

Elizabeth Dumont (1790-1850)

Elizabeth is best-known as the aunt of Louis Riel's General Gabriel Dumont Jr. who led the Metis Resistance at Batoche in 1885. Mary Elizabeth (Lisette) Dumont (b. 1790), was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Dumond *dit* Dumont and Josephte (Josette), a Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee) woman. The Dumont family were members of the Pesew Band of Mountain Cree headed by Louis Joseph Piche. The Delorme's, Cardinal's and Bruneau's were also part of this Asini Wachi Wi Iniwak Band. Her siblings were: Gabriel b. 1795 who married Suzane Lussier; Suzanne b 1785 who married Thomas Smith; Jean Baptist dit Larkin Dumont b. 1 Feb. 1805 dd. 27 Oct. 1885 married Marguerite Laframboise; Isidore Dumond dit Dumont b. 20 March 1818, d. 1885 who married Angele Landry and Louise Laframboise; and Cecile Dumont b. 1800 who married Joseph Desmarais.

On November 14, 1826 at St. Louis Missouri Elizabeth formally married Antoine Clement (b. 1765).¹ They had the following children: Antoine Michel, born 1811; Pierre, born 1816; Joseph, born 1821, Basil, born 1824; twins Marie and Marguerite born 1826; Elizabeth, born 1827 and Francois Xavier, born 1829.

After the Hudson's Bay Company bought out the North West Company (1821), the couple had moved to a small farm in St. Ferdinand de Florrisant, just to the northwest of St. Louis. Either in Canada or St. Louis, twin girls, Marie & Marguerite, were born on in 1826. Later, Francois and Katherine were born in Florrisant. Francis Xavier, the youngest, was born August 1829. Previous children, Antoine Bazile Jacque Marie² b. c. 1823, and Elizabeth were baptized in the St. Louis cathedral. Antoine died ca. 1848 and Lizette died after a remarriage, ca. 1850. Most of the children were married in the St. Louis area.



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¹ Clément was in the company of Jacquot Cardinal during the exploration of the Rivière la Biche and Saskatchewan River. Clément was the Metis son of a Cree mother and a French-Canadien father. He was reportedly a crack shot whether using a rifle or the bow and arrow. In 1804, he was working for the NWC at Fort des Prairies (now Edmonton, Alberta). Two years later, he accompanied David Thompson on the trip through the Rocky Mountains from Fort Kootenay.

² Bazile went up the Missouri in 1840 as a Rocky Mountain Fur Co. employee. He had four Sioux wives. He married, Mary Sarpy, the daughter of a Sioux woman, Her Good Ground Woman, and Thomas Lestang Sarpy. They had ten children, including, John B. Claymore (the French "Clement" became "Claymore").

