

SAFA 340

**A Guide to the Records of the
Jean Liboiron collection
(F 496)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
2007**

**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

Saskatchewan Archives Board Authority Record

Individual (PA 391)
Liboiron, Jean, 1940-

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Liboiron, Jean, 1940-

**Biographical Sketch /
Administrative History** Jean Liboiron was born in Ponteix, Saskatchewan on April 18, 1940 to Adrien and Marguerite (nee Mercier) Liboiron. He was the youngest of seven children. Liboiron attended at College Mathieu and Ponteix High School and studied electronics at DeVry Technical school in Toronto, Ontario. He served four years in the Canadian Armed Forces, then settled in Regina.

Liboiron studied architectural drafting and worked in the construction industry prior to pursuing political science studies at the University of Regina in the 1960s. He returned to Ponteix in the mid-1970s and operated a construction company with his brother.

In the late 1970s Liboiron became director of communications for l'Association culturelle franco-canadienne de la Saskatchewan. In 1984 he left that organization to work as a civil servant in information services at the Department of Tourism and Small Business. In 1987 Liboiron accepted a position with la Commission culturelle fransaskoise where he worked in cultural tourism development. He became the executive director of that organization in 1988. Liboiron continues to be active in historical pursuits and francophone culture through la Société historique de la Saskatchewan.

Jean Liboiron married Rita Durella Perron of Montmartre. They had two children: Colette and John Jr. Liboiron and his wife reside (2007) in Regina.

Parallel Name Liboiron, John

Sources *AMICUS Authorities* – no entry found
R-E1166 *Histoire de Ponteix/History of Ponteix*, 1981.
R-E3974 *Yesterday and Today: Ponteix and District, 1908-1990*

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**ADDITIONAL PRIVATE
RECORDS AUTHORITY
DESCRIPTIONS**

**(MULTIPLE AUTHORITIES
FOUND IN FONDS)**

Saskatchewan Archives Board Authority Record

Individual (PA 394)
Liboiron, Adrien, 1885-1947

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Liboiron, Adrien, 1885-1947

**Biographical Sketch /
Administrative History** Adrien Liboiron was born on September 9, 1885 to Joseph and Emma (nee Hamelin) Liboiron of St. Polycarpe, Soulange, Quebec. Educated by the Clercs St.-Viateur, he came to the Notre Dame d’Auvergne (Ponteix) area of what is now Saskatchewan with his parents and family to homestead in 1909. Prior to this time, Adrien Liboiron had taught in schools for the deaf in Rigaud and Terrebonne, Quebec.

Liboiron homesteaded on the south half of 27-9-12 W 3rd, was the first teacher in the Ponteix area. In 1910 he worked as a Dominion Lands agent for the Swift Current district. In 1913 he opened offices in Ponteix where he offered services as a notary public, road inspector, collection agent and insurance agent. He built many homes and businesses in Ponteix and also operated a men’s clothing store.

Liboiron also served as councilor and mayor of Ponteix, and as parish trustee. Following the death of his friend, Abbé Albert Royer, he took over as editor of “L’Hirondelle” a column in the *Patriote de l’Ouest*.

Adrien Liboiron married Marie-Louise Mercier in 1912. They had two children, Joseph (1913-1916) and another child who died with its mother in the Spanish Flu of 1919. Adrien Liboiron married Marguerite Mercier on May 3, 1920 and they had seven children: David (died in infancy), Francois, Thérèse, Jeanne, Marie, Claire and Jean.

Adrien Liboiron died on September 17, 1947 and is buried in Ponteix.

Sources *AMICUS Authorities* – no entry found
R-E1166 *Histoire de Ponteix/History of Ponteix*, 1981.
R-E3974 *Yesterday and Today: Ponteix and District, 1908-1990*

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Authority Record**

Individual (PA 395)

Royer, Abbé M. Albert, ca. 1860-1922

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading	Royer, Abbé M. Albert, ca.1860-1922
Biographical Sketch / Administrative History	<p>Marie Albert Royer was born ca. 1860 in Riom, Puy de Dome, Auvergne, France. Educated in the seminaries of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit and Sulpicians, Royer was ordained to the priesthood and became a pastor in Ponteix, France.</p> <p>Royer came to the Swift Current area of Saskatchewan in 1905, in search of a possible site for a parish. He wintered in 1907-1908 at the Notukeu Creek area with a group of settlers, near the future site of Gravelbourg. In April of 1908 Royer and settlers from Swift Current gathered on the south-east quarter of 30-9-11 W3. This site became the parish and hamlet of Notre Dame d'Auvergne.</p> <p>When the Canadian Pacific Railway by-passed the hamlet in 1913, many businesses and homes moved to the south side of the creek near the railway station. Abbé Royer had a new church built there and named the new site Ponteix after his home parish in France. Abbé Royer served the Ponteix parish until his death in November 1922.</p> <p>Some of Royer's siblings, Eugene (Alexis) Royer, Marie Alexis Royer and Marie (Royer) Marl also settled in the Ponteix area.</p>
Variant Name	Royer, Marie Albert Royer, Albert-Marie Royer, Albert
Sources	<i>AMICUS Authorities</i> – no entry found Contents of the fonds (R-1167) R-E3974 <i>Yesterday and Today: Ponteix and District, 1908-1990</i>
Note(s)	The Abbé M. Albert Royer fonds forms part of the Jean Liboiron collection.

Archival records linked to this records creator:

F 496 Jean Liboiron collection

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 396)
Marl, Marie Royer, b.1872**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Marl, Marie Royer, b.1872

**Biographical Sketch /
Administrative History** Marie Royer was born in Riom, Puy de Dome, Auvergne, France in 1872. She came to the Ponteix, Saskatchewan area in May 1913 via the United States and Georgovia, Saskatchewan.

In 1915 Marie Royer left Saskatchewan to nurse overseas at the Riom Military Hospital, remaining there until 1919. She returned to Ponteix in August 1919 and applied for naturalization in 1920. Royer married Eugene Alexis Marl.

Marie Royer was a sister of Abbé Marie Albert Royer founder of Notre Dame d’Auvergne, of Marie Alexis Royer who homesteaded on SW 15-3-11 W3, and of Eugene (Alexis) Royer who homesteaded SE 15-3-11 W3 before moving to Louisiana, U.S.A.

Variant Name Royer, Marie
 Marl, Marie

Sources *AMICUS Authorities* – no entry found
 Contents of the fonds (R-1167).

Note(s) Records of Marie Royer Marl form part of the Abbé M. Albert Royer fonds contained in the Jean Liboiron collection.

Archival records linked to this records creator:

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Saskatchewan Archives Board Records Description

F 496 Jean Liboiron collection

About these records:

Title of Records: Fonds	Jean Liboiron collection
Dates of Creation	1904-1980
Physical Description	10.5 cm of textual records 68 photographs 48 glass plate negatives
Link to Authority	<p>Jean Liboiron was born and raised near Ponteix, Saskatchewan. After working in the construction field in Regina and Ponteix, he returned to Regina to work in the communication, tourism and francophone cultural sectors. Jean Liboiron married Rita Perron; they currently (2007) reside in Regina.</p> <p>See: Liboiron, Jean, 1940-</p> <p>See also: Liboiron, Adrien, 1885-1947 Royer, Abbé M. Albert, ca. 1860-1922 Marl, Marie Royer, b. 1872</p>
Direct Acquisition from Records Creator	Jean Liboiron donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in four accessions in 1980, 1988 and 1989: R80-66 (18 March 1980); R80-090 (January 27, 1980); R88-143 (May 6, 1988); and R89-434 (December 14, 1989).
Custodial History	<p>The records of Abbé M. Albert Royer and Marie Royer are believed to have come into the possession of Adrien Liboiron, father of Jean Liboiron at the time of the settling of Abbé Royer's estate in 1922-1923.</p> <p>Certain photographs of the Catholic parish Notre-Dame d'Auvergne and Ponteix districts found in Accession R80-090 were copied by Jean Liboiron prior to donation. Other photographs in this accession were loaned for copying by Jean Liboiron per Claudette Gendron on behalf of La Société historique de la Saskatchewan.</p>
Scope and Content	This collection consists of records accumulated by Jean Liboiron originally of Ponteix, Saskatchewan, in relation to his interest in

the origins of the Catholic parish of Notre-Dame d'Auvergne and early development of the Ponteix community. The records span 1905 to 1980 and include photocopied and original materials.

Records consist of photographs, parish accounts (1907-1922); pew locations for the parish (1909-1919); general correspondence; speeches; histories and newspaper clippings relating to Auvergne and Ponteix districts. The photographs document Auvergne's first settlers; Métis families; early churches, religious sisters and congregations; Lac Pelletier; l'Abbe Royer's tent at Ponteix; farm buildings and activities; the first school and school children; and Ponteix elevators and street scenes.

There is a short six-page historical article of the parish of Notre-Dame d'Auvergne written by Jean Liboiron in 1980 included in the collection.

This collection also contains records of the Abbé M. Albert Royer fonds. Certain of these records were created, accumulated and used by Abbé Royer. These relate to the Royer family and to Albert Royer's role as founder and leader of the Paroisse de Notre Dame d'Auvergne. Others were created and accumulated by Adrien Liboiron, a friend of Abbé Royer who acted on behalf of Eugene (Alexis) Royer of Brusly, Louisiana during the settling of the Abbé's estate following his death in November 1922. The records span from 1907-1930.

Included in the Royer fonds are:

(1) correspondence and legal documents of Adrien Liboiron (1908-1913, 1918-1930);

(2) correspondence of Abbé Royer with the Congregation du St.-Esprit in Paris, the Juvenat des Frères du Sacre-Cour in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, the Mission Oblats de Marie Immaculée in St. Boniface, Manitoba, the Archbishop of Regina and others in association with the operations Notre Dame d'Auvergne Parish, and parish accounts (1907-1922); and

(3) documents of Marie Royer (1913-1920) including naturalization records; and homesteading records of Marie Alexis Royer (SW-15-3-11W3) and Eugene (Alexis) Royer (SE-15-3-11 W3).

No series have been assigned to the records in this collection.

Available Format	Parish accounts for Notre Dame d'Auvergne (1907-1922) are available in original (R-1167) and photocopied formats (R-1274.1).
Access Restrictions	Records are open for research use.
Conservation Restrictions	Glass plate negatives are not available for research use.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the <i>Copyright Act</i> .

Reference Tools	SAFA 340 consists of a fonds description, file descriptions of certain textual records and item descriptions of photographs. Item descriptions of certain photographs also available electronically. Please consult the reference archivist for assistance.
Related Records	<p>R-E4807 <i>Collection Poirier</i>. A published collection of documents relating to the construction of Notre Dame d’Auvergne Parish.</p> <p>The pamphlet file “French in Saskatchewan” in the SAB’s permanent collection contains an additional copy of A. Royer’s “Excursion d’un missionnaire en 1907. Fondation de plusieurs paroisses dans le S.-O. de la Saskatchewan.” (Ottawa, 1908) to that located in R-1167.</p> <p><i>L’Eau Vive</i>, 1 octobre 1980 contains Jean Liboiron’s history “Petite histoire de Ponteix.”</p>
Physical Condition note	Most records are in good physical condition. Some original newspaper clippings have been repaired with tape and certain records have been poorly copied. Certain glass plate negatives have dark images.
Conservation note	<p>Photographs described in 2007 were placed in mylar sleeves. Prints from all glass plate negatives have been made for research use.</p> <p>Conservation measures in place at the time of processing were applied to the textual records in the collection.</p>
Accruals	Further accruals are expected.
Source of Description	<p>Contents of collection.</p> <p>Accession files.</p>
Notes	<p>Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale.</p> <p>Records are predominantly in the French language, with certain records in English.</p>
Former Codes	<p>Textual records: GR 228 (R-500.110); R-1274.1; R-1167.</p> <p>Photographs: GR 228 (R-500.129): R-A19699 to R-A19723; R-A33873 to R-A33894; R-A33895 to R-A33896; R-B10329 to R-B10332; R-B14460 to R-B14464.</p>
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Arrangement Note(s)	Arrangement reflects original order and archival intervention.

**FOR THE TEXTUAL
RECORDS IN THIS
SEE R-1274.1 and R-1167**

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos

<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description of Image</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Date of Image</i>
R-A33873(1)-(4)	A large group of people gathered at an open field for an outdoor function. Church building seen in photograph (1).	unknown	[19--]
R-A33874(1)-(2)	(1)-(2) Distant view of the hamlet of Notre Dame d'Auvergne, renamed as Ponteix. (1) A man sits in the grass in the foreground.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	1913
R-A33875	Distant views of prairie fields with a row of buildings in the foreground.	unknown	[19--]
R-A33876	A large group of people stand outside of a barn-like building. Two men hold violins. Looks like building at Notre Dame d'Auvergne as seen in other images.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK ?	[191-?]
R-A33877	Three cowboys round up a group of horses within fenced pasture.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33878	Cowboys rounding up cows in the pasture.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33879(1)-(2)	Possibly the event of a first communion at the Catholic Church. Archbishop and clergy in centre of gathering.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	[191-?]
R-A33880	Cowboys with their horses at a small shack.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33881	A man and woman with three children pose outdoors, a farm house in the background.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33882	Two people with dogs stand in a field, a church and other town buildings in background. Possibly Notre Dame d'Auvergne, later Ponteix.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	[191-?]
R-A33883(1)-(2)	(1) Portrait of a priest. (2) Young priest sits reading in residence. Calendar on wall says February, 1904.	unknown	Feb. 1904
R-A33884(1)-(2)	A procession of people in horse drawn buggies. Buildings seen in background.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33885	Men, women and children with livestock stand around piles of hay and harvesting equipment, farm buildings in background.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33886	Farmers operate horse drawn binders. Five elevators at a town can be seen in the distance.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33887(1)-(2)	Harvesting crew with threshing machinery.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33888	A C.P.R. train smokes its way down the railroad tracks. Numerous buildings, including a church, seen in the background at the hamlet of Notre Dame d'Auvergne, later Ponteix.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	[1913?]
R-A33889(1)-(2)	(1)-(2) Construction workers laying track at Notre Dame d'Auvergne. (1) Track laying machinery being used.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	16 Oct. 1913
R-A33890	A horse drawn buggy approaches a bridge, hamlet of Notre Dame d'Auvergne (Ponteix) in the background.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	[191-?]
R-A33891	Large group of school children with nuns.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33892	A young woman and man participate in a confirmation.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33893	Unidentified priest sitting in a chair.	unknown	[19--]
R-A33894	Catholic priest sitting in front of a painting on the wall. In Gravelbourg church?	unknown	[19--]

<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description of Image</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Date of Image</i>
R-A33895	Two groups of people observe a washed out bridge due to spring break-up at Notre Dame d'Auvergne.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	ca. 1913 - 1914
R-A33896	Three nuns at Notre Dame d'Auvergne, left to right: Augustine Boutière, Yvonne Lizée, and Thérèse Cousin.	Notre Dame d'Auvergne, SK	1916
R-B14460	Four children out front of Joseph Mercier's house which is surrounded by a wall of sod.	Wallard, SK area	ca. 1907 - 1908
R-B14461	Métis people outside of a house, perhaps in Lac Pelletier area.	Lac Pelletier, SK ?	ca. 1910
R-B14462	"Possibly the Berger family at branding time." Two cowboys hold down a calf in the corral while another does the branding. An elderly man looks on.	Wallard, SK area	ca. 1910
R-B14463	Aerial view of Ponteix.	Ponteix, SK	ca. 1949 - 1950
R-B14464(1)-(2)	Interior and exterior views of the Notre Dame d'Auvergne church.	Ponteix, SK	ca. 1978

**ADDITIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHS ARE
DESCRIBED IN THE
HISTORICAL
PHOTOGRAPHS MANUAL
CATALOGUE**

**SEE PHOTOGRAPHS:
R-A19699 to R-A19723;
R-B10329 to R-B10332**

LOCATIONS: F 496

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R-1167:
R-1274.1:

H-810.7.5
H-866.7.3