

# PFO Report

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## Research Update

Several of our PFO family researchers had noticed references on their ancestral lines to some of the other towns nearby, such as Garzigliana, Bibiana (called Bubiana in the days when these records were made), Bricherasio, Pinerolo, and others, and had asked us to have Brother Cena extract some of those records for possible references to PFO ancestral families.

*Except for Pinerolo*, none of the PFO researchers has been able to identify direct ancestral families in those records. Many of the surnames are the same (Cardon, Malan, and many others), but any links with our ancestral families happened so long ago that the surviving notary records have no clues as to just how those branches may have been related.

With the agreement of the family researchers, we have therefore asked Brother Cena to stop abstracting records in those other localities—except for the town of Pinerolo, where the records already do tie in.

Such findings in Pinerolo was a surprise, for that was a Catholic stronghold and, because of the frequent persecution of the Waldensians, we had all supposed that these people would have avoided going into the town at all costs. But that has proven not to have been the case.

We had supposed as well to have been essentially finished with this massive extraction project by now. It is clear, however, that we do need to research the Pinerolo series. That will be especially important for the PFO families with ancestors from the “upper” valleys, including the areas of Perosa, Pinasca, Pomaretto, Prarostino, Roccapiatta, San Germano, San Secondo, and so on. Pinerolo was closer and easier to get to than was San Giovanni, Torre Pellice, and the other towns in the “lower” valleys.

The Pinerolo series will take us a few years to extract, for it’s the largest single-town series in the whole collection. We will continue to carefully assess the results of these volumes to assure that actual additions to our ancestral families are found.

We will therefore need your continued financial support of this PFO research project. At least we’re now to the final series to be research. Despite hard economic times, let’s not falter this close to the finish line.

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## Ordinances Report: 2009 & Cumulative (1987 – 2009)

Year	Baptism		Endowment		Sealing to Spouse	Sealing to Parents	TOTAL ORD.
	Male	Female	Male	Female			
2009	497	501	486	483	303	593	2,863
1987-2009	6,824	6,902	6,823	6,890	4,119	5,594	37,291

The total number of *individuals submitted* during 2009 was **1,011**, bringing the grand total of individuals whose names have been submitted for ordinances since 1987 to **13,776**. Thanks for all you do!

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# Our (Double) Debt to Brother Cena

We owe a double debt to Brother Cena—one, for his devoted, unflagging research into these records for our ancestors. And two, a monetary debt: *We now owe him \$6,900!!*

Someone recently suggested we ask him to stop researching until we catch up. I actually did that years ago in our early days in the project and donations were low. He **begged** me to let him continue, reminding me that he had taken early retirement from teaching because *he was having so many spiritual experiences* as he extracted the records that he didn't dare stop. He urged us to let him continue researching and pay as we could. He knew from those experiences that these people were waiting for the ordinances, and he had faith that the way would be opened for us, if we were diligent.

He's been researching all these years for about \$5 per hour (as determined by Boyd and Dick Cardon after a talk with him). If we ask him to stop, he'll have to find other employment—and we would lose access to him in the future when we wanted to begin research again. We certainly couldn't find anyone else to research for us for \$5 per hour; the going rate now for such research is at least \$25 per hour! And I believe that if we have him stop, we'll lose our momentum and the whole project will stop—permanently.

Early yesterday morning I received another volume of records from him. I was preparing for conference, so I had time only for a quick skimming of the acts. Yet in just that brief scan, I found three acts that PFO families can use right now for temple work:

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One act pertains to a CARDON-related family:

Transaction naming siblings Anna (wife of Giovanni **GODIN** son of deceased Peiretto), Maria (wife of Michele **CARDON**), and deceased Francesco children of deceased Filippo **SARRET** of Prarostino; Anna-Maria **SARRET** daughter of said deceased Francesco of Prarostino and wife of **Gioanni GODIN son of deceased Giacomo**; and brothers Filippo and Giovanni **SARRET** sons of deceased Barnaba of Prarostino and of Sarra **PEYROT**. Pinerolo vol 237 bk 2 pg 372, 28 Jun 1710

All of these people appear in the CARDON pedigree and ordinances have been performed for all of them *except* for **Gioanni GODIN son of deceased Giacomo**, husband of Anna-Maria SARRET. How Giovanni GODIN and his father Giacomo fit into the GODIN pedigree needs additional research, but at least Giovanni's name could be submitted right away for ordinances.

The other two acts both pertain to a MALAN line that seems also related to the BEUS family, with a possible tie to other PFO families with GAYDOU ancestry:

Marriage settlement naming Maddalena **TRAVERS** daughter of Antonio and wife 8 years of Michele **BERTOCH** son of deceased GIACOMO. Pinerolo vol 237 bk 2 pg 392R, 24 Feb 1710

Will of Michele **BERTOCH** son of deceased Giacomo and of deceased Catterina **BERTET**, naming his wife Maddalena **TRAVERS** daughter of Antonio; their children Giacomo and Catterina; his full sister Maria; his sisters by his father Margarita (wife of Lorenzo **GUIGAN**); his brother by his mother Tomaso **GAYDOU**; and his sister (no indication as to by which parent) Catterina – wife of Michele **LEGER**. Pinerolo vol 237 bk 2 pg 393R, 2 Apr 1710

The Maddalena TRAVERS in these acts is a sister of Antoine TRAVERS (born 1679), a MALAN ancestor; she appears in the Piedmont Project and so her personal ordinances were completed in the 1960s. But her husband's ordinances have not been done, which also means that she has not been sealed to him. The ordinances for her father-in-law **Giacomo (in French: Jacques) BERTOCH** also have not been completed; research is needed to clarify (a) the other husband of Catterina BERTET, (b) the other wife of Giacomo BERTOCH, and who was the mother of Michele BERTOCH's half-sister Catterina who married Michele LEGER. Again, however, the name of **Michele BERTOCH** could be submitted now for ordinances.

The Lord would like us to “gird up our loins,” increase our donations so we catch up, and continue!

# The BREUZE Ancestry of Lauralee FOOTE

by Ron Malan

The Piedmont Project traced this BREUZE ancestry through the Waldensian parish registers to a Philippe BREUZE. We here present his ancestry as revealed by the notary records.

KEY: abt = about; aft = after; b = born; d = died; md = married; wd = will dated

**HUSBAND: Philippe BREUZE** b 1677 of Villar Perosa, Torino, Italy; d 16 Jul 1727 Prarostino San Secondo.

**WIFE: Suzanne GONNET** b abt 1681 of Villar Perosa

**CHILDREN:**

1. Jean b 30 Jun 1715; md 2 Jun 1748 Catherine COUGN b 4 Apr 1724 Torre Pellice
2. **Jacques** b 2 Jan 1718; md 5 Mar 1755 **Suzanne COUGN** b 19 Jan 1726 Torre Pellice
3. Anne b 17 May 1720
4. Catherine b abt 1722; md 5 Nov 1741 Jacques BARAL chr 1718, Pramollo
5. Suzanne b 23 Aug 1723; md 4 May 1762 Jacques COUGN b 28 May 1728 Torre Pellice
6. Marthe b 22 Aug 1726

*Sources:* Piedmont Project family group record (FHL film 1,273, 700 and FHL film 472,238)

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**HUSBAND: Giovanni BREUZE** b abt 1629 of Villar Perosa; d abt 12 Dec 1680 Villar Perosa; md 1653

**WIFE: Anne RIBET** b abt 1633 of Villar Perosa

**CHILDREN:**

1. Gioanna b abt 1655 of Villar Perosa
2. Michele b abt 1661 Villar Perosa
3. Giovanni b 1672 Villar Perosa
4. **Filippo (Philippe)** b 1677 Villar Perosa (above)

*Sources:* Perosa vol 17 pg 204, 1680 will; Perosa vol 13 pg 305R, 1668; Perosa vol 16 pg 518R, 1675

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**HUSBAND: Michele BREUZE** b abt 1594 Villar Perosa; d bef 1668; md abt 1618

**WIFE: Mrs. Michele BREUZE** b abt 1598 of Villar Perosa

**CHILD:**

1. **Gioanni** b abt 1629 of Villar Perosa; d abt 12 Dec 1680 Villar Perosa; md 1653 **Anne RIBET** (above)

*Sources:* Perosa vol 17 pg 204, 1680 will; Perosa vol 13 pg 304R 1668

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**HUSBAND: Gioanone or Giannino BREUZE** b abt 1563 of Villar Perosa; d abt 11 Dec 1621; md abt 1587

**WIFE: Mrs. Steffanina BREUZE** b abt 1567 of Villar Perosa

**CHILDREN:**

1. Maria b abt 1588 of Villar Perosa; d aft 1621; md abt 1608 Gullielmino RIBET b abt 1584 of Villar Perosa
2. Giovanni b abt 1590 Villar Perosa; md abt 1614 Mrs. Anna BREUZE b abt 1594 of Villar Perosa
3. Pietro b abt 1592 Villar Perosa; md abt 1616 Mrs. Pietro BREUZE b abt 1596 of Villar Perosa
4. **Michele** b abt 1594 Villar Perosa; md abt 1618 **Mrs. Michele BREUZE** b abt 1598 of Villar Perosa (above)
5. Filippo b abt 1596 Villar Perosa

*Sources:* Villaro vol 90 bk 2 pg 72, 1621 will; bk 2 pg 125, 1622; bk 2 pg 141R, 1623; bk 2 pg 3, 1620; bk 2 pg 251, 1625; bk 1 pg 283, 1619; Pinasca vol 71 bk 2 pg 409, 1616; Perosa vol 11 pg 231, 1658.

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## The BREUZE Ancestry, cont.

*HUSBAND:* **Gioanni BREUZE** b abt 1537 of Villar Perosa; d bef 1616; md abt 1561

*WIFE:* **Mrs. Giovanni BRUEZE** b abt 1541 of Villar Perosa

*CHILD:*

1. **Gioanone or Gioannino** b abt 1563 of Villar Perosa; d abt 11 Dec 1621; md abt 1587 **Mrs. Steffanina BREUZE** (above)

*Sources:* Villaro vol 90 bk 2 pg 72, 1621 will.

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*HUSBAND:* **Gioanni RIBET** b abt 1584 of Villar Perosa; md abt 1608

*WIFE:* **Gioanna BERGER** b abt 1588 of Cluson Valley, Torino, Italy

*CHILDREN:*

1. Pietro b abt 1610 of Villar Perosa; md abt 1634 Mrs. Pietro BREUZE b abt 1614 of Villar Perosa
2. Michele b abt 1613 Villar Perosa
3. Marta b abt 1616 Villa Perosa
4. Giuseppe b abt 1622; d bef 1668; md abt 1646 Mrs. Giuseppe b abt 1626 of Villar Perosa
5. **Anna** b abt 1633 of Villar Perosa; md 1653 **Gioanni BREUZE** b abt 1629 of Villar Perosa (above)

*Sources:* Perosa vol 2 pg 99R, 1611; Perosa vol 1 pg 110R, 1610; Villaro vol 90 bk 1 pg 183, 1618

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*HUSBAND:* **Pietro RIBET** b abt 1555 of Villar Perosa; d bef 3 May 1618; md (1) abt 1579 Mrs. Pietro b abt 1559, d abt 1582; *CHILD:* Giacomo b abt 1580; Pietro md (2) abt 1583

*WIFE:* **(2) Marta ROSTAN** b abt 1563 of Villar Perosa; d aft 3 May 1618

*CHILDREN:*

1. **Gioanni** b abt 1584 of Villar Perosa; md abt 1608 **Gioanna BERGER** (above)
2. Antonio b abt 1586 Villar Perosa
3. Gioanna b abt 1588 Villar perosa

*Sources:* Villaro vol 90 bk 1 pg 218, 1618; Perosa vol 3 pg 731, 1612

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*HUSBAND:* **Antonio ROSTAN** b abt 1538 of Villar Perosa; md abt 1562

*WIFE:* **Mrs. Antonio ROSTAN** b abt 1542 of Villar Perosa

*CHILD:*

1. **Marta** b abt 1563 of Villar Perosa; md abt 1583 **Pietro RIBET** b abt 1555 of Villar Perosa (above)

*Sources:* Villaro vol 90 bk 1 pg 218, 1618; Perosa vol 3 pg 731, 1612

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*HUSBAND:* **Michele BERGER** b abt 1562 Val Cluson, Torino; d bef 1610; md abt 1586; *Cardon Ancestors*

*WIFE:* **Mrs. Michele BERGER** b abt 1566 of Val Cluson

*CHILDREN:*

1. Giovanni b abt 1587 of Val Cluson; md abt 1611 Mrs. Giovanni b abt 1591
2. **Gioanna** b abt 1588 of Val Cluson; md 1608 **Gioanni RIBET** (above)
3. Tomaso b abt 1589 Val Cluson; md abt 1611 Alasina CRIDA dau of Bernardo of Biella, b abt 1591
4. Giacomo b abt 1591 Val Cluson
5. Pietro b abt 1593 Val Cluson

*Sources:* Perosa vol 2 pg 99R, 1611; vol 1 pg 110R, 1610; see also *PFO Report # 35*, May 2002 pg 2

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