

## **Parenteau, Jean-Baptiste. (b. 1832)**

Jean was born on August 4, 1832 at St. Norbert, at St. Norbert, the son of Joseph Dodet Parenteau and Angélique Godon. He married Pélagie Dumont on August 4, 1858, at St. Norbert. She was Gabriel Dumont's sister, the daughter of Isidore dit Ecapow Dumont and Louise Laframboise. She was one of the heroines of Batoche. Her son St. Pierre was shot in the face and killed at Tourond's Coulee on April 24, 1885. Another son, Jean-Baptiste Jr. was wounded during this battle. Before the fighting began Pélagie told Father Fourmond:

If the police come I will spear them, me. I will treat them like the buffalo of the prairie, spear, and put the meat in thin slices to dry.<sup>1</sup>

Three of Pélagie's daughters were married to Resistance fighters; Lucie married Abraham Montour, Marie Pélagie married Damase Carrière, and Rosalie married Philippe Gariepy.

Pelagie died on January 20, 1892 and was buried in the St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

### Children of Jean Baptiste and Pelagie:

- Marie Pelagie, born August 30, 1856. she married Damase Carriere, then married Maxime Dubois.
- Jean-Baptiste, born in 1858 near Saskatoon. He married Elise Champagne. Jean-Baptiste was wounded during the battle at Tourond's coulee on April 24, 1885.
- Martine Madonna, born January 30, 1860 at St. Norbert.
- Lucie, born November 10, 1860 at St. Norbert. She married Abraham Montour, then married Pierre Ouelette.
- Pierre, born February 23, 1861 at Red River. He married Marie Anne Nolin, the daughter of Charles Nolin and Marie Anne Harrison. He was killed fighting at Tourond's coulee on April 24, 1885.
- Emelie, born circa 1864. She married Napoleon Gervais.
- Christine, born December 12, 1866 at St. François Xavier. She married Jean Baptiste Montour, the son of Abraham Montour and Marie Page.
- Marguerite, born November 26, 1870 at Duck Lake. She married Alfred Cecil.
- Celine, born June 6, 1873 at St. Laurent, SK, died October 12, 1875 at St. Laurent.
- Alexandre, born June 12, 1875 at St. James. He married Octavie Pilon.

Jean-Baptiste and his brother Abraham received Half Breed Scrip pursuant to the 1864 Treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina Bands of Chippewa Indians. In 1875 they received scrip stubbs for 160 acres each, Scrip # 442 for Abraham and #443 for Jean Baptiste. In the 1850 Pembina Census, he was enumerated as a hunter in family # 177.

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<sup>1</sup> Journal of Abbé Cloutier typescript , Vol. 2, page 3, translation by Rose-Marie Carey, Parks Canada, Batoche Historic Site.

He was a plains buffalo hunter who wintered south of Fort Carlton and in subsequent years wintered near Tourond's Coulee with the other Métis traders and hunters. In the census document of 1871 from fort Carlton he and his wife are listed with two children over 12 and five children under 12 years. He is listed as having thirty horses, the largest number of anyone in the community. Each spring he would take furs to sell in Winnipeg and return to Tourond's Coulee in the fall. The family settled in St. Laurent (River Lot 30) in 1872. Baptiste was one of Gabriel Dumont's closest friends.

Cloutier's journal notes that Johny was one of the fighters at Duck Lake during the 1885 Resistance. (Vol. 1, p. 77).

Jean-Baptiste was a member of Riel's Exovedate and fought at Batoche. He was a member of Captain Baptiste Boucher's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. He was wounded during battle. He was not tried for these activities as he escaped to Montana. Baptiste Parenteau, Isidore Parenteau, Patrice Joseph Fleury, Edouard Dumont and Jean Dumont all joined the Spring Creek Métis Band in Montana. Jean Baptiste is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.



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