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LINE SNAPSHOT

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The Bruno Line

One name, one anchoring fact — and an honest read on how far the line can be taken, every finding checked against the original record.

SUBJECT LINE

Antoine Bruno (Bruneau)

PREPARED FOR

Sample — the Bruno descendants

STANDARD

Genealogical Proof Standard

The starting point

A Line Snapshot begins with one name and one anchoring fact. Everything below was built outward from just this — a deep records pass on a single line, each finding personally checked against the original record image.

THE ONE NAME

Antoine Bruno — a French-speaking ancestor, family said he "came from France."

THE ONE ANCHORING FACT

Died in Fremont County, Iowa, around 1866. A rumored Native American wife. Nobody could get past him — a 160-year brick wall.

THE FINDINGS

What the records actually say

-  Documented — proven in an original record
-  Probable — strong evidence, not yet nailed
-  Lead — worth chasing next
-  Lore — family memory, unproven

DOCUMENTED

Born 1812 at Maskinongé, Lower Canada — not France

DNA pointed at one Quebec parish. In its register, there he is: baptized 12 June 1812 at Maskinongé, son of Jean-Baptiste Bruneau and Céleste Vanasse. The "France" story was a bent compass — a French parish, remembered as France.

Source: Maskinongé (Québec) Catholic parish register, baptisms 1812 · Drouin Collection

DOCUMENTED

A fur-trapper's family, written into a mission book

By 1840 he was at Council Bluffs on the Missouri. The mission's baptismal registers name his children — one entry records the mother as "pied-noir" (Blackfoot), another: "Père — Antoine Bruno. Mère — Sauvagesse."

Source: St. Joseph / Council Bluffs mission baptismal registers, c.1840–1848

The line comes together

DOCUMENTED

Married Lydia Palmer, Iowa, 29 December 1850

The same Jesuit circuit that baptized his mission-country children later married him in Fremont County, Iowa. That one page welds the fur-country man to the Iowa settler — proving they are the same Antoine.

Source: Fremont County, Iowa marriage records, 1850

PROBABLE

Julia — a Blackfeet wife of the upper Missouri

Her name comes down as Julia. A French-Canadian trapper with a Blackfoot wife is not a strange rumor — it is the signature of that exact trade, in that exact decade. Documented in the children's records; her own identity not yet fully proven.

Source: descendant testimony + mission register annotations · corroborating, not yet conclusive

LEAD

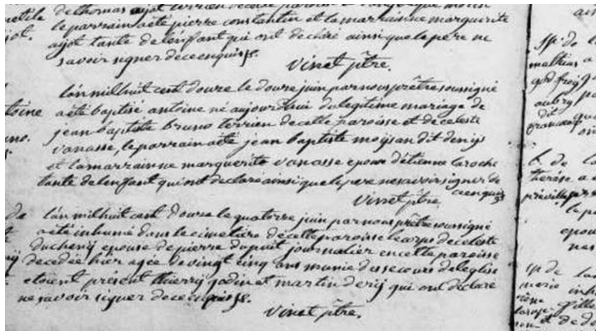
The Bruneau River may carry the family's name

The Bruneau River in southern Idaho was named before 1821 for a French-Canadian fur trapper. Our Antoine was a French-Canadian fur man of exactly that world. An honest lead worth chasing — marked unproven until the records say otherwise.

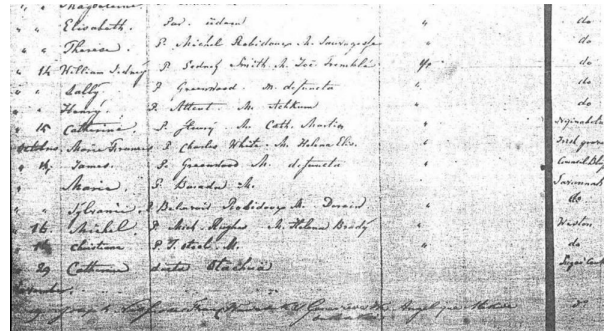
Next records: American Fur Co. rosters · Idaho place-name histories · Snake River brigade journals

Document images we found

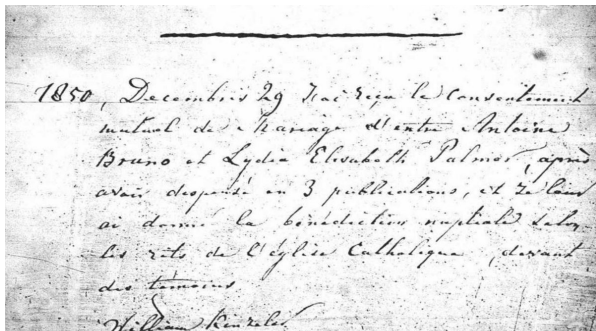
You don't just read our conclusion — you see the record it came from. Every finding above ties back to an image like these.



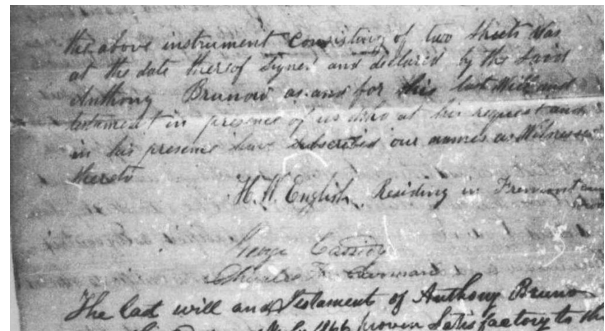
1812 — Baptismal register, Maskinongé. The entry naming Antoine, son of Jean-Baptiste Bruneau and Céleste Vanasse.



c.1845 — Mission baptismal register. Names the mother "pied-noir" — Blackfoot — the proof of the Native wife.



1850 — Marriage record, Fremont County, Iowa. The page that welds the fur-country man to the Iowa settler.



1866 — Will, signed "Anthony Brunow." A Frenchman's hand wrestling an English spelling, four days before he died.

Illustrative sample. In a real Line Snapshot, these plates are the actual archival record images we locate for your line, each with a full source citation.

How far this line can go

OUR VERDICT

This is a breakthrough line — and it runs deep.

A 160-year brick wall broke on a single register entry. From that one document, the line fans back nearly 350 years — through the fur country and the first boats out of France — and forward into a family spread across Utah, Idaho, and beyond. The core is **documented**, not guessed.

Two threads remain honestly open: **Julia's** full identity (Probable) and the **Bruneau River** namesake (Lead). Neither is dressed up as fact — and both are exactly the kind of thread a full dig is built to close.

Your next step → A Brick Wall study on the paternal Bruneau line (Maskinongé back to France) would extend the proven tree several more generations. A Research Sprint would pursue Julia and the fur-trade rosters in parallel.

The full **\$250** of this Snapshot is credited, in full, toward whichever research you choose next. It is never a sunk cost — it is a deposit on the real work.



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