

## Life of Joseph Alexander de Chabrier de Peloubet.

**J**OSEPH ALEXANDER DE CHABRIER DE PELOUBET, the ancestor of the Peloubet family in the United States, was born March 4, 1764, in the Château de Peloubet, about a mile from Lauzun, a town of Lot-et-Garonne, about half way between Bordeaux and Agens. He was the eleventh child and fifth son, according to the records in the Mairie of Lauzun, of "Noble Michel Francois de Chabrier, esquire, and Sieur de Peloubet, and Madame Margarine de Vendeuil," the daughter, according to his report, of the Duke or Count of Vendeuil. Two of his brothers served in the bodyguard of King Louis XVI., but Alexander was too short of stature to be received, though he applied to the king for appointment. Failing in this, he engaged as supercargo to the commercial firm of Dubreuil & Doubret of Bordeaux, and spent his life on the sea, till his twenty-ninth year (1793), making voyages to the West Indies at least a part of the time. Then the French revolution broke out, and he returned home to take part on the side of the king against the uprising of a liberty-loving people. His father was advanced in years at this time, and by choosing a neutral position for a time escaped harm, but was afterward cast into prison by the revolutionists and died there at the age of 95.

For three years Joseph Alexander was in the royal army and he is said to have been engaged in thirteen battles. The division of the army to which he belonged was on the German frontier when the king was beheaded. As soon as the tidings of his downfall reached them the troops were disbanded on the field, and each soldier was left to make his own way to a place of safety. Joseph Alexander escaped into Germany. But after a time he returned to his home, thinking that the excitement had so far quieted down that he would be safe. It was a mistaken hope.