

We descend from Francois Valle Sr. and Marianne Billeron. Francois Sr. did have an illegitimate daughter named Marguerite. Marguerite's mother was a Native American who Valle had encountered while on a trading expedition. Billeron and this Indian woman were both pregnant at the same time. They had their children about a month or two apart. Marguerite was raised in the Valle household, Billeron as mother. Francois gave money to the Indian woman and apparently she had a comfortable life. Since Marguerite was Indian and illegitimate, she could not receive any inheritance. So when she married, Francois gave her quite a large dowry, which would have been her share of his estate. Francois and Billeron had 5 children together, plus Marguerite. Marguerite's mestizo presence in Ste. Genevieve had very little cultural significance and she married a respectable French Creole, Louis Caron.