

PIERRE HINARD

Pierre Hinard, also written Enard, Esnard, Hénard, Hiner, Inard and Renard, was from Normandy having come from the Granville region of St-Pair. His date of birth is unknown. He married Marie-Josephte Bodard, daughter of François Bodard and Marie Babin of Pisiquid. This family had been deported to Maryland. The names of Pierre and Marie Babin are in the registers for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when they had a son baptized June 1, 1762 named Jean-Guillaume. A total of three children are in these registers as belonging to this couple. Jean-Guillaume's godparents were Jean LePrince and Madeleine Corporon.

Marie-Josephte Bodard died shortly after June 20, 1763. Having placed his children with his mother-in-law, Marie Babin, who was in Maryland (where her husband had died shortly after their arrival here) Pierre Hinard embarked on a cargo ship that sank off Cape Cod. He did not die. Rather he'd heard of Acadians in this area and managed to make contact with them. About 1765, he married for a second time to Marie-Cécile Mius, daughter of Joseph Mius (to Joseph dit Dazi), and Marie-Josephte Préjean (to Jean). The following year, Rosalie was born. They had another daughter Marie also born here. Another child, Pierre never married.

Pierre Hinard and his family finally settled at Wedgeport but when is unknown. However, it has been said that at least three masses were celebrated on his property out-of-doors. If this is true, these masses would have been celebrated by Father Bailly who was in the region as of 1769. However, when Pierre arrived is unknown.