

CHAPTER FIVE

The Family of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX

Germain VOISARD
m. Anne DUBAIL
- Jean VOISARD
m. Germaine PELLETIER
- Ursanne VOISARD
m. Anna Marie RIAT
- Georges VOISARD
m. Marie Catherine SAULNIER
- Ursanne VOISARD
m. Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX
- Ursanne VOISARD
m. Justine MISEREZ
- James VOISARD
m. Adelaide GROGEAN
- Esther M. VOISARD
m. Urban Carl SCHNEIDER
- Urban E. SCHNEIDER
m. Sylvia A. STEINKE

Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX

<div>Page A15</div> <div>Jean Claude BRISECHOUX b.bef.1780 Burnevillers FR d.bef.1780</div> <div>Ursule FROSSARD d.aft.1780</div>	<div>Ursanne VOISARD b.7/19/1750 les Chesaux m.2/1/1780 Glère farmer d. 5/30/1838 Montancy</div> <div>Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX b.~1760 Bremoncourt FR d. 6/04/1831 Montancy, Doubs</div>	<div>1. Joseph VOISARD</div> <div>2. Pierre VOISARD</div> <div>3. Ursanne VOISARD</div> <div>4. Xavier VOISARD</div> <div>5. Marie Sophie VOISARD</div> <div>6. Marie Genereuse VOISARD</div> <div>Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX's father died while she was young, and the schoolmaster of Glère, Pierre Garnichet, was listed as her guardian at the time of her marriage.</div>
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Ursanne VOISARD was born on July 19, 1750 in les Chesaux, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. He was the first of five children born to George and Marie Catherine (SAULNIER) VOISARD.

Ursanne VOISARD married Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX on February 1, 1780 in Glère Parish. Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX was born about 1760 in the near-by village of Bremoncourt. She was the daughter of Jean Claude and Ursule (FROSSARD) BRISECHOUX. Her father, Jean Claude BRISECHOUX, died while she was quite young, and the schoolmaster of Glère, Pierre GARNICHET, was listed as her guardian at the time of her marriage.

Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD lived in Montancy, Doubs, Franche-Comté, France, where Ursanne VOISARD was a farmer.

Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD had six known children from 1783 to 1802, two of whom immigrated to America.

Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD died on June 4, 1831 at the age of 71, in Montancy, Doubs, Franche Comté, France.

Ursanne VOISARD died on May 30, 1838 in Montancy, Doubs, Franche Comté, France.

Burnevillers, Doubs, Franche Comptè, France

The village of **Burnevillers**, is less than a half mile from Switzerland's border. It is a very small village with a current population of about 50 residents, and today it consists of about 16 homes.

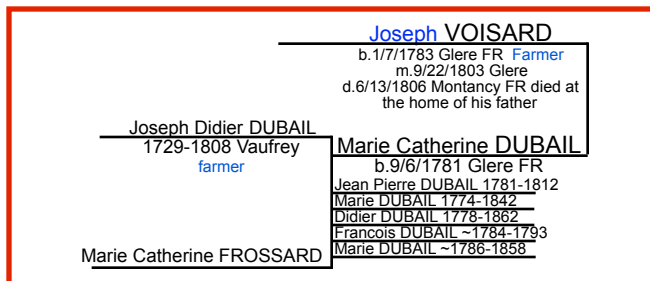
The BRISECHOUX family (above, and from Chapters 1 & 3), were from Burnevillers. Some members of the VOISARD family lived there as well.

The photo at right shows just how small this village is, and how close it is to the Swiss border. You can even see the border crossing station (the small building near the bottom of the photo). Many residents of this area cross the France/Swiss border daily to work in Switzerland.

(Photo from Googlemaps.)



Children of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX - Joseph VOISARD



Joseph VOISARD was born on January 7, 1783 in Glère, les Chesaux, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. He was the first of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Joseph VOISARD married Marie Catherine DUBAIL on September 22, 1803 in Glère Parish. Marie Catherine DUBAIL was born on September 6, 1781 in Glère (or Vaufrey). She was the fourth of six children of Joseph Didier and Marie Catherine (FROSSARD) DUBAIL. (Though it appears that Jean Pierre DUBAIL was her twin brother, born a day earlier than her?)

Joseph and Marie Catherine (DUBAIL) VOISARD lived in Montancy, Doubs, Franche-Comté, France, where Joseph VOISARD was a farmer.

Joseph VOISARD died on June 13, 1806 in Montancy, at the home of his father.

I have no records on the death of Marie Catherine (DUBAIL) VOISARD.

Children of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX - Pierre Joseph VOISARD

Pierre Joseph VOISARD b.~1789 d.3/31/1805 Montancy FR
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Pierre Joseph VOISARD was born around 1789, in Glère, les Chesaux, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. He was the second of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Pierre VOISARD died at the age of 16 years, on March 31, 1805, in Montancy.

I have found no further records on Pierre Joseph VOISARD.

French Onion Soup

A common soup today, French Onion Soup was also common in the days of our ancestors. Though they may not have made it with the beef stock and red wine included in the following recipe, it is simple and delicious:

Fry some onion, perhaps one onion per person, on a low heat in some butter.

When the onions have softened nicely and just starting to brown, sprinkle a little flour on them and stir in well.

Add some stock, ideally beef stock, and stir to thicken - add it little by little, stirring in well after each addition, heating over a low heat.

Add salt and pepper, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and cover. You might like to add a dash of red wine, port or brandy, according to your preferences.

Simmer for 30 minutes.

To serve, put a piece of toasted bread in the bottom of the bowl and ladle the soup on top.

Sprinkle a handful of gruyere or parmesan on top of the soup at the time of serving.



Page A14	Ursanne VOISARD b. 6/28/1790 Montancy, Doubs, FR m. 11/5/1834 in Montancy farmer d. 10/13/1847 Ohio bur. St. Valbert's Cem. +	1. Joseph Aime VOISARD 2. Marie Adele VOISARD 3. Colette Marie Josephine VOISARD 4. Marie Amelie Felicite VOISARD 5. Anaise Apoline VOISARD 6. Joseph August VOISARD 7. James VOISARD 8. Apoline Rosalie MISEREZ ?
Page A14	Justine MISEREZ b. 9/6/1808 Les Bois, Bern, Switzerland d. 3/20/1891 Darke Co. OH bur. St. Remy Cem. + m2. Pierre Joseph MOUGEY (or MOUGER) on 5/2/1853, Darke Co. m3. Xavier ESHMAN on 12/7/1859, Russia, OH	Ursanne & Justine VOISARD arrived in New York in 1843 with their four oldest children.

Ursanne VOISARD was born on June 28, 1790, in Montancy, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. He was the third of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Ursanne VOISARD married Justine MISEREZ on November 5, 1834 in Montancy. Justine MISEREZ was born on September 6, 1808 in les Bois, Bern, Switzerland. She was the daughter of a clockmaker, Louis MISEREZ, and Marie Anne MERAT.

Ursanne and Justine (MISEREZ) VOISARD immigrated with their four children, to America, probably in 1843. Ursanne's brother, Francois Xavier VOISARD, immigrated a year before with his wife and children. They probably arrived in New York, and then traveled to Versailles, Mercer County, Ohio to meet with family members already established there.

More information on this family is in the next Chapter:
"Ursanne VOISARD and Justine MISEREZ".

How Did Our Poor Ancestors Pay for Their Trip Across the Atlantic?

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~neff/ships.htm>

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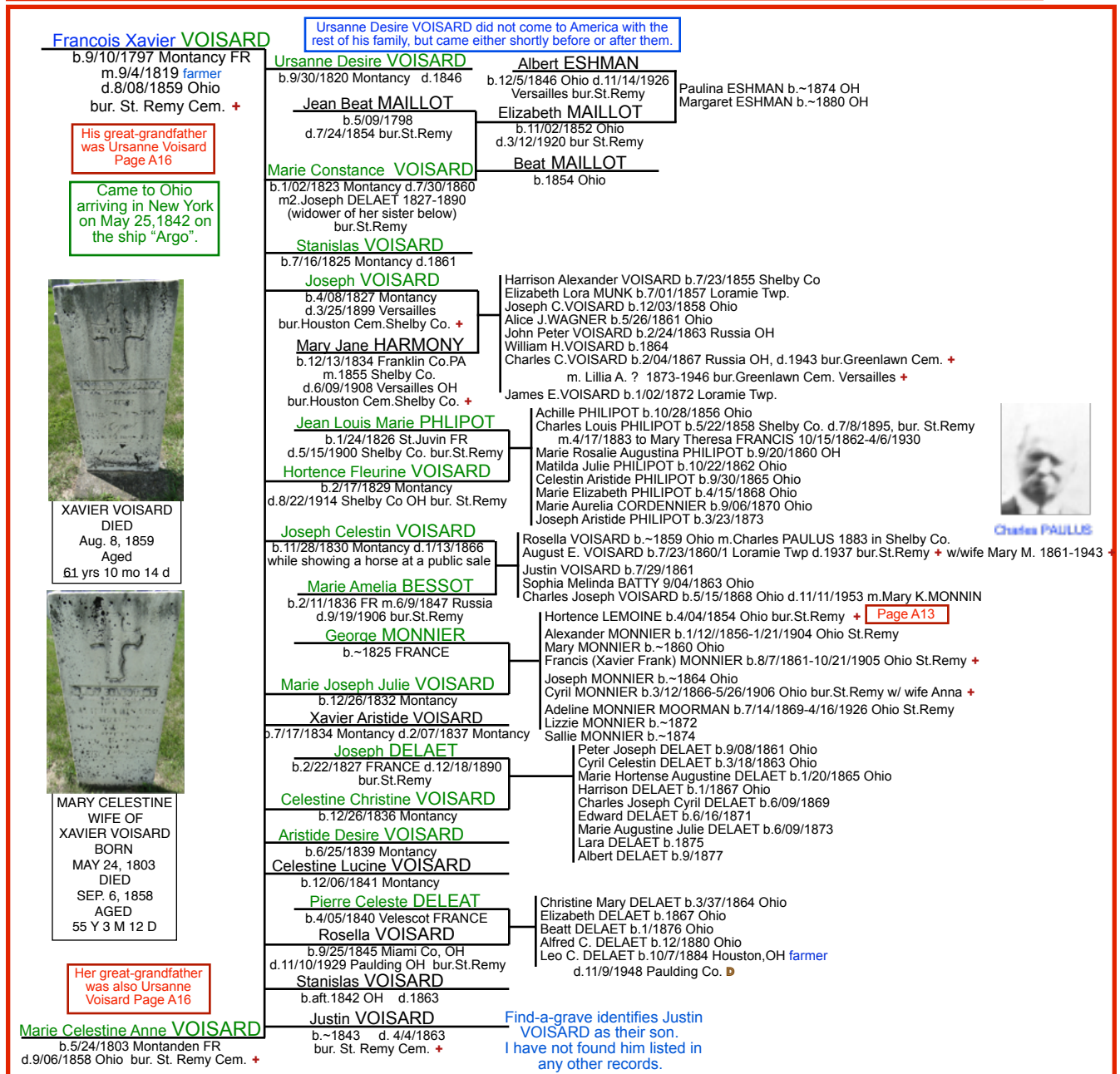
"They usually sold any belongings they had, partially for the resulting cash, but mostly to avoid the cost of shipping them to the new country. This seldom gave them enough money to purchase tickets so they "indentured" themselves to the ship's captain. The captain would pay for their food during the trip and give them passage on his ship. Once the ship reached their destination, the captain would sell their indentured rights to the highest bidder on shore. The captain made his money back plus a profit for his investment.

The immigrant, now an indentured servant, or voluntary slave, to the purchaser, worked for free for the purchaser to repay him. The length of time of indenture, usually 2 - 3 years, was predetermined and agreed upon by all parties before the purchase was completed. The purchaser was obligated to provide proper clothing, food and housing during the period, and sometimes required to provide a small sum of cash or hand tools at the end of the indenture period. At the end of their indenture the immigrant was free to pursue his or her own destiny, often with a new trade or skill learned from the indenture period.

While some indentured servants were treated poorly, most had good experiences and often remained friends with the purchasing family. It was common for the indentured servant to end up married to a relative or friend of the purchaser."

I have found no records to indicate that our Voisard relatives were indentured servants. That leads to the possibility that they saved up and sold enough belongings to pay for the trip. It is also a possibility that they had relatives in Ohio, who sent them money to help pay for the trip, or at least provided assistance when they arrived.

Children of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX - Francois Xavier VOISARD



Xavier VOISARD was born on September 10, 1797, in Montancy, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. He was the fourth of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Xavier VOISARD married on September 4, 1819 to Marie Celestine Anne VOISARD, they were second-cousins. Marie Celestine Anne VOISARD was the daughter of Ursanne Joseph and Marie Theresa (LABE) VOISARD, from Glère. Xavier and Marie Celestine Anne VOISARD had fourteen children, the last three were born in America. One child, Xavier Aristide, died as an infant in France, and apparently their oldest son, Ursanne Desire, travelled to America on his own. Another child, Celestine Lucine, was born in 1841, but is not listed on the ship records. She is also not found in death records of Montancy. Xavier and Marie Celestine Anne VOISARD, and eight of their children, immigrated to America on the ship "Argo", arriving in New York on May 25, 1842. With them was Therese VOISARD, possibly Celestine's sister.

This family settled near Versailles, Ohio, and probably had family or friends there before they immigrated.

Marie Celestine Anne VOISARD died on September 6, 1858. Xavier VOISARD died on August 8, 1859 Both are buried in St. Remy Cemetery, Versailles, Ohio.

Children of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX - Marie Sophie VOISARD

Marie Sophie VOISARD
b.5/09/1801 Glère
d.10/01/1801 Montancy FR

*M*arie Sophie VOISARD was born on May 9, 1801, in Glère, les Chesaux, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. She was the fourth of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Marie Sophie VOISARD died at the age of five months, on October 1, 1801, in Montancy.

I have found no further records on Marie Sophie VOISARD.

Children of Ursanne VOISARD and Marie Jeanne BRISECHOUX - Marie Genereuse VOISARD

m1.Jean Claude CHOFFAT
d.3/17/1846
m2.Charles Etienne CHOFFAT
b.7/26/1815
m.4/7/1847
These brothers were children of
Mathieu CHOFFAT b.~1784 and
Marie Agnes Constance LOICHAT
d.2/17/1846
Marie Genereuse VOISARD
b.11/27/1802 Vaufray

*M*arie Genereuse VOISARD was born on Novemebr 27, 1802, in Vaufray, les Chesaux, Doubs, Franche Comté, France. She was the last of six children born to Ursanne and Marie Jeanne (BRISECHOUX) VOISARD.

Marie Genereuse VOISARD married Jean Claude CHOFFAT on November 9, 1825, in Montancy. He was born on September 14, 1772 in Montancy. Jean Claude CHOFFAT died on March 17, 1846. On April 7, 1847 Marie Genereuse (VOISARD) CHOFFAT married her deceased husband's brother, Charles Etienne CHOFFAT. Charles Etienne CHOFFAT was born on July 26, 1815 in Burnevillers. These CHOFFAT brothers were the sons of farmer, Mathieu and Marie Agnes Constance (LOICHAT) CHOFFAT.

I have found no further records on Marie Genereuse (VOISARD) CHOFFAT.

A photo of the Doubs River, Doubs, Franche Comte, France.



