

She lost; and D'Aunay's banner waved  
O'er her well-held rampart,  
O'er Fort La Tour and old Saint John,  
And a woman's broken heart.

She died; among too ardent souls  
Where evermore death reaps,  
And lying by the Baie Francoise,  
At rest she slept—and sleeps.

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Francoise Marie Jacquelin, Acadian heroine, better known as Madam LaTour, came from France to Acadie to wed Charles LaTour, in 1640. She proved, to use the words of Francis Parkman, "a prodigy of mettle and energy."

The story of her vigorous espousal of LaTour's cause and her active part in resisting the authority of the Seigneur D'Aunay; of her valiant efforts on LaTour's behalf in France as well as in the Massachusetts Bay, where, among other exploits, she won a suit for £2,000, damages against a ship for delaying her passage from England; of her gallant defence of Fort La Tour, at the mouth of the River St. John, in April, 1645, at the head of a little band of Huguenots and English, against the superior forces of D'Aunay, and her broken-hearted death at the fort, June 15th, 1645;—all this is matter of history of interesting and romantic order, hardly, even yet, fully and fairly recorded. It may be that Madam LaTour was fanatical, and had not law and authority on her side, but she stands out—devoted, brave, heroic—a most picturesque figure in the history of New France.