

Barthelemy Balthazar Martel, Jr (1814-1900)

Balthazar Martel, Jr. is the son of Barthelemy Balthazar Martel (1782-1838) and Louise Emilie Pouponne Chachere (v. 1790) and the younger brother of the well-known Civil War era Judge Barthelemy Amede Martel. His full name is Barthelemy Balthazar Martel, Jr. (1)



**Hermina Bouillet Martel &
Margaret L. Martel (7)**

Balthazar Martel, Jr. married Hermina Bouillet, daughter of Gabriel Bouillet and Marie Antionette Pecot, in 1840. (2) They had three children, Gabrielle, Barthelemy Balthazar Martel, III and Jacques Sully Martel. Hermina died in 1906. Balthazar's second wife was Virginia Davis. They married in 1867 and had three children; Arthur Gabriel, Marie Lyndia and Joseph Edouard. (3)

Death of Balthazar Martel (4)

The Creoles [or a “descendant of the original settlers in Louisiana under the French and Spanish government...”], (5), are noted the world over for the large families that they raise. The following from the "People You Know" column of the States furnishes information in this line that is remarkable. The name is familiar in this parish and the statement will be read with interest by our people.

There died in Franklin, La., this week a man who should not disappear from history without a tribute being paid to his memory by the newspapers of the State. This was Hon. Balthazar Martel, aged 87 years, [actually 85 years old] (6) who enjoyed the unique distinction of having within his own immediate descendants fully 850 votes. And these votes are all in Louisiana. They are in a bunch in the St. Mary, St. Landry and St. Martin section of the country, and they are all creoles."

Mr. Martel, who has just died at the ripe old age of four score and seven, comes from one of the most ancient and distinguished of Louisiana families, reknowned [renowned] for its eminent services in peace and in war. His brother, Judge B.A. Martel, was a hero of the Attakapas region, and served for many years as judge of the St. Landry district when that

region stretched from the prairies of Opelousas to the Texas State line, which, by the way, was then Mexico.

The son of the old patriarch who died is Judge J. Sully Martel, one of the most prominent attorneys of St. Mary parish.

(1) Southwest Louisiana Records (1750 – 1900). CD. Rev. Donald J. Hebert. Hebert Publications. P.O. Box 147, Rayne, LA 70578.

(2) Kim Mohler, Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Louisiana (Chicago, Illinois. The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1892)

(3) Southwest Louisiana Records (1750 – 1900)

(4) Le Courier des Opelousas (newspaper), February 17, 1900

(5) Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana, by Hanno Deiler, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1975, page 111.

(6) FindAGrave.com. Headstone states birth year 1813.

(7) Ancestry.com. Martel-Blackburn family. J. S. Martel, Jr.