

## Story about Barbe, Possessed by the Devil

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### 11<sup>th</sup> Generation

### Belec Family Ancestry

Barbe Halay dit Palloy 1645-1696

9<sup>th</sup> great grandmother

Birth 1645 in St Julien De Coudray, Orleans, Chartres, France

Death 18 June 1696 in Lauzon, Levis, Quebec, Canada

Spouse: Jean Carrier III 1640 – 1711

9<sup>th</sup> great grandfather

Related Child: Charles Carrier 1678 – 1740

8<sup>th</sup> great grandfather




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### Jean Carrier III Story

Near the town of Saintes, at Saint-George-de Coteaux in Saintonge, France, Jean Carrier was born to Jean and Jeanne Dodier around 1640.

It is believed that he made his way to Canada around 1660, some say he may have been a French soldier, amongst the 200 sent to protect the settlers from Iroquis attack. According to the Carriere Family Association of North America, he signs as a witness on a receipt on January 20, 1661 and is confirmed in Quebec on May 1, 1662. He is listed on the 1666 census as working for the Hotel-Dieu Hospital of Quebec for the Hospitalieres of Quebec.

### Barabra (Barbe) Halay Story

It is here that he met Barbe Hallay, who was in the care of the sisters Barbe and Jean are known to Hospitallers of the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec. This version is of the Drouin Institute, and might be incomplete and contain some errors. Ancestor possessed by the devil of a large family Lévisienne Jean Carrier, one of our ancestors came from Saint-Georges-des Costeau in Saintonge. Came to the country around 1665, he took service with the Hospitallers of Quebec. At the time, these ladies harbored a poor boy named Hallay Beard, daughter of the first settler of the name, Jean Halley, St-Julien du Coudray, Diocese of Chartres, Beauce, France, ancestor of a large family in the county of Levis, who was possessed by the devil.

After many efforts and exorcisms, Bishop Laval, then Bishop of Petrea and Vicar Apostolic of Quebec, managed to chase the girl, the angel from hell. <sup>(2)</sup> Jean Carrier took place. Indeed, 14 November 1670 <sup>(3)</sup>; he married the young Barbara Halley. His land sufficiently cleared, Jean Carrier and Barbe Halay were married on November 14, 1670 in Quebec City, Québec, Canada and founded the Carrier family, one of the many that are in the country today.

It is in the home of Father Jean-Baptiste Hallay the newlyweds were drawing up their marriage contract by a notary Duquet, July 27 of that year. As there were no churches at the time in Pointe Lévy, their marriage took place in Quebec City.

Land clearance was slow. In 1681, the ancestor has fifteen acres of land under cultivation. All work was done by hand, which was a considerable amount of work. Of his marriage to Barbara (Barbe) Hallay; Jean Carrier had eight children, three son and five daughters. His wife died at Pointe Levy, at the age of only 51, and was buried in Lévis, Quebec on 20 April 1711, he was 70 years old at his death (per citation).

Although concentrated in the county of Lévis, the Carrier family has spilled over into the counties of Beauce, Lotbinière, Dorchester, Bellechasse, and Montreal, Quebec, in the lower river, the county of Deux-Montagnes and the Richelieu Valley (Drouin Institute, National Dictionary of French Canadians, part history, Volume III, p. 1455.)<sup>(1)</sup>

According to the Hospitallers, it was the Ursulines.<sup>(2)</sup> Sister Françoise Gariépy told me that Bishop Laval practiced exorcisms unsuccessfully for Mr. Giffard. It was on his advice that the Hospitallers moved among.<sup>(3)</sup> The family tree given November 4, 1670. On August 3, 1993, I (tag name jlcandy) contacted the Hospitallers of St. Augustine at 75, the Ramparts, Quebec. A nun named Sister respectable Fr Gariépy gave me the following information.

The facts are narrated in the original Life of Catherine of St. Augustine, by Father Ragueneau, a Jesuit who was the spiritual director of Sister Catherine that she took care of the poor Barbe Halley. In this biography he talks about the demonic possession of Barbe Halley. You will find below a transcript of the text that Sister Fr Gariépy had the goodness to give to me.

**“The Life of Mother Catherine of St. Augustine, the Religious Hospitallers of the Mercy of Quebec, New France.”**

*Composed by the Reverend Father Paul Ragueneau of the Society of IESVS.*

This book was printed in Paris by Florentin Lambert, M. DC. LXXI. THIRD BOOK. His life obsessed demons, and possessed of God.

**CHAPTER IV**

He is given the task of a girl possessed. Towards the end of 1660, there was a league from Quebec, at Mr Giffard Lord of Beauport, a miller that was suspected to be due to Witch & Wizard: He was hanged the following year 1661 in Quebec for his horrible blasphemies he had uttered, and with contempt for having profaned the Sacraments of the Church, with a simulated conversion abjured Huguenots on his arrival in Canada.

It is unfortunate that we attributed to an obsession with demons, which appeared in a girl of 16 years named Barbara (Barbe Hallay), Mr. Giffard said Servant, and which degenerated into possession formed in the month of December 1660. The place of residence of the girl was so infested, that we saw the stones fly from all sides thrown by invisible hands, without

hurting anyone, what it passes through twenty people with a sound and a force as great as if they had been pushed by a powerful arm. There were daily din of turmoil & terrible, but it seemed no cause sensitive. The only daughter saw the demons that possessed him appeared in various forms of men, women, children, animals, and spectra of hell, and who finally spoke through his mouth, and which often could be heard from a voice intelligible without it will use the organs of the possessed.

It is thought fit to change lives in this poor girl, sometimes a house, sometimes in another, followed by the demons all: Finally, we put it in a chamber enclosing a parlor of the Convent of the Religious Hospitallers of Quebec and it was thought that nobody would be able to make all necessary charity to the poor sick, the Mother Catherine of St. Augustine who was always available to relieve the afflicted. Indeed it was a worthy treatment of a heart truly Christian, and day & night. The demons were enraged against her defiance she made them, and what it tore their prey, being stronger to keep the innocence of this girl possessed, that was all hell to bring it sin. These unfortunate demons that cannot be intimidated by all their threats, tried to surprise with their wiles, turning into angels of light, to throw in the illusion.