

Julienne Bousquet. Spouse William Boyer (b. 1840).

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The Bousquet women are important members of the large Metis Hunting Bands of the plains. They are linked to Jean Baptiste Wilkie's Band, the various Dumont Bands, and the Little Shell Band of Pembina and Turtle Mountain. Ultimately they were related to most of the families active during the Metis Resistance of 1885, the Dumonts, Boyers, the Touronds, and the Fidlers.

Julienne Bousquet was born on June 7, 1847 at St. Boniface, the daughter of Louis Bousquet and Elizabeth Betsy Fisher. Elizabeth Fisher was the daughter of Henry Munroe Fisher and Marguerite Laframboise.² Julienne married William Boyer, the son of Jean Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan on August 26, 1864 at St. Boniface. They later moved to St. Louis north of Batoche. They lived on River Lot 16 (T44-1-3) at St. Louis de Langevin. William was named as a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. Along with Charles Nolin he was suspected of disloyalty and arrested by the Exovedate. William appears on Garnot's list of Resistance participants as # 130, listed as #131 is "Son fils" likely his oldest son Raphael Boyer born September 9, 1867 at St. Boniface. Raphael later married Elise Tourond in 1894 at Batoche.



William Boyer and Julienne Bousquet

¹ Brenda grew up on her grandparent's farm at St. Laurent in the 1960s. Her maternal grandparents are Edmond Boyer (b. 1923) and Marie Virginie Berthe Louise Laderoute (b. 1900). Great grandparents are Raphael Boyer (b. 1867) and Elise Tourond (b. 1868) and Joseph Laderoute (b. 1886) and Genevieve Dumas (b. 1859). Her great-great grandparents via Raphael and Elise Boyer are William Boyer (b. 1840) and Julienne Bousquet (b. 1847).

² Marguerite (b. 1805) was the daughter of a fur trader out of Mackinac, Joseph Laframboise and his Nakota wife Josephte. After Henry Fisher died she married Jean Baptiste Dumont. She and her sister married brothers, her sister Louise Laframboise was married to Isidore Dumont. The Laframboise women were important members of the Metis associated with Little Shell's Band, the Dumont Hunting Band, the Trottier Hunting Band and the Metis community in Montana.

Julienne Bousquet's siblings:

- **Henri Bousquet** was born in 1845 at Red River. Henri was married to Marie Marguerite Wilkie, the daughter of the famous Metis hunting Chief, Jean Baptiste Wilkie and his wife Amable Elise Azure. Gabriel Dumont was married to Maguerite's sister Madeleine Wilkie. This couple received Scrip under the 1864 Amendments to the Chippewa Old Crossing Treaty 1864.

Bousquet, Henrie

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 363, "List of Persons to Whom Scrip was Issued under Red Lake & Pembina Treaties...." Halfbreed Scrip No. 468, issued February 2, 1877, under the authority of Secretarial Decision, June 12, 1872, delivered February 2, 1877

husband of: Bousquet, Margaret

[notation re March 24, 1877: "deceased"]

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 364, "Treaty of April 12, 1864, Red Lake and Pembina Half-Breeds," Scrip Stubs, Number 468, dated Feby 2, 1877, 160 Acres, delivered Feby 2, 1877, issued to Henrie Bosquet, delivered to Agt. Stowe; and Number 470, dated March 24, 1877, 160 Acres, delivered March 24, 1877, issued to "Margaret Bousquet, wife of Henry Bosquet, dec'd," delivered to Agt. Stowe

Bousquet, Margaret [R.L. Scrip #470/heir]

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 363, "List of Persons to Whom Scrip was Issued under Red Lake & Pembina Treaties...." Halfbreed Scrip No. 470, issued March 24, 1877, under the authority of Secretarial Decision, June 12, 1872, delivered March 24, 1877, notation: "wife of Henry, deceased," notation: "32 L, Approved Commission Meeting"

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 364, "Treaty of April 12, 1864, Red Lake and Pembina Half-Breeds," Scrip Stubs, Number 470, dated March 24, 1877, 160 Acres, delivered March 24, 1877, issued to "Margaret Bousquet, wife of Henry Bosquet, dec'd," delivered to Agt. Stowe

- **Elizabeth Bousquet** (b. 1849) was married to Jean Baptiste Boyer, the brother of Julienne's husband William Boyer. Jean Baptiste (1845-1895) was a Metis merchant, the son of Jean Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan. He married Elizabeth Bousquet on January 19, 1864 at St. Boniface. She was the daughter of Louis Bousquet and Elizabeth Fisher. They moved to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in 1866. Although he was often absent trading out west, Boyer resided on Lot 6 in St. Laurent from 1874. He then purchased a lot from Xavier Letendré and opened his store at Batoche. Boyer was elected as a St. Laurent (South Saskatchewan) Council member in 1873 and was a member of Riel's Council (Exovedate) at Batoche during the 1885 Resistance. He was a member of Captain Philippe Gariépy's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. He fled to Lebret after the battle of Duck Lake. His store at St. Laurent was used as a prison for Riel's hostages. He returned and started up his business again after 1885 even though he had lost all his goods.

The house of Baptiste Boyer at St. Laurent was looted. There were a lot of furs in the attic. The police, upon leaving there, set out for Prince Albert by way of St. Louis; all along the road, almost up to St. Louis, they amuse themselves by cutting the furs into shreds. As such, beaver, otter, and mink pelts were scattered all over the road for over a distance of twelve miles.³

- **Elise Bousquet** (b. 1852) was married to Isidore Gaudry.
- **Marguerite Bousquet** (b. 1853) was married to Moise Racette, the son of Augustin Racette and Suzanne Groulx.
- **Chrysostome Bousquet** (b. 1855) was married to Marie Rose Carriere, daughter of Daniel Carriere and Dorothee Landry, the daughter of Joseph Landry and Genevieve Lalonde.
- **Domtilde Bouquet** was married to Isidore Zace.

Children of Julienne Bousquet and William Boyer:

- William Boyer, (b. 1863) died in 1865 at age two.
- Eliza Boyer, (b. 1865) married Etienne Landry, son of Eli Pierre Landry and Genevieve Bruneau. Pierre Landry served under Captain James Short during the 1885 Resistance. His older sister, Angelique Landry was married to Isidore Dumont Sr. (his second wife), thus she was Gabriel Dumont's step-mother.
- Raphael Boyer, (b. 1867) married Elize Tourond. At the time of the 1885 Resistance Elise (b. 1868) was the 17 year-old daughter of Joseph Tourond and Josephte Paul. Her father and his brothers were present on October 11, 1869 when Riel and 18 Metis stopped the surveyors in St. Norbert. Her brothers were 1885 Resistance activists and two were killed in battle. The battle at Tourond's Coulee resulted in the destruction of their home and she had to flee to the Bellevue area. She and Raphael Boyer subsequently married, on October 22, 1894 at Batoche.

³ SHM, p. 85.



Raphael Boyer, Elise Tourond and children,
Edmond and Alice.

- Alexander Boyer, (b. 1869) died 1872 at age two.
- Julienne Boyer, (b. 1871) married Norbert Fidler, son of William Fidler and Marguerite McGillis. During the 1885 Resistance William served under his father Captain William Fidler Sr.
- Marie Octavie Boyer, (b. 1873) married Louis Joseph Fidler son of Francois Fidler and Joseph Laplante. Francois Fidler served under Captain Calixte Lafontaine during the 1885 Resistance.
- Marie Ursule Boyer, (b. 1877, d. 1878)
- Chrysostome Boyer, (b. 1878) married Elize Vandal, the daughter of Joseph Vandal and Elizabeth Champagne. Joseph was a member of Captain James Short's company during the 1885 Resistance.
- Ambroise Boyer, (b. 1880). Ambroise was just five years old when his father fought in the 1885 Resistance. Sixteen years later, while living at Medicine Hat and working as a rancher, Ambroise enlisted in the Canadian Mounted Rifles and served in support of the British in the Boer War in South Africa. His papers are shown below.

**CANADIAN YEOMANRY.
ATTESTATION PAPER.**

No.

.. 898 .. *Jarvis A Boyer* of *240 M.R.* Folio

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name? *Ambrose Boyer*

2. In what Township or Parish, and in or near what town and in what County or Country were you born?
In or near ~~what~~ ^{the} Town of *Duck Lake*
in the County of *Saskatchewan*
in the *North West Territories*

3. * What is the name of your next of kin? *William Boyer*

4. * What is the address of your next of kin? *Balsche N.W.T.*

5. What is your age? *21* Years Months.

6. What is your Trade or Calling? *hauling*

You are hereby warned that if you give a wilfully false answer to any of the following five (5) questions you are liable to 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you an Apprentice? *No*

8. Are you Married? *No*

9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*

10. Have you ever served in His Majesty's Imperial Army, Marines, Navy or Indian Forces, or in any Corps of the Active Militia of Canada, or North-West Mounted Police? *No*

If so, state particulars of former Service, and the cause of Discharge, and produce Certificate of Discharge. Men belonging to the Imperial Army Reserve, or absentees therefrom, are not to be omitted.

11. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service, or for His Majesty's Indian Forces, the Active Militia of Canada, or North-West Mounted Police? *No*

12. Do you understand the nature and terms of your Engagement? *Yes*

13. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Yeomanry for a period of 12 months or until the termination of the present war in South Africa. *For a period of twelve months*

Signature of Man. *Ambrose Boyer*

Witness

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ambrose Boyer*, do sincerely and solemnly declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me are true; and that I am willing to be attested for the term above named, provided His Majesty should no longer require my services, or until legally discharged.

Ambrose Boyer } Signature of Man. } *Walter S. W. W. P.* } Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ambrose Boyer*, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King Edward VII, His Heirs and successors and that I will faithfully defend Him and them in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies and will obey all orders of the Officers set over me.

Witness my hand,
Signature of Man. *Ambrose Boyer*

Witness present *Walter S. W. W. P.*

The above questions were asked of the said *Ambrose Boyer* and answered by him in my presence, as herein recorded: and the said *Ambrose Boyer* made the above Declaration and Oath before me at *Therons Lake* this *12* day of *January* One Thousand Nine Hundred and *two* at *5 30* o'clock *P.* M.

Signature of Attesting Officer *Walter S. W. W. P.*



CANADA

WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCE BOARD

SOUTH AFRICAN

Office i/c Records
A. G. Branch
FEB 4 1919
Nat. Defence Hqrs.
Ottawa, - Canada.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.
AND PLEASE QUOTE
YOUR REGIMENTAL NUMBER

DALY BUILDING,
OTTAWA, January 31st, 1948.

Director of Records,
Department of National Defence.

Re BOYER Ambrose Regt. No. 898
(Surname) (Christian Name) 2nd C.M.R.
BOYER Ambroise

Dear Sir:

To enable the War Veterans' Allowance Board to determine the eligibility of the above named, will you kindly furnish the following particulars concerning his service during the South African War. He states he served in the following Units:

Enlisted at Medicine Hat December 1901.
Discharged September 1902.

W.C.N. Marriott,
Secretary,
War Veterans' Allowance Board.

- 1. Did the applicant serve in the South African War? **Yes**
- 2. Field of service in the South African War. **South Africa**
- 3. If in South Africa, name of Unit. **2nd C.M.R.**
- 4. Dates and places of all enlistments. **12-1-02, Medicine Hat, Alta**
- 5. Dates of all discharges and reasons. **Not stated.**
- 6. Date and place of birth as per attestation paper. **21 on enlistment, Duck Lake Sask.**
- 7. Domestic status, and if married name in full of wife. **Single.**
- 8. Medals and honours awarded for service in South Africa. **Queens Medal and three Cape Medals - Transvaal - South African 1902.**
- 9. Port of disembarkation in South Africa. **Durban**
- 10. Date of disembarkation. Day **25th** Month **February** Year **1902**

EM/3-2-42.

W.E.L. Coleman
(W.E.L. Coleman) Major,
Officer i/c Records,
for Adjutant General.

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- Marie Helene Boyer, (B. 1882)
- Patrice Boyer, (b. 1884), died 1889 at Batoche, age 14.
- Samson Boyer, (b. 1888, d. 1889).



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