

APPENDIX.

BEING BRIEF NOTICES OF SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT OF THE
EARLY FAMILIES OF ST. LOUIS; PARTICULARLY OF THOSE WHOSE
NAMES HAVE BEEN CONTINUED, THROUGH MALE DE-
SCENDANTS, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

PIERRE LACLEDE.

But little of his personal history is known.

Pierre Margry, of the French Naval Bureau, fixes his birth about 1724 in the "Parish of Bedons, in the valley of the Aspre, diocese of Oleron in Bearne, about fifteen leagues from Pau, capital of ancient Navarre," now Department of the Lower Pyrenees.¹

This would confirm the statement of Jno. B. Ortes, who died here in 1814 — "that he was born in Bion (Bedons) Bearne, France, near the Pyrenees, in the same place as Laclede; that he came with him to America, and to St. Louis in 1765."

In 1755 when Laclede came to New Orleans he was thirty-one years of age, and Ortes about eighteen.

¹ Margry says he was a younger brother of M. Laclede, chief circuit justice of the province of Bearne.

The French universal dictionary of the nineteenth century, mentions a Laclede, a young French historian, who died young in 1736, who had written a general history of Portugal, published at Paris, in two volumes quarto, in 1735 — afterwards translated into Portuguese at Lisbon in 1781-1797.

The name Ligest is no where found in the French authorities and is doubtless an appendage.