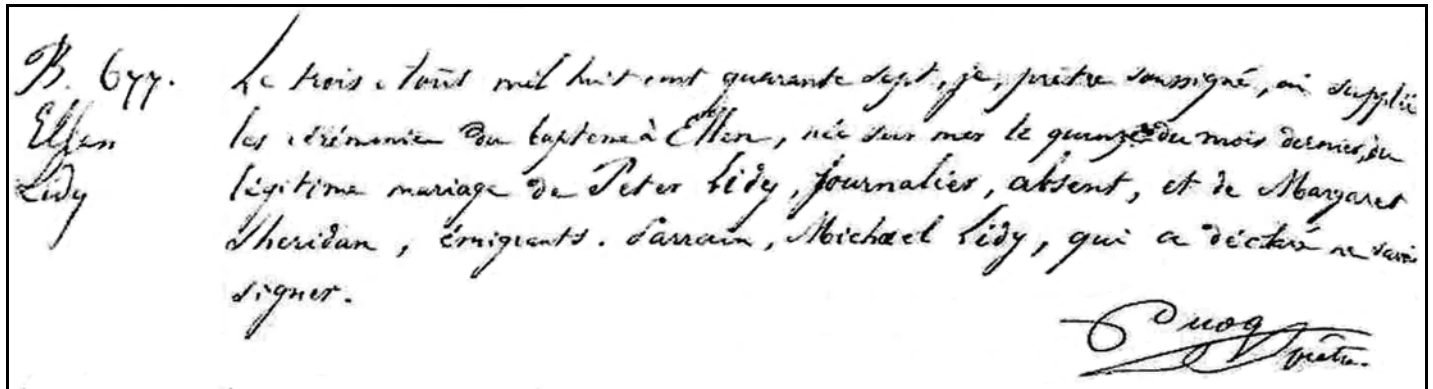


Ellen Leddy's Baptism in Montreal in 1847 Research and Comments by John Leddy

I am enclosing a copy of our great-great-aunt Ellen Leddy's second baptismal certificate – this one from her baptism at the Notre-Dame Basilica in Montréal on August 3, 1847. As you will recall, Ellen was first baptized on July 30, 1847 by Father Joseph Bailey, an Irish priest, who came aboard the Leddys' emigrant ship while it was at anchor at the quarantine station at Grosse Île, Quebec. (Perhaps, Margaret and Peter wanted a church baptism; just to be sure there would be no chance of Limbo!)



B. Gyy. Le trois et tout mil huit cent quarante sept, je, prêtre soussigné, ai supplié
les cérémonies du baptême à Ellen, née sur mer le quinze du mois dernier, du
légitime mariage de Peter Lidy, journalier, absent, et de Margaret
Sheridan, émigrants. Sarrain, Michael Lidy, qui a déclaré ne savoir
signer.

My high school French rendition is as follows:

“The third of August, Eighteen Hundred Forty-seven, I, the undersigned priest, have administered(?) the sacrament(?) of baptism to Ellen, born at sea the fifteenth of last month, of the legitimate marriage of Peter Lidy [sic], day laborer, absent, and Margaret, emigrants. Godfather Michael Lidy [sic], who declared he did not know how to sign.”

The interesting thing about this second baptism is that Michael Leddy was named the Godfather. When Ellen was baptized four days before on the ship, the two persons who stood for her were James Magner(?) and Julie Bardon(?). These godparents must have been fellow emigrants, but not necessarily blood relatives.

This second baptism confirms that Michael Leddy emigrated with Peter and Margaret Leddy, and is strong evidence that Michael Leddy was likely Peter's father. Michael Leddy (1780-1865) is buried in the Irish Settlement Cemetery in Underhill in the Leddy Family Plot. Mary Margaret Moore Audette had always said that Michael was Peter's father. She was right. However, the baptismal record that I was able to find for Peter in Co. Meath (in 1805) states that the father is “Patrick”. Perhaps, his name was “Patrick Michael Leddy”. That could be.



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Date of Baptism:	1847-07-30
Name:	Ledy, Helene
Parents:	Ledy, Peter and [Maradon], Marguerite
Religion:	Catholique
Sex:	F
Date of birth:	1847-07-15
Godfather and Godmother:	McNan, James and Boudon, Julie
Priest:	Bailey, Joseph
Reference:	Registre BMS 1847 Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Registre d'état civil, Saint-Luc de Grosse-Ile, 1834-1932