## Charles Racette. (1833-1876)

Charles was the Métis son of Charles Racette Sr. and Reine Boucher. He was married to Helene Boyer (b. 1834) the daughter of Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan.

Charles was a member of the 1857 Palliser Expedition. The Palliser Expedition, (1857-60), was initiated by John Palliser, who submitted to the Royal Geographical Society a plan to travel from the Red River Colony to and through the Rocky Mountains along the un-surveyed American boundary.

Their sons Jerome and Charles were both active in the Métis Resistance of 1885. Their daughter Marie Rose (b. 1861) was married to Leon Ferguson (b. 1857) another participant in the 1885 Métis Resistance. Their children were:

- William Racette, born 1857.
- Marie Rose Racette (b. 1861) was married to Leon Ferguson (b. 1857) another participant in the 1885 Métis Resistance. Leon's father, John Ferguson worked with Charles Racette as a member of the Palliser Expedition.
- Jerome Racette, born March 24, 1859, the son of Charles Racette and Helene Boyer. He married Caroline Nolin (b. 1867), the daughter of Charles Nolin and Marie Anne Harrison.
- Charles Damase Racette was born in 1864 son of Charles Racette and Helene Boyer. He married Marie Jane Ouellette (b. 1870), the daughter of Moise Ouellette and Isabella Dumont
- Patrice Racette, born 1866 was married to Julie Lafond (b. 1873).
- Virginie Racette, born 1869 married Abraham Ouellette (b. 1867) the son of Baptiste Ouellette and Cecile Courchene.
- Anne Racette, born 1871.
- Isabella Racette, born 1872 at Fish Creek, married Albert Welsh (b. 1871), the son of Norbert Welsh and Cecile Boyer.
- Helene Racette, born 1875 at St. Laurent.



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