

Joseph Belgarde. (1835-1909)

Joseph was the son of Alexis Joseph Gerbeau Bellegarde (1792-1852) and Marguerite Dufort (ca 1794-1893) was born 1835 in Red River, and died 24 September 1909 in St. Peters Mission, Montana. His nephew Jean Baptiste Belgarde (b. 1842) was one of the signatories to a petition of September 7, 1876, by 30 Metis at Fort Walsh submitted on behalf of the Metis of the four districts of Assiniboia to join Treaty 4. He also signed the petition for a Metis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles, August 6, 1880. Joseph married Louise Parisien (ca 1841-1926), on 18 January 1858 in Assumption, Pembina, Dakota Territory, daughter of Germain Parisien and Marie Louise Adam.

Louise was born about 1841 and died in 1925. She is buried at Craig, Montana. For many years they lived at St. Joseph's, North Dakota but were among those that left the Turtle Mountains, about 1870, for Montana. There they settled near St. Peter's Mission in an area called Sawmill, on the Dearborn River. The family history records that they traveled widely, to Qu'Appelle and Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan as well as Lewistown, Montana. Joseph died on September 24, 1909 at St. Peter's Mission and is buried there.

They had the following children:

- Gabriel BELGARDE 1860-1942, *born at Leroy*
- Marie BELGARDE 1862, *born at Leroy*
- Joseph BELGARDE 1864-1936, *born at Leroy*
- William BELGARDE 1866-1919, *born at Leroy*
- Louis BELGARDE 1867-1931, *born at Fort Benton*
- Vitaline BELGARDE *ca 1870-1906*
- Patrick BELGARDE 1873-1901, *born at Qu'Appelle*
- Michael BELGARDE 1876-1942, *born at Teton River*
- Rosalie BELGARDE 1877-1900, *born at Teton River*
- Nathaniel Ralph BELGARDE 1879-1916, *born at St. Peter's Mission*
- Marguerte BELGARDE 1881-1929, *born at St. Peter's Mission*



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