

Abraham Belanger, Sr. (b. 1818)

Abraham was born June of 1818 at Red River, the son of Louis Belanger and Josephite Daze. He married Marie Anne Versailles (whose mother was Josephite Letendre) sometime before 1841. Abraham Belanger had HBC lots 358 and 370 at Red River (Register B). Abraham and Marie Anne were enumerated at Pembina in the 1850 census as family # 112, when he was age 30 and she was age 27.

This was a buffalo hunting family who lived at Pembina and St. Norbert before moving to Batoche. Abraham and his sons lived at Tourond's Coulee and had a large freighting business. Abraham owned a store at Battleford and traded to Winnipeg, North Dakota and Montana. They also freighted for the NWMP between 1886 and 1900.¹ Belanger was present at the March 24, 1884 secret Resistance planning meeting and was a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. He is shown on Philippe Garnot's list as #185.

They had the following children:

Marie-Anne Belanger, (Charette) (b. 1841).

Mary Ann Belanger was a member of Muskeg Lake Band. Marie Anne married Charette Sr. (b. 1840) the son of Joseph Charette and Marie Gosselin in 1861 at St. Norbert. Her brothers Abraham and Norbert were active in the Resistance. Her brother John had been a member of the "49th Rangers" with the British-Canadian Boundary Commission in 1873-74.

Elizabeth Belanger (Delorme), (b. 1843)

Elizabeth married Urbaine Delorme, the son of Joseph Delorme and Brigitte Plouf dit Villebrun in 1868.

Isabella Belanger, (Ledoux) (b. 1840). Spouse, Joseph Ledoux (b.c. 1845).

Isabella and her husband were members of the Muskeg Lake Band. She married Joseph Ledoux the son of Baptiste Ledoux in 1868 at St. Norbert.

Abraham Belanger Jr. (b. 1849)

Abraham was born on February 25, 1849 at Pembina. He married Philomene Delorme in 1870 at St. Norbert. After 1885, Abraham moved north of the Battleford area. His sister Isabelle was married to Joseph Ledoux and they were part of the Muskeg Lake band. Their oldest son Joseph (b. 1871) would later marry Elise Villebrun of Fort Pitt. Elise Belanger; made Scrip claim no. 961; while living at Battleford, Saskatchewan. She was born: Nov., 1879 at Fort Pitt, Sask.; her father was Daniel Villebrun (Métis); her mother was Marie Louise Chatelain² (Métis); Elise received scrip certificate: form C, no. 1503 for \$240.00.

¹ Diane Payment *The Free People – Li Gens Libres: A History of the Metis Community of Batoche, Saskatchewan*. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2009.

² She was the daughter of Ahenakew, her uncle was chief Ahtakakoop.

Marie Belanger, (Lépine) (1851-1888). Spouse, Athanase Lépine (b. 1850). Marie Belanger and her husband were members of the Muskeg Lake Band. Her husband was the son of Jean Baptiste Lepine and Isabelle Parenteau. Her husband Athanase and her brother John Belanger had been members of the “49th Rangers” with the British-Canadian Boundary Commission in 1873-74.

John (Jean) Belanger, (b. 1853)

John Belanger was born c. March 1853. He married Marie Josephine Gosselin on Nov. 9, 1875 at St. Norbert. By 1880 they were living at Batoche. He died between 1887-88 at Batoche. In 1872-73 he was a member of the 49th Rangers, attached as armed scouts to the British-Canadian Boundary Commission. He is believed to have assisted his father and brothers during the 1885 Resistance.

Elie Belanger. (1885-1889)

Elie was born at Pembina and died at age four at St. Norbert.

Josephite Belanger. (1857-1873)

Josephite died in 1873 at St. Norbert.

Helene Belanger. (b. 1858)

Helene married Pierre Lavallee the son of Charles Martin Lavallee and Maguerite Courchene in 1893 at St. Laurent.

Norbert Belanger,. (b. 1860)

Norbert was born on May 11, 1860 at St. Norbert. He was married to Caroline Pambrun, born 1868 at Battleford. Norbert was a member of Captain Abraham Belanger’s company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. His sister-in-law Marie Louise Pambrun was from Ahtakakoop’s band at Sandy Lake.

Christine Belanger. (b. 1864-d. 1864)

Christine was born in January 1864 at St. Norbert and died in October 1864.

Bernard Belanger, (b. 1865)

Bernard was born on September 26, 1865 at St. Norbert. Bernard married Pauline Nolin daughter of Charles Nolin and Marguerite Harrison in 1887. He and his brothers, Abraham and Norbert were living at St. Isidore de Bellevue at the time they joined the Resistance.



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