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First on the list of names in the census of 1671, if we take them alphabetically, is Aucoin, and this without doubt is one of the oldest in Acadia. There was no male head of a family of that name when the census was taken, François Aucoin having been dead a year or two, leaving a widow 26 years old and five children, two sons and three daughters. The widow Aucoin probably understated her age, for her oldest child was 12, and if she was only 26 in 1671, this child must have been born when she was only 14. She, I think, was Ann Blanchard, a daughter of Jean Blanchard, another of the ancient inhabitants of the country. The father and mother of the deceased François Aucoin were both dead, or had removed from Acadia, but two of his sisters were residents of Port Royal and married. Michelle, the oldest sister, born in 1620, was the wife of Michael Boudrot, who was lieutenant general or judge at Port Royal; while Jeanne, another sister, was married to François Girouard. Both these women had families; Michelle must have been married as early as 1640, or perhaps earlier, while Jeanne's marriage took