

Descendants of Jean Baptiste Pelletier

Generation No. 1

1. JEAN BAPTISTE¹ PELLETIER He married THEOTISTE DUMONT.

Children of JEAN PELLETIER and THEOTISTE DUMONT are:

2. i. DAVID² PELKEY, b. April 17, 1840, Canada; d. September 19, 1921, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan.
ii. THOMAS PELKEY, b. Abt. 1847, Canada.

Generation No. 2

2. DAVID² PELKEY (*JEAN BAPTISTE¹ PELLETIER*) was born April 17, 1840 in Canada, and died September 19, 1921 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan¹. He married ANGELINE CHALIFOUR May 09, 1865 in St. Epiphane, Riviere du Loup, Quebec, Canada, daughter of PHILIPPE CHALIFOUR and EMLIENNE THIBAUT. She was born October 1841 in Canada, and died February 23, 1914 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan.

More About DAVID PELKEY:

Burial: Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bay City, Bay, MI

Census: 1920, Michigan, Bay City, Bay Pelkey, Phillip (Head) 41 wife Ellen (32) David (79)

Immigration: 1868

More About ANGELINE CHALIFOUR:

Burial: Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bay City, Bay, MI

Census: 1880, West Bay, Bay, Michigan, Pelkey, David (Head)(39) wife Anshell (38) daughter Carrie (10) Mary (7) Exise (4) son Frederick (2) Charles 2/12 Mar, Brother Thomas (33)

Immigration: 1870, From 1910 Census

Children of DAVID PELKEY and ANGELINE CHALIFOUR are:

3. i. GEORGE³ PELKEY, b. Abt. 1866, Banks, Bay, Michigan; d. March 09, 1874, Banks, Bay, Michigan.
ii. LEOCARDIA PELKEY, b. December 08, 1870, West Bay City, Bay County, MI; d. October 1935, Lowell, Middlesex, MA.
iii. MARY PELKEY, b. Abt. 1873.
iv. EUGENIA PELKEY, b. September 05, 1874, Banks, Bay, Michigan; m. AUGUST BOUCHER, May 06, 1889, West Bay City, Bay, Michigan.
v. EXERAR PELLETIER, b. July 15, 1876, Banks, Bay, Michigan; d. March 19, 1900, Bay City, Bay, Michigan.

Notes for EXERAR PELLETIER:

Bay City Times

July 29, 1951

FORGOTTEN CITY OF THE DEAD

Disposing of Abandoned St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Poses Problem

A weather beaten headstone lies toppled to the ground, half-covered by thick underbrush.

Field mice scurry over the broken pieces of another tombstone nearby. Small snakes rustle away through matted bushes at the sound of a footstep.

A fallen tree almost hides another headstone, making it difficult to read the one word "Mother", inscribed on its side. And everywhere hordes of mosquitoes rise from the rank undergrowth to challenge the infrequent visitor.

This is indeed a forgotten city of the dead, abandoned over the years by those preoccupied with the problems of the living.

You will find this desolate tract on State street, stretching two blocks between Elm and Smith streets. A low

crumbling wall of cement blocks has spilled down in places. Its eastern edge is an almost impenetrable jungle of bushes whose interlacing branches push almost 15 feet from the ground.

Here is all that remains of the old St. Joseph cemetery. Here lie the bones of some of the city's first pioneers, who came here long before sawmills sprouted on the river's edge.

Little is recorded of the origins and growth of the cemetery, and even now little is known of how it was allowed to be gradually abandoned and fall into its present condition.

It is mentioned briefly in a city directory of 1905, which cites it was under control of a Catholic cemetery board. The directory lists Frank X. Thibault as the sexton.

But diocesan records show nothing of the cemetery plots and who was buried underneath the soil now overgrown with brush. No parish in Bay City lays claim to it.

The headstones tell their own story. Here are the names of Trombley, Rose, Tovatt, Curry, LaRoche, Robidioux, Compau, Bertet, Truedell, Reno, Bellor, Guinon, Charlebois, Londau, Frazor and others.

They died between the years 1850 and 1925. Some were infants when death struck, others only young women. But the headstone for Sophia Frazor, for instance, carries the legend 1829 - 1923.

The Trombley family plot remains the most impressive, as begets the descendants of the old Indian trader pioneer who gave of its' large land holdings to provide the cemetery. The remains of Joseph Trombley, who founded Banks in 1851, are among those buried here.

The Trombley plot includes a well-preserved monument tower some 15 feet high, surmounted with a cross, and bearing on its four faces the names of a long line of Trombleys buried underneath. Names like Richard, Sophie, Joseph, Louis, Katie, Cassie, Theodore, Ellen.

But like other plots, thick weeds and heavy brush are enmeshing it. They sprout even from between the cracks where the main shaft meets the basestone.

Some bodies have already been removed. Low depressions in the ground show where a coffin has been taken and the ground thrown back. But throughout the two-block tract the visitor will stumble over other broken, overturned headstones, and come across small markers where the pioneers still lie underneath.

One of the most enigmatic is a small stone, almost hidden by leaves, which states only: "Jacob Geniack, Co. I., I Mich. Inf."

Perhaps the most poignant is the landmark tombstone of the LaRoche Family, a nine foot high stone facsimile of a tree trunk. Around its base are the broken fragments of family markers, and a few stones where inscriptions can still be made out.

It has been almost 25 years since anyone was buried here, and Catholic diocesan authorities claim they have no intention of continuing it as a burial plot. Some say the ground was never consecrated as became the custom in later days.

One high-ranking diocesan official at Saginaw last week indicated the city should investigate the possibility of taking over the property as a park or recreational area. He hinted the diocese would be interested in transferring title, if remaining bodies were removed to other cemeteries.

In the meantime, however, the abandoned city of the dead slumbers on in the shadows of the tower of the Visitation church, passed each day by hundreds of unnoticed motorists, and surrounded by neighbors accustomed to its quiet desolation.

Its silence is broken only by the sound of traffic, or by the children who play around the graves and who have worn narrow footpaths through its undergrowth.

The dead sleep on here, untroubled by the fact that they are ignored and forgotten.

More About EXERAR PELLETIER:

Burial: St Joseph Cemetery, West Bay City, Michigan

- vi. PHILLIP BYRON PELLETIER, b. July 20, 1878, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; d. 1951, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan; m. NELLIE E, Abt. 1915, Michigan; b. Abt. 1888, Michigan; d. Aft. 1957.

More About PHILLIP BYRON PELLETIER:

Burial: St. Patricks Cemetery, Bay City, Michigan

Occupation: 1922, Police Officer

4. vii. FREDERICK E PELKEY, b. July 22, 1878, Bay City, Bay, Michigan.
5. viii. CHARLES AUGUSTA PELKEY, b. March 05, 1880, Bay City, Bay, Michigan; d. Aft. 1957.
ix. VICTORIA PELLETIER, b. Abt. 1882.

Generation No. 3

3. LEOCARDIA³ PELKEY (*DAVID*², *JEAN BAPTISTE*¹ *PELLETIER*) was born December 08, 1870 in West Bay City, Bay County, MI, and died October 1935 in Lowell, Middlesex, MA. She married CHARLES ALFRED PAQUETTE January 17, 1887 in Au Sable, Iosco County, MI, son of JOACHIM PAQUET and DELINA LANGEVIN. He was born February 19, 1864 in St-Donat, Rimouski, Québec, Canada, and died February 25, 1928 in Lowell, Middlesex, MA.

More About LEOCARDIA PELKEY:

Burial: October 19, 1935, St Joseph's Cemetery East Chelmsford MA (St Jean Baptiste Ave Sec BB)

Census: 1930, Lowell, Middlesex, MA Leocadie Paquette (59) son Earnest (24) son Silvio (20) dau Goldie Adsit (35) widowed and granddaughter Doris (5)

More About CHARLES ALFRED PAQUETTE:

Burial: February 1928, St Joseph's Cemetery East Chelmsford MA (St Jean Baptiste Ave Sec BB)

Census 1: 1920, Lowell, Middlesex, MA Charles Paquette (56) wife Leocadie (48) daughter Goldie (25) dau Stella (22) son Eddie (20) dau Alice (17) dau Yvonne (16) son Ernest (13) son Silvio (10)

Census 2: 1910, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH Paquett, Charles (45) wife Carrie (39) son Henry (23) dau Eva (21) dau Flossie (17) dau Goldie (15) son Harvey (13) dau Stella (12) son Bertie (10) dau Alice (7) dau Yvonne (6) Ernest (4) Silvio (7/10)

Children of LEOCARDIA PELKEY and CHARLES PAQUETTE are:

- i. HENRY⁴ PAQUETTE, b. January 03, 1888, Oscoda County, Michigan; d. November 08, 1946, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; m. (1) MARTHA C. WALSTEDT; b. December 27, 1892, Jamestown, Chautauque, New York; d. June 18, 1991, Jamestown, Chautauque, New York; m. (2) ALBERTINE M F PRINCE, July 30, 1912, Lowell, Middlesex, MA²; m. (3) OLIVE SYLVIA NORRIS OSGOOD, March 28, 1921, Detroit, Wayne, Michigan³; b. Abt. 1888, Massachusetts.
- ii. EVA PAQUETTE, b. September 1889, Bay City, Michigan; m. (1) UNKNOWN CURRY; m. (2) ADELARD PELLETIER, October 31, 1910, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH; b. Nashua, Hillsborough, NH.
- iii. FLORENCE ESTELLA PAQUETTE, b. December 23, 1892, Washburn, Bayfield County, Wisconsin⁴; m. UNKNOWN ZEIGLER.
- iv. MARIE LYDIA GOLDIE PAQUETTE, b. September 1894; d. 1944, Lowell, Middlesex, MA⁵; m. (1) RAOUL JOSEPH DESJEANS; b. December 13, 1891, Fitchburg, Worcester, MA; d. July 10, 1954, Lowell, Middlesex, MA⁶; m. (2) FREDERICK NELSON ADSIT, November 27, 1923, Lowell, Middlesex, MA; b. October 20, 1895, Lowell, Middlesex, MA; d. Bef. 1930.

Notes for MARIE LYDIA GOLDIE PAQUETTE:

Doris Adsit to married Eugene J Rondeau

Lowell - Mr and Mrs Ralph J DesJeans of 530 Moody Street announce the engagement of their daughter. Doris Mildred Adsit to Eugene J Rondeau, son of Mrs Eleda Rondeau of 152 Ford Street.

Mrs Adsit attended Notre Dame Academy and St Patrick's High School and is employed by a local knitting firm. Mr. Rondeau is a graduate of St. Joseph's school and Lowell High School. He is employed by a local industrial concern.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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More About MARIE LYDIA GOLDIE PAQUETTE:

Burial: St Joseph's Cemetery, East Chelmsford MA (St Jean Baptiste Ave Sec BB)

More About RAOUL JOSEPH DESJEANS:

Burial: St Joseph's Cemetery, East Chelmsford MA (St Jean Baptiste Ave Sec BB)

- v. JOSEPH ALFRED HARVEY PAQUETTE, b. June 16, 1896, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH; d. January 26, 1956, Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; m. (1) AMY LEE, May 28, 1930, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH; b. England; m. (2) ESTELLE MCCLENDON, Bef. 1934; b. August 30, 1916, Louisiana; d. July 21, 1993, Mobile, Mobile, Alabama; m. (3) JULIE ANN KIRKLAND, Bef. 1956; d. Aft. 1956.

More About JOSEPH ALFRED HARVEY PAQUETTE:

Burial: January 30, 1956, Southern Crematory, Jacksonville, Florida

- vi. STELLA DELIMA PAQUETTE, b. September 02, 1897, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH⁷; d. April 24, 1984, Marlborough, Middlesex, MA; m. ELWOOD JOHN EVERS, July 02, 1921; b. December 22, 1898, Bristol, Rhode Island; d. December 08, 1959.

More About STELLA DELIMA PAQUETTE:

Inscription: Daughter of Charles Paquette and Leocadie (Pelletier) Paquette. Widow of Elwood J. Evers, Sr.

More About ELWOOD JOHN EVERS:

Burial: Vernon Grove Cemetery, Milford, Worcester, MA

- vii. BERT EDWARD "EDDIE" PAQUETTE, b. June 02, 1899, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH.
- viii. ALICE CONSTANCE PAQUETTE, b. May 21, 1902, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH; d. January 1980, Lowell, Middlesex, MA; m. ALBERT ALEXANDER CONSTANTINEAU; b. December 30, 1897, Massachusetts; d. November 12, 1945, Pawtucketville, Lowell, Middlesex, MA.

More About ALICE CONSTANCE PAQUETTE:

Burial: St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chelmsford, MA

- ix. YVONNE ELIZA PAQUETTE, b. Abt. 1904; d. September 20, 1948; m. JOHN CURRY.
- x. ERNEST L PAQUETTE, b. Abt. 1907, Nashua, Hillsborough, NH.
- xi. JOSEPH SILVIO PAQUETTE, b. September 06, 1909, Nashua, NH; d. January 05, 1996, Brighton, MA Presentation Manor; m. ETHEL RETA DRISCOLL, March 07, 1936, Plymouth, New Hampshire; b. February 16, 1910, Bathurst, Gloucester County, NB; d. August 10, 1995, Boston, Suffolk, MA.

Notes for JOSEPH SILVIO PAQUETTE:

Joseph S. Paquette 86 Newspaper date 1/8/96

Joseph S. Paquette a former resident

of Lowell, died friday at Presentation

Manor in Brighton, Ma. after an extended illness.

He was the husband of the late Ethel R. (Driscoll)

Paquette who passed away on Aug 10. He had lived at 235 Park dr. Boston for the last 35 years.

Mr. Paquette was born in Nashua NH on Sept 6 1909

The son of the late Charles and Leocadie(Pelkey)Paquette

He moved with his family to Lowell where they were

members of Ste. Jeanne D'Arc parish for more than 50 years. He was a United States Army veteran of World War

11 He is survived by one daughter, eight grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by

hid daughter Barbara A. Driscoll, who died in 1980. He was also the brother of the late Yvonne E. Curry, Alice C

Morrell, Eva Pelletier, Goldie Desjeans, Florence Ziegler, Harvey Paquette, Henry Paquette, Edward Paquette,

Ernest Paquette, and Stella

Evers. His funeral will be held on Tuesday at 8:30 from the

Bick and Curry Funeral home, 43 Bow st. Beverly, Ma. followed by a funeral mass in Ste. Jeanne D'Arc church

129 fourth Ave. Lowell at 10 am Burial will be in St. Josephs Cemetery E. Chelmsford.

Burial: January 09, 1996, funeral mass at 10:00 St Jeanne D'Arc Church Lowell burial at St Josph's Cemetery East Chelmsford.

Funeral: January 09, 1996, Arrangements by Bick & Curry Funeral Service, Beverly

Military service: December 14, 1945, Honorable Discharge Good Conduct Medal American Theater Ribbon

World War II Victory Ribbon

Religion: St. Jeanne D'Arc Church Lowell MA

4. FREDERICK E³ PELKEY (*DAVID*², *JEAN BAPTISTE*¹ *PELLETIER*) was born July 22, 1878 in Bay City, Bay, Michigan. He married JESSIE ELLIOT. She was born June 1879 in Michigan.

Children of FREDERICK PELKEY and JESSIE ELLIOT are:

- i. ELMER⁴ PELKEY, b. Abt. 1898, Watervliet, Berrien, Michigan; d. November 06, 1949, Watervliet, Berrien, Michigan; m. MABEL C O'LEARY; b. September 06, 1902, Illinois; d. May 18, 1977, South Haven, Van Buren, Michigan.
- ii. GLEN PELKEY, b. Abt. 1902, Michigan; m. BEATRICE; b. Abt. 1905.

iii. ARABELLA PELKEY, b. Abt. 1904, Watervliet, Berrien, Michigan.

5. CHARLES AUGUSTA³ PELKEY (*DAVID*², *JEAN BAPTISTE*¹ *PELLETIER*) was born March 05, 1880 in Bay City, Bay, Michigan, and died Aft. 1957. He married ADELE BENOIT January 09, 1902 in West Bay City, Bay, Michigan, daughter of DAVID BENOIT and ADELE LANABEE. She was born Abt. 1872 in Michigan, and died Bef. 1940.

More About CHARLES AUGUSTA PELKEY:

Occupation: 1922, Riveter

US Directories: 1922, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan Charles A (Adele) riveter res 107 Jeanette

Children of CHARLES PELKEY and ADELE BENOIT are:

- i. CHARLES⁴ PELKEY, b. Abt. 1902.
- ii. IRVIN PELKEY, b. Abt. 1904, Michigan; m. AGATHA; b. Abt. 1915, Michigan.