

## Civil War Veterans buried in the Old Mount Calvary Cemetery, Burlington, VT

### **Hubert Hamiel dit Lusignan alias Eber Johnson**

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In the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Burlington, which is owned by St Joseph Church and Parish, there are many burials for veterans of the Civil War. Many have English sounding names but most are actually French Canadians whose names have been anglicized by clerks, census takers or the military.

I had already done a large document about Lewis Barttro of the 13th Regiment, alias Louis Berthiaume, several years ago; and I attempted to find the ancestry of Peter Lander, alias Pierre Terrien, who was in the VT Calvary but there were just too many Peter Landers and Pierre Terriens in the Burlington area. I thought that I would look at another veteran.

I selected Eber Johnson who was in the 5th VT Infantry Regiment for almost 4 years and was disabled after losing an arm in battle. The 5th VT Reg. was one of 5 Vermont Regiments that made up the 1st Vermont Brigade. They were a very highly regarded brigade and fought in many tough battles.

"The **First Vermont Brigade**, or "**Old Brigade**" was an infantry brigade in the Union Army of the Potomac during the American Civil War. It suffered the highest casualty count of any brigade in the history of the United States Army, with some 1,172 killed in action. It was the only brigade in the Army of the Potomac known by the name of its state. The "Old Brigade" served from 1861 to 1865 and was one of two brigades from Vermont, both famous in their own right.

The **First Vermont Brigade** was organized in October 1861 [**Eber Johnson enlisted in August**], primarily through the efforts of Maj. Gen. William F. "Baldy" Smith. It was composed of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Vermont Infantry regiments, which had been individually mustered into service between June and September. Its first commander was Brig. Gen. William T. H. Brooks. In April 1862, the brigade was incorporated into the Army of the Potomac as the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, VI Corps, and first saw action during Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign in the battles of Williamsburg and Savage's Station. It later was present at Antietam and Fredericksburg. Under the command of Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Grant, the Vermonters fought in the campaign culminating in the Battle of Chancellorsville. The Vermonters participated in VI Corps' capture of Marye's Heights in the Second battle of Fredericksburg and then were prominent in the fighting at Salem Church. They were held in reserve during the Battle of Gettysburg, holding a flank guard position behind Big Round Top, losing only one man wounded. After the Gettysburg Campaign, elements of the Vermont Brigade were sent to help quell the draft riots in New York City.

### **The Overland Campaign**

The depleted brigade received reinforcements in May 1864 when the 11th Vermont Infantry was assigned to the organization. That same month, the Army of the Potomac, under the overall supervision of Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, began its spring offensive towards Richmond. The Vermont Brigade mustered approximately 2,850 soldiers at the start of the campaign.

On the morning of May 5, the Union army attacked Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia at the Battle of the Wilderness. While the initial Union attack was successful, rough terrain and stubborn resistance ground down the attack. By midday, Lt. Gen. A. P. Hill's Confederate corps had been brought up and was attacking the weak Union center along the Orange Plank Road. Maj. Gen. George W. Getty's brigades were ordered by Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, who was still bringing up most of his corps, to

hold the road and counterattack. The Vermont Brigade took the southern flank and charged the advancing Confederates. **Ordered to retreat, the 5th Vermont regiment instead launched a bayonet charge, buying time for Union troops and the rest of the Vermont Brigade to fall back to their hasty works.** The Confederates continued to attack until the Union line was stabilized. Losses by the brigade totaled 1,269 killed, wounded, and missing in less than 12 hours of fighting. **[Eber Johnson was wounded here]**

After the Wilderness, the Union Army moved south to Spotsylvania Court House, where Lee's army had entrenched. Early in the battle, elements of the Vermont brigade, defending barricades forward of the rest of the Union Army, were ordered to retreat and spike their supporting artillery field pieces before the Confederates overran them. Disobeying orders, the commander of the brigade ordered the guns to be "spiked with canister," and the brigade was able to defend the guns and works successfully until reinforcements arrived to stabilize the position. The Vermonters suffered heavily during the ensuing assault on the Confederate defenses as The Vermont Brigade led the assault on the "Mule Shoe Salient", a protruding network of trenches in the center of the Confederate lines.

The final battle of the Overland Campaign was the Battle of Cold Harbor. The Vermont Brigade was one of the units selected to charge Confederate earthworks on June 1, 1864. Grant's attack failed and he suffered heavy losses. In less than 10 minutes, hundreds of soldiers from the Vermont Brigade were killed or wounded. The brigade, in less than one month of fighting, had been reduced from 2,850 men to less than 1,200.

### **Petersburg and the Valley**

While the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia dug in at Petersburg, Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early was sent on a mission through the Shenandoah Valley to the outskirts of Washington D. C. The Vermont Brigade fought in the Valley Campaign against Early, under the overall command of Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan. At the Battle of Cedar Creek, Early launched a surprise attack against Sheridan's army and the First Vermont Brigade covered the Union army's temporary retreat, prior to Sheridan's counterattack and decisive victory. Lewis Grant commanded the 2nd Division, VI Corps, during the later stages of this action, when Getty became acting corps commander. Col. George P. Foster led the brigade while Grant was in command of the division. Foster's brigade held the center of the division's line until the entire formation retreated in good order. When Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Bidwell fell and his brigade, of the Vermonters' left, was in danger of losing heart, Lt. Col. Windsor French, who took command, is reported to have told his men not to fall back until the Vermonters did so. Six Medals of Honor were awarded to Vermonters at Cedar Creek, and the brigade captured three regimental colors and much of the 12th North Carolina regiment.

Returning to Petersburg, where it was engaged until the end of the war, the First Vermont Brigade led the attack on the earthworks defending the city, successfully breaking through the Confederate lines on the morning of April 2, 1865 **[Eber Johnson lost his arm in this battle]**. Lewis Grant was wounded in this action and briefly relinquished command. Six members of the brigade were awarded the Medal of Honor for valor for this action. After the surrender of Lee's army later that month, the brigade participated in the victory parade in Washington. It returned to Vermont and the men were mustered out. Many former members of the brigade joined fraternal veterans organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic and held reunions to recount their days in the First Vermont Brigade." (source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st\\_Vermont\\_Brigade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Vermont_Brigade))

Eber Johnson was wounded twice during the war, once at the Battle of the Wilderness and once at the Battle of Petersburg where he most likely lost his arm.

## Eber Johnson's Military History

<b>Civil War</b>	<b>Eber Johnson , 1837 - 1909      Residence: Attributed to Bolton, Vermont</b>
26 Aug 1861	Enlisted as a Private
16 Sep 1861	Enlisted in Company K, 5th VT Infantry Regiment
15 Dec 1863	Reenlisted in Company K, 5th VT Infantry Regiment
05 May 1864	Wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness, VA
28 Dec 1864	Mustered Out Company K, 5th VT Infantry Regiment
28 Feb 1865	Mustered in Company K, 5th VT Infantry Regiment
02 Apr 1865	Wounded at Petersburg, VA
07 Jul 1865	Discharged due to wounds Company K, 5th VT Infantry Regiment
	<b>Post Civil War records</b>
16 Feb 1866	Application for Pension Johnson, Eber    SERVICE: K, 5th VT Inf. Application for INVALID: #102,750    Certificate No. 60656
June 1890 Veterans Schedules	Special Schedule for Surviving Soldiers etc: Johnson, Eber , Private, K, 5 VT Inf, 28 Aug 1861, 6 Jul 1865, served for 3 yrs, 10 months and 8 days. <b>Living at 141 Hyde St, Burlington, VT</b> Disability: Right arm shot away
13 Sep 1902	Burl. Free Press: Pension for Eber Johnson increased to \$10.
4 Dec 1909	Pension Re-imbursement:    Certificate # 60656 Disability: Loss of right arm above the elbow and G. S. W. of left shoulder Rate=50 Commencement 16 Oct 1901    Date of Cert: 25 Aug 1902 Transferred from CONCORD Died: 22 mar 1909    Bureau notified: 18 Jun 1909 Claim for reimbursement dated 29 Nov 1909 Payable to Melvina Johnson Anderson Paid 4 Dec 1909 \$131.67
Descendents	Grandaughters of Eber Johnson: Elaine Johnson Aldrich of Tonasket, WA Iona Johnson Kirouac of Hesperia, CA Leala Pat Johnson of Lancaster, CA

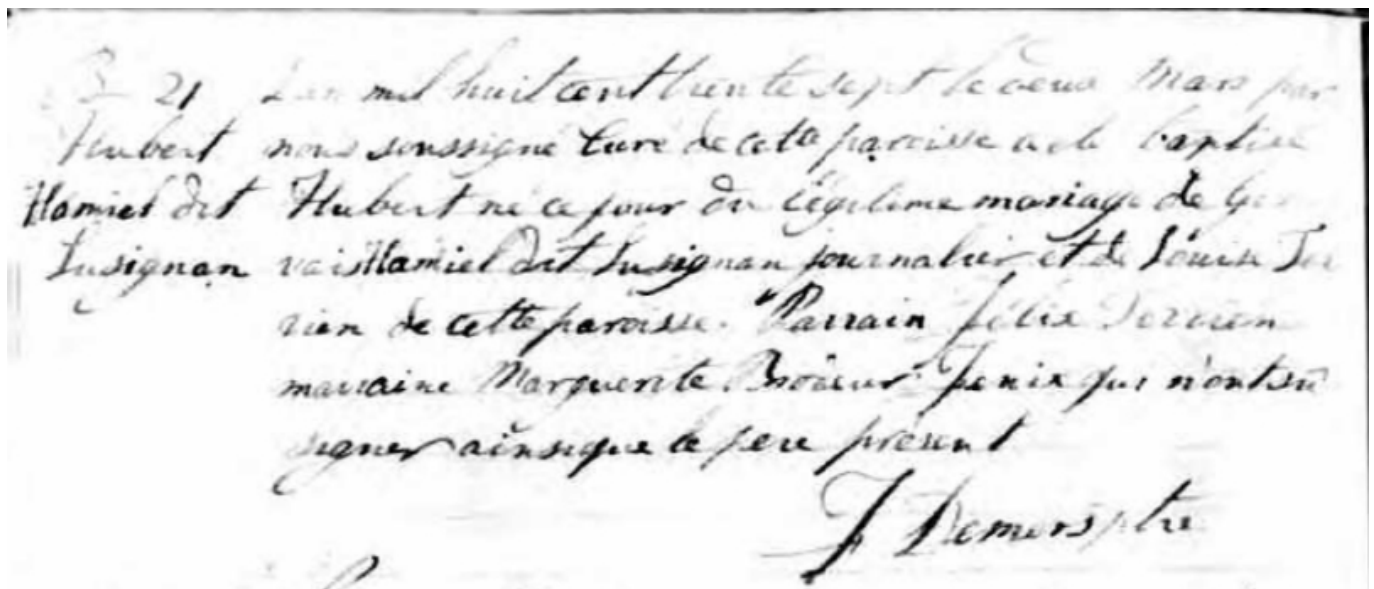
## Eber Johnson in the Census' and City Directory

1860 VT Census Williston, VT	We find Leber Johnson, age 22, living at the Talcott residence.
1870 VT Census Hinesburg, VT	Eber Johnson, age 32, farm laborer, and his wife Rosa age 22 with their children Rosa, Mary and Margaret, ages 5, 3 and 2.
1880 VT Census Hinesburg, VT	Eber Jhonson age 42 and Roselle P. age 32, his wife, and children Louisa R., Flora L., Victoria A., and son Medda D.; ages 13, 11, 10 and 7
25 Feb 1887	Middlebury Register: Eber Johnson moved from Bristol to Burlington
1890 Burlington City Directory	Eber Johnson living at 141 Hyde Street, Burlington.
1900 VT Census Burlington, VT	Eber Johnson age 62, born May 1838 [incorrect, it was March 1837], immigrated 42 yrs ago in 1857 and wed 35 years and wife Roselie born Mar 1850, immigrated 44 years ago at age 18 in 1855, and had 10 children with 8 living. Child named Emma I. born Feb 1878, age 22. Also an adopted son named Flemming Freeman born Jun 1884 age 15. Living at 141 Hyde Street. Ebers occupation was Captalist?

Who were Eber Johnson's parents and what was his real name. The St Joseph Baptism and Marriage books provide the answers. Johnson was a common alias for Lusignan, another was Zeno. In the records we find the marriage of Hubert Lusignan and Rosalie Plant and in the baptism book we find the baptism



of their 2 first children. They lived in Williston at that time, but St Joseph's served the French Canadians in most of Vermont, being the only French Church in Vermont at that time. The priests acted as missionaries and traveled throughout the state. All the other births of their children were found in the civil records. It was not difficult to find the birth of Hubert Lusignan dit Amiel in St Denis sur Richelieu, the marriage of their parents and all their ancestors. It was interesting to note that in the year of Hubert's/Eber's birth, on 23 Nov 1837, an Antoine Lusignan dit Amiel was killed in the Battle of St Denis during the Insurrection of 1837-1838. Antoine was a Patriote. How was he related to Hubert?



Above is the baptism of Hubert Hamiel dit Lusignan, performed on 2 Mar 1837 at St Denis sur Richelieu. Parents were Gervais Hamiel dit Lusignan and Louise Terrien. Godparents were Felix Terrien and Marguerite Brodeur. You can see that Amiel was named Hamiel in that parish, a small deviation from the usual Amiel dit Lusignan. This made the search a little tougher. The clincher was when I was searching for Ebers death certificate. I was wondering why I could not find it because they had used Johnson in 1860 and forward except for the St Joseph record. However I decided to look at Lusignan and "Voila", it said Hubert Lusignan on the death certificate!!! He was leaving this earth with his correct name, even though his military gravestone says Eber Johnson! Hubert had died of General Paralysis at age 73.





Eber Johnson

Eber Johnson &  
Rosalie Plante Johnson

**Children of Hubert Lusignan dit Amiel alias Eber Johnson & Rosalie Plante**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Born - Bap</b>	
Rosalie Marie Lusignan	Bn 20 Sep 1866 Bp 14 Oct 1866 St Jos. Burl. VT	Godparents were Francois Plante & <b>Louise Terrien</b> - Looks like the grandparents were the godparents. A custom. Note: St Joseph's, being a French Catholic Church, always used the real French surnames. Williston, VT
Louisa	Bn abt 1867	Williston, VT? Wed of Louisa Johnson age 18 on 16 Sep 1882 to Joseph Blanchard by a minister in Williston, VT
Julie Flavie Lusignan (Lasena) Flora?	Bn 7 Apr 1868 Bp 10 May 1868 St Jos. Burl. VT	Godparents were Gilbert Allard & Flavie Card Williston, VT Wed of Flora J. Johnson age 14 on 1 Jul 1882 to Willis Flemming in Hinesburg by minister. Wed (2) of Flora Johnson Sheahan of Alstead, NH age 44 on 22 Dec 1915 to Fred H. Pratt at Rockingham by Episcopal minister from Bellows Falls, VT Wed (3) 2nd? of Flora Johnson Sheehan age 40 widow and nurse on 3 May 1911 to William M. Brown at Fitchburg, MA by a Justice of the Peace. Died 10 Aug 1922 at Alstead, NH (a 15 yr resident) born 7 Apr (1872?)
Victoria Johnson	Bn abt 1870	Wed of Victoria A. Johnson age 27 on 6 Dec 1899 to Charles Parizo by Huntington minister in Essex, VT
Eber Johnson	Bn 17 May 1871	Williston, VT. Died 26 May 1871 - VVR Ancestry
Neddie-Medda (male) M. Mitchell Johnson  Madda Mitchell Johnson	Bn 20 Jun 1872  -----	Williston, VT - VVR Ancestry Wed 23 Sep 1893 age 21 to Clara Sandomorc at Burlington, VT. Mitchell was a farmer. In 1900 Eva and Joel were 3 and 2 yrs Died 19 Feb 1947 at Seattle, King Cty, WA Age: 70 years 7 months 29 days In mausoleum at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park, Seattle, WA Birth Year (Estimated): 1877 Wed(2) 9 May 1911 age 37 Born Williston, VT Springfield, MA to Elizabeth Pyatt Van Scoten Later wed to Rose B. in WA - no kids
Bell Johnson	Bn 6 Jul 1874	Hinesburg, VT - VVR Ancestry
Ovide F. Johnson		A painter age 23 born 1885? in Hinesburg, VT. wed on 17 Oct 1908 in Keene, NH to Blanche M. Nash
Emma Exada Johnson	Bn 28 Feb 1876	Hinesburg, VT - VVR Ancestry
Frankie Harvey Johnson	Bn 20 Mar 1878	Hinesburg, VT - VVR Ancestry Frank Johnson age 30 teamster in Alstead, NH wed on 4 Oct 1909 to Delia Taylor in Rockingham, VT by Baptist minister from Bellows Falls, VT. WWII draft card in 1942. He was age 64 in Newport, NH Died 21 Sep 1946 age 68 at Unuty, NH

		Daughter Phyllis born 1924 1940 census Frank age 60 - Delia 48 - Suzanne 7 highest grade=4 occ: WPA - chopper.
Emma Johnson	Bn 22 Feb 1878?	Hinesburg, VT - VVR Ancestry Joseph Lawrence
Malvina-Lavina Johnson	Bn 16 Jun 1882	Hinesburg, VT - VVR Ancestry Wed of Melvina Johnson age 21 on 12 Jun 1903 to Louis Anderson in Burlington, VT
Jerimiah Johnson	Bn 14 Feb 1886 Bristol, VT	Wed at St Joseph, Burl. as Jeremie Johnson (Lusignan) age 19 and married 21 Jun 1905 of Hubert & Rosalie Plante of Bristol, VT to Marie Malvina Bessette age 16 dau. of Edward & Jeanne Milette. Died 28 Jun 1936 Newport, NH (in NH 30 yrs) shoe worker Born 6 Feb 1886? on death cert. Buried St Patricks cemetery, Newport, NH

Note: In the 1900 census they noted that they had 10 children and 8 were living. Since I am listing 12 children above, some may have double entries. Seven children were married so they are most believable.



## ANCESTRY of Eber Johnson aka Hubert Lusignan

Jean Miel (Amiaud) & Louise Emonnet

**Lusignan, France** (Formerly Pranzay, France) is in the Vienne Department in the Poitou-Charente region in western France. It lies 25 km southwest of Poitiers. The town of Lusignan now has about 3,000 inhabitants. It is located on the road from Poitiers to La Rochelle. It is about 400 km from Paris.

Jean Miel dit Lusignan & Therese Latouche

Wed 27 Apr 1699 at Boucherville, Quebec

Jean Miel dit Lusignan born & baptized 8 Jan 1664 St Pierre & St Paul Church, Pranzay, France

He was first mentioned in Quebec in 1692

Soldier in the French Marines, company of Lavaltrie

Joseph Lusignan & Marie Angelique Chatel

Wed 25 Jan 1745 at Lanoraie, Quebec

Francois Amiel dit Lusignan & Marie Judith Laperche

Wed 13 Jan 1772 at L'Assomption, Quebec

Joseph Amiel dit Lusignan & Marie Angelique Brien dit Desrocher

Wed 23 Sep 1805 at St-Charles-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

Gervais Amiel dit Lusignan & Louise Terrien

Wed 7 Oct 1834 at St-Denis-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

**(Eber Johnson)** Hubert Lusignan & Rosalie Plante

Wed on 20 Aug 1865 at St Joseph, Burlington, VT (living in Williston, VT)

Born as Hubert Hamiel (Amiel) dit Lusignan on 2 Mar 1837 at St-Denis-sur-Richelieu, Quebec

Rosalie Plante Johnson died on 2 Nov 1907 age 61 at Burlington, VT

Died as Hubert Lusignan in VT Vital Records on 22 Mar 1909 age 73

Burlington Free Press 26 March 1909: Funeral at St Joseph's, Rev. Jerome M. Cloarec and Rev. J. A. Lacouture.

Gravestone has Eber Johnson because this was his military service name

Which he had to use to get the military gravestone.

### Eber Johnson.

**Eber Johnson**, a veteran of the civil war, died yesterday afternoon at his home on Hyde street after a long illness, aged 76 years. Mr. Johnson enlisted at Bolton August 26, 1861 and reenlisted December 15, 1863. He was discharged July 7, 1865, because of wounds, which resulted in the loss of an arm, while serving in Company K of the Fifth Vermont. Several children survive.



DEATH - MALE	
Full Name of Deceased	Hubert Lusignan
Usual Residence	
If in Hospital or Institution, its Name	
Color white	Age 73 Yrs. - Mos. - Days
Occupation	Laborer
Birthplace	Canada
Father's Name	Lusignan
Father's Birthplace	Canada
Mother's Maiden Name	
Mother's Birthplace	Canada
Date of Death	1909 Month March Day 22
Disease Causing Death	General paralysis 67 ✓
Contributing Disease	
Medical Attendant	G.O. Loutin M. LaGrand
Town	BURLINGTON, VT.
Library Bureau 01905B -4	
Town Clerk	

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

At a general meeting of the Beneficent Society of the League of the Sacred Heart, Wednesday, the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, Oliver Cabana; 1st vice-president, Damase Lavallee; 2d vice-president, Joseph Lefebvre; recording secretary, Napoleon Delisle; corresponding secretary, Edward Simays, sr.; assistant secretary, F. A. L. Lefebvre; treasurer, Hyacinthe Robillard; collector, Etienne Robitaille; assistant collector, Antoine Rioux; 1st marshal, Hubert Lusignan; 2d marshal, Augustin Cyr.

8 Jan 1897 – He used his correct name at St Joseph church; naturally.

HONEY / AMIEL / AMIAUD / LUSIGNAN, Jean		280053
Status	Married	
Date of Birth	08-01-1664	
Baptism date	08-01-1664	
Place of origin	Pranzay (St-Pierre-et-St-Paul), today. Lusignan (Vienna) 86139	
current location	Lusignan	
Parents	Jean AMIAUD and Louise Émonnet	
First mention in the country	1692	
Occupancy upon arrival	Soldier of the Marine troops, cie de Lavaltrie	
Wedding date	04-27-1699	
Wedding venue	Boucherville	
Spouse	Marie-Therese Latouche	
Death or burial	Contrecoeur, 11-01-1749	
Notes	<p>Three sisters were baptized in Pranzay (St-Pierre-et-St-Paul): Louise, born 1665, d. at 20 and buried 02-09-1685; Suzanne, 09-05-1666; Madeleine, 25-05-1669, buried 02-05-1685. Her sister Marie Amiaud was born in Pranzay, married (parents deceased) in Enjambes (St-Martin), cne de Lusignan (86139), on 04-05-1701 with Jean Caillé, born in Enjambes, widower of Julienne Rivalier. His brother Étienne Amiault, married in Lusignan (ND), on 04-30-1680 with Madeleine Salle (m) / Jalet / Jallet (Daniel Jalet and Magdeleine Marconnay (m) / f. Madeleine Marconnais (1680), born in Enjambes, married on 10-08-1656 in Enjambes (St-Martin)), witness: her uncle Jean Moury, husband of Jeanne Émonnet. Jeanne Émonnet m-1 with Jean Mignault in Lusignan (ct Me Lauvergnat) 26-03-1663; m-2 with Jean Moury in Lusignan (ct Me Lauvergnat) 14-08-1666. Her paternal grandparents may have been Pierre Amiaud and Madeleine Monnier. His maternal grandparents are Pierre Émonnet and Louise Mercier.</p>	
Identification*	DGFAQ, p. 810; DGFC, vol. 1, p. 430	
Researcher (s)	Marcel Fournier; Lise Dandonneau; Thierry peronnet	
Reference*	Archange Godbout Fund	
Archive file	<a href="#">digitized</a>	
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NOTE: HONEY above was MIEL. The translator goofed  
Source: www.fichierorigine.com

<b>ANCESTRY Of Rosalie Plante</b>
Nicolas Plante and Elizabeth Chauvin dit Jouinne Wed Before 1626 near LaRochelle, France
Jean Plante and Marie Francoise Boucher Wed 1 Sep 1650 Notre Dame, Quebec City, PQ
Claude Plante and Marie Patenaude Wed 7 Nov 1678 Ste Famille, Ile D'Orleans, PQ
Augustine Plante and Marie Genevieve Chartier Wed 26 April 1718 Grondines, PQ
Pierre Plante and Marie Jeanne Martin Wed 21 Jul 1755 St Ours, PQ
Joseph Plante and Marguerite Perrault Wed 23 April 1798 at St Ours, Quebec
Francois Plante and Flavie Carle dit Bellegarde Wed 12 Jan 1836 St Cyprien, Napierville, PQ
<b>(Eber Johnson)</b> Hubert Lusignan & Rosalie Plante Wed on 20 Aug 1865 at St Joseph, Burlington, VT (living in Williston, VT) Born as Hubert Hamiel (Amiel) dit Lusignan on 2 Mar 1837 at St-Denis-sur-Richelieu, Quebec Rosalie Plante born 26 March 1847 at Napierville, Quebec Baptized 12 April 1847 at St Cyprien, Napierville, PQ Rosalie Plante Johnson died on 2 Nov 1907 age 61 at Burlington, VT

Mrs. Hubert Johnson died on Saturday morning of dropsy and heart disease at her home, 133 Maple street. She was 59 years of age and is survived by a husband, seven daughters and two sons. The funeral will be held this morning at seven o'clock from St. Joseph's Church, with interment in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Hubert Johnson was held yesterday morning from St. Joseph's Church, the Rev. J. A. Lacouture officiating. The bearers were J. Frenier, W. Sordiff, F. Johnson, J. Johnson, C. P. Parizo and Louis Anderson. Interment was made in Mt. Calvary cemetery.