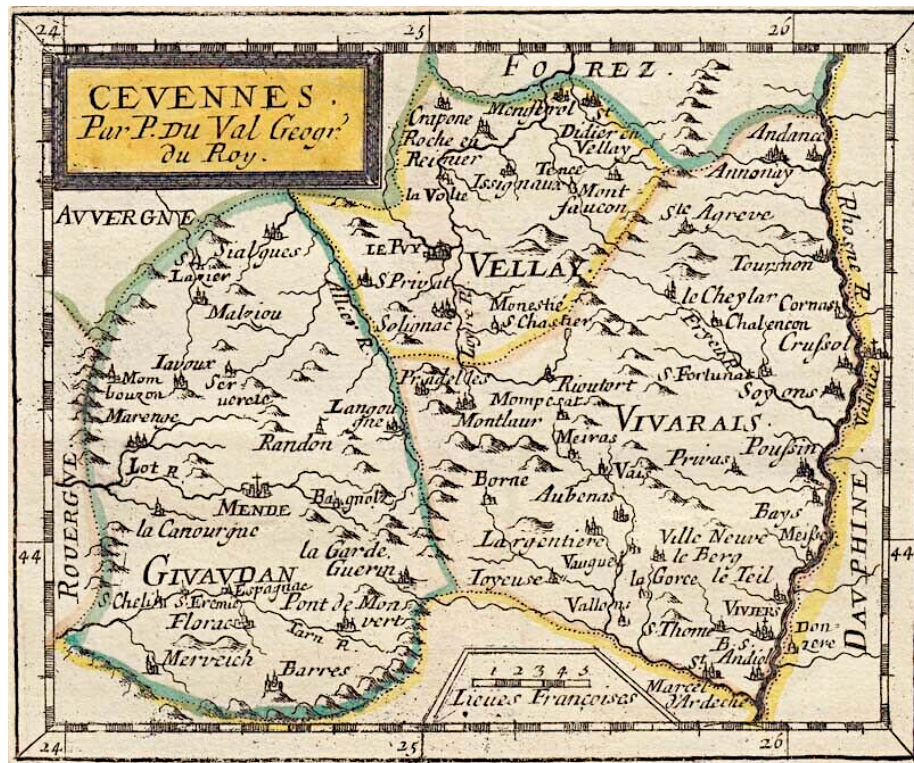


Nephew and pupil of Nicolas Sanson, Pierre Du Val achieved a considerable output, including six series of miniature maps. These plates are mostly of similar size and style and are often to be found with contemporary outline hand-colour. The first set, relating to the French provinces, appeared in a pocket geography of France published from 1659. The other series followed in 1660, 1662, 1663, 1667 and 1672.



This duodecimo book was illustrated with heraldry and thirty-three double-page maps about 120/125 x 100 mm. In the first edition *Berri* was dated 1659 in its title cartouche and an extra plate, *Le Comtat Venaissin*, was added from the second edition of 1663. A new title-page was introduced in 1680: *La France depuis son agrandissement par les conquestes du Roy*. Both title-pages appeared in the last two editions. Plate numbers were added to all the maps in the final issue, which was published by one of Du Val's two daughters: Marie-Angélique or Michèle. The plates and various issues are listed in detail by Mireille Pastoureau: *Les Atlas français XVIIe - XVIIIe siècles*. Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, 1984. The maps are also known as atlases without text, either with the plates bound flat in oblong/landscape or with them double-page in miniature format.

In 1667 this work became part one of a quartet of books about France, collectively entitled *La France sous le Roy Louis-XIV* (see title-page below). Another was a gazetteer but two more were atlases: *Les Acquisitions de la France par la paix* (see 1663) and *Cartes et tables de geographie des Provinces eschuës à la Reine tres Chrestienne* (see 1667).

*La Geographie Françoise.* Paris, Pierre Du Val, 1659, 1663, 1667, 1677, 1680; Pierre Du Val & Nicolas Langlois, 1682; Mlle. M. Du Val, 1691.

<p><i>CARTES</i>  <i>contenües en</i>  <i>La Geographie Françoise.</i></p>		
<i>France Générale .</i>	<i>Anjou .</i>	<i>Gascogne .</i>
<i>Picardie .</i>	<i>Poictou .</i>	<i>Güienne .</i>
<i>Normandie .</i>	<i>Angoumois .</i>	<i>Saintonge .</i>
<i>Isle de France .</i>	<i>Berri .</i>	<i>Perigort .</i>
<i>Champagne .</i>	<i>Bourgogne .</i>	<i>Limosin .</i>
<i>Bretagne .</i>	<i>Bresse .</i>	<i>Querci .</i>
<i>Maine .</i>	<i>Lyonnois .</i>	<i>Roüergue .</i>
<i>Perche .</i>	<i>Auvergne .</i>	<i>Languedoc .</i>
<i>Beauce .</i>	<i>Bourbonnois .</i>	<i>Ceuennes .</i>
<i>Nivernois .</i>	<i>Marche .</i>	<i>Dauphiné .</i>
<i>Touraine .</i>	<i>Bearn .</i>	<i>Prouence .</i>
		<i>Comtat Venaisin .</i>

