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# How One Descendant of Baldwin, Catlin and Ward Became A Canadian

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Joseph Baldwin, born 1609, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, married 10 November 1636, High Wycombe, Bucks, Hannah Whitlocke, born probably 14 Dec 1617, Barnet, Hertfordshire. Joseph and Hannah emigrated to New England shortly thereafter. Their daughter, Mary, born 1642, baptized 23 June 1643, Milford, CT, married 23 Sep 1662, CT, John Catlin, born 28 June 1643, MA or CT. He was the son of John Catlin, born ca 1617, England, died 1 July 1644, Wethersfield, CT and his wife Isabel Ward, born ca 1620, England, who were married ca 1641, Hadley, MA.

John Catlin and Mary Baldwin, with their children, lived in Newark, New Jersey, and Hartford, CT. In 1684 they moved to Deerfield, MA. The Catlin family was living in Deerfield from 1684 to the time of the Deerfield Massacre (Feb 1703/4). Their daughter, Elizabeth, born 1670, Branford, CT had married ca 1690 in Deerfield, James Corse, born ca 1666, England, died 15 May 1696, Deerfield.

The story of the Deerfield Massacre is well known. John Catlin was among those killed and his wife Mary Baldwin died soon after, perhaps from injuries or despair at the loss of her family. Their widowed daughter Elizabeth (Catlin) Corse and her children were among the captives seized to be taken to Canada. They had to march for a long distance through the snow and cold before reaching streams with boats. Elizabeth died on the march but the children survived and were taken to Canada. One child, Elizabeth, aged eight years, was placed with a French-Canadian family, Pierre and Catherine (Ducharme) Roy in La Prairie County, who were my ancestors. Elizabeth joined the Catholic Church and when 10 years old agreed to be a Canadian citizen. When she was 17 years old she married Jean Dumontet and when he died, as a widow with several small children, she married Pierre Monette and thus became my ancestor.

With her two husbands, Elizabeth (Catlin) Corse had a total of 15 children. She died 30 Jan 1766 in La Prairie County, Quebec Province.

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**"If you would not be forgotten,  
As soon as you are dead and rotten,  
Either write things worthy of reading,  
Or do things worth writing."**

*Benjamin Franklin, May 1738*

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