

**NAME:** CLATSOP, Celiast Hélène  
[Choboway, Poirier, Smith]

**PARISH:** Vancouver  
[WA]

**ENTERED SERVICE:** N/A

**DATES:** ca. 1804-1891

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Appointments & Service

| Outfit Year* | Position | Post | District | HBCA Reference |
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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

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"Celiast was one of three daughters of Chief Coboway to marry white men and establish a line of well-known and estimable descendants. Her marriage to Basil Poirier was annulled because of a previous alliance on his part, after which Celiast was free to marry Solomon Smith. She helped him with his primitive school on the Prairie and is claimed to have done so also at the Methodist Mission for Jason Lee. After the Smith's removal to Clatsop Plains on the coast, she served as a buffer and calming influence on the relations between the whites and the tribes. Her grave, and that of her husband, in the Pioneer Cemetery there is marked with a commemorative boulder and plaque (1959) honoring their work."<sup>1</sup>

Children by Basil Poirier

- Xavier Etienne ca. 1823
- François ca. 1826
- Alexandre January 4, 1825

Children by Solomon Smith

- Josephine ca. 1835
- Hélène Lavina 1837-1851

- others children noted, but not named.



References: <sup>1</sup>*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest*. Vancouver. Vols. I & II and Stellamaris Mission. Translated by Mikell de Lores Wormell Warner. French Prairie Press. Oregon 1972.