

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE – OREGON

FOUNDRESSES – 1856

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ESTHER PARISOT (Pariseau) Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart

Born and baptized in St. Martin (Laval) April 16 1823

1) Daughter of François Parisot, carriage maker and Françoise Rousseau

Married August 16 1816 in Montréal

2) Son of Joseph-Pierre Parisot, trade not mentioned and Geneviève-Angélique Sicard

Married February 26 1781 in Sault-au-Récollet

3) Son of Martin Parisot, farmer and Louise Jolivet/Lepine

Married October 4 1756 in St-Laurent

4) Son of Martin Parisot, trade not mentioned from Toul in Lorraine and Anne-Gérard George

Married before 1756

- Mother Joseph entered the Congregation on December 26 1843

She was no 13 in the Congregation

Professed her vows on July 21 1845

Chosen to go to Oregon October 3 1856.

Arrived in December 1856

Founded St. Joseph Hospital in 1858

Founded Asylum for the Insane in 1860

Left for Montréal in 1863.

Came back in 1864 with two new nuns:

Sister Philomena of Jesus (Anastasia Wall 1843-1872, born in Ireland) and Sister John the Baptist (Nancy Crate 1845-1864)
Acted as Mother Superior until 1866 but was replaced by Sister Philomena the same year

Died January 19 1902 in Vancouver WA

Was buried in St. John Acres Cemetary, Vancouver WA

COLLIN, Zéphyrine (Sister Blandine of the Holy Angels)

Born March 8 1837 in Longueuil and baptized the next day under the name Héloïse-Zéphyrine

1) Daughter of Alexis Colin/Laliberté, tavern keeper, and Sophie Vandandaigue/Gadbois

Married May 6 1833 in Beloeil

2) Son of Pierre Colin/Laliberté, trade not mentioned, and Marie Brouillet

Married February 18 1805 in Chambly

3) Son Francois Colin/Laliberté, trade not mentioned, and Louise Briquet

Married February 20 1757 in Longueuil

4) Son of Pierre Colin/Laliberté, trade not mentioned, and Marthe Bouthillier

Married August 11 1715 in Longueuil

5) Son of Mathurin Colin/Laliberté (trade not mentioned) and Jacqueline Labbé

Married 1669 in St-Ours

- Sister Blandine entered the Congregation February 11 1854

Rank in the Congregation: 102

Professed her vows August 18 1856 in Montréal

Arrived in Oregon in 1856 – was bilingual

Acting as a secretary to Mother Joseph and Mistress of novices, teacher and nurse

Came back to Montréal in 1895 and died there March 19 1922

LAMOTHE, Desanges (Sister Praxedes of Providence)

OREGON 1856-1889

Professed her temporary vows July 21 1847

Rank in the Congregation: 26

Baptized under the name Marie-Angelique, January 26 1820 in St-Grégoire de Nicolet

1) Daughter of Michel Lamothe (trade not mentioned) and Esther Prince

Married November 13 1815 in St-Grégoire de Nicolet

2) Son of Michel Lamothe (trade not mentioned) and Angelique Pinard

Married February 27 1786 in Nicole

3) Son of Jean-Baptiste Desmarais/Lepel /Lamothe, trade not mentioned and Ursule Lamonde

Married July 14 1749 in Trois-Rivi res

4) Son of Alexis Desmarais/Lepel /Lamothe, trade not mentioned and Jeanne Bigot

Married July 1st 1710 in Champlain

5) Son of Jean Lepel /Desmarais, trade not mentioned from Saintonge and Jeanne Isabel

Married January 10 1667 in Trois-Rivi res

- Assistant to Mother Joseph and Provincial Superior

Linked to Canon Jean-Charles Prince, he was his maternal uncle

Made her first trip from Oregon to Montr al in 1864 and stayed two years

Came back with four new sisters (research in progress) and three “tertiares” to do the manual work

Died September 24 1889 in Vancouver Oregon

NORTON, Helen (Sister Mary of the Precious Blood)

Entered the Congregation on October 28 1856 in Montr al

Rank in the Congregation: 132

Receive the Holy Habit March 25 1857 in Vancouver Oregon

Professed her vows September 19 1858 in Vancouver Oregon

Died October 29 1877 in Vancouver Oregon

Anglophone – could have been a Mohawk (or Iroquois) from Kanawague or of the Finger Lakes Region of the State of New York

Although the 1880 United States Census says she was born in Canada. Her parents are not known but the name of the father, Norton, suggest he could be from Irish or Scottish descent or of mixed blood

THÉRIAULT, Adelaide (Sister Vincent of Paul)

Entered the Congregation in 1856 to go to Oregon

Rank in the Congregation: 131

Baptized under the name Adelaide, September 13 1822 in Kamouraska. She had a twin brother, of whom we know nothing.

Died November 19 1908 in Vancouver Oregon

1) Daughter of Antoine Thériault, farmer and Adelaide Phocas/Raymond

Married January 31 1821 in Kamouraska

2) Son of Antoine Thériault, trade not mentioned, and Apolline Leclerc (second wife)

Married October 11 1796 in St-Jean Port-Joli

3) Son of Joseph Thériault, trade not mentioned and Agnès Cormier

Married in 1746 in Rivière-aux-Canards near Beaubassin, Acadie (now Nova Scotia)