

Joachim Hubert

In the Pacific Northwest by 1826

By Chalk Courchane

Joachim Hubert the third and last husband of my great-great-great grandmother Josephte Kanhopitsa.

He was born November 26, 1791 in Saint-Joachim-de-Châteauguay, Quebec, Canada, the son of Ignace Hubert and Marguerite Gendron.

Quebec, Catholic Parish Registers, 1621-1900 Châteauguay ,Saint-Joachim-de-Châteauguay 1789-1796

1791, p. 14

B. De Joachim Hubert

The twenty seventh of November by me was baptized Joachim born yesterday of the legitimate marriage of Ignace Hubert and Marguerite Gendron. The godfather Joachim Gendron, the godmother Marianne Girou, who are unable to sign. Brugiuer, priest.

He married Josephte on August 2, 1842 in St. Paul Mission, Marion County, Oregon Territory.

He entered the fur trade early and worked as a voyageur for the North West Company. Joachim Hubert first joined the NWC [Roderick McKenzie] on October 1, 1814 to work at Michillimacinac as a middleman. http://ubc.bcmctis.ca/hbc_bio_profile.php?id=MTM4NA==

After that he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company as a middleman from 1812 to 1843. (Middle position in the canoe) He eventually became the Postmaster at Fort Colville. This had nothing to do with the mail or post being the man in charge of the post or fort.

From the "Revised Fort Colville List" Bruce M. Watson (1997) page 4:

name	parish	occupation	Yrs. at Ft. Colville
Hubert, Joachim	St. Louis	middleman	1826-32
		cook	1832-33
		servant	1833-35
		middleman	1835-42

Hudson's Bay Company Archives Biography:

"Joachim Hubert, from the parish of Sault St. Louis (in present-day Quebec) served the Company for a period of about thirty years, between 1812 and 1843, in the capacity of Middleman in the Columbia Department (present-day British Columbia). HBC Archives B.239/g/61-82).

In 1824-25 his age was listed as thirty years (HBC Archives B.239/g/64,fo.39) and between 1838 and 1841 he was listed as being posted at Fort Colville in the Columbia Department.

Prior to 1821, it appears that Joachim Hubert may have served with the North West Company. A few of the North West Company records are deposited in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives but Joachim's name has not been traced."

From "Journal of John Work, June 21 - Sept. 6, 1825" Washington Historical Quarterly, Vol.5, No.2 (1914) pp.83-115, ed. T.C. Elliott:

John Work was in Western Montana at Thompson's Falls when he wrote:

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"Joachim Hubert accompanied the Indians with the horses that brought the Snake furs and a small supply of articles for Mr. Ogden to whom I wrote and forwarded a number of letters and despatches addresses to him. The packet was put in charge of Grosplied one of the F. Head chiefs, as being more safe....." Ogden was coming in from the Snake Country Expedition to Flathead Post and needed horses and supplies.

From PETER SKENE OGDEN JOURNALS - T.C. Elliott,(1909) p333:

1825---"Wed. 17th, Joachim Hubert accompanied the Indians with the horses that brought the Snake furs and a small supply of articles for Mr. Ogden...." This was en route to Flathead Post.

Fort Colville Journal 1830 April 1830:

Hugh (Duloge)	\	Joseph Bourgeau	\
Jac Servant	Raising the	Ant. Felix	
Jean Monde	bastions	J. Bt. Poreau	Farming
Louis Andre		Ant. Bourdignon	
J. Bt. Leferve	/	Colville Quinville	/
Joseph LaPierre		Herea St.	\
J.Bt. George		Jos. Pin	Rafting
Ant. Plouff	Fence post	Louis Poreau	Posts
George Ross	cutters	Pierre [Karagnaryati]	/
Thos. [Sebanenabss]	/	Phillip Desgrais	Gardening
P. LaCourse	\	J.Bt. LaJoie	\
Claude [Secaunatun]	Boat	Joa. Hubert	/ Carters
Nas Portelanc	Building	Ant. Petit	Mess Cook
Canott Humpreville	/		

5. From CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST - Harriet Munnick with my notes in brackets:

"Joachim Hubert 1788-1873

This is the "Zuwasha Ubair" that Marshall Joe Meek (ex-mountain man) entered on the tax rolls in 1844. [Joachim is listed with horses valued at \$60.00, cattle at \$60.00 and hogs at \$13.00 and he paid a tax of \$.53]. The name probably sounded like that to the non-French Meek. Hubert was employed by the HBC at Fort Colville during the 1830's, three of his children being baptized there when the priests passed on their way to the Columbia in 1838. A few years earlier Hubert had married, native fashion, Josephte Kanhopitsa (des Chaudieres) a girl who had borne a daughter Josephte to John Clarke, and Jean Baptiste and Isabelle (Elizabeth) to Jean Baptiste Boucher. To Hubert she bore seven more children between 1828 and 1841, including another Isabelle (Elizabeth) who married Jean Jaudoine. Hubert spent 40 years at Fort Colville before retiring to the Prairie at last.

Joseph, Isabelle, and Archange Hubert were all baptized 7 November, 1838:
Joseph aged 7 years, Isabelle, aged 5 years, and Archange, aged 3 years. "Born of the natural marriage of Joachim Hubert, engage, and of Josephte Kanhopitsa"
Modeste Demers, S.J. Their godfather: Charles Belanger Their godmother: Catherine Russie

Another Joseph was born to Joachim and Josephte, he was called Joseph (II) in the Records.

"This Blessed Wilderness - Archibald McDonald's Letters from the Columbia, 1822-44" edited by Jean Murray Cole, UBC Press, Vancouver/Toronto, 2001, on page 216 Archie McDonald wrote on May 30, 1842 from Fort Colville to Chief Factor John McLoughlin at Fort Vancouver:

"By return of our two men from Vancouver on Thursday last I was handed yours of 10th inst but much to my disappointment without an ounce of grease. There are a good many points which I thought might very advantageously be talked over together by us this summer & which I foresee no paper communication can obviate.

Six of our men left us this spring, besides Joachim, Philippe Lajoie & Duquette whom I hope it is intended to replace with hands equal to the arduous duties the Colville men have to perform.

..Herewith I also send down the district accounts with separate statements of the Flathead and Kootenais trade ... I have given Philippe & Joachim with his family a passage down in the Boats, also Lajoie's wife and the wife of A. Martineau. Peter Grant too with his family goes down as far as Okanagan. It is quite a mistake to suppose that so many useless hands can be maintained at Colville without feeling it & had there been fewer of that description our effective men might have fared today better than they do. Our grain of last year is now in a fair way to becoming very low. Three hundred bushels of seed is now in the ground but the question is how to secure the harvest should providence prosper the crops ..." Is he taking about Joachim LaFleur or Joachim Hubert?

and on page 217 Archie wrote to Chief Factor John McLoughlin at Fort Vancouver on June 8, 1842 from Fort Colville:

"Yesterday morning a confused report thru Indians reached us of the melancholy fate of our poor people, which but too truly was confirmed by authentic accounts from OK (Okanogan) this morning. It is a most lamentable case, & apart from what we must all feel as fellow men, one

that is likely to have the effect of increasing our difficulties here. By a glance at the names of the men equipped for this district last year, they will now be found 13 less [including those assigned elsewhere], namely: Canote Umphreville, P. Martineau, D. Flett, H. Brouillet, C. Robiard, T. LeClair, W. Pion, C. Lafentasia, Wacon Umphreville, P. Lajoie, Ant. Duquette, Joachim Hubert, Phillipe Desgrais ... "

"This 17 September, 1842, we priest undersigned have baptized Joseph (born) 25 days ago of the legitimate marriage of Joachim Hubert, farmer of this place, and of Josephte Chaudiere. Godfather Hyacinthe Lavigueur. Godmother Isabelle Boucher, who as well as the father have not known how to sign. F.N. Blanchet, Priest Miss.

"Louis Hubert:

The 30 May, 1844, we priest undersigned have baptized Louis, aged 10 days, legitimate child of the marriage of Joachim Hubert, farmer, and of Josephte (des Chaudieres) of this parish. Godfather Louis Vandal, Godmother Cecile Magdaleine (probably McDonald) who have not known how to sign. A.Langlois, priest."

1850 Oregon Territory Census On 30 Jan by W.H. Rees, Ass. Marshall lists as number 401:

Joachim Hubert	age	60	Beadle	Canada
Rosalie	"	"	11	Oregon
Joseph	"	"	9	"
Louis	"	"	7	"

(A beadle was a minor parish official whose duties included ushering and preserving order at services and sometimes civil functions)

Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest St Louis Volumes 1 & 2, Gervais, Brooks Harriet Duncan Munnick Binford & Mort, 1982 St. Louis Vol II Pg 34.

S - 4 Hubert Joassin [Joachim Hubert]

June 8, 1873, we the undersigned parish priest of St. Louis have buried in the grave yard of our parish the corpse of Hubert Joassin, deceased on the 6th inst. at the age of 85 years about.

Witnesses: Mr. McCormick, Mr. Fershweiler. G. C. Thibau, pr