

“Amélie Boyer, femme de Georges Fisher, grand-mère maternelle de Marie de Savoye”

Amélie (Emelie) Boyer was born in Manitoba around 1837, the daughter of Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan. Emelie lived with her husband Georges (George) Fisher and their family in the parish of St. François Xavier, part of the Red River settlement, in 1870 [1,2]. She and her family lived next to Joseph and Josephite Tourond and their family [3]. Just 5 years later, Emelie’s eldest daughter Virginie Fisher, married the eldest son of Joseph and Josephite, David Tourond.

Emelie had 12 children, of whom 9 survived to adulthood. Their names and years of birth were: Virginie 1859, George 1860, Michel 1863, Charles 1865, Henry 1868, Joseph 1870, triplets Maurice, Agnes Emelie, and Maria 1872 (all died in childhood), William 1873, Marie Madeleine 1876, Philomene 1878 [4].

Emelie’s brother was Jean-Baptiste Boyer, a merchant trader who had worked for many years in association with Emelie’s husband George Fisher. Baptiste opened a store in Batoche in 1882 [ref 5, p. 175]. Baptiste was a councillor in Louis Riel’s 1885 Provisional Government or Exovedate and was one of Gabriel Dumont’s *Captaines* [ref 6 pp 30-31, ref 7 p 143]. Baptiste and many other of Emelie’s relatives took part in the 1885 Resistance [“Garnot’s List”, reproduced in ref 6 p 294-296]. Baptiste’s Batoche store suffered losses of over \$9000 due to looting by the Canadian Militia [ref 5, p. 310].

Emelie lived in the Fort Qu’Appelle area of Saskatchewan after the 1885 Resistance. She died on the 18th of April 1916 in Lebret, Saskatchewan [8]. She died just 10 days after the birth of her great grand-daughter, France de Savoye [9], daughter of Marie Tourond and grand-daughter of Emelie’s eldest daughter, Virginie Fisher.

- [1] Manitoba Census 1870, Library and Archives Canada, vol. 3, p. 269
<http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/1870/pdf/e010985585.pdf> accessed Sept 9 2013.
- [2] *Scrip affidavit for Fisher, Emilie (Emelie)*, wife of George Fisher; born 1845; father Baptiste Boyer (French Canadian); mother Ellen (Helene) McMullen (McMillan) (Métis), Métis and Original White Settlers affidavits [textual record] (R190-43-X-E), Library and Archives Canada
http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/our/res.php?url_ver=Z39.88-2004&url_tim=2013-08-21T05%3A33%3A44Z&url_ctx_fmt=info%3Aofi%2Ffmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=1500873&rfr_id=info%3Asid%2Fcollectionscanada.gc.ca%3Apam&lang=eng accessed Sept 9 2013.
- [3] Manitoba Census 1870, Library and Archives Canada, vol. 3, p. 268
<http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/1870/pdf/e010985584.pdf> accessed Sept 9 2013.
- [4] Morin, Gail, *Métis Families: A Genealogical Compendium*, Quintin Publications 2001, vol. 2, p. 275.

- [5] Payment, Diane P., *The Free People – Li Gens Libres: A History of the Métis Community of Batoche, Saskatchewan*, University of Calgary Press, 2009.
- [6] Barkwell, Lawrence J., *Veterans and Families of the 1885 Northwest Resistance*, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatoon, 2011.
- [7] Beal, Bob, and Rod Macleod, *Prairie Fire: the 1885 North-West Rebellion*, Hurtig Publishers, Edmonton, 1984.
- [8] *Morning Leader*, Fort Qu'Appelle Saskatchewan, 21st April 1916.
- [9] Birth Certificate, *de Savoye, France Victoire Marguerite*, Date of Birth Apr 08, 1916, Registration No. 1916-08-004276, Alberta Vital Statistics, Edmonton, Alberta.