

Jean-Baptiste Hamelin. (b. 1840)

Baptiste was the son of Solomon Hamelin¹ (b. 1810) and Isabelle Vandal. He married Marguerite Houle (b. 1847) the daughter of Antoine Houle (b. 1817) and Julie Parisien (b. 1822), and they had thirteen children. They lived at St. Boniface and St. François Xavier parishes then moved to St. Laurent in 1870. Baptiste was elected as a St. Laurent (South Saskatchewan) Council member in 1873 and 1874. He was a member of Captain Jonas Moureau's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. "Ballot" Hamelin is shown as #275 on Philippe Garnot's list of Resistance participants.

Hamelin resisted Riel's attempts to have the men renounce their faith and at one point the Provisional Government sentenced him to death but this order was not carried out no doubt due to his stature in the community. His son Daniel William (b. 1862) also fought at Batoche.

Children of Jean-Baptiste Hamelin and Maguerite Houle:

- Daniel William, born May 2, 1862, married Elise Ouellette the daughter of Moise Ouelette and Isabelle Elizabeth Dumont.
- Lazare, born January 1864 at St. François Xavier, died in 1866 at age two.
- Alexandre, born August 16, 1865 at St. Boniface, died July 1, 1866.
- Helene, born December 16, 1866.
- Marie Eleonore, born January 29, 1869, married Gaspard Arcand.
- Daniel, born August 1870 at St. Laurent, SK.
- Julienne, born September 24, 1870 at Tramping Lake, died in 1939.
- Rosalie, born January 5, 1872 at Batoche, SK.
- Marie Clarisse, born February 1874 at Duck Lake, SK.
- Anne, born December 8, 1877 at Duck Lake, SK.
- Marie Eulalie, born December 123, 1879 at Duck Lake, SK.
- Philippe, born November 10, 1883 at Duck Lake, SK., married Marie Felicité Racette; then married Marie Florestine Boyer.



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¹ Solomon Hamelin, from White Horse Plains, was a French Half-Breed who was a member of the Council of Assiniboia and then appointed to Manitoba's Legislative Council (Upper House) in 1871 by Lieutenant Governor Archibald.