **Dorothee Boisdoré**, French-African, who married Joseph LaVigne, fmc, after she was purchased from the Derbannes and freed by Augustin Metoyer, fmc. At her marriage in 1814,

²⁹ See Elizabeth Shown Mills, “QuickLesson 16: “Speculation, Hypothesis, Interpretation & Proof,” *Evidence Explained: Historical Analysis, Citation & Source Usage* (<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/content/quicklesson-16-speculation-hypothesis-interpretation-proof> : posted 21 March 2013) which analyzes the evidence for the identity of Nicolas.

³⁰ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1304.

³¹ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1431.

³² Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1437.

³³ *Ibid.*, 1687.

this Dorothee identified herself as Dorothee Boisdore, aged 30 and daughter of Françoise.³⁴ This suggests that her purchase and manumission by Augustin may be due to a sister relationship with Augustin's wife Agnes whose black mother Françoise was a Derbanne slave. (Joseph LaVigne, Dorothee's husband was also a witness to the marriage of Augustin's daughter Marie Louise to Florentine Conant in 1815 or 1816.³⁵)

Lavigne's wife Dorothee continues to appear in church records without a surname:

- 8 June 1815, baptism of Antonio, son of Maria, slave of Louis Metoyer who gave liberty to the child. Godparents: Jose LaVigne and Dorotee, free mulattoes.³⁶
- 20 March 1820, baptism of Marcelite, daughter of Jeny, slave of Augustin Metoyer. Godparents: Joseph Lavigne and Dorothee, free people of color.³⁷
- 17-18 December 1821, baptism of three Guinea slaves of Augustin and François Metoyer. Godparents: Joseph Lavigne and Me. Dorothea.³⁸
- 6 July 1822, baptism of Joseph, son of Marie, slave of J. B. Lattier Sr. Godparents: Joseph Lavigne and Marie Dorathee, free.³⁹
- 10 August 1822, baptism of Athanase, English negro, 25, slave of Dominique Metoyer: Godparents: Jose Lavigne and Dorothee.⁴⁰
- 25 August 1825, baptism of Marie Lilette Sarpy, daughter of Jerome Sarpy and Maire Jeanne Metoyer. Godparents: Joseph Lavigne and Marie Dorothee.⁴¹
- 25 October 1825, baptism of daughter of Marie Perine, slave of J.B. Lemoine. Godparents: Henri Denis and "Olympie" [Dorothee] Boisdore.⁴²
- 27 May 1826, baptism of daughter of Marie Louise, slave of Florentin Conan. Godparents: Joseph and Marie Dorothee.⁴³

1825

PARISH COURT FILES

"Slaves mentioned in Bte. Dupré's Inventory and Their Increase"

No. 4. Marguerite:

A. Dorothee (sold 15 Aug. 1785)

- 1) J. P. Suriaque
- 2) Henriette
 - a) Ozite
 - b) Neres
 - c) "one sucking"⁴⁴

³⁴ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1045.

³⁵ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 721.

³⁶ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 2318.

³⁷ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1217.

³⁸ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entries 1461, 1467, 1480.

³⁹ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1545.

⁴⁰ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1561.

⁴¹ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1628.

⁴² Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1631.

⁴³ Mills, *Natchitoches, 1800–1826: Translated Abstracts*, entry 1647.

⁴⁴ Heirs of Dupré v. Alexis Cloutier, Parish Court Microfilm PC.22 (1825), cases arranged alphabetically.

28 NOVEMBER 1837

ISLE BREVELLE

Marriage. **Cyriaque Monet** (x) and Marie Marguerite LeComte (x)

“Groom: major son of Baltazar Monet and of **Dorothee Monete**. Bride: major daughter of Magdeleine Le Comte. All are free people of color and residents of this parish of Natchitoches. Witnesses: Louis Morin (s); Charles Nerestan Roques (s); Jean Baptiste Metoyer *fils* Augustin (s). Priest: D’Haund.

“Ed. note: At the close of the original entry in Register 8, there appears the following, barely-legible list which seems to name children being legitimized: ‘**Marie Elina**, born September 1830 (1835?) Godparents: Octave Deronce and Lise? Roques; **Marie Lise?**, born October 1836, Godparents: Louis Morin and Suzette Metoyer; Bte. (illegible) 9 Years.”⁴⁵

COMMENT:

The pastor who recorded this marriage did not indicate whether spouses of the parents (Dorothee Monet, specifically) might be alive or deceased.

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