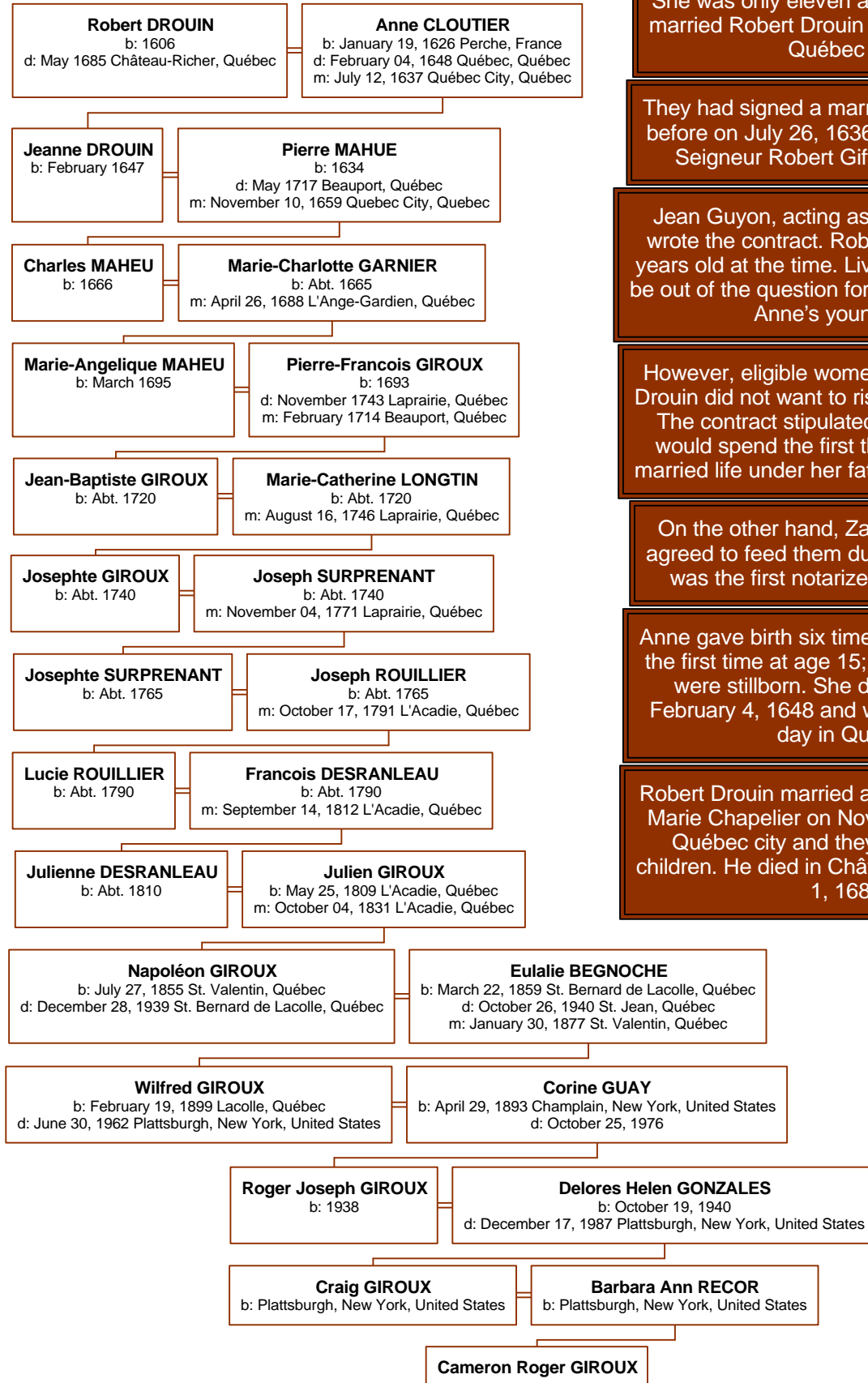


ROBERT DROUIN TO CAMERON GIROUX



Anne Cloutier was baptized on January 19, 1626 in Mortagne, Perche, France.

She was only eleven and a half when she married Robert Drouin on July 12, 1637 in Québec City.

They had signed a marriage contract a year before on July 26, 1636 in the house of the Seigneur Robert Giffard at Beauport.

Jean Guyon, acting as a private notary, wrote the contract. Robert Drouin was 28 years old at the time. Living together would be out of the question for a while because of Anne's young age.

However, eligible women were so rare that Drouin did not want to risk not finding a wife. The contract stipulated that the spouses would spend the first three years of their married life under her father Zacharie's roof.

On the other hand, Zacharie and Sainte agreed to feed them during that time. This was the first notarized act in Canada.

Anne gave birth six times and gave birth for the first time at age 15; three of her babies were stillborn. She died at age 22 on February 4, 1648 and was buried the next day in Québec.

Robert Drouin married again with the widow Marie Chapelier on November 29, 1649 in Québec city and they had eight other children. He died in Château-Richer on June 1, 1685.