

Origins of Michel Le Borne (d. Valenciennes, 1712)

Le Borne / Le Borgne surname line, generation 10

Research question

Where was Michel Le Borne, tavern keeper at the White Glove in Valenciennes, born, and who were his parents?

Summary

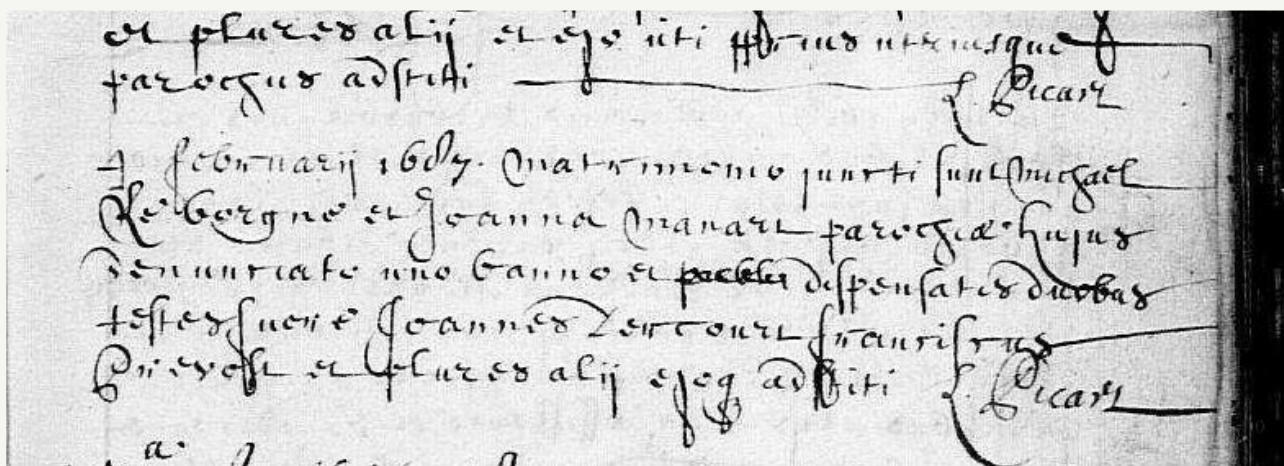
Michel Le Borne was not from Valenciennes. He married Marie Jeanne Manart at St-Martin, Cambrai, on 4 February 1687, and their first two children were baptized at St-Nicolas, Cambrai, in 1687 and 1689. The family had moved to Valenciennes by 1694.

This overturns an earlier assumption in the tree. His eldest son Jean Claude, later a master brewer at Cambrai, was Marie Jeanne Manart's son, not the child of an unknown first wife.

Michel's own baptism and parents are not yet found. The baptism registers of two Cambrai parishes have been read for the likely years with no result, and the search continues in the earlier volumes and through a godmother, Maria Le Borgne, who is probably his kin.

Findings

1. Marriage of Michel Le Borgne and Joanna Manart, Cambrai, 4 February 1687 (Proven)



TRANSCRIPTION

4^a februarij 1687 matrimonio juncti sunt Michael Le borgne et Joanna Manart parochiae hujus, denunciato uno banno et dispensatis duobus, testes fuere Joannes Dercourt[?], Franciscus Prevost[?] et plures alii...

TRANSLATION

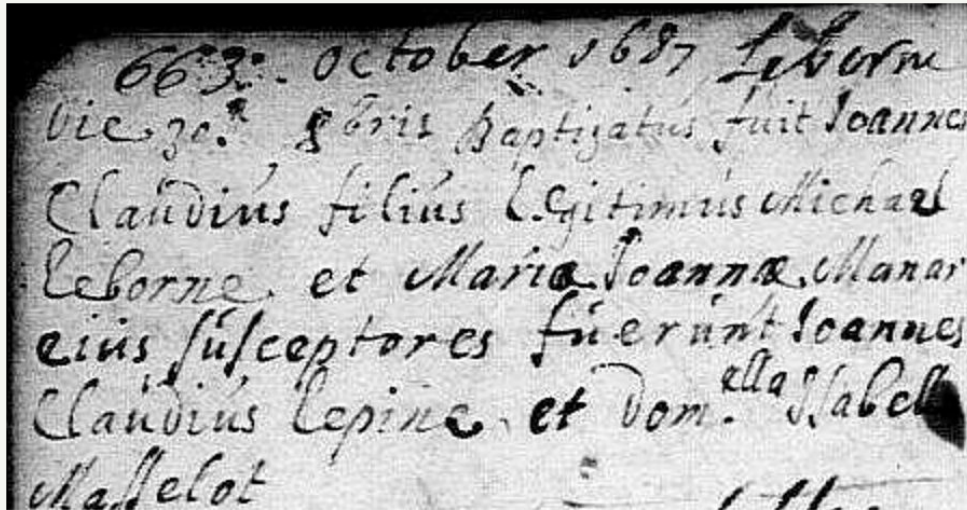
On 4 February 1687 Michel Le Borgne and Jeanne Manart, of this parish, were joined in marriage, one bann published and two dispensed; witnesses Jean Dercourt[?], François Prevost[?] and many others.

ANALYSIS

Manart is a rare surname, and Michel's wife in Valenciennes was Marie Jeanne Manart. The marriage was never found in Valenciennes because the parish books there before 1694 are lost. No ages or parents are given. Witness surnames are uncertain because the image is low resolution.

Cambrai, St-Martin parish, marriages 1664–1702, folio 65; Archives départementales du Nord, 5 Mi 012 R 021, image 38. Found through the parish table, 5 Mi 012 R 003.

2. Baptism of Jean Claude, son of Michel Leborne and Marie Jeanne Manart, 30 October 1687 (Proven)



TRANSCRIPTION

Die 30^a 8bris baptizatus fuit Joannes Claudius filius legitimus Michaelis Leborne et Mariae Joannae Manar. eius susceptores fuerunt Joannes Claudius Lepine et Dom[icel]la Isabella Masselot.

TRANSLATION

On 30 October was baptized Jean Claude, legitimate son of Michel Leborne and Marie Jeanne Manart; his godparents were Jean Claude Lepine and Demoiselle Isabelle Masselot.

ANALYSIS

Both parents' names match the Valenciennes couple exactly. The 1707 marriage contract names "Jean Claude, aged 21" among Michel's living children, and the Cambrai brewer Jean Claude Leborgne was buried in December 1747 "aged sixty". A birth in October 1687 fits both. The earlier tree placed his birth about 1686 and gave him an unknown mother; that is now withdrawn.

Cambrai, St-Nicolas parish, baptisms 1658–1694, folio 663; Archives départementales du Nord, 5 Mi 012 R 025, image 97.

3. Baptism of Marie Joseph, 2 January 1689: godmother Maria Le Borgne (Proven)

TRANSCRIPTION

Die 2^a Baptizata fuit Maria Joseph filia legitima Michaelis Le borgne et Mariae Joannae Manar. eius susceptores fuerunt Joannes Claudius Lepine et Maria Le borgne.

TRANSLATION

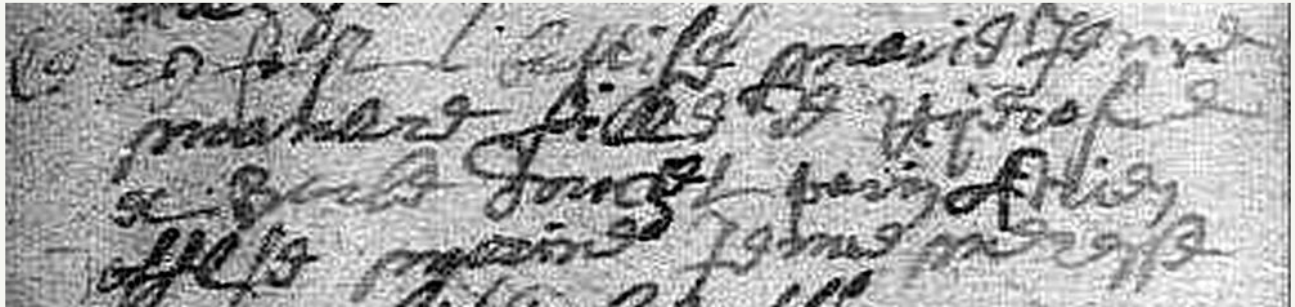
On the 2nd was baptized Marie Joseph, legitimate daughter of Michel Le Borgne and Marie Jeanne Manart; her godparents were Jean Claude Lepine and Maria Le Borgne.

ANALYSIS

A second child, not previously in the tree. She is not among the children living in 1707, so she probably died young. Godparents were usually close family, so Maria Le Borgne is probably Michel's sister or mother, and the best lead to his parents.

Cambrai, St-Nicolas parish, baptisms 1658-1694, folio 674; Archives départementales du Nord, 5 Mi 012 R 025, image 102.

4. Marie Jeanne Manart probably baptized at La Madeleine, Cambrai, 30 August 1665 [?] Probable



TRANSCRIPTION

Marie Jenne Manar[t?] fille de Hierosme et Barbe Douchet[?]...

TRANSLATION

Marie Jeanne Manart, daughter of Hierosme [Manart] and Barbe Douchet.

ANALYSIS

She would be 21 at the 1687 marriage, which fits, and her sister Marie Anne (b. 1663) matches the Marie Anne Manart who married Jean Claude Lespine, godfather to both of Michel's Cambrai children. Not yet proven: no record links Michel's wife to these parents by name.

Cambrai, Ste-Marie-Madeleine parish, baptisms 1594-1695, image 801; Archives départementales du Nord. The page is faint.

Ruled out

- Michel Le Borgne who married Anne Le Clerc at St-Nicolas, Cambrai, in 1666 is a different man: he was buried at Cambrai in 1720 aged 80, while ours was buried at Valenciennes in 1712.
- The parents given in online trees, Nicolas LeBorgne and Josette Darembourg, are a phantom pairing with no source; WikiTree removed them in 2020.

- A candidate baptism for Marie Jeanne Menart at St-Géry, Valenciennes, in 1673 is withdrawn: she would have been 13 at the marriage.

Search log (excerpt)

The full search log for this line has more than 40 entries, including every search that came up empty. An excerpt follows.

1 Oct 2026	Passenger roll of La Marie, La Rochelle, 1718	"antoine Borne de valencienne" sailing for Louisiana, 23 May 1718: ties the Louisiana family to Valenciennes.	Found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai St-Martin baptisms, 1677–1698	Read page by page. Michel was godfather in 1695 to a son of Marie Anne Manart, probably his wife's sister.	Found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai St-Nicolas baptisms, 1658–1694	Marie Joseph, daughter of Michel Le Borgne and Marie Jeanne Manart, baptized 2 January 1689. Godmother Maria Le Borgne.	Found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai St-Nicolas baptisms, 1658–1694	Jean Claude, son of Michel Leborne and Marie Jeanne Manart, baptized 30 October 1687.	Found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine baptisms, 1659–1679	Read page by page: no baptism of a Michel Le Borgne or Le Borne. A few faint pages can't be fully excluded.	Not found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine baptisms, 1646–1659	Read page by page: no baptism of a Michel Le Borgne or Le Borne.	Not found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine baptism table, Michel entries	Both indexed Michel baptisms dated: 1641 and 1679. Neither is ours; they belong to the other Cambrai Michel's family.	Not found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine burials, 1689–1727	Michel × Anne Le Clerc was buried at Cambrai in 1720 aged 80. Ours died in 1712, so they are two different men.	Not found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai St-Nicolas marriages, 1635–1681	Only Michel marriage is Michel le Borgne × Anne le Clerc, Aug 1666: a different man. No parents named.	Not found
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine baptisms, 1659–1679	Marie Jenne Manart, baptized 30 Aug 1665, daughter of Hierosme Manart and Barbe Douchet: probably Michel's wife. Not yet proven.	[?] Lead
1 Oct 2026	Cambrai La Madeleine baptisms, 1641	Household of Michel Leborne × Jeanne Fi[?]lle (1640s) could include a younger son Michel. Best lead for his parents.	[?] Lead

Open questions

- Where and when was Michel baptized, and who were his parents?
- Who was Maria Le Borgne, godmother in 1689?

- Was Michel part of the Le Borgne household of Michel Leborne and Jeanne Fi[?]lle at La Madeleine in the 1640s, or of Jean le Borgne and Elizabeth Quaranthomme at St-Nicolas?

Next steps

1. Read the La Madeleine, Cambrai, baptisms of the 1630s–1650s page by page (in progress).
2. Read the La Madeleine and St-Martin marriage sections for 1625–1695, looking for Michel's parents and for Maria Le Borgne.
3. Ask the Archives départementales du Nord about Cambrai marriage dispensations and contracts for 1687, which often name the couple's parents.