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INFORMANT: Jean Baptiste Perrault

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Chartrand
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- 0:00 Father, Adolf, spent a little time in Quebec. Came from France as a stowaway on a ship. Found by a priest who paid for his fare.
- 1:00 Bishop Grandin brought Adolf back to Alberta from Quebec as a carpenter.
- 1:50 Father was a big man, a farmer. He married Julie Berard. He was also Secretary for the St. Albert school board.
- 2:40 Born on the farm. Father helped build the basement of the present church.
- 4:40 Adolf died in St. Albert, still on the farm. They did mixed farming, raised cattle. Oldest brother Vital was the first mail carrier between St. Albert and Edmonton. Made 125\$/ year.
- 6:00 Typhoid fever killed 6 of Jean Baptiste's siblings and his father. Jean Baptiste, Harvey, and Sam were the only children who survived. He was still a child when this happened.
- 8:40 His mother and brother stayed on the farm for a little while after his father died. Eventually they moved to St. Albert and sold all the livestock.
- 10:25 John (?) died. Sam married Margaret and they have a family.
- 12:50 Harvey works on a farm, in a threshing outfit.
- 13:42 Adolf was born in France. He was only 12 or 13 when he came to Canada. Joined the Brothers at the Mission in the beginning.
- 15:50 Remembers the pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne. Stay for 1 or 2 nights.
- 16:28 Never say his mother's parents. Dad was the only boy in his family. Never corresponded with family except 1 aunt who came to visit. Adolf never went back to France.
- 18:40 Parents never went to dances.
- 19:05 Worked at the flour mill for 25 years until it burned down. Worked with Mr. L'Hirondelle. 6 people worked shifts at the flour mill, usually 2 or 3 at a time.

20:44 Land was mostly cleared when by the time Jean Baptiste was a child.