

The First Savant in Louisiana



- Mathieu Savant -

∞ Born in France

∞ Died in Louisiana

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**The first mention of
Mathieu in Louisiana...**

As Found In:



Archdiocese of New Orleans

Sacramental Records,

Volume 2 (1751-1771),

pg. 251

Event:



His marriage to
Marie Agnes Troxler
Feb. 15, 1752

Recorded in:

St. Charles Borromeo Church,
in modern-day Destrehan, Louisiana
Book B1, pg. 67

Clues in the Louisiana marriage record about his roots in France:



Parents Listed As:

Mathieu Savant & Francoise Bardiot
[Bardiot is alternate spelling of Bardeau]

Home City in France Listed As:

Provins

[We now know, according to the Childs Study, that he was born in the nearby village of Thénisy, France, in the environs of the larger city, Provins, France.]

Marriage Witnesses:



- ❖ Nicolas Mayre
- ❖ Jean Tible
- ❖ ----- Ferrand
- ❖ Jean Rabelo
- ❖ G. LeBorne
- ❖ Ambroise Heidell
- ❖ P. Lavergne

Marie Agnes Troxler



- ☞ Wife of Mathieu Savant
- ☞ Daughter of Johann Georg Troxler* (from Lichtenberg in Alsace) & Marie Agnes Lay (from Switzerland)
- ☞ Born 12 Aug. 1739 record in St. Charles Borromeo Church, in Destrehan, LA
- ☞ Bt. 13 Sept. 1739, in St. Charles Borromeo Church, in Destrehan, Louisiana
- ☞ Baptismal sponsors: Focutz Leopoldus Rabelo & Anna Maria Kautzna
- ☞ died ???
- ☞ buried ???

* In Louisiana, Troxler was modified to Trosclair

Mathieu Savant & Marie Agnes Troxler



➤ *Children:*

1. *Pierre Mathieu b. 01 May 1754; bt. 02 May 1754; d. bef. 29 July 1793*
2. *Simon Mathieu b. 19 Oct. 1762; bt. 24 Oct 1762; d. ??*
3. *Mathieu Simon b. 11 Feb 1764; bt. 13 Feb 1764; d. ??*

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17 Oct 1759	George Troutsler (Troxler) transfers 2 arpents of land to son-in-law Mathieu Savant, on condition that Savant work the land during life of Troutsler; at death of Troutsler, Savant will account to succession for value of the land and receive equally with other children; this agreement was made verbally at time of Savant's marriage, but now put in writing; signature of Savant & mark of Troutsler	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 17
1759	Succession of estate of deceased George Trozeler (Troxler)	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 18
15 Jan 1760	Sale of land, not by Mathieu Savant, but his land is mentioned, "habitation situated between Savant and Sieur Le Borne"	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 18

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3 March 1760	Land sale. Jean Baptiste Buteau and his wife, Helen Gilbert, sell the farm that they acquired from Bauch to Mathieu Savant	<i>Saint-Jean-Baptiste des Allemands, Abstracts of the Civil Records of St. John the Baptist Parish with Genealogy and Index, 1753-1803</i> , by Glenn R. Conrad, copyright by University of Southwestern LA, Lafayette, LA, 1972
12 June 1760	Monsieur De la Gautray, representing Monsieur Santelly, purchased from succession of George Troxler, represented by Mathieu Savant for his minor brothers- and sisters-in-law, and by Nicholas Troxler, son of deceased, 2 Negresses for sum of 4,000 livres; on same day, receipt of 400 livres by Savant & Nicholas Troxler	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 20
20 Nov 1760	Inventory of belongings of Widow George Drozeler (Troxler), appraised by Sieurs Mathieu Savant, Nicholas Drozeler (Troxler), and George Le Borne; amount 4,294 livres; she remarries, to Simon Girault, marr. contract Nov. 23, 1760	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' ArensbourgRecords, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, pgs. 20-21

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29 Nov 1760	Simon Girault, new husband of Widow George Troxler, says that inventory made Nov. 20 by Sieurs Savant & Nicholas Troxler had appraisals that were exorbitant; he petitions for another inventory, but it is not honored by D' Arensbourg	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 21
6 March 1762	Mention of his name in a land sale, not by Savant, "and that of the latter [land] between Mathieu Savant and Jacques Antoine Le Borne"	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D' Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 23
21 June 1762	Land Sale. Mathieu Savant sells farm (purchased from J.B. Buteau and his wife, Helene Gilbert) to ?? Grondel for 500 livres	<i>Saint-Jean-Baptiste des Allemands, Abstracts of the Civil Records of St. John the Baptist Parish with Genealogy and Index, 1753-1803</i> , by Glenn R. Conrad, copyright by University of Southwestern LA, Lafayette, LA, 1972
19 Oct 1762	Birth of son Simon Mathieu Savant	<i>Archdiocese of New Orleans Louisiana Sacramental Records, Volume 2, 1751-1771</i>

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Sept 1763	Listed as head of family in census of “Captaincy of the Germans, First Coast, District of Boisclair.” Also listed are one woman, 2 boys under 14 years of age, 20 arpents of arable land, and 80 arpents of wooded land.	<i>Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians, Census Records of the Colony, 1758-1796</i> , compiled by J. K. Voorhies; pg. 77
10 Feb 1764	Catherine, widow of Bon, sells to Mathieu Savant her habitation.	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D’ Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 27
11 Feb 1764	Birth of son Mathieu Simon Savant; Mathieu Savant listed as “resident of Les Allemands”	<i>Archdiocese of New Orleans Louisiana Sacramental Records, Volume 2, 1751-1771</i>
6 March 1764	Mathieu Savant sells to Jean Girardin his habitation, bounded above by land of Widow Bon and below by land of deceased George Troutsler (Troxler), consisting of 2 arpents and appurtenances, including part of the implements and cattle, for 4,000 livres in letters of exchange.	<i>Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, St. Charles Parish, Part One: The D’ Arensbourg Records, 1734-1769</i> , compiled by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni, published by LA State Archives & Records Commission, p. 27

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Jan 1770	“Matieu Savan” (age 48) listed as an “indentured servant” on a farm occupied by Barthelemy Lambert and his wife, Marguerite Stroceller (Troxler; daughter of Johann George Troxler & Marie Agnes Laite); from the section “List of Farms on Both Sides of the River Below the City—Right Side of the River”; this document proof that Mathieu Savant was born ca. 1722	<i>Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians, Census Records of the Colony, 1758-1796</i> , compiled by J. K. Voorhies