Sister Beatrice Larocque. (1901-1988)

Beatrice was the daughter of Jean Antoine Larocque (b. 1870) and Marie "Theresa" Robillard¹ (1872-1962). Jean was the son of Antoine LaRocque (1830-1894) and Rosalie LaPlante (1843-1910). He attended school at Lebret (Saskatchewan). At about 20 years of age, he went to work as an interpreter for Indian Affairs (c.1887) in Kronsberg District (Saskatchewan). Jean first married Eliza Nicholl (1869-1900) who had immigrated from Scotland and also found work with Indian Affairs. He then farmed approximately two sections of land, some of which had been in LaRocque family since the late 1870's. In 1900, John's wife (Eliza) died of typhoid fever leaving three small children, motherless. In desperation, John put his three youngsters in the St. Boniface Orphanage, in Manitoba.

A year or so later, John married Marie "Theresa" Robillard (1872-1962). They lived on NW Section 30-Township 20- Range 12- West of the 2nd meridian, in the district of They decided to get Allan and Wilfred back from the Orphanage. Louise remained in the Orphanage with the Grey Nuns, in Manitoba. Allan and Wilfred learned all about farming. John and Theresa had three children: Beatrice, who became a Nun, Caroline, and John Joseph (Joe) Larocque.



LaRocque, John LaRocque Jr.

Reference:

¹ Marie "Theresa" Robillard (1872-1962), was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Robillard (b. 1820) and Isabelle Comtois. Isabelle Marie Comtois was the daughter of Alexander Comtois and Marie (Saulteaux). Isabelle was born on April 22, 1861 in Slave Lake, NWT.

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