

Jean Belhumeur dit Monet. (1832-1898)

Jean was Louis Riel's father-in-law. Jean was born on September 15, 1832 at St. François Xavier, the son of Andre Belhumeur (b. 1805) and Marguerite Maron (b. 1810). Jean's mother was Marguerite Maron, born circa 1809/1810 in NWT she died after 1852 in Pembina, North Dakota. She was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Maron and Francoise Brunoche.

Jean married Marie Malaterre, born March 31, 1839 in St François Xavier on January 10, 1860. She was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Malaterre and Angelique Adam. Jean died on March 15, 1898 at Fort Ellice.

Their daughter Marguerite married Louis Riel in 1882 at Carroll, Montana. Jean signed a petition for a Métis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles, August 6, 1880. Marie Malaterre died on April 29, 1871 (age 32), and was buried at St. François Xavier.

Jean Belhumeur subsequently married Marie Tanner, the daughter of Thomas DeCorby Tanner¹ and Marie Neshotokoway Neukatek Ledoux on May 27, 1874 at Duck Lake. The couple had eleven children, four girls and seven boys, between 1871 and 1896. Their children were born at Maple Creek, Wood Mountain and Fort Ellice. Jean and Marie lived for a time on her uncle, Gambler Tanner's reserve at Silver Creek. They farmed there after the 1885 Resistance. Marie like her mother became a member of the Silver Creek Band, however, in 1889 she and her Métis husband were expelled from the reserve, since Marie lost her status by marrying a Michif.

Jean's uncle, Michel Monet Jr. was married to the daughter of Chief Little Shell I. This made Chief Little Shell II Michel's brother-in-law. Jean's father, Andre Monet, was born on February 7, 1805 in Berthierville, Quebec. He was the son of Michel Monet² and Marguerite Grant, the daughter of Cuthbert James Grant Sr. and Utinawasis (Cree). Andre died on Aril 13, 1881 in Pembina, North Dakota.

Jean and Marie Eulalie Malaterre had the following children:

- Marguerite Belhumeur, born January 15, 1861 in Fort Ellice. She married Louis Riel on March 9, 1882 in Carroll, Montana.
- Marie Anne Belhumeur, born on July 15, 1862 in St François Xavier. She married John F. Forgey on March 5, 1883 in Carroll, Montana.
- Patrice Belhumeur, born on July 20, 1863 in St François Xavier. He married Isabelle Fiddler (b. 1861) on January 31, 1888 at St. Eustache. He then married Cecile Fleury (b. 1875) on September 13, 1894 at St. Lazare.
- Napoleon Belhumeur, born on May 30, 1867 in St. François Xavier. He married Therese Fleury (b. 1880) on April 26, 1895 at Fort Ellice.
- Madeleine Belhumeur, born December 15, 1869 in St. François Xavier. She married Jean Marie Fleury (b. 1864) on May 18, 1886 at St. Lazare.

¹Thomas Tanner was the son of Chief Picheito Tanner and the younger brother of Chief Gambler Tanner. He was probably born in the Red Lake area of Minnesota since the Red Lake Band moved freely back and forth across the international border. In 1836, he married Marie Angelique Ledoux at Turtle Mountain near what is now Belcourt, North Dakota. Marie's mother was Wehwashk. Their children were: Jean Baptiste who married Victoire Boyer (born 1852 at Grand Coteau) in 1875 at Winnipeg; Angelique, who was born 1850 at Carlton. She married Joseph Descheneaux in 1869 at St. Albert ; and Marie, born 1854. She married Jean Belhumeur dit Monet on May 27, 1874 at Duck Lake.

² Michel Monet and Marguerite Grant's son Michel Jr. born 1802, married Josephte Little Shell, the daughter of Chief Little Shell I and sister of Little Shell II. They had six children; Michel Jr. b. 1825; Oliver b. 1827; Josephte b. 1829; Antoine b. 1838 (noted as chief Little Shell's nephew in the note on his Métis Scrip shown below); Marguerite b. 1839 and François b. 1841. He and Reine Lagimodiere had one child, Marianne born in 1832. Subsequently, Michel married Suzanne Josephte Bruyere , the daughter of Jean Baptiste Bruyere a brother-in-law of Little Shell. They had seven children. Michel Jr. was issued Métis Scrip #158 under the 1864 Red Lake and Pembina Chippewa Treaty.

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