

## Joseph Gabriel Madere

Joseph Gabriel (Johnny) Madere, one of the nine children of Etienne Madere and Caroline Vicknair, was born in Jacobtown [present day Reserve] November 9, 1858. The day of his solemn Communion and Confirmation was memorable not only to him but to the whole parish, for on that day the first St. Peter's church was dedicated.

One June 8, 1880, he was married to Desiree Savoie, daughter of Jules Savoie and Clementine Montz. To them were born seven children; of these, Rene was married to Aggie Jacob, whose children are Elmore, Marie, Edward, John and Renee (Mrs. N. Maxwell); Leonce was married to Elvina Jacob, and their children are Roline (Mrs. L. J. Holmes), Leonce, Camille and Richard; Etienne was married to Olympe Haydel, and to them were born Anna (deceased), Ruth (deceased), Ida, Stephen, Desiree, Paul, Anna Ruth, Daniel (deceased) and Roy (deceased); Pauline is now Mrs. Lemon; Roger was married to Mamie Triche and has a son, Davis; Gabrielle and Caroline died.

Besides having the affection of his loved ones, Mr. Madere is now blessed with the companionship of three younger generations sharing his home and with the worthy esteem of Nelson and Ludger Jacob, whom he took into his home as his own. He has six great-grandchildren – Elmore Madere, Jr., Elaine, Joseph Leslie and Julie Ann Holmes and Sherman and Rodney Madere.

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