## Two victims of a time of Terror

The French National convention of March 1793 decreed that, the levy of 300,000 men to be taken and trained for the uprising. In Usson, 24 men were deemed suitable, aged between 25 and 40, unmarried or widowed, without children, they were ordered to make a list and to draw lots to see who would be conscripted.

Jean Baptiste Cuirblanc and his brother were on the list, but had charge of their younger brothers, and refused to take part in the drawing of lots.

This type of exemption was not foreseen by the revolutionaries, Jean Baptiste encouraged others on the list not to take part in the selection procedure of the drawing of lots.



Coat of arms of the Pasqueron de Fommervault family Site Généalogie

George Pasqueron from Fontmervault also refused, but he accepted to be enlisted, on condition that the chiefs of the national guard also did the same, the request bought to light unfairness as, exemption was granted to the officers of the national guard. Everywhere else others were refused excepting family commitments.

The Revolution roared louder, authorities reinforced the need to bring to heel the ringleaders of the objectors. Republican troops proceeded with the arrest of 13 young men. Jean Baptiste Cuirblanc, and George Pasqueron, were condemned to death. They were executed in Poitiers, On the 29th March 1793.



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