

Jean de Resseguier was born in Toulouse, July 22, 1683, of a family originally of Rouergue,* which for three centuries furnished eminent magistrates to the Parliament of Toulouse.

He, himself, was a member of that body, and president of its Chamber of Inquisition. He was elected judge in 1705, and the same year a member of the Jeux Floraux (a literary institute established in Toulouse in 1322 for the purpose of encouraging the art of poetry); later he became one of the founders of the Academy of Sciences of Toulouse. He died in that city, Sept. 25, 1753, leaving a number of unpublished works, among them a *History of the Parliament of Toulouse*, the manuscript of which is still preserved.

Clement Ignace de Resseguier (knight), son of Jean de Resseguier, was born in Toulouse, Nov. 23, 1724, and was intended from infancy as a member of the order of Malta (an order of chivalry, whose origin is traced to the Crusades); consequently, when young went to the island of Malta, where his vows were performed. After having won distinction in a number of expeditions against the infidels, he became general of the Galleys, amassed wealth, and had the advantage of a long residence in France. Chevalier de Resseguier, though gifted with wit, was naturally caustic, and imprudently directed a number of epigrams against people of influence, which resulted in his imprisonment in the Bastille. A keen satire upon Madame de Pompadour led to his detention in the Castle of If, from which he was released through the intercession of a friend.

The property which he possessed in France having been lost through the Revolution, he retired to Malta, where he was living when the place was surrendered to Bonaparte in 1798. He died the same year and was buried on the island. He was the author of quite a number of published works, both in poetry and prose.

Louis Elizabeth Emanuel de Resseguier, Marquis of Miremont, grandson of Jean, and nephew of Clement Ignace de Resseguier, was born in Toulouse, May 15, 1755, and married Angelique Louise de Chastenet de Puységur, grandniece of the Marshal de Puységur, and niece of the Count de Puységur, minister of war under Louis XVI. His merit and high reputation gained for him the position of advocate-general, at the age of 24.

* Rouergue was an ancient district of France, in the eastern part of the province of Guienne. It is now included in the department of Aveyron.