

Lafontaine, Antoine dit Faillant. (1849-1889)

Antoine was the son of Calixte Sr. and Charlotte Adam. He was born at St. François Xavier, and it was there that he married Madeleine Ross and in 1871 married Marie Delorme at Lebret. In 1878, Antoine and other Métis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Métis reserve of land. Typical of buffalo hunting families Antoine and Madeleine had children born at Saskatoon, Wood Mountain, Cypress Hills and Crooked Lake. They were living at Saint Laurent at the time of the Resistance. He was one of the fighters at Tourond's Coulee and at Batoche. He was a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance at Batoche.

The trajectory of Calixte Lafontaine and his family, who settled at Oak Lake between 1877 and 1880, is somewhat different. Calixte, though a plains hunter, retained a residence in St. François Xavier until he sold his river lot in 1877. He then moved to the plains settling at Oak Lake with his large family shortly thereafter. They did not remain long, however, moving to Batoche between 1882 and 1884. After the fighting at Batoche, they escaped to the Métis encampment at Sioux Valley then moved south to Turtle Mountain.

Family Scrip:

Scrip affidavit for Lafontaine, Madeleine (nee Ross); wife of Antoine Lafontaine; born: Winter 1871; father: Roderick Ross; mother: Marguerite Ross.

Lafontaine, Alfred; address: Estevan; claim no. 1922; born: 1881 at Cypress Hills; father: Antoine Lafontaine (Métis); mother: Madeleine Ross (Métis).

Lafontaine, Elzear; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; claim no. 480; born: 1874 at Saskatoon; father: Antoine Lafontaine (Métis); mother: Madeleine Ross (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 254.

Lafontaine, Ambroise; address: Lander; claim no. 1061; born: April, 1879 at Cypress Hills; father: Antoine Lafontaine (Métis); mother: Madeleine Ross (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3194; file ref. 59348A.

Lafontaine, Pierre; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; claim no. 467; born: 1875 at Wood Mountain; father: Antoine Lafontaine (Métis); mother: Magdeleine Ross (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 222; file ref. 61377A.

Lafontaine, Elzear; for his deceased sister and brother; claim no. 699; Alexandre Zacharie Joseph, born: 1885 at Crooked Lake; died: 1888; Justine, born: 1876 at Wood Mountain; died: Dec., 1890 at Wood Mountain; address: Dunsuth; father: Antoine Lafontaine (Métis); mother: Madeline Ross (Métis); heirs: Madeline, scrip cert.: form D, nos. 352 and 366 for \$34.28; Pierre, scrip cert.: form D, nos. 356 and 370 for \$34.28; Ambroise, scrip cert.: form D, nos. 358 and 372 for \$34.28; Louis,

scrip cert.: form D, nos. 362 and 376 for \$34.29; Philomene, scrip cert.: form D, nos. 364 and 366 for \$34.29; file ref. 953438.



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