

Jean-Baptiste Laberge (1804 - 1883)

Jean-Baptiste Laberge, a carpenter from Ste-Martine, Quebec, took part in the Rebellion of 1838 in Beauharnois. For his part in the uprising, Jean-Baptiste Laberge was imprisoned in Montreal on November 16th, 1838 and received the death sentence on January 26, 1839. The sentence was changed to deportation and he was exiled to Australia, arriving in February of 1840. Laberge and his fellow prisoners were later pardoned and Laberge was back with his family by the spring of 1844. Regarded as a hero in his local community, he died of cancer in January of 1883 and was buried in Ste-Martine.