

## **Venne, Salomon Jean.** (1837-1922)

Solomon was the son of Pierre Venne and Marie Charette<sup>1</sup>. He married Josephite St. Arnaud, the daughter of Bonaventure St. Arnaud dit Tourond and Genevieve Contre. They lived on Parish Lot #86 in St Norbert before moving to Batoche in 1873. They had the following children:

- Salomon, b. 1857 at St. Norbert, married Marie Marion.
- Josephite, b. 1859 at St. Norbert, married Roger Goulet.
- David, b. 1860 at St. Norbert.
- Marie Celina, b. 1862 at St. Norbert, died 1864.
- Napoleon, b. 1864 at St. Norbert, married Marie Therese Tourond.
- Alexandre Marie, b. 1867 at St. Norbert.
- Louis Bruno, b. 1870 at St. Norbert, married Florestine Letendre.
- Marie Elmire, b. 1872 at St. Norbert.
- Zenaide, b. 1874 at St. Laurent died 1882.

Venne operated a store at Batoche, Saskatchewan and along with the Letendre's had a network of posts at Carrot River, Fort à la Corne, Meadow Lake and Isle à la Crosse districts. He hired local traders, freighters, interpreters and store clerks. He also hired Métis as farm labourers and cowboys to raise horses and cattle at his ranch in the Minichinas Hills south east of Batoche. Venne's trading activities took him to Winnipeg, St. Paul and Montreal. Venne was a Justice of the Peace and sat on the Parish Council.



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<sup>1</sup> Pierre was born in Quebec in 1788. Marie-Anne Charette, b. 1825, was the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Charette and Charlotte Sansregret. They farmed at St. Norbert. She died in 1877 at Olga, North Dakota.