

François Rivet, member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and French-Prairie settler

Lewis and Clark – those are magic names in the history of Oregon. The two men and their party travelled from Missouri to Oregon and then back to report on the wonders they found. François Rivet was one of the expedition’s voyageurs, a French-Canadian who became one of French Prairie’s oldest settlers.

François Rivet, son of Pierre-Nicolaus Rivet and Madeleine Landréville-Gauthier, was born on 7 June 1754 and baptized at St. Suplice, Quebec. He died on 25 September 1852 and was buried at St. Paul, Oregon. He was married to Therese Flathead. That marriage was officially celebrated on 21 January 1839 at the Catholic Mission of the Willamette, now St. Paul, Oregon.¹ Therese died in March 1852.

At St. Louis, Missouri, François signed up with Lewis and Clark for their overland expedition. He didn’t winter at Fort Clatsop with the expedition members. Rather, he stayed near Fort Mandan in present-day North Dakota where he and several other Frenchmen built a shelter and found work. During a New Year party at a nearby Indian town, he entertained the crowd by dancing “on his head,” dancing on his hands. In the spring, François and several other boatmen took Lewis and Clark’s keelboat back to Missouri. His pay for this was \$87.50. He returned to the Mandans and was there when Lewis and Clark returned from the Oregon Territory.²

François remained in the west and worked for the Pacific Fur Company as an interpreter and hunter. In 1813, he was listed as one of the people on the Columbia for the winter.³

He entered into a country marriage with Therese Tete Platte, a widow with a daughter Julie. Their first child was François, a son who died young.⁴ The second son was Antoine, born about 1809. The next son was Joseph.

In 1824, he was with Alexander Ross in the Snake River as an interpreter. His wife and family were apparently with him because he was credited with having a lodge during the winter of 1824.⁵ In 1827, at a reported age sixty, his wages as an interpreter in the Columbia District were 50 pounds per year.⁶ He continued with Ross at the Flathead Post as an interpreter and then transferred to Fort Colville in present-day Washington.

French Prairie

In 1838, François retired and settled on French Prairie.⁷ In 1842, Frances and Antonio Rivet were enumerated together in Elijah White’s Oregon census. The household consisted of two males over eighteen, two females over eighteen, and three children. They had seventy acres under improvement. In 1842, they harvested 400 bushels of wheat and 180 bushels of grain. They had fifty-one horses, fifteen neat stock, and thirty-eight hogs.⁸

François traded at Ewing Young’s store near Newberg.⁹ In 1839, he purchased boards for the church. In 1840, “Jo and A” Rivet were credited with thirteen pounds for 86 2/3 bushels (most likely wheat). In a 29 May 1841 settling up of accounts, Rivet was paid \$6.00 for services. At the fall 1841 auction and sale of Young’s estate, “F and A Reavy” purchased a cow without a calf for \$22.00. François purchased a “sive” for \$2.00, five files for \$1.00, one froe for \$1.00, Sundry items for 80 cents, one augur for \$1.16, one kettle for 70 cents, and one hammer for 16 cents.

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In 1845, François, Joseph, and Antoine Rivet were enumerated as heads of households. That census listed the name of the head of household and then tallied the rest of the household in age categories. The Rivet families' census lists are abstracted in the following chart.¹⁰

	M under 12	F under 12	M 18-45	F 18-45	M 45 plus	F 45 plus
François					1	1
Joseph	1	2	1	1		
Antoine	2	1	1	1		

Land

When Oregon's provisional government was established in the spring of 1843, it permitted inhabitants to stake out claims and survey them by the metes and bounds method. A legislative committee created a constitution that included rules for the land claims. Any male could claim 640 acres, and within six months of recording their claim, they were to build a home.¹¹

In 1845, François and his son, Antoine, in partnership, claimed 1,280 acres about three miles southeast of the Catholic Church in Champoeg District. Their neighbors were Joseph "Revais" [Rivet] on the south, Louis Vandal and J. B. Delcour on the west, and Louis Gainier on the north. Joseph Rivet claimed 640 acres in Champoeg District.¹²

In 1848, "François Reveate, Senr.," of Champoeg County, claimed 205 acres in Catholic Mission Prairie. The land adjoined Antoine Reveate, Wm. Porteus and Champain. Joseph Reveate claimed 640 acres in Catholic Mission Prairie. That claim had been occupied for around eleven years [ca. 1835]. Antoino Reveate claimed 480 acres in Champoeg County. The land, also in Catholic Mission Prairie, adjoined Joseph Reveate, Francis Reveate, Champyne, and Charles Ogden. Joseph Reveate claimed 640 acres in Catholic Mission Prairie. The claim had also been occupied for around eleven years [ca. 1835].¹³

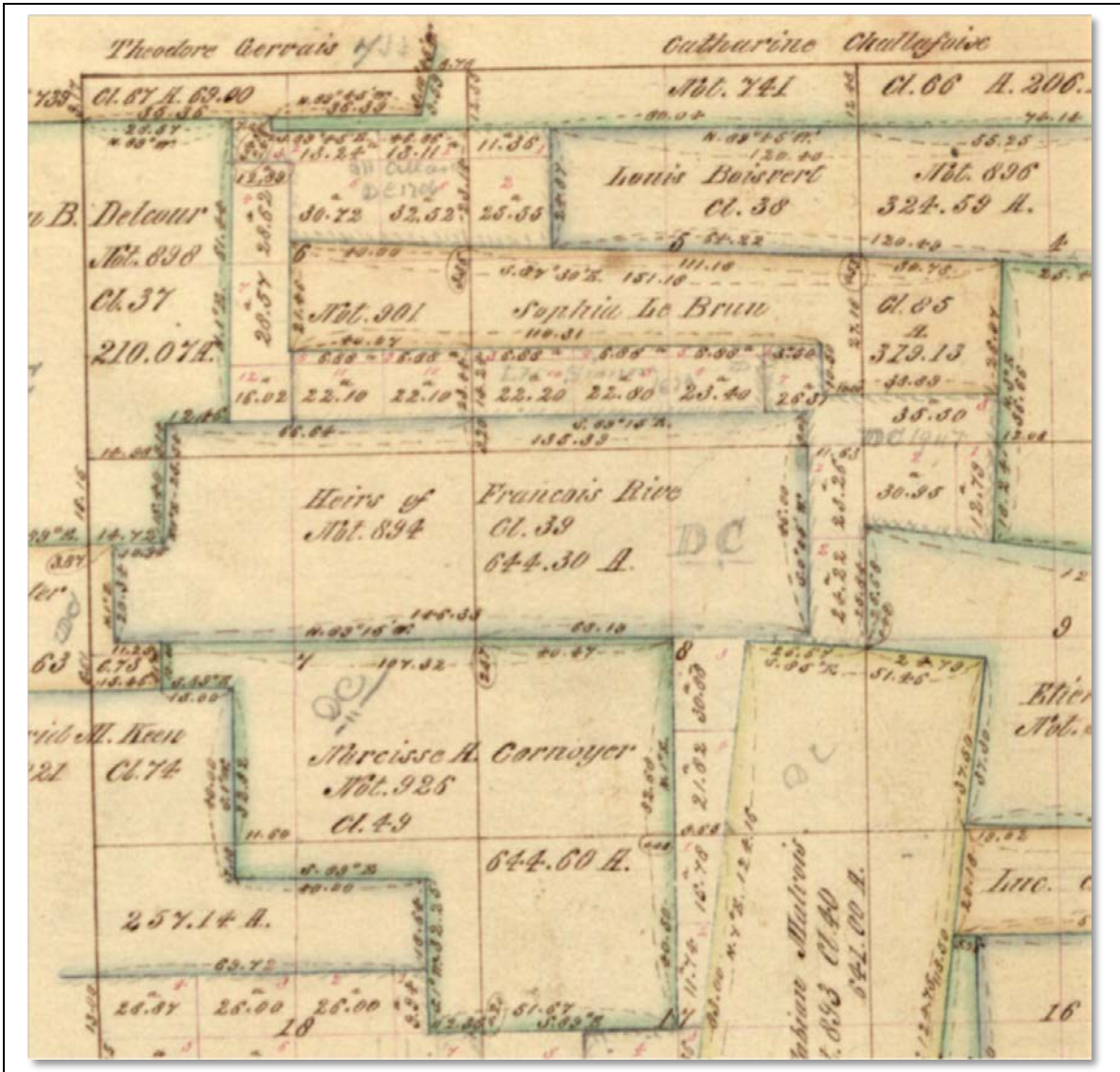
Charles Ogden was the son of Peter Skene Ogden and Julia Rivet. Julia was François's wife's daughter by her first husband. François adopted Julia who was known as Julia Rivet. So Charles would be his adopted grandson. Charles was born on 5 September 1819 in Oregon Territory.¹⁴

The provisional claims became null and void when Congress passed the Donation Act of 1850. That act, effective 1 December 1850, gave 320 acres to every white settler or American half-breed Indian who was over eighteen-years of age and who filed a claim. For married men, their wives received 320 acres in their own right, and a proof of marriage had to be submitted. The claimant had to be a citizen of the United States, or they had to have made a declaration of intent to become a citizen.

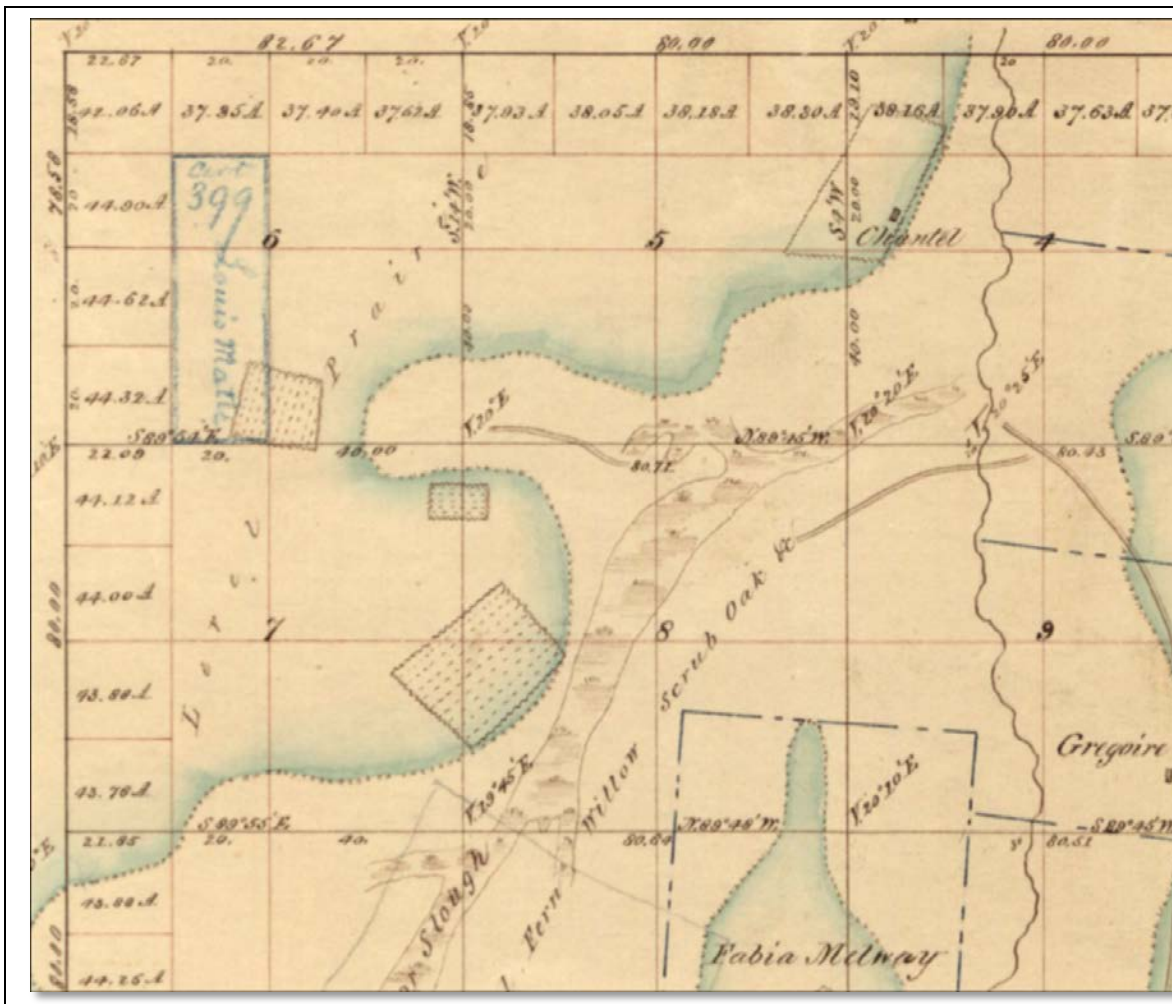
"Francis Reve" of Marion County received a donation claim. In his settler's affidavit, he stated he was born in 1759 in Canada. Given that his church baptismal record gave his birth date as 7 June 1754, he wasn't too far off. This birth date must have caused concern. How could a man who was almost 100-years-old be still alive? A letter from B. F. Harding of Fairfield, Oregon, was included in the claim file. In it, Mr. Harding wrote, "The statement

that Frances Rive was born in 1759, I think correct. I have been told many times that he was over 90, nearing a hundred when he died in 1852 or 1853, and being 1759 would allow him only 94 years. He came to this country with Lewis and Clark. Started from St. Louis in the spring of 1804. He stopped in the Spokane Country and never returned to Mo.”

The land in Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Twp 5S, Range 2W is shown in this 1852 survey as “Heirs of Francois Rive.”¹⁵ Note the location of Narcisse A. Cornoyer. He will come into the story later.



In this table, the Rivet claim is in the middle. The rectangular shapes with what looks like rows are the family fields.¹⁶



François and Therese were enumerated with their son Joseph in the 1850 Marion County census. François was listed at Joseph, but this was an error.¹⁷ Note that Joseph Rivet had real estate valued at \$7,530, and Antoine Rivet had real estate valued at \$8,700. François had no property; he may have given that to his sons who would have taken care of François and his wife.

3	Joseph Rivet	37	M		\$7530
	Marianne	18	F		
	Adelaide	11	F		
	Charles	14	M		
	Matilda	7	F		
	Joseph Rivet	92	M		
	Therese	91	F		0
4	Antoine Rivet	39	M		\$8700
	Mary	25	F		
	Michel	11	M		
	François	17	M		
	Clarice	16	F		
	Stephane	3	M		
	Philippe	2	M		

In 1850, five-year-old Fabien and eight-year-old Therese Rivet were living with their uncle, Peter Skene Ogden, husband of François' adopted daughter, Julia.¹⁸ Peter was Hudson's Bay Factor, and the children were living in the Chief Factor's house. When Peter died in 1854, his will gave money to Fabien who he had adopted when he was eight-months-old.¹⁹

François and his family are found in the early Vancouver Catholic Church records.²⁰ Those records begin in 1838. In January of 1839, the family traveled from St. Paul to Vancouver to have their marriages blessed and their children baptised.

1839.01.13	Michel, son of Antone Rivet and Emelie Soutches Pend'oreille, was baptised at Vancouver. He was two years old.	p. 25, B-25
1839.01.21	Antoine, aged twenty-five, son of François Rivet and Therese Tete Platte, was baptised at Vancouver	p. 26, B-41
1839.01.21	Joseph, aged twenty-three, son of François Rivet and Therese, was baptised at Vancouver.	p. 26, B-42
1839.01.21	François Rivet of Saint Sulpice, Montreal, and Therese Teteplatte were married at Vancouver. Their children, Antoine and Joseph, were recognized as their legitimate children.	p. 28, M-12
1839.01.21	Antoine Rivet, Métis of Fort of the Prairie of the Horses, and Emelie Pend'oreille were married at Vancouver. Michel was recognized as their legitimate child.	p. 28, M-13

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1839.01.21	Joseph Rivet, Métis, of Fort Spokane, and Rose Lacourse, daughter of François [Pierre] Lacourse, were married at Vancouver. Charles, aged two years, was recognized as his child with another woman.	p. 28, M-14
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When the Rev. F. N. Blanchet arrived in St. Paul, additional sacraments were obtained.

1839.05.09	François, son of Antoine Rivet and Emilie Pend'oreille, was baptised at St. Paul. He was born on 15 March 1839.	p. 42, B-143
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Rev. Modeste Demers travelled to Colville where additional family sacraments were celebrated.

1839.10.30	Charles, son of Joseph Rivet and a Spokane Indian, was baptised.	p. 52, B-115
1839.07.15	Isaac, son of Peter Ogden and Julie Spokane, was baptised at Colville He was born on 6 June 1839. [Julie was François's step-daughter.]	p. 52, B-114

The Rivet family, St. Paul residents, were recorded in the St. Paul church records.²¹

1840.04.12	12 April 1840. Baptism. Adelaide born since 4 days of the legitimate marriage of Joseph Rivet, farmer of this place, and of Rose Lacourse.	p. 8, B-21
1840.07.13	Archange, aged about 36, Indian Woman, was baptized. François Rivet was the godfather; Ursule GrosLouis was the godmother.	p. 7, B- 267.
1840.11.29	Amboise Lino, born in October 1840, son of Joseph Lino and Marie Indian. Françoise Rivet and Angelique Gervais were godparents.	p. 20, B-295.
1841.03.09	Antoine Rivet and Rose Lacourse were godparents for Antoine Depati, illegitimate son of Jean Baptiste Depati and Jany, an Indian woman.	p. 22, B-319.
1841.07.27	Clarice, born on 21 June 1841, daughter of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Pendioreille, was baptised.	p. 173, B-29
1841.07.25	Catherine Hu, aged 14, daughter of Mr. Hu and a Pendoreille woman. François Rivet was the godfather and Therese Pendoreille was the godmother.	p. 29, B-33
1842.10.03	François Rivet, friend of the groom, was a witness to the marriage of Thomas Moisan and Henriette Lonetain.	p. 31, M-11
1842.11.02	Joseph and Rose Rivet's daughter, Therese, was baptised. She was born on 1 November 1842.	p. 61, B-85
1843.11.13	François Rivet was witness to the marriage of Jean Baptiste Depati and Eugenie Wanakske.	p. 56, M-6

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1843.02.27	François Rivet, friend of the groom. was a witness to the marriage of François Bernier and Genevieve Layote.	p. 68, M-14
1844.01.20	Adele, aged three days, daughter of Antoine Rivet and Emilie, was baptised. Godparents were Joseph Rivet and Rose LaCourse	p. 90, B-2.
1844.04.10	Adele Rivet, child of Antoine Rivet and Emilie. was buried. Witnesses were Antoine and Joseph Rivet.	p. 93, S-6
1845.07.06	Fabien Rivet, son of Joseph Rivet and Rose Lacourse, aged one day, was baptised.	p. 120, B-99
1845.08.30	Rose Lacourse, wife of Joseph Rivet, died on 30 August and was buried on 1 September.	p. 121, S-42
1845.10.26	Joseph Rivet, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Pend Oreille, was baptised. The child was three days old.	p. 124, B-109
1846.11.16	Joseph Rivet, widower of Rose Lacourse and Marie Anne, daughter of Frederic Despard and Louise Tschinook, were married.	p. 144, M-27
1846.12.27	The child of Antoine Rivet and Mary PendOreile was buried. The child died the day before.	p. 146, S-81
1851.03.06	François Rivet witnessed the burial of Joseph PendOreille, aged one and a half years.	p. 35, S-6
1852.10.13	Therese Rivet died on 12 October 1852 and was buried in the St. Paul Cemetery on 13 October. She was aged 97 years. Witnesses were Antoine Rivet and François Bernier.	p. 51, S-17
1852.09.27	François Rivet died on 25 September 1852 and was buried in the St. Paul Cemetery on 27 September. He was aged 95 years. Witnesses were Antoine Rivet and Narcisse Cornouyer.	p. 50, S-15

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1848.05.09	Mathilde, daughter of Joseph Rivet and Marie Anne Despart, was baptised. She was born the day before.	p. 3, B-10
1850.08.24	Joseph, son of Joseph Rivet and Marie Anne Despard, was baptised. He was born on 20 August.	p. 28, B-19
1850.10.02	Edouard, son of Antoine Rivet and Emilie Pend'Oreille, was baptised. He was born on 29 September.	p. 30, B-23
1850.08.24	Joseph, son of Joseph Rivet and Marie Anne Despard, was baptised. He was born on 20 August.	p. 28, B-19
1852.03.16	Joseph Rivet, aged 40, was buried in St. Paul Cemetery. He died on the 11 th at Oregon City.	p. 48, S-5

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1852.09.27	François Rivet, aged 95, was buried in St. Paul Cemetery. He died on 25 September. Antoine Rivet and Narcisse Cornouyer were witnesses.	p. 50, S-15
1852.10.13	Therese Rivet, age 97, was buried in St Paul Cemetery.	p. 51, S-17
1853.02.07	Jerome, son of Antoine Rivet and Marie, was baptised. He was three days old.	p. 54, B-6
1853.05.04	Antoine, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie, was buried. He died the day before, aged about five years.	p. 55, S-9
1853.11.04	Jerome, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Moyse, was buried in the St. Paul Cemetery. He died the day before, aged ten months.	p. 58, S-11
1854.04.06	Edouard, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Moyse, was buried in the St. Paul Cemetery. He died the day before, aged two years.	p. 62, S-5
1854.10.15	Moise, son of Antoine Rivet and Amelia Noite, was baptised. He was born on 25 September. Narcisse Cornoyer was a godparent.	p. 66, B-22
1855.01.31	Moise, son of Antoine Rive and Amelie Calispell, was buried in St. Paul Cemetery. He was four months old. Narcisse Cornoyer and Antoine Rive were witnesses	p. 70, S-2
1856.01.10	Jean Octave, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Spokane, was baptised. He was born on 7 January.	p. 76, B-1
1856.10.30	François, son of Antoine Rivet and Emelie Pend'Oreille, was buried in the cemetery. He died on the 30 th , aged seventeen years.	p. 82, S-14

Harriet Duncan Munnick, *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: St. Louis Register, Volume I (1845–1868)* (Portland: Binford & Mort, 1982).

1858.07.19	Adelaide Rivet, daughter of Joe Rivet and Rose Lacourse, married François Lefevre, son of François Lefevre and Marianne Bastien.	p. 96, M-9
1863.05.25	Therese Rivet, daughter of Joseph Rivet and Rose Lacourse, married Norbert Bernier.	p. 135, M-3

A memorial written several months after François' death summarized his life.²²

<p>Died</p> <p>On the 24th of September, 1852, at his house on his claim, in Marion county, Oregon Territory, François Revet, at the age of 93 years. He was born in the parish of Saint Suple, Lower Canada. He was one of the first white men who came to this Territory with Lewis and Clark and left them on their return to the east side, on the Rocky mountains, where he followed his former occupation as a bearer.</p> <p>When the first Indian traders of the North-West Company came to the Flat</p>
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Head country he entered their service as an interpreter, in which capacity – from his knowledge of the country and of the Indians, his intelligence, his honesty and zeal to promote the interests of the employers – secured him their esteem – while his good nature and good temper and cheerful flow of temper caused him to be beloved by all who knew him – and at the same time he was a most laborious hard working man, and of such a kind and cheerful disposition that when not at work would amuse himself with his grand children and great grand children, (of whom he always managed to have his house full), not as if he was their grandfather and great-grandfather, but as one of themselves. The writer of this saw him perform feats of gymnastics two years ago which he never saw better done by any young man of twenty.

The year 1852 was especially hard on the family. François' son, Joseph Rivet, died on 11 March. Then François died on 27 September, and a few weeks later, on 13 October, his wife died. All three were buried in the St. Paul Cemetery.

No probate was filed for François when he died. His 1850 census listing indicated he had no property, and probates were filed when there was something that needed to be distributed.

Joseph Rivet, his son, however, had property valued at \$7,530 – according to the 1850 census. The Marion County Probate Court appointed Narcisse Cornoyer, his neighbor, as the estate administrator. In 1872, Fabien Rivet, Joseph's son, went to court to protest Cornoyer's handling of the estate, saying that Cornoyer had "received a large amount of property belonging to the estate of said decedent of the value of about \$4,000.00."²³ Fabien was Joseph's son, but Peter Skene Ogden adopted him when he was eight-months-old. Adoptions were an informal affair prior to the establishment of adoption laws, and Fabien would still be able to claim heirship by descent.

On 6 July 1852, Narcisse stated that the heirs could not "hold and obtain a pattend for" the land claim where he was living and that he would give them \$2,000 as compensation for the improvements they had made. Since it was clear that Joseph did own property when the 1850 census was taken, it sounds like Narcisse was saying Joseph's claim on his land was not properly made and that Narcisse was taking the land. On 29 July 1852, an inventory of Joseph's personal estate was submitted to the court. He owned a large herd of horses and cows.

The property was all sold on 15 July 1852 for \$1,946.20. Marie Ann Rivais purchased one black cow for \$25.00. Antoin Rivet purchased a saddle for \$21.00. Neighbors purchased all the rest.

On 15 August 1852, Narcisse stated that the "widow Mary Ann Rivais and five children, to wit, Adelaide, Theresa, Fabien, Matilda & Joseph" were the heirs. Therese and Fabien were living in Oregon City, and the others were in Marion County. No distribution of the funds to the heirs was found in the probate packet, and no proof that Narcisse ever went to court to answer Fabien's complaint was found.

Fabien signed his name to the petition papers in an educated fashion, indicating he had attended school, and a photo from Harriet Munnick's collection shows he attended the Champoeg School.²⁴

Fabien is the mid-sized boy standing in front of the man on the left in the back.



This platter from the Rivet family is in the St. Paul Mission Historical Society Collection.²⁵



Child List

François Rivet and Therese Tete Platte had two children.

1. **ANTOINE RIVET**, born about 1808 in Montana. He was baptised on 2 November 1837 by Rev. D. Lee at the Methodist Mission.²⁶ He married Emelie Pend'Oreille, Mary Pend'Oreille, and Amelia Noiti Calispell.

His children were:

Michel Rivet, born about 1836

François Rivet, born in 1839

Clarice Rivet, born in 1841

Adele Rivet, born in 1844

Joseph Rivet, born in 1845

Antoine Rivet, born about 1846

Theophile Rivet, born about 1847

Edouard Rivet, born in 1850

Jerome Rivet, born in 1853

Moise Rivet, born in 1854

2. **JOSEPH RIVET**, born about 1810 in Montana and died on 11 March 1852 in Marion County.²⁷ He married Rose LaCourse on 21 January 1839 in Vancouver and Marianne Despard on 16 November 1846 in Marion County.²⁸ He also had a child by an unnamed Spokane Indian.

His children were

Charles Rivet, born in 1837

Adelaide Rivet, born in 1840

Therese Rivet, born in 1842

Fabien Rivet, born in 1845

Mathilde Rivet, born in 1848

Joseph Rivet, born in 1850

Therese Tete Platte had a daughter prior to her marriage with François.

3. **JULIA**. Julia married Peter Skene Ogden.

This photo of Clarice Rivet, daughter of Antoine and Emelie (Pend Oreille) Rivet, is in the St. Paul Mission Historical Society collection. It shows a beautiful young girl and suggests that the other Rivets had similar features.



Endnotes

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¹² Lottie Gurley, comp. *Genealogical Material in Oregon Provisional Land Claims*, Abstracted; Volumes I-III, 1845-1849 (Portland: The Genealogical Forum of Portland, 1982), 11.

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