

There is an excellent book 'François Vallé and His World, Upper Louisiana before Lewis and Clark' written by Carl J. Ekberg and published by the University of Missouri Press. It details his childhood, marriage, and expeditions from Canada down the Mississippi to what is the present day states of Illinois and Missouri. It chronicles his involvement in lead mining, agriculture, and Indian trade as well as his military service as Commandant of Upper Louisiana under the French authorities based in New Orleans.

